

Masons present scholastic awards

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SEASIDE — Evergreen Masonic Lodge in Seaside presented the 2016 annual scholastic achievement awards at a ceremony May 4, under the direction of Past Master Howard Hazelett, recognizing juniors and seniors at Seaside High School who have attained a 3.50 or better GPA.

Juniors receiving certificates were Cristian Angeles Alvarez, Elizabeth Barnes, Lucille Bodner, Paola Campuzano, Cadyn Carr, Rebekah Cox, Emma Dutcher, Adriana Gaspar, Kara Ipson, Jackson Januik, Caroline Kotton, Dania Nolazco, Mica Ellazen Paranal, Bradley Rzewnicki, Carson Schulte, Josephine Smith, Hunter Thompson, Madelynn Utti,

Sydney Villegas and Alexis Wingenbach.

Certificates were also awarded to seniors Silvia Avila, William Barnes, Jacob Bassett, Samuel Beaudoin, Raiden Bowles, Annuka Brown, Saoul Cazarez, Isabella Curcin, Cosma Davis, Austin Eagon, James Harkins, Paige Ideue, Kyna Lin, Brenda Lopez, Bridgette Malone, Zachary Marston, Tania Martinez, Claire Ogilvie, Holly Phipps, Berkeley Posalski, Sophia Raterman, Joshua Strozzi, Lucy Swenson, Isabelle Tolliver, Sophia Trevino, Jesse Trott, Stefani

The lodge also presented \$500 scholarships to seniors Stefani Vandenberg and Joshua Strozzi.

Light refreshments were served to the students, faculty, families and friends.



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Evergreen Masonic Lodge Past Master Howard Hazelett presents a \$500 scholarship to Seaside High School senior Stefani Vandenberg at a scholastic achievement awards ceremony held May 4.

Freemasons gather for annual oyster stew dinner



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Freemasons came from Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside and Washington lodges along Interstate-5 Thursday, May 5, to enjoy the annual oyster stew dinner at Occident 48 Lodge in Ilwaco, Wash. The event was led by longtime Nahcotta, Wash., oysterman Dobby Wiegardt, pictured serving Les Moore of Ilwaco, right. Seated left is the lodge's chaplain, Norm Grier, of Seaview, Wash., who assisted in the kitchen. Oyster stew is on the menu only once during the year at the Ilwaco Masonic Lodge. The fraternity meets once a month on the first Thursday evening, except July and August, and has informal lunches most Wednesdays at noon at the lodge building on Spruce Street in Ilwaco. For information about the Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, contact District Deputy Mike Carmel at 360-642-3636.

Mather is crowned 2016 Miss Portland

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PORTLAND — Alexis Mather was crowned the new Miss Portland 2016 on April 30 in Oregon City. She is the daughter of Brian and Gretchen Allen of Astoria and Michael Mather of St. Helens. A 2013 graduate of Astoria High School, Mather is

attending Portland State University, where she is studying psychology.

Her goal is to work with children who are coping with divorce using music and art therapies, and her platform is "Be a Mentor Your Way." She encourages people to mentor youth using their own special talents and life experi-

ences. Mather sang the opera aria "Nessun Dorma" for the talent portion of the competition. She is vocally trained by Lisa Nelson from the Astoria Conservatory of Music.

The Miss Portland title qualifies her to compete in the Miss Oregon competition, which will be held in June in Seaside.



Alexis Mather

Gearhart: Public will have role in enforcement

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Permits would not be transferable, except through inheritance.

Expired permits would not be replaced and new permits would not be granted, although commissioners discussed options for a variance or review process.

"After they're lost by sale, they will be taken through attrition," Sweet said. "We can't do anything to tie up future planning commissions or city councils, so they can make an adjustment as they see fit."

Exempted from the proposed rules are areas within Gearhart's urban growth boundary but outside city limits, including the Palisades, Highlands and East Pine Lane, which do not pay taxes to the city of Gearhart.

Condominium units with 24-hour on-site management would also be exempt.

Violations for noise, garbage or other nuisances could bring a \$500 fine from the city.

The public will also have a role in enforcement.

"If there are local complaints from the general public, those will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, with possible ramifications," Sweet said.

A second complaint will get a warning and a third complaint may lead to revocation of the permit, Sweet said.

Incoming revenue from the 7 percent lodging tax should be enough to cover "expenses plus," he said.

Sweet said he would recommend all revenues go toward code enforcement and managing the budget. Application fees are expected to exceed \$500.

"In a couple of years, we can review that," Sweet said. "But for the first couple of years, I'm going to recommend they not touch it. We want to make sure we do it right."

He added: "Now we'll see if all of this survives City Council."

Vacasa takes the stage

The recommendations came in front of a nearly full firehouse. Speakers for and against the vacation rental ordinance pleaded their case in a continuation of an April public hearing.

Bryan Geon of Vacasa said



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People packed the firehouse for the Gearhart Planning Commission meeting Thursday about short-term rentals.

he was not opposed to the "intent" of the proposed regulations, but warned of "unintended consequences."

"Vacasa came to Gearhart

about a year ago and ruined everything," Kathie Graff responded. "It's all about greed. G-r-e-e-d, and it's in Gearhart right now."



Vacasa's Bryan Geon warned of "unintended consequences" if the city passes aspects of the proposed ordinance.

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