



Cruisin' for chicks



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This rooster takes the driver's seat at Wheels and Waves.

A WHEELIN' WEEKEND

Wheels and Waves shows off classic cars, attitude

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

You gotta have ... personality. That was the message at Wheels and Waves. Over the weekend, crowds swarmed downtown as classic cars lined both sides of the street, owners camped in lawn chairs

nearby and visitors gawked at shiny pistons and chrome. Vendor alley was busy with representatives from the Seaside Downtown Development Association, which organizes and presents the annual Seaside event with the help of "Rod Squad" volunteers from throughout the Northwest. For Douglas Boseck of Stanwood, Washington, who was at Wheels and Waves, a 1941 Plym-

outh was only one year younger than himself. The car was originally sort of a combination car and truck, used to deliver everything from flowers to bread, Boseck said. "It's held up really, really well," he said. "Everything here is original, other than the tires and the upholstery."

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Douglas Boseck in front of his 1941 Plymouth.



Sofie Burke and daughter Stephanie Stevenson represent Rascals, the official apparel sponsor of Wheels and Waves.

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Community steps up for firefighters



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Children were invited to check out Seaside Fire & Rescue's equipment and apparatuses during the organization's annual barbecue fundraiser, held Sept. 10 at the fire department.

Barbecue fundraiser is an annual tradition

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

In 2015, Seaside Fire and Rescue responded to 1,155 calls, both in Seaside and mutual-aid territory. In order to provide that volume of service at a high caliber, the agency relies on private donations to augment its city budget for training and equipment.

Each year, before the annual barbecue, the department mails a request for financial support to community members. Although there also are fundraising aspects at the barbecue itself—such as a silent auction and raffle—it primarily "is our way of saying 'thank you' for the donations," Div. Chief Chris Dugan said.

To that end, the Seaside Fire and Rescue Association held its fourth annual barbecue

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Negotiations between property owner Antoine Simmons and the owner of this home, Avrel Nudelman, failed to reach fruition.

Homeowners fend off new Seaside motel

Pearl plan stymied as City Council upholds neighbors' appeal

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

It wasn't quite a matter of inches, but it came down to a matter of feet. Five feet, to be exact, the difference between city code requirement and a proposed side yard.

Antoine Simmons had been granted a variance this summer from the Planning Commission to go ahead with his 48-room luxury motel, the Pearl of Seaside.

Neighbors said the Planning Commission should have never issued the variance and called for an appeal. And they won.

At the City Council's hearing last month, councilors urged Simmons and neighbors Susan and Dan Calef and Avrel Nudelman to try and work things out.

Early in Monday's meeting it became clear those talks had fallen apart. The Calefs had no intention of selling. Simmons and Nudelman went back and forth on a price for Nudelman's Beach Drive home, but never came to terms.

Simmons, with his wife, Rocio, owns and operates four boutique hotels in Seaside and Cannon Beach, including Seaside's Gilbert Inn, purchased in 2014, and the Inn at the Prom, which they bought in 2011.

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Gearhart gives new lodging rules a go

Short-term rental owners say the city isn't listening to their concerns

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Ten minutes into the Wednesday, Sept. 7, Gearhart City Council meeting, Councilor Sue Lorain put Ordinance 901 regulating short-term rentals to a motion. The vote, after a multi-year process that filled public hearings and divided the community, passed unanimously without discussion.

"It's been a great process, a long process," Mayor Dianne Widdop said after the meeting. "It's wonderful that the five of us are all in total agreement. We feel it's important and something we wanted to do. I feel darn good about it."

The rules go into effect in 30 days, City Administrator Chad Sweet said, followed by a one-time 60-day period in which property owners may apply for short-term rental status. Those applying for permits must pay a \$600 fee and show proof they have paid city taxes.

There are about 90 short-term rentals in Gearhart, Sweet said. Ninety-nine additional condos in higher-density zones would not be affected by the new rules.

Registration is open to "anyone who can prove to me they've rented by the time the application period is over," he added.

No new permits will be issued after the 60-day period.

Rules include parking requirements and occupancy limits, among other conditions.

Permit ownership may be transferred only by inheritance. "It is the intent that the sale of

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Kathy Schroeder said the City Council "stymied" the concerns of short-term rental owners.