

'Jono' has his day at Broadway

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SEASIDE — For the second year in a row, it was another good alumni turnout and more money raised for scholarships at Seaside High School, following the second annual Jon Gizdavich Alumni Weekend tournament.

Former Gull players and Seaside graduates met Saturday afternoon at Broadway Field, where it was "Throwback Day," to honor a former Gull.

A statement on the group's Facebook page (Jon Gizdavich Alumni Weekend) read, "So incredibly proud of our community. It was an amazing day of baseball, friends, and fun and we raised over 2K towards Jon's scholarship fund! He would be so humbled and proud!"

Donations are still accepted from fans unable to attend the tournament, which honors Gizdavich, who died in a car accident in January 2013.

"Jon and I were in the same class, and we grew up together," said Ross Knutsen, a current assistant coach in the Seaside baseball program. He also helps in the organizing and



Submitted Photo
Seaside coach Joel Dierickx, standing third from left, poses with a few of his former players in Saturday's Jon Gizdavich Memorial tournament at Broadway Field.

spreading the word to former Gulls.

"I knew Jon since we were 4. This was just

something that I wanted to help make happen.

It's a great community event and a great way

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to honor him."

Knutsen said players from the Class of 2000 to 2014 took part in two games, one seven-inning game and a five-inning contest.

"Jon's uncle and little cousin were there, and his mom and sister came in," he said.

Bri Hostetler, who was Gizdavich's girlfriend, posted, "Another amazing turnout, totaled out enough to award another two \$1,000 scholarships next spring. Biggest thank you to everyone who makes this possible, means the world."

Cannon: It's believed to be from the decking of the USS Shark

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"I've been working on this project for so long," she said. "When we got all the cases here, we cried a little bit."

Trucke and museum archivist Liz Johnson, Clatsop County Historical Society board member Matt Powers, and Clatsop County Historical Society board Vice President Amber Glen were at the museum for the moving, unpacking and unveiling of the cannon and capstan.

The task proved more difficult than expected, and they called Coaster Construction for assistance.

USS Shark

The iron cannon, technically called a carronade, and the capstan used to lift the ship's anchor are thought to be from the decking of the USS Shark, a U.S. naval schooner that went down in the Columbia River in 1846. The cannon was found, lost, then discovered again in 1989, when it came ashore in Arch Cape.

It has had a long journey since, sitting outside in Arch Cape for years until it was vandalized in the 1980s,

Trucke said. The Clatsop County Historical Society moved the cannon to the Clatsop County Heritage Museum, before it found a home at the Cannon Beach history museum in 2005.

Researchers at Texas A&M University wanted to do a comparative study of the cannon with the other two cannons thought to be from the same ship that were found in 2008, but it was too oxidized.

In 2012, the museum shipped the cannon and capstan to the university for extensive restoration. The cannon was rusting, with pieces falling off, when they shipped it to Texas.

When it returned in 2014, the museum did not have the proper space or environment for the preserved artifacts, and they were stored at the Maritime Museum.

The museum worked with engineers, contractors, architects and others to plan the exhibit, Trucke said. Although she faced challenges, like the difficulties in transporting the cannon, she remained determined to get the cannon back in the museum.

"I went to school specifically to work in a museum, so to me this was a really important thing. It became my baby project," Trucke said. "I just kept banging my head against

a lot of walls. But we finally got it in here, and we've got a great board right now."

On display

The exhibit will include a carriage, a model of the USS Shark, a diagram used to build model ships, a sketch of the USS Shark, and information that connects the carronade to the other two cannons found in 2008, which are now at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Trucke raised more than \$30,000 to send the cannon to Texas. She also raised funds for the exhibit, which will cost about \$45,000.

The project's largest donors, donating \$10,000 each, included Clark Foundation, Kinsman Foundation and Braemar Charitable Trust.

"This cannon is actually what the area was named for," Trucke said.

Cannon Beach was named Ecola before 1922, when the town adopted the name Cannon Beach after a vote.

"I remember this when I was a kid, people come in who remember it when they were a kid," Trucke said, recalling when she would see it at the Heritage Museum. "I'd like the future generations to enjoy it."



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After years of planning, Elaine Trucke unveils the cannon that has returned to the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum after years of being restored in Texas and stored in Astoria.

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Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District announces a change to their Monthly Board of Directors Meeting Schedule. Beginning in July, Board of Directors Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4pm. All meetings are held at the Bob Chisholm Community Center in Seaside and are open to the public. The July Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, at 4pm.

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