

# Seaside community rallies for baby Daxton

## Baby diagnosed with brain tumor

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For Seaside Signal

The Seaside Fire and Rescue Department will host a spaghetti feed dinner and fundraiser for the Bruce and Ashley Olson family from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the fire station. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$25 for a family. A silent auction will start at 7 p.m.

In October 2016, Bruce and Ashley welcomed the addition of a happy and healthy baby boy named Daxton to their growing family. At the age of three months, Daxton was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor classified as astrocytoma.

According to the National Cancer Institute, childhood astrocytoma can be benign or malignant; causes are unknown; and signs and symptoms are different for each child. Astrocytoma is a tumor that starts in star-shaped brain cells called astrocytes, and is a type of glial cell.

Glial cells hold nerve cells in place, bring food and oxygen to the cells, and help protect them from disease and infection. Gliomas are tumors that form from glial cells and an astrocytoma is a type of glioma, the most common type of glioma diagnosed in children.

However, baby Daxton's astrocytoma has been a mystery to the medical team at OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, as well as with medical teams from



Ashley, Brody, Madison and Bruce Olson holding baby Daxton.

around the country at this particular type of growth.

While initial tests proved inconclusive, his doctors believe the tumor is growing at a slow rate. In February, Daxton began a 15-month chemotherapy treatment plan, causing the

family to travel back and forth from Seaside to Portland each week.

Although the Olsons' insurance covers some of the medical costs, the mounting medical bills, travel expenses and a slowing workload at their tile and masonry business due to

time away, has made their life more complicated and a bit topsy-turvy for Daxton's two siblings.

Leaving little time for pause, the Olsons and baby Daxton have a long road ahead.

When asked about the benefit,

Division Chief Chris Dugan said the dinner is a full spaghetti dinner including salad and garlic bread. Adding that items for the silent auction are still coming in and the fire and rescue team are hurrying to pull it all together for a successful event. "We've received a number of exciting items from all over the city that will be available for the silent auction," Dugan said.

Both Chief Joey Daniels and Dugan commented on the close connection the Olson family has with the fire department. Bruce's father Rick Olson was a local logger and volunteer fireman — then captain — for more than 20 years. Following their father's example, Bruce and his brother Jason joined the department right out of high school and volunteered for about five years.

"And that's the whole reason why we wanted to do this and help the family — they're one of our own," added Dugan.

Another way to help with the added medical costs the Olsons have incurred is to donate to Dimes for Daxton, an online funding site organized by family friend Jon Rahl. "Dimes for Daxton is a small gesture that can help insure this family is able to keep up with all of their bills while giving as much attention as possible to their little guy and two other children," said Rahl. "The family is extremely thankful for all of the thoughts, prayers and good vibes you are able to send their way."

The fire station is located at 150 S. Lincoln St., behind Seaside City Hall.

## 'Dash to Safety' 5K run returns to Seaside

The City of Seaside and Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District are partnering up for the second year in a row this spring. The Seaside Dash to Safety, a 5K run and walk will headline activities on Saturday, May 6 aimed at getting out to play while also raising awareness for emergency preparedness.

The single 5K race will begin at 9 a.m. at the Seaside Cove. Punctuating the morning jaunt will be the Seaside Family Safety Fair that takes place at the finish line at Seaside Heights Elementary School. The safety fair, an all-ages, adult and family planning event, was moved from the Seaside Firehouse

in 2016 in effort to offer more activities in a bigger environment.

The 5K will begin at the Seaside Cove, take runners along Ocean Vista Drive and up the Seaside Promenade to the Turnaround. From there, runners will head east along Broadway until they reach Wahanna Road. The final stretch will travel south along Wahanna to Spruce Drive and finally finish at Seaside Heights.

To keep the emergency preparedness theme at the forefront of participants' minds, the race will officially begin with the Tsunami Warning System acting as the official starter. Race timing

company Eclectic Edge will be on hand, as will countless sponsors and partners to support the 9 a.m. start time.

The Safety Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and feature a bike rodeo for kids, as well as a car seat clinic sponsored by Safe Kids. Information vendors focused on safety include fire, ambulance and water safety education, pedestrian safety, a child I.D. clinic as well as information on north coast parenting and poison safety. Plans are also being made to have fire trucks, an armored car and Warrenton-based Life Flight's helicopter on hand. Seaside Fire and Rescue plans to serve free hot dogs to all attendees.

As has been the case in past safety fairs, numerous prizes will be given away, including a drawing for two youth bikes.

Registration is available through seasideOR.com and Sunset Empire. Race packets can be picked up the day of at Seaside Heights starting at 8 a.m. Shuttle service will be provided from the Heights to the Seaside Cove beginning at 8:30 a.m.

### MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 18**  
Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District, 4 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1810 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Wednesday, April 19**  
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Thursday, April 20**  
Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Monday, April 24**  
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Tuesday, May 2**  
Seaside Community and Senior Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.



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