

## CBA gets green light

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needed and will take more time to complete, Moore said. The building was not equipped with any fire safety system when it was operating as a children's center.

While the charter school has enough students enrolled to operate, the academy is still recruiting to fill more seats before fall, Moore said. Earlier this year, the academy had as many as 40 students. Moore said she has no concerns about meeting the goal, however, and attributes fluctuating numbers to the fact the status of the school has been up in the air because of the late location change.

"I think there are a lot of families who were waiting for this day to happen," Moore said.

# Academy gets help from firefighters

## A gift of life

By R.J. Marx  
Cannon Beach Gazette

With workers hammering and sanding in the background, members of the Cannon Beach Fire Department presented a gift of an automated external defibrillator Aug. 8 to the Cannon Beach Academy's Director Amy Moore and President Kellye Dewey.

The defibrillator will be stored at the academy's new location on South Hemlock.

"Anybody with some basic training can save a person's life," said Lt. Brian Smith, a firefighter and president of the Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue Association. "Any time you have a heart issue, time is life."

Proceeds from the association's annual ham dinner and other fundraising events raised the \$2,000 to purchase the device, used in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"Hopefully we'll never use it, but if we

do need to, we'll save lives," Dewey said. "And every time somebody walks by and asks about our fire department, we can brag about it."

"It's fully automatic," Fire Chief Matt Benedict said of the defibrillator. "If the staff has a heart issue, this is the first thing they have to do. All they have to do is hook up the pads and it does everything for them."

Benedict said the academy staff is abiding by all state fire safety mandates. The hydrant will be located most likely on the road by the driveway. "They're just wrapping everything up right now. They've got the exit signs up, the doors are up, the emergency lighting."

Moore said she expects temporary occupancy to begin Tuesday. Teachers arrive Aug. 21 and the academy's first year of operation begins Sept. 5. More than 40 first- and second-graders are enrolled in the new charter school.

The academy has two teachers, Dawn Jay and Theresa Dennis.



R.J. MARX/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Lt. Brian Smith presents an automatic electronic defibrillator to Cannon Beach Academy Director Amy Moore.



Thistle and Rose

## Hootenanny hits the Coaster

The Coaster Theatre Playhouse presents an evening of music and merriment on Saturday, Aug. 26, with a Cannon Beach Hootenanny. The evening will showcase local musicians Adams and Costello, Floating Glass Balls, Maggie and The Katz and Thistle and Rose, blending unique sounds of folk, blues and a little bit of rock 'n' roll.

Julie Adams and Michael Costello are a guitar and vocal duo.

The Floating Glass Balls can be found at Bill's Tavern most Thursday nights. Guitarist Joel Marshal and fiddler Gary Keiski, both original members of the band are joined by Dave Quinton on upright bass and Brad Griswold on banjo.

Maggie and the Katz



Adams-Costello

formed five years ago creating a gumbo of eclectic, bluesy and soulful, R&B tunes. Joining Maggie is songwriter, vocalist and guitar player Richard Thomasian.

Thistle and Rose spice it up with two guitars and four voices in harmony.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at coastertheatre.com or by calling the box office at 503-436-1242.

# Bike and Build: Pedaling for a purpose

## Nationwide fundraiser lands in Cannon Beach

By Brenna Visser  
Cannon Beach Gazette

Families from the East Coast huddled together in front of Haystack Rock, holding welcome signs and bottles of champagne.

The excitement in this group started building three months ago when their friends, siblings and children all made the decision to ride 3,856 miles across the United States, ending their journey Saturday, Aug. 5, was the end of their journey.

Mary Savarese flew from Connecticut to meet her daughter Katie with a poster with the names of all 36 participants mapped along the route they rode from Virginia Beach.

"We just find it amazing," she said. "When she told us, it was a surprise — but the decision did make sense. She is outgoing and always up for a challenge."

