

Find your Halloween haunt



Thor Bailey gets into the Halloween spirit at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation Department Thriller and Fall Fun Fest on Oct. 25. The event helped bring in almost 200 pounds of food for the South County Community Food Bank.

Spooky events from Gearhart to Cannon Beach

By Lyra Fontaine
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'Tis the season of cozy sweaters, crisp weather and Halloween festivities. Events from Gearhart to Cannon Beach offer frightful fun on the spookiest weekend of the year. With live entertainment, costume contests, pumpkin decorating and even selfie sticks, there are many ways to get in the Halloween spirit this year.

Family-friendly fun in Seaside, Gearhart

Halloween happenings abound in Seaside. On Friday, Oct. 28, join a pumpkin decorating contest at Flash From the Past in the Carousel Mall from 3 to 5 p.m. Winning entries will be displayed at Pig 'N Pancake. Downtown Seaside businesses offer face painting, coloring, airbrush tattoos, crafts and an aquatic touch tank starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. Beach Books offers Halloween story time at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The celebration continues with a free, all-ages Halloween Dance Party at McMenamins Sand Trap Pub in Gearhart. Live music by the Bond Street Blues Band plays from 7 to 10 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 31, families can trick-or-treat at downtown Seaside businesses and participate in the kids' costume contest at Flash From the Past, both from 2 to 5 p.m.

Boos and brews

The Seaside Elks Lodge "Boos, Blues and Brews" event on Friday, Oct. 29 will have a costume party, comedian and juggler, surprise entertainment, and live music from the Ted Vaughn Blues Band. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Seaside cautiously OKs pot production sites

Astoria warehouse fire hits home

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

A warehouse fire in Astoria at a marijuana processing site this week left an impression in Seaside. At Monday's City Council meeting, councilors expressed concern that recreational growing and processing facilities would be properly monitored for safety, including extracts, oils and ether.

"I do have a concern in light of what happened in Astoria this week," Councilor Tita Montero said prior to a vote amending administrative rules for the production, wholesaling and processing of recreational marijuana.

The licensing of medical marijuana production facilities is already included in city code. But when Seaside's City Council voted to allow licensing of recreational marijuana retail shops a year ago, they left out three aspects of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission administrative rules: production, wholesale and processing.

Without an amendment to include recreational processing and production, City Planner Kevin Cupples said, Seaside would be ineligible



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Fire and police responded to a blaze at inside marijuana-extraction company Higher Level Concentrates on the corner of Industry and Portway streets in Astoria.

ble for a share in state marijuana tax revenues, and could preclude the city from levying a 3 percent tax on its sale.

Before voting, councilors asked what oversight the city would have over production facilities to prevent incidents like the explosion at High Level Concentrates on Astoria's west end, which injured three and shut down nearby businesses.

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School blueprints: Bond first, design to follow

Architects wait for result of November vote

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

As Election Day nears, one man outside of the Seaside School District will be carefully watching the \$99.7 million bond vote.

The architect for the proposed Seaside School District K-12 campus is keeping a close eye on the vote which will decide the project's fate. If voters approve the 30-year bond, Broadway Middle School and Seaside High School would phase out classes in their current structures and move to the new campus adjacent to Seaside Heights Elementary School. Gearhart Elementary School would also close and relocate at an annex to the Heights school. "The plan is once the bond passes to get started on the design of the project," Steve Olson of Dull, Olson & Weekes said in early October.

The major difference between this year's plan and that of 2013, which his firm also designed, is maintaining Seaside Heights Elementary School, Olson said. "The original plan



Steve Olson

was to build a new elementary school rather than reusing the existing building."

So far, his team has worked with the district in coming up with enough preliminary information to determine the overall size of the project.

"The drawing is a test fit, how the land might fit on the site," Olson said. "We don't have a floor-plan layout how the school would actually look inside. That would all be determined after the bond passes."

Drawings illustrate the existing Seaside Heights Elementary School, which would be enhanced with a classroom addition. New buildings to the south include a high school, middle school, gymnasium and cafeteria. Main entryways for the middle and high schools are shown, as well as roadways, bus drop-off areas, parking and athletic fields.

Salmon, steep slopes

The 80-acre site was a gift earlier this year from Weyerhaeuser Co. The upper portion of

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An 'Election' where everyone is the winner

Performances come at timely moment

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

In the middle of a contentious election cycle, a group of Seaside High School students are exploring this keystone of America's democracy through a satirical lens with their production of "The Election," aimed at providing the community some much needed comedic relief.

"You'll laugh, you'll cringe, you'll laugh some more," senior Bekah Cox said. "It should be fun for everyone and they will be able to relate to it on some level."

In the play, which opens Nov. 4, Cox's character, Chris-

ty Martin, is a preppy, polished know-it-all who decides to run for student body president against Mark Davenport, a completely unprepared fellow student who only wanted to pad his resume for college applications and expected an uncontested victory. Their contentious race is sparked by the fictional school's student body president resigning in disgrace, à la Richard Nixon. Several of the play's themes are applicable to the real world of politics at every level of government.

Cox, a veteran of the high school's drama program, described her character as "almost Hillary Clinton, but not quite," adding her fellow cast mates often joked she would

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The cast and crew for Seaside High School's fall play "The Election" are preparing to open Nov. 4.