



'Mr. Seaside' Larry Haller dies at 83



Larry Haller

Former teacher, councilor helped shape city

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

A guiding force for civic involvement and community spirit, Larry Lee Haller, 83, died Sunday. Haller, a city councilor for more than 20 years, touched lives as a member of the Seaside Kids,

Jaycees, Rotary, Miss Oregon Pageant, Masonic Lodge, Providence Seaside Hospital board, Seaside Civic and Convention Center board and the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

"He was a fun-loving, wonderful man to be around," City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "Every time he was asked to step up to the plate and do something, he just gave it his all. I'm not sure there's anybody that cared more about Seaside than Larry did."

"Larry was, to me, he was Mr.

Seaside just because of his enthusiasm for life and his love of this community, and his willingness to always step up to the plate and to help, whatever he was asked of," City Councilor Dana Phillips, a longtime friend, said. "If he was given a job he gave it 110 percent."

Phillips, retired executive director of the Miss Oregon pageant, said Haller was "instrumental in keeping the Miss Oregon pageant going in the community."

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District budget surpasses \$20 million

District to add staff, meet new science rules

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

With a building project ready to launch and the state boosting coffers, the Seaside School District's budget committee has approved a \$20.6 million operating budget.

With an improving state economy, timber revenue and "excellent management," the district plans to move forward without reductions in staffing or programs, Superintendent Sheila Roley said in a budget message.

The school district plans to hire an elementary school guidance counselor and a new high school science and math teacher, among other personnel additions. The budget addresses rising student technology costs, with districtwide licenses for math and science software. A new science curriculum will be implemented in the fall to meet new science and technology standards.

A full-time licensed staff member will be hired to provide management support to students, staff, parents and the community at both elementary schools. An elementary teacher will also be added to reduce class size, allow more time to focus on student achievement and narrow the achievement gap, Roley said in her budget message.

A full-time social studies teacher will be added at Broadway Middle School, among other personnel additions.

School bond

An additional \$112 million capital budget for construction of the new K-12 campus was also presented for review Tuesday, May 16. That number grew from the original \$99.7 million bond approved by voters in November with the addition of \$4 million from the state, along with favorable bond sales and rates.

The district anticipates paying out \$22.5 million next year toward the project, endorsed by voters in November, Business Manager Justine Hill said in April.

Representatives of Day CPM and Dull Olson Weekes — IBI Architects provided an update on the construction project's progress. The district is soliciting comment while interviewing contractor candidates to work with architects to design the building.

During construction, facilities repair and maintenance will continue to be addressed at all buildings. The average useful life of the buildings is 45 years, yet the average age of the high school, middle school and Gearhart Elementary School is about 65 years, Roley said.

The budget calls for new flooring at Gearhart Elementary School; a new roof pack at Broadway Middle School; playground safety measures at Seaside Heights Elementary School and improvements at the high school.

The budget was approved unanimously without additional comment from the public, members of the board or the budget committee.

A public hearing on the budget will be conducted at the school district's June 20 meeting. The budget must be adopted prior to the end of the fiscal year in June.

BOB CHISHOLM CENTER GETS A REFRESH



A 'FASCINATION' FOR RECREATION

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

The Bob Chisholm Community Center Commission started fundraising to renovate the facility's main hall about a year ago; what they found in the process was a community of full-time residents, as well as second-homeowners, who were eager to embrace the project.

By way of that support, the commission has raised about \$45,800 for its Bob Chisholm Community Center Main Hall Refresh Project. Combined with \$200,000 coming from the city of Seaside — which owns the building — the amount is enough for the commission to move forward.

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The Fascination Tournament at the Funland Arcade, a fundraiser held for the Bob Chisholm Community Center Main Hall Refresh Project, also included a raffle drawing with prizes donated by local businesses.

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The Fascination Tournament at the Funland Arcade raised \$3,000 for the Bob Chisholm Community Center Main Hall Refresh Project. More than 30 teams of four participated in the tournament.

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Shopping at the 2016 farmers market.

Wednesdays are Seaside's fresh food days at market

Farmers Market to resume June 21

By Eve Marx
Seaside Signal

With a second year at Broadway Middle School the Seaside Farmers Market is off to a running start. The market officially opens Wednesday June 21.

Grace Smith is the special events manager for Sunset Empire, the overseeing entity behind the market. "People are very interested in shopping and buying local," Smith said. "Farmers Markets are the perfect place to do that."

Conveniently located in the parking lot of the Broadway Middle School on Highway 101, the market features produce and products raised, grown, produced, or collected in Oregon and Washington. Depending on

availability throughout the growing season, vendors will be selling nuts, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, cheese, seafood, meat, poultry, eggs, preserved foods and fruit to the Seaside community. Also for sale will be local jams, ciders, salsas, pickled vegetables, and more, including handmade and homemade crafts and, on occasion, gelato.

"This is the fifth year we've had the market in Seaside," Smith said. "It started at the American Legion; last year we moved it to Broadway Middle School, so this is our second year here." Smith said the first three years were tough going because of the lack of visibility, but is very pleased to say that attendance has doubled since the market moved to its new location.

"Last year we got 1,000 visitors every Wednesday," Smith said. "And more visitors means more vendors. We're really

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