



## Horse rescue

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While Div. Chief David Rankin is well-known for his many water rescues in Seaside, this was his first large animal rescue.

After a horse wandered into a ditch, Seaside Fire and Rescue responded to a call from the Knappa Fire District to bring the animal to safety.

Early last Friday morning the horse wandered to a pasture that was supposed to be closed and fell into a drainage ditch, Rankin said. "It got in the ditch, walked forward, got stuck and couldn't get out."

Knappa Fire received the call from the horse's owner in John Day at 7 a.m., and Seaside Fire and Rescue responded to a request for assistance, joining the effort at about 9:30 a.m. Friday, Rankin said. A large animal veterinarian was also on scene. "We ended up using a tractor and some straps, dug down a little bit and we were able to pull it out."

She was tired, but healthy. "Once we got her out, all the way clear, she was fine," he said. "They started feeding her right away."

He praised the work of both Knappa and Seaside firefighters.

"Even though Knappa's an hour drive away from us, we all work together for fires. It only makes sense they called us. Our mutual aid system works well."



Seaside Fire and Rescue

ABOVE: Seaside firefighter Div. Chief David Rankin as he helps pull the horse to safety. BELOW: The horse is reunited with family after the ordeal.



## Billy Mac's is headed to Seaside

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A pending change in ownership will bring a new bar and grill to Seaside.

Michael Bauske went before the Seaside City Council last Monday to seek a full on-premises commercial sale liquor license for Billy Mac's Bar and Grill, now operating as the U Street Grill, a familiar spot to locals and tourists alike at the corner of U Street and Columbia.

The name honors a former surfer, construction worker and fisherman, William D. McIntyre — aka "Billy Mac," who died in January 2019 at age 67.



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New owner Michael Bauske at the Aug. 25 City Council meeting. The council approved a liquor license for his restaurant, Billy Mac's.

"Billy Mac was a good friend and surfing was his ideal thing," Bauske said. "I always told him, 'I'm going to buy a bar and

name it after you.' It was our personal inside joke."

When the U Street Pub went on the market, Bauske and his daughter, Danelle Allen, thought "this was the perfect place."

"I'm going to do what I said what I was going to do," Bauske said.

U Street Pub owner Teri Carpenter opened the eatery in 2011, with a casual dining menu of burgers, seafood and an ever-widening selection of beers. A dog-friendly patio added to the ambiance and expansion in the aftermath of the coronavirus. The pub maintains a rating of 4 out of 5 stars on Yelp!, with reviewers praising the shrimp po' boy, clam chowder and beer-batter shrimp, among

entrees.

Staffing decisions are still ahead, but Bauske said he plans to expand the bar, modify the menu and add video poker. "Teri's done a great job but we've got to bring our own stuff as well in there too," Bauske said.

The spirit of Billy Mac will guide the new bar and grill, Bauske said. "Never a person he couldn't meet and be friendly to, he was that type of guy. Didn't really have a bad word to say about anybody. He was just cool."

Bauske said hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and he will be adding video poker and serving breakfast.

The City Council unanimously approved his liquor license application.



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Seaside Police patrol Broadway on Aug. 8 at the scene of two political rallies.

## Safety advised as rally targets Seaside business

Open-carry event pulled from Facebook

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The city has encouraged far-right organizers of an open carry march on Sunday to apply for a permit.

A Facebook event page invited people to gather at 3 p.m. at Seaside Brewing Co. for a march through

the city. Jimmy Griffin, the owner of the brewery, said he believes his business is being targeted because he was publicly critical of a far-right demonstration in early August where some of the participants displayed weapons.

"Not only does a permit form help the city and police department staff accordingly, but it also provides a key contact before and during events

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## Signal, AAUW to hold election forum

Seaside Signal

Local and state candidates will join the Seaside Signal for an election forum on Oct. 8.

The event, cosponsored by the Signal and the Seaside chapter of the American Association of University Women, will feature candidates in a livestream broadcast. Due to space limitations because of coronavirus restrictions, in-person attendees will be limited to the candidates only.

At the state level, Suzanne Weber and Debbie Boothe-Schmidt are running for state House District 32 and will share their platforms after state Rep. Tiffany Mitchell chose not to run for a second term.

Three City Council seats are up for reelection in Seaside in November, with incumbents Randy Frank and Tom Horning running unopposed.

Candidates David Posalski, Kathy Kleczek and Adam Wood are vying for the Ward 4 seat after incumbent Seth Morrissey said he would not seek another term.

In Gearhart, City Councilor Paulina Cockrum



is the sole mayoral candidate after Mayor Matt Brown decided not to seek reelection.

Gearhart's Position 3 seat will be filled by appointment after the election.

Position 2 incumbent Reita Fackerell will face opposition from former mayoral candidate Bob Shortman.

Position 4 City Councilor Dan Jesse will be making his third City Council bid after defeating his opponent in 2012 and running unopposed in 2016.

He is challenged by Jack Zimmerman, who ran for City Council against Kerry Smith in 2018.

A link to the event will be posted prior to the event. Those who wish to submit questions in advance for the candidates may do so by emailing editor@seasidesignal.com.

## Registration underway as students choose from two learning options

Penrod shares learning plan for Seaside

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"What a year to choose to become the new superintendent," Brian Owen said in his introduction of Susan Penrod to members

of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

It was the group's first in-person meeting since the pandemic, held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center last Wednesday.

Penrod picked up on the theme, describing this as "a wild ride of a year."

A native Oregonian, Penrod lives in Gearhart with her husband, Curt. She came to Seaside from Eugene, after attending Salem Public Schools, Willamette University and Portland State University.

Penrod described herself as a first-generation college graduate, growing up in a family that struggled financially.

That provides her a connection to many of her students, she said. "I see myself in all of them. That's what brought me to education and that's what continues to drive my work, which is what is best for my students."

Seaside families will choose two learning options this year, based on feedback from parents, stu-

dents, staff and members of the community.

"We heard loud and clear, if we open with an online distance learning, 'We want a couple of different options,'" Penrod said. "We would like to have a program where students could be completely online and work at their own pace as well as some delivered instruction from teachers, and of course we'd like to reopen as soon as we can."



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Seaside School District Superintendent Susan Penrod and Seaside Chamber of Commerce CEO Brian Owen.

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