That challenge is a program called Bike and Build, where college-aged people have the opportunity to raise money for and help build affordable housing all while biking across the country. Founded in 2002, the program and those who apply for it have donated more than \$6.2 million to affordable housing causes throughout the United States, which each rider contributing to the construction or renovation of 3.6 new homes.

There are multiple routes riders can take, but the central route has historically always landed in Cannon Beach. Gabe Planas was one of the 36 riders celebrating in the surf of the Pacific Ocean.

"It was awe-inspiring," he said. "The impact of what we did probably won't hit for a while."

Before hitting the road, Planas and the other riders started preparing in January with 500 miles of training, 10 hours of volunteer work with affordable housing groups and raising \$4,800.

Planas, a 25-year-old middle school science teacher in Charlottesville, Virginia, said he was inspired to take on the challenge after hearing of the experience from many of his



BRENNA VISSER/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Mary Savarese waits for her daughter to arrive in Cannon Beach with a sign that details her nearly 4,000-mile bike ride.



LEFT, Families of Bike and Build participants in Cannon Beach. RIGHT, Families of Bike and Build participants popped champagne upon the arrival of 36 riders who biked across the United States to build affordable housing.



friends from University of Virginia.

"There's a really strong Bike and Build community," he said. "I like the cause, and the age cut-off is 26, so it was now or never."

Before this, the most biking Planas had ever done consistently was his commute to work.

"You could count number of people on one hand with extensive bike experience on this trip," he said. But after 500 miles of training in the Blue Ridge Mountains and some trial-by-fire riding on the route, he said everyone ended "on a level playing field."

On the days they weren't riding an average of 60 to 100 miles a day, the team would work with local affordable housing affiliates, helping them paint and build structures.

While riders receive a unique view of the American

countryside, one of the most notable aspects of the landscape are the people he met, Planas said.

"You come in with preconceived notions. Like Kansas — you hear it's flat and boring. But east Kansas was one of my favorite parts, partly because it was beautiful and also the people were friendly," Planas said.

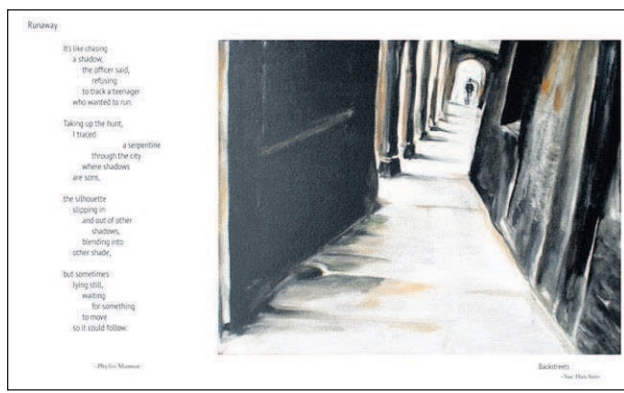
Planas' parents were one of the many waiting for their intrepid riders, one of the many impressed and proud of their accomplishments.

"What a great way to observe this country," Suzanne

Planas said. "At first we were kind of nervous, but if anything, it showed us through him there are still a lot of generous people in this country."

Planas' journey with Bike and Build may be over because of the age limit, but his younger sister plans to do it as well. So, the Bike and Build experience may be in the Planas family for a while longer.

"It's one thing to say you biked across the country, another thing to say you helped build affordable housing, but it's pretty cool to be able to say you did both in one summer," Planas said.



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Word & Image pairs writers and artists.

## Hoffman Center in Manzanita offers Word & Image exhibit

MANZANITA — Word & Image is a summer exhibit at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita, which pairs artists and writers to create original work, each in response to the other's.

The event is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave.

Twelve artists and 12 writers drew names, and have created art and writing in response to each other's

creative work.

View original art, listen to original readings and have a chance to purchase broadsides of the collaborations along with a keepsake book of all the creative results. Suggested donation for the event is \$5.

The exhibit will run 3-5 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in September.

Further information is available at hoffmanblog.org.

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