



## The Homecoming Queen is a **FOOTBALL STAR**



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### Gulls' kicker trades helmet for a crown

By Katherine Lacaze  
Seaside Signal

Customarily, high school homecoming queens are crowned wearing decorative dresses, fancy shoes and classy coiffures. Seaside senior Whitney Westerholm, on the other hand, donned her bright red football jersey, protective gear and cleats when she received the title during halftime of the Seagulls' homecoming game last weekend.

"I took off my helmet to put on the crown," Westerholm said.

Normally, the 17-year-old place-kicker would have headed to the locker room with the rest of Seaside's varsity football players during halftime of the team's conference game against Valley Catholic High School on Sept. 25. However, the homecoming ceremony detained her on the field.



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Paige Ideue, Alie Zagata, Samantha Wozniak, Whitney Westerholm, Kyna Lin and Alina Habegger.

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*'The boys were actually really accepting of me to start off.'*

Whitney Westerholm

### Measure 91

## Recreational weed comes to Seaside

Councilors give green light to sale of recreational marijuana in Seaside

By R.J. Marx  
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The Seaside City Council decided they can't fight the state when it comes to recreational marijuana.

"You passed an ordinance that allows medical marijuana dispensaries," City Manager Mark Winstanley said at Monday night's council meeting. "The state of Oregon has allowed recreational sales to be sold Oct. 1 from medical marijuana dispensaries. Does the city want to take action to stop that, or do you simply want to stand back and let that go into place?"

"We could either stop it right now, or see how it evolves in the next 14, 15, 16 months," City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said.

By the end of the night, councilors chose the latter.

### Approval and review

Last week, Seaside Planning Director Kevin Cupples approved the sale of recreational cannabis from licensed medical dispensaries, including Highway 420 and Cannabis Nation.

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## Hood to Coast, Seaside at odds over timing

Don't ban the annual 197-mile relay, councilor says, just change the date

By Katherine Lacaze  
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Discussion about Seaside's participation as the finish line for Hood to Coast will be back on the table during a second public workshop, set for Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Representatives of Hood to Coast had anticipated attending Monday's council meeting, but agreed to return next week at the city workshop.

Seaside City Council held a preliminary work session Sept. 21 after 74 local businesses submitted a letter to council relaying their concerns with the annual event. Business owners said it disrupts what could be a significantly profitable late August weekend for small businesses, at little to no benefit to the city.

Event organizers said they contributed \$25,000 to the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, \$25,000 to Providence Seaside Hospital and \$17,000 to the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District this year, despite a disastrous finale.

Councilor Randy Frank, who moderated the work session last week, said he believes the timing of the event is bad for the city. He does not want to ban Hood to Coast from Seaside — just some changes made.

"I'm not trying to get rid of the event," he said. "I just think that they need to consider changing when they have it. It's just too big of a burden on our town and resources at that time of the year."

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## Taking care of community

Faith-based groups join to host a Day of Service with Helping Hands in Seaside

By Katherine Lacaze  
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Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Center's women's shelter in Seaside swarmed with volunteers painting and gardening Saturday, Sept. 19, for the 2015 Day of Service, organized by the Rainier Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Across U.S. Highway 101, church members, their families and friends completed projects at Helping Hands' emergency and men's shelters. Down the road near Avenue J, others weeded the Railroad Park community garden, while a group of young people held a car wash at the NAPA Sunset Auto Parts parking lot.



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Tammie Leiker, of Rainier, leads some younger church members in gardening at Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Center's women's shelter in Seaside.

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