

Program brings seafood from boats to school

Students to eat and learn about Oregon seafood

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Seaside Heights Elementary fifth-graders will learn about local and sustainable fisheries through a new “boat-to-school” culinary program.

Throughout the year, the students will raise salmon, prepare seafood meals at a culinary event, take a field trip to a hatchery and receive take-home dinner kits to cook with their families. They will learn about salmon, ground fish, crab, albacore and pink shrimp through activity books, lesson plans and hands-on activities.

The Oregon Albacore Commission was awarded a \$15,411 Farm to School grant from the state Department of Education to promote Oregon seafood with fifth-grade classes in the Seaside School District.

“This is our pilot school,” said Oregon Salmon Commission Executive Director Nancy Fitzpatrick at a fall school presentation. “We’ll see where we go next year and how far we expand.”

Speakers will include guests from the Oregon commissions on salmon, trawl, Dungeness crab and albacore and fishermen from each fishery. The Marine Stewardship Council has certified many of the fisheries students will



Oregon Salmon Commission Executive Director Nancy Fitzpatrick helps fifth-grade Seaside students demonstrate “trolling,” a fishing method.

learn about.

Pacific City salmon fisherman Ray Monroe talked to students about small dory fishing boats and the process of cleaning, gutting and freezing fish. Students were chosen to demonstrate “trolling,” the method of slowly moving the fishing line through the water.

“Our fisheries are also heavily regulated and sustainable fisheries,” Monroe said, adding that a tax on fishing licenses and permits goes to a restoration and enhancement fund that helps restore streams and plant trees.

“Fishermen want to make sure there is still plenty of

fish out there in the ocean, so they do everything they can to make sure that the fish are sustainable,” Fitzpatrick said.

Christa Svensson, with Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria, coordinates domestic and international sales so that fish can be made into fillets or other forms and shipped to differ-



Oregon Salmon Commission Executive Director Nancy Fitzpatrick teaches Seaside fifth-graders about how hatchery fish, like the salmon held by fisherman Ray Monroe, are tagged.

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ent locations.

Some students raised their hands when Svensson asked if anyone had family members who work in fishing or plants.

“It’s exciting to see that we still have a lot of fishing families in the area,” Svensson said. “It’s thousands of people in Astoria, Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach that are involved in helping bring seafood to your tables.”

The speakers emphasized that women can be fishers, too. Svensson said she started going fishing in grade school

with her father.

“Fishing is a choice,” Fitzpatrick said. “It’s with joy that they do this job.”

Students saw frozen Chinook salmon and learned about coded wire tags inserted into fish from hatcheries.

The tags can tell scientists what hatchery the caught fish came from, such as the Columbia River or Rogue River locations, Fitzpatrick said.

In January, students will raise Chinook salmon eggs until they are ready to go out into the stream.

Talking Tombstones reveal voices from Seaside’s past

Program debuts at Evergreen Cemetery

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

The Evergreen Cemetery in Seaside came to unusual life Halloween eve when the spirits of several departed locals took form once again to share their stories during Talking Tombstones XIII: Buried Treasure.

A steady stream of visitors, who faced a drizzly afternoon to come hear historic tales from beyond the grave, were introduced to people who lived in Seaside decades ago and both watched and contributed to the city’s growth. The ghosts were portrayed by local volunteers.

The special event, presented annually by the Clatsop County Historical Society and co-presented this year by the Seaside Museum and Historical Society, was held for the first time in Seaside.

“We’re very excited to introduce this charming cemetery to a lot of people,” said McAndrew Burns, executive director of the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Talking Tombstones was sponsored for the 13th year by Astoria Granite Works.

Meeting the deceased

Using information gleaned from historical documents, the actors took on the life of their respective decedent to share details from their lives.

David Reid played Earl Nolton Hurd, who was affectionately dubbed “Mr. Seaside” for his contributions to the city. Born in 1876, he served in the military and worked for the Oregonian and Oregon Journal before moving to Seaside around 1910.

When he arrived, the town’s population hovered around 400 and the Seaside Signal, which he leased with an option to buy, was a four-column, four-page publication. He had great hopes for the city’s future, although other, older residents doubted his vision.

Even two years later, when Seaside suffered a devastating fire that damaged the downtown business district, Hurd “preached the gospel of optimism,” according to Reid. Hurd was elected as president of the Seaside City Council on a platform of creating “a bigger and better Seaside.”

Hurd served six terms on City Council and then went on

to be mayor. He was integral in progressive city projects such as installing miles of sidewalks, public utilities and the Promenade. He also saw to it that Seaside was designated as the end of the Lewis and Clark Trail and the Oregon Trail.

Although Hurd experienced a number of noteworthy events and developments in his lifetime — the television, two world wars, space flight, motorized vehicles and more — “the greatest thing I ever saw was this town grow up to be what those old-timers said it never would,” Reid said as Hurd, who passed away in 1967.

‘Friends in life’

One of Hurd’s contemporaries and friends, Eva Guinn, portrayed by City Councilor Tita Montero, was born in 1877 — the year Rutherford B. Hayes became president, Alexander Graham Bell invented the phonograph and the Great Railroad Strike took place. She saw the city’s growth begin to pick up in the 1930s, although another fire in 1935 struck the historic Gilbert Building downtown, wiping out the old



Krista Bingham (right) portrays Hannah Melby Navro, whose parents were Norwegian and Swedish immigrants, during the Talking Tombstones XIII Buried Treasure event at Evergreen Cemetery in Seaside.

Safeway and Graham Drugstore. Guinn served as a police woman for six years, and she made good friends with Hurd and others.

“We were friends in life and we’ve stayed closed in death,” said Montero as Guinn, who died at age 76 in 1953.

In a nearby grave rests Hannah Nelby Navro, played by Krista Bingham. Navro, of Swedish and Norwegian descent, settled in Seaside with her parents and siblings in the

early 20th century. Although her father was an alcoholic who abused his family, divorce was socially unacceptable during that era, and Navro’s mother stayed in her marriage. According to Bingham, it was with mixed emotions that Navro and her sisters heard news of their father’s apparent suicide in 1913.

Navro started working in a candy shop at age 11. Feeling trapped in Seaside, she expected her marriage at a young age

to give her the freedom she desired. The couple moved to Alaska, but her husband suffered from bipolar disorder. He was admitted to an institution and passed away five months into their marriage. He lies buried in Warrenton.

Navro then lived with her mother, her mother’s brother and her sister and her sister’s family before her second marriage. With her second husband, she moved to Seattle, but came back to Seaside when she became unwell during pregnancy. While Navro’s daughter, Julia Maria, went on to be an accomplished actress, Hannah Nelby Navro died as a young woman of tuberculosis in 1929.

During the afternoon, graveyard visitors also were introduced to the spirits of a woman who oversaw a shoplifting ring and died in prison; an immigrant named Sam Lee, known as “The Chinaman,” who faced discrimination because of his race, but was well known for his gaggle of pets that sometimes trailed him around town; and a man named James Merrifield, originally from Portland, Maine, who served under Gen. George Custer, and whose wanderlust drew him to Seaside “for just a grand time,” according to Matt Hensley, who portrayed Merrifield. The deceased disappeared once again as dusk descended on the cemetery.

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