

# WHERE NICE MATTERS

## Seaside's Hannah Garhofer is 'nicest' contestant

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After waiting in suspense next to the top-five contestants, Harley Emery of Lane County was "in shock" to hear her name called as Miss Oregon 2017.

"I'm so excited. I'm just so thrilled," Emery said Saturday during the 70th annual Miss Oregon pageant. "I stood there for a second thinking, 'Wait, what just happened?'"

Emery said she has competed in pageants for five years. She will represent Oregon at the Miss America pageant in September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Twenty contestants competed in swimwear, talent, interview and other categories to highlight their personal successes and beliefs.

Miss Oregon 2016 Alexis Mather of Astoria crowned Emery as the new Miss Oregon.

"I'm excited for Harley, to see her grow and blossom," Mather said.

### 'Press play'

The former Miss Oregon is excited to start her own journey in life by focusing on music, selling real estate and working toward a doctorate's in psychology.

"You take this whole year off and put life on pause. This is the moment to press play," she said.

Miss Clatsop County Hannah Garhofer of Seaside advanced to the top 12. She said she has participated in the Miss America organization for six years and will attend the University of Oregon this fall.

"I've seen so much growth in myself," Garhofer said. "This program makes me the best version of myself."

Garhofer also received a scholarship award for being voted the nicest contestant.

Coming into the competition, Garhofer said she wanted to leave "everything out there" and "make

Clatsop County proud."

"My end goal is to do the best I can and just be Hannah," she said.

Kaila Tripp, Miss Southern Gem, met her goal of advancing to the second round of the competition, the top 12.

Tripp said she started pageants five years ago. "I watched Miss America as a little girl. I never thought I wouldn't do it."

"The end goal is to be Miss Oregon one day," Tripp said.

Stephanie Magee of Willamette Valley said she began competing in order to play her cello and win scholarships. But Magee said she has gained much more.

"It tests your resilience," she said. "You never walk away a loser."

Magee said every time she and other contestants compete, they gain more qualities in which Miss Oregon embodies.

"She (Miss Oregon) is out in the community volunteering. She doesn't put people down. She is selfless," Magee said.

Emma Ellis of Cascade was crowned Miss Oregon's Outstanding Teen. She will represent Oregon in August in Orlando, Florida, at the national Miss America Outstanding Teen competition.

Peyton Sims and Nicole Ramsdell represented the area as Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen and Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen.

Sandy Newman is the executive director of the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program and has been the director since 2005.

Miss Clatsop County is a preliminary to the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and Miss America.

Newman said competing is "very valuable" as it gives the contestants opportunities to gain skills that are not necessarily taught elsewhere, such as learning to make a resume, interview and speak publicly with self-confidence.

"I cannot express the growth I have seen," Newman said. "A complete transformation."



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Hannah Garhofer of Seaside competes in the 2017 Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant.



Harley Emery, left, is crowned Miss Oregon 2017 by Miss Oregon 2016 Alexis Mather at the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program Saturday at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.



Miss Oregon 2016 Alexis Mather accepts roses from members of the audience as she takes the last walk of her reign during Saturday's Miss Oregon Scholarship Program in Seaside.



Contestants compete for Miss Oregon in Seaside.

**'This program makes me the best version of myself.'**

Hannan Garhofer

## SeasideSports

### GOLF

# GEARHART GOLF CELEBRATES 125TH

Seaside Signal

The oldest golf course on the Pacific Coast is celebrating an historic birthday this year, as Gearhart Golf Links turns 125 years old.

Built on slightly more than 100 acres and playing at just over 6,500 yards, Gearhart Golf Links was established in 1892, predating the USGA, which wasn't founded until 1896. That also makes Gearhart Links the oldest course on the Pacific Coast of the United States.

Events are planned throughout the year, but will kick off this summer with a special gala.

Gearhart's current routing was the work of an early American golf champion, Chandler Egan, who moved to Oregon from Chicago right before World War I. In addition to winning two U.S. Amateurs and a team gold medal at the 1904 Olympics, Egan established himself as a leading West Coast golf course designer.

