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Jessica Reiersen, left, Sydney Randall, center, and Jake Reiersen, right, react to a display at the KOA haunted house Saturday night.

## Three vie for top law office

Democratic candidates for Oregon secretary of state debate in Seaside

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SEASIDE — Three Democratic candidates for Oregon Secretary of State met in a congenial debate Saturday in front of union leaders at an AFL-CIO convention in Seaside.

The candidates included state Sen. Richard Devlin from Eugene, state Rep. Val Hoyle from Eugene and Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. AFL-CIO spokesman Russell Sanders said lone GOP candidate and Lane County Commissioner, Sid Leiken, was invited but did not respond.

Oregon will elect a new secretary of state in November 2016. Jeanne Atkins, who was appointed to the position when former Secretary of State Kate Brown took over for Gov. John Kitzhaber, is not running for re-election.

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# TERRIFIED FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Haunted house scares up funds for food bank, kids with cancer

WARRENTON — Screams filled the KOA campground's activities center over the weekend as families from all over Oregon lined up to go through the Ghouls in the Mist haunted house.

More than a dozen volunteers, decked out in their scariest attire, and maybe a few ghosts, helped put on the event.

The haunted house will continue 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are \$3 per person or three cans of food. Proceeds benefit the Clatsop County Food Bank and KOA Care Camps, which offer children with cancer a chance to get away.

Other KOA events happening Halloween night include costume contests, trick or treating and pumpkin carving.

— Joshua Bessex

## North Coast offers new brew quest

Beer 101 Pint Pass will allow visitors to enjoy range of beers

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Oregonians love their beer, and visitors flock to Oregon because of the offerings.

The North Coast Alliance, made up of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Seaside Visitors Bureau, Seaside Civic and Convention Center and the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, is reviving the beer trail to celebrate that love of craft beer.

The Beer 101 Pint Pass will go on sale in early November at a cost of about \$25 and provides a \$5 gift card from each of the participating restaurants and brewpubs through the end of February. It will be an online-only purchase, found at beer101pintpass.com.

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LEFT: A family walks through the KOA Haunted House Saturday night. The haunted house will be open this Friday and Saturday. RIGHT: An undead head is held up by a deer in the KOA haunted house.

## From social services to police in C.B.

Her career path didn't lead her the way she had originally planned, but Jodi Symonds, 29, eventually found her way back to the field she loves.

Symonds is Cannon Beach's newest police officer. She went on duty for the first time Oct. 6.

"I want people to know I'm here for them," she said. "I'm here to make sure I'm safe, and that they're safe as well. I want to be that education piece for the community. Doing outreach and making them realize we're here for them, we're here to just make sure the community is safe."

Symonds grew up in Seaside started in criminology at Portland State University before



transferring to Humboldt State University. Because Humboldt had just eliminated its criminology program, she switched to social work, graduating in 2010.

Symonds began as a family service worker in Utah before coming back to work at Seaside Head Start in 2012. She moved to the Department of Human Services in 2013 and, while in Child Protective Services, "learned an awful lot in a short amount of time."

She saw much good — "parents get back on track" to get their kids home. But she also witnessed not-so-happy endings. Wanting to hold those accountable for their actions, she decided to again go for police work.

It was her mother, Shannon, who encouraged Jodi and her twin brother, Joel, to investigate police work. Their father, Scott, was a reserve officer for Seaside, and their older brother, Joseph, was once an officer in Gearhart and Astoria.

"I call him all the time and talk different scenarios," Symonds said. "He is a plethora of information on how to go about doing things."

Her spark was working with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office as a youth. She also participated in the law enforcement Explorer program and was a cadet at Fort Stevens State Park.

Joel Symonds decided to go the military route. Jodi Symonds said her family and friends agree police work fits her personality. There are safety concerns, but they're proud of her.

"I'm a go-getter," she said. "I jump in head first."

And though she may not know all the answers, she's willing to find them. Symonds said she wants people to know

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Jodi Symonds

