

Academy comes with possible cuts to district schools

State requires diverting funds for Cannon Beach school

By Katherine Lacaze
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The new Cannon Beach Academy, on track to open next year, will get at least \$250,000 of the Seaside School District's budget. Funds will come from the district's existing four

schools in order to serve the charter school students, but where cuts will be made has yet to be determined. "We're going to have to make some hard decisions, but we've done that in the past, and we still have a great school district," School Board Chairman

Steve Phillips said. The academy won conditional approval to open from the district's board of directors during a special meeting Oct. 14. The district's overall budget is slightly more than \$21 million. "There are an awful lot of things that are still to be negotiated," Superin-

tendent Doug Dougherty said, adding the district will work with Jim Green, an attorney from the Oregon School Board Association, to finalize details. To start, the board will craft a three-year contract with the academy administration that allows the institution to begin with kindergarten and first grade

and then add a new grade level each subsequent school year. The academy plans to offer education for kindergarten to fifth-grade students. **Figuring the cost** Oregon state law requires any school district sponsoring a public charter school to help pay for its

students' education. Those funds are diverted from the district's operational budget, Dougherty said. Rather than attempt to figure average individual student costs for each district, the Oregon Department of Education determines each district's **See Academy, Page 10A**



Halloween costume fun with "Princess Leia" Cynthia Inzunza and "Jack Sparrow" Chuck Miner at the Seaside Chamber of Commerce awards dinner Tuesday night as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Susan Huntington looks on. Seaside's Fred Loser was honored with the chamber's Meek award, following the best costume competition seen here.

License to panhandle may go begging

Seaside tables fees to keep panhandlers off the city streets

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An amendment to a Seaside city ordinance designed to regulate panhandlers, musicians and itinerant merchants got no further Monday night than it had this summer. "The intent of this is to deal with aggressive panhandling, and to put some controls on street entertainers so they're not blocking traffic or business," Councilor Jay Barber said, but added "I think we can do better than we do here." "I'm horrified that you would do this," Seaside resident Sam Condron said. "Yes, there's a homeless problem, but it's nationwide. Let's look to the cities that are succeeding, not the ones who are failing."

Vigorous debate

The ordinance, in place since 1984, requires a license to solicit and applies to "a person occupying a temporary fixed location, who promotes, solicits or sells from stock or inventory on hand or displays samples and solicits orders for merchandise in stock." The amendment seeks to expand the definition to include any person who provides a service "or solicits for any form of compensation or remuneration." License fees would start at \$50 per day, with a maximum of \$1,000 in a calendar year. Fines would also be increased, from \$500 to \$700. Mayor Don Larson said that panhandlers with signs in dusk can provide a traffic hazard for drivers. He also mentioned musicians who blocked traffic on the Prom. "I think they would be more responsive if they had to be licensed," he said. "Sadly, the panhandlers I'm encountering in Seaside are giving the homeless a bad rap," Barber said. "They are not local people. They are on their way somewhere. They are not hanging around for groceries and food." Members of the audience vigorously opposed the ordinance and the proposed amendment. "Why can't somebody ask for help?" asked Seaside's Anne Danen. "I don't like

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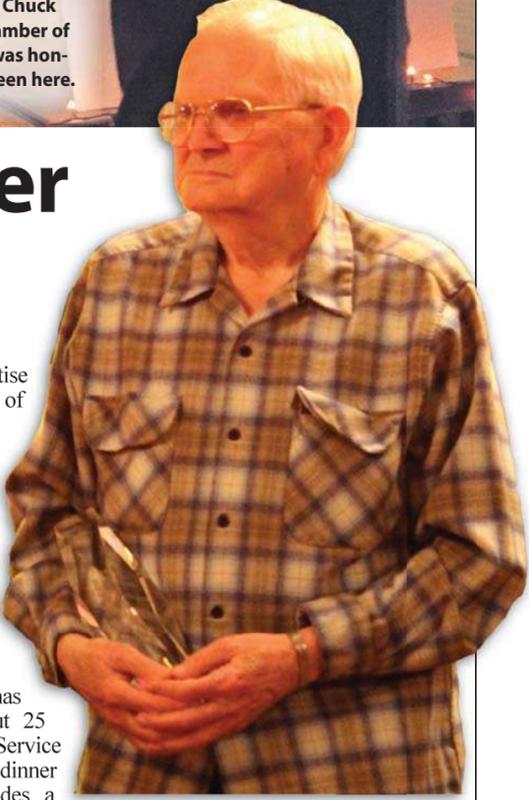
Longtime volunteer wins Byron Award

25-year resident gives time to Kiwanis, Seaside Service Club and many others

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Seaside Fourth of July Parade volunteer extraordinaire. Outstanding "ticket-hawker" for weekly Seaside Downtown Development Association meetings. Reliable Community Flower Basket distributor. Ham radio operator. Now Seaside resident Fred Loser can add "Byron Award winner" to his lengthy résumé, replete with examples that demonstrate how he embodies the spirit of volunteerism and community service. The Seaside Chamber of Commerce announced Loser, a 25-year Seaside resident, as this year's recipient during the organization's annual banquet and awards ceremony, held Tuesday at the Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside. Several individuals nominated Loser for the Byron Award, which is given to a member of the Seaside community who has shown outstanding qualities in community service. He was described as "always willing to help out, lend his

support and offer his expertise and wisdom" in support of the Seaside community. "Loser is one of those tireless workers for our community that keeps a low profile, but is key to any project he is involved with," Seaside resident Karen Murray said in submitting one of many nominations on Loser's behalf. Murray said she has worked with Loser about 25 years on the Seaside Service Club's annual Christmas dinner for seniors, which provides a holiday get-together for elderly individuals in the area. Both Loser and Murray are members of the Kiwanis Club of Seaside and have worked together on several events, such as the annual Pancake Feed and the Christmas tree sales, Murray wrote. "Both of these events would not happen without his support," she added.



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Longtime Seaside resident Fred Loser accepts the 2015 Byron Award during the Seaside Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and awards ceremony Tuesday night.

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Broadway Middle School students unite against bullying

Members of student body 'go orange' to observe national Unity Day

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When Broadway Middle School students showed up to school Oct. 21, many wore some orange article — a shirt, tights, a headband or a simple badge — symbolizing their commitment to take a stand against bullying for Unity Day. "We're a school community, and we're going to rise and fall as a community," Vice Principal Robert Rusk told students during an afternoon assembly.



On Unity Day, the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, students are encouraged to "go orange" as a statement that they will not participate in nor tolerate bullying. The halls of Broadway Middle School hosted handmade signs in recognition of Unity Day.

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Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday at 2 a.m. when clocks are turned backward one hour to 1 a.m. Sunrise and sunset will be earlier, which means more light in the morning.