

Girls basketball clinic at Seaside High School

The Seaside Girls Basketball program is putting on a free girls basketball clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 12 and 13 at Seaside High School. Third graders through eighth

graders are invited.

For additional information or questions, call Wally Hamer at 503-758-4827.

Seaside High School is located at 1901 N. Holladay Drive.

Painting from the inside out

“Life is a creative process,” says Anne Pechovnik one of the facilitators of a workshop entitled “Painting From The Inside Out,” being held at Tolovana Arts Colony Friday, June 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. By focusing on the process and experience of creating, rather than technique, artists and non-artists alike have the chance to explore both what engages and what limits their creative energy.

Using high quality tempera paints and large sheets

of paper, participants paint from their own inspiration and at their own pace. Discussions, both individual and group, focus on the experience of the painting, not the paintings themselves. In order to create a safe and respectful environment, participants agree not to comment on one another’s work.

To register for this workshop contact Lisa at Tolovana Arts Colony, 503-440-0684. The \$99 fee includes tuition and all materials.

‘Burger with a Cop’ in Cannon Beach

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn with host “Burger with a Cop” Tuesday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cannon Beach Vacation Rentals, 164 Sunset Blvd. Join the chief for a hamburger and conversation. There will also be a

K-9 demonstration with “Gunner.” The event has no agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers of Cannon Beach. For more information call (503) 436-2811.

Boutique holds grand opening



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Linda Saucedo, manager of Flair, center right foreground, cuts the ribbon at the business’ soft grand opening May 7 in Sandpiper Square. Flair, a natural gift boutique for the home, kitchen and spa, held its full grand opening the next day. Jay Shepard, center foreground, owns Shorelines NW, which owns Flair and operates Duebers at Cannon Beach, another Sandpiper Square business. From left: Sheri Russell, secretary of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce board of directors; Jim Paino, administrative assistant at the chamber; Jason Schermerhorn, vice president of the chamber board; Shelby Silver, a team leader at Flair; Nannette Looper, a Shorelines NW staff member; Shepard; Michael Cooper, Nannette Cooper’s son; Betty Casavant, a local resident; Saucedo; Courtland Carrier, executive director of the chamber; Mary Weeks, manager of Shepard’s Mount St. Helens gift shop at Mount St. Helens; Martha Lohn, Weeks’ mother and volunteer at the Mount St. Helens gift shop. Not pictured in attendance: Maryann Sinkler, who sits on the chamber’s membership committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corrections to May 22 city budget stories

Due to errors in city documents, the Gazette’s May 22 articles regarding the city’s proposed fiscal year 2015-16 budget contained errors.

With the recommended 1 percent increase, the city’s transient lodging tax would increase by 7 to 8 percent (not 6 to 7 percent), excluding the addition 1 percent lodging tax levied by the state. The total transient lodging tax would be 9 percent.

The full cost of the three-phase RV Park renovation project is estimated at \$450,000 (not \$4,450,000).

City council should reconsider

It has been disturbing to watch the evolution of the development request by Jeff Nicholson in north Cannon Beach. We do not understand why the city council has given a green light to the development of four homes against the wishes (now outcry) of the neighborhood and against the city’s own zoning requirements.

Nicholson has said the neighbors agreed with his plan to restore an old dwelling, but he only spoke to two; and the plan outlined to them has morphed considerably from one restoration to four new dwellings!

What is the compelling interest for the city in this matter? Does this mean any future request for development in Cannon Beach is

given this kind of free pass in spite of zone regulation? What is the council’s rationale for this exception?

We’d like to see the council reconsider this action and be clear about the “whys.”

Jane and John Emrick
Portland

Give better school facilities to kids

I do not understand why building school facilities are so difficult for the residents of this area. Much of the Seaside/Cannon Beach/Gearhart school district is filled with expensive vacation homes, which generate sizable property taxes for schools. Approximately 75 percent of the funding for local schools comes from these vacation properties. Vacation home property

owners usually do not vote locally and do not send their children to local schools. They are bearing the bulk of the financial expense of the schools but do not gain any of the direct benefits.

Given that everyone is always looking for a way to get something for almost nothing, it is unbelievable that local residents are not breaking down the school district’s door to get their kids educated in safe, adequate schools. The school district has a revised plan to build a new junior and senior high schools on the existing site it already owns where Seaside Heights Elementary is located. It is

out of the Tsunami Inundation Zone and requires no new land purchases or major infrastructure costs to implement. It reduces the size of a new school bond to less than 50 percent of what was proposed originally by the school district and voted down. It will cost each resident of the district the equivalent of the cost of one cigarette a day to give our area’s children the facilities they deserve.

The residents of Cannon Beach have demonstrated that they value education and are preparing for the “big one.” No matter what becomes of the charter

school concept, without action, Cannon Beach students in junior and senior high will still attend schools that are in an inundation zone, are not designed to be secure in case some “nutball” attacks them, and are in poor condition. The focus for the timely implementation of safe, functionally adequate school facilities must start with local residents like those in Cannon Beach. As time moves along interest rates are increasing and this absolutely necessary project will simply cost significantly more.

John Dunzer
Seaside

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