

Cartwright Pump Track brings the community together

Mountain bikers rejoice! There is a new pump track for bicycle enthusiasts near Seaside's Cartwright Park.

"Years ago, Cartwright Park was just a bunch of blackberries and a phone booth where people made their deals," said Seaside Mayor Don Larson.

Now, the new pump track is adjacent to a park that already has a picnic shelter, swing sets, restrooms and play structures. "The pump track is a real neat addition."

A pump track is a looping bike track with bumps and berms where bikers can "pump" their body up and down, creating momentum without pedaling over the bumps.

"Pump tracks are gathering places for the community," said Chris Quackenbush, a North Coast Trail Alliance member. "Riding the track gets kids and adults off their phones and computers for great exercise outdoors."

"The pump track idea came as a stepping stone to promote more bike riding in the community," said Morgan Soller, one of the driving members of trail alliance.

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"We came up with a location that we thought would accommodate a bike track on city property," said Quackenbush. The location is in an area easily accessible by bicycle.

After developing a basic track design for the space, the trail alliance approached the Seaside Parks Advisory Committee with the idea.

Seaside Public Works Director Dale McDowell was impressed with the meeting. "The presentation featured members from ages 7 to 70, who explained to the board with photographs and concept drawings how they would like to develop the space."

"It was an unsightly space near the park that was simply flat ground breeding invasive species," said Quackenbush of the space behind the Seaside School District Administration Building.



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River Quackenbush catches some air while riding on the new pump track in Seaside.

After talking to Kiwanis, which has adopted Cartwright Park, a neighborhood survey, redesigns and more presentations to Seaside's Planning Commission and the City Council, the project was approved at the end of April.

"The Seaside City Council is pleased to see this group of men do-

ing something upbeat for their kids, families and visitors," Larson said.

Brush clearing, rock loading, sifting through materials to pack into the curved surface of the track were all tasks that were accomplished by the trail alliance and community volunteers. Materials and supplies were donated by All Rents, Keith Keranen

Excavating, Teevin & Fischer Quarry, Erickson Excavating, Osburn/Olson LLC, Angelina's Pizza, Seaside Coffee House, Fairweather Press, TerraCom Web Design. Northwest Coast Trails Coalition donated funds for the sign.

Volunteers spent many hours building, packing and refining the track. "Moving tons of rock by hand was back-breaking," Soller said.

"Pump tracks are great exercise and a chance for kids and older people to improve their bike skills," said Soller.

McDowell said he likes the idea of families participating in outdoor activities together. "More experienced riders can teach younger riders how to ride the track, bringing the community and neighbors together."

"I have witnessed firsthand the use of the pump track — especially young children on their bicycles — they are having a blast. I feel this is a great asset to our park system and to our community."

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Ryan Greenhoe

June 15, 1959 — Aug. 12, 2016

Thomas Ryan "Tom" Greenhoe was born June 15, 1959, in Owosso, Michigan, to Wilson and Barbara Greenhoe, and was brother to William and Rene.

He was educated in Kent, Washington.

Tom entered the U.S. Air Force in 1982, and served for 11 years. He was a missile carrier driver and diesel mechanic. He was based in South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Italy and the U.S.

After his discharge he became an owner of Seaside Foods.

Tom was an easy guy to converse with. He was an avid



Thomas Greenhoe



gardener and a giving man.

Kathleen Marie Porter-Jordan

Aug. 11, 1956 — Aug. 16, 2016

Kathleen Porter-Jordan was born on Aug. 11, 1956, in Hillsboro, Oregon, to Elmer and Alvis (Miller) Porter. She graduated from Seaside High School in 1974, and attended college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston University.

She married Michael Jordan and they had two sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

Kathy worked as a pathologist in the Washington, D.C., area and later did research for a biotech company. She retired early, due to ill health. Kathy and Mike were divorced after 20 years of marriage.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Porter; her sister, Alice Porter Stich; her sister-in-law, Suzanne Jordan; and her cousin, Howard Miller. She is survived by her sons, Jonathan and Matthew Jordan of Maryland; her mother, Alvis Porter of Seaside; her uncle, Charles (Sharon) Miller of Salem; her aunt,



Kathleen Porter-Jordan

Alice Clymenns of Woodburn; and her cousins, Cheryl (David) Danilowicz of Pennsylvania and Jannette (Lyle) Dahl of Jacksonville, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name at the Seaside Library.

Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home of Silver Spring, Maryland, is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at <http://bit.ly/2bdhxEt>

Melvin 'Donnie' Stout

Dec. 16, 1930 — Aug. 15, 2016

Don was born on Dec. 16, 1930, in Pryor, Oklahoma, to Oscar Melvin and Clea Georgette (Hodge) Stout. He was the oldest of four children, Donnie, Lonnie, Norma Jean and Ronnie Stout. The family also lived in Glendale, Arizona, before moving to Campbell, California. Don enjoyed participating in track, and he graduated from Campbell High School.

From 1950 to 1955, he went to school for four years at City College in San Jose, California, to become a journeyman electrician, and was an IBEW union man for 45 years.

He attended First Baptist Church in San Jose, California, and became involved in a singles group called The Investors, where he met his wife, Dina Elizabeth Abbas, from Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and in 1963 they were joined in marriage.

First daughter Tamara was born in 1964, followed by Juliet, Donald and Cynthia. In 1974 they moved to Spokane, Washington, where they raised their children in the Spokane Valley, and attended the Berean Bible Church. The Stout family enjoyed many years in a wonderful community of friends, fellowship and faith. Don and Dina retired to Seaside, Oregon, in 1996, and joined the congregation at North Coast Family Fellowship.

Don loved to read, research the commodity market, set up charts and day trade. He enjoyed volunteer work at his church, walks on the beach and taking care of his cat, Einstein. He lived his life with integrity, was constantly faithful, deeply



Melvin 'Donnie' Stout

spiritual and always generous. Don was dearly loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Don Stout is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dina; and his children, Tamara and her husband Brekke, Julie and her husband Ted, Donnie and his wife Michele and Cindy and her husband Rod. Don has seven grandchildren: Ezekiel, Conner, Josie, Isaiah, Levi, Anasara and Isabella. He is also survived by his sister Norma Jean, and brother Ronnie. Don was preceded in death by his mother Clea, father Oscar, brother Lonnie, mother-in-law Martha, father-in-law Gerd, sister-in-law Freda and brother-in-law George.

Don Stout's celebration of life was held at North Coast Family Fellowship on Tuesday, Aug. 23. A private family interment was held at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider a donation to The Gideons.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Margaret King Christians

Jan. 30, 1962 — July 8, 2016

On July 8, 2016, Margaret King Christians, beloved wife of Darrel, and beloved by her little dog Poindexter, left to join her departed family, her parents Norm and Kathryn King, and her brother David.

She is survived by her sister Cathie (John) Ellis, and her nieces, Jackie and Sara, and great-nephew Jordy; her sister-in-law Kim (Dan) Hanen and niece Cynthia (Gina) Christians and great-nephew Jasper; and her "adopted" sister and best friend, Linda L. Brown.

Margaret went to school in Switzerland, Bahrain and Santa Barbara, California.

She loved music, played the flute, was a thespian and loved photography. She was also known to have skateboarded in her

youth.

She was an integral part of Cannon Beach, from working at Cannon Beach Bakery and the Hallmark Resort, to having a successful cleaning business with her husband, Darrel. Later, as her health permitted, she volunteered at the local food banks in Cannon Beach and Seaside, the American Legion in Cannon Beach and Seaside, and also the local farmers market.

A celebration of her life potluck was held at the Cannon Beach American Legion on Aug. 3, 2016.

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Annual Cottage and Garden Tour coming Sept. 9

The Cannon Beach History Center and Museum celebrates its 13th year of opening the doors to grand beach homes, historic cottages, and architectural wonders of Cannon Beach. The fundraiser is scheduled for Sept. 9-11.

The tour is a multiday event beginning with an exclusive concert and reception on Friday, Sept. 9, featuring vocalist Kelsey Mousley and "The Next Right Thing." Food will be provided by Sea Level Bakery and Newman's at 988.

On Saturday, attendees are invited to a special luncheon and lecture at

the Tolovana Inn. This year's lecture will focus on vintage and traditional design and the reawakening of these styles in home design. The speaker, Libby Holah, received her master of architecture from Washington University and has had her vintage and historic designs featured in 1859 Magazine.

Home tours take place in the Tolovana area of Cannon Beach from 1-5 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour historic cottages, grand beach homes, lodges, and inviting gardens. Following the tour, attendees are invited to a concert and reception

at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum for a concert featuring Maggie & the Cats.

The final event of the weekend is an English style garden tea at the Tolovana Inn on Sunday, Sept. 11. Attendees will enjoy English style tea while enjoying a presentation by the event's guest speaker, Sherian Wright.

Tickets for each event may be purchased individually, or as a weekend package. For more information, contact the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum at 503-436-9301, email info@cbbhistory.org.

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