Egan's portfolio included the original course designs for Portland's first public course, Eastmoreland, along with Oswego Lake, Eugene and Tualatin Country Clubs. Among Egan's numerous redesigns was a rerouting of Gearhart in the 1920s.

Collaborating with Alister Mackenzie and Robert Hunter (who was also Egan's teammate on the winning U.S. Olympic golf team), Egan remodeled the Pebble Beach Golf Course in advance of the 1929 U.S. Amateur Championship.

In time for its anniversary, Gearhart has just completed a several-years long project to restore the course to its original links style. Trees were removed and several of the holes were lengthened and modified to bring the course up to 6,500 yards.

Gearhart is meticulously maintained by Forrest Goodling's staff of professional groundskeepers, and the entire



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Teeing off in period style at Gearhart Golf Course.

operation is managed by Jason Bangild, PGA professional.

Key dates for the Gearhart Golf Links birthday celebration:

Friday, June 23: "Gearhart Hickory Classic" — The Northwest Hickory Society plays every year at Gearhart, and this year the Society has extended an invitation to Gearhart regulars to join in the fun. Hickory Clubs will be available and their use is included in the entry fee. Following golf, there will be a formal Anniversary Presentation in the Livingstone Room — golfers and non-golfers are invited. The Links and the town of Gearhart will be celebrated.

The tournament begins at noon. Golfers will be paired with a member of the NW Hickory Society.

Sunday, July 16: "Whiskey Road to the Final Four" — Gearhart Golf's

signature team event of Three 9-Hole Matches. Grab a partner and vie for a spot on the perpetual trophy.

Wednesday, July 19: "Birthday Pricing." Gearhart Golf Links was founded in 1892, so for one day only, green fees will only be \$18.92.

Friday, July 21: "McMenamin's Scramble: Forrest's Revenge." Celebrate the golf course by playing it at its toughest.

Thursday, July 27: "\$125 Skins Game."

Friday, July 28: Fifth annual Croquet on the Lawn.

For more information on Gearhart Golf Links, contact Jason Bangild, General Manager and Director of Golf, (503) 739-5037. Gearhart Golf Links website: <http://www.gearhartgolfinks.com/>, or email: [JasonB@GearhartGolfLinks.com](mailto:JasonB@GearhartGolfLinks.com)



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Seaside's 12U softball team, following tournament win in Newberg.

## Seaside team wins in Newberg

Seaside Signal

In softball, Seaside's 12U tournament team took first place in the Silver Division at the Alaskan United Fast-pitch Organization tournament in Newberg, June 24-25.

Sunday in bracket play, Seaside defeated Amity 13-4, then suffered a 10-5 loss to Renegade. Playing in the third-place game, Seaside lost 14-12.

Lower Columbia lost its first game, then bounced back to win four straight to take first.

In Cal Ripken Baseball action, the Lower Columbia 11U All-Stars won a tournament in Longview, Washington, the weekend of June 16-18.

### SEAGULLS SCOREBOARD

#### JUNIOR BASEBALL

Game 1	Seaside 12, Warrenton 2	Warrenton 10001—2 5 2	Seaside 34032—12 9 1
Warrenton	10001—2 5 2	Seaside	34032—12 9 1
Knight, Falls (2) and Breitmeyer; McFadden and Black. W: McFadden. L: Knight. RBI: War, Falls; Sea, Johnson 2, Thompson 2, Jantes, Derby, Pugh, Plampin. 2B: Sea, Thompson 3B: Sea, Johnson. HBP: Sea, VanNortwich. LOB: Warrenton 4, Seaside 7.			
Game 2	Seaside 3, Warrenton 2	Warrenton 000 1100—2 4 2	Seaside 000 102x—3 5 3
Warrenton	000 1100—2 4 2	Seaside	000 102x—3 5 3
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#### Seaside 9, Warrenton 3

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Warrenton	000 2100—3 3 5
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#### SOFTBALL

##### Sunset Empire Co-ed League

911 15, SEPRD 5
911 15, Omega 3
Omega 13, NCFE 7
Brew 22 13, SEPRD 6
911 16, NCFE 0
911 8, SEPRD 5
SEPRD 13, Omega 2
SEPRD 13, NCFE 6
911 17, NCFE 3
911 21, Brew 22 5