

Buccaneers lead the way with beach cleanup effort

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thousands of Independence Day visitors. By midday today, they will have collected 12 to 15 tons of trash. The Buccaneers are SOLVE's largest distributor of trash bags.

Seaside parade

For the Fourth of July parade, early birds had lawn chairs in place by 9 a.m., with red, white and blue banners, flags and bunting everywhere.

Led by a Seaside Police car and followed by the Boy Scouts, the march kicked off at 11 a.m. from the corner of 12th and Necanicum, heading up Holladay to Broadway under cloudy skies and chilly temperatures.

Seaside Mayor Jay Barber rode alongside City Councilor Tita Montero as Councilors Tom Horning, Seth Morrissey and Steve Wright passed out flags.

Newly crowned Miss Oregon Harley Emery rode proudly, followed in the lineup by Miss Clatsop County Hannah Garhofer and representatives of the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant.

Kevin Leahy, represent-

ing the Astoria Regatta, led a group including chaperone Amber Hill and Aubrey McMahan — last year's Regatta queen. Seaside's Sydney Ordway joined princesses on the float.

"Here we are five years running — it's a great parade!" Leahy said.

Coastal author Honey Perkel added a literary note with a recurring parade appearance, while "Wonder Woman" from the Inverted Experience, Seaside's newest Broadway tourist attraction, garnered attention. Bigfoot, Ghostbusters and the Lion King marched, too.

And everybody had candy: taffy, lollipops and gummies.

All ages

Youth was definitely featured, from Portland's King Sun School drill team, the Tsunami Skippers, of Seaside, Astoria and Cannon Beach, and the littles ones, from Mrs. Tami's Daycare and Preschool.

Jackson Januik, the Gulls basketball standout named the Class 4A Player of the Year, joined teammates on float featuring the Gulls championship basketball team. It was his first parade, Januik said. "It's fun



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Gini Dideum of the Beach Drive Buccaneers provides cleanup bags for visitors and residents alike.

seeing all the people."

Members of Clatsop County's Sons of Beaches and the Legion Riders held sway on their big trucks, while members of "We Are Indivisible" joined the parade for the first time.

"We're promoting democracy," said member Joyce Hunt. "And keeping our nation going in the right direction."

The Beach Drive Buccaneers, meanwhile were marching and doing their jobs handing out beach bags. By the time they reached First Avenue and



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Members of the Tsunami Skippers jump-roped their way through the parade.

Holladay, they had passed out more than 1,000 cleanup bags — and "we're only halfway in the parade," Gini Dideum said.

With the sun pushing through the clouds for a day of

sunshine and fireworks ahead for the evening, the Buccaneers' cleanup crews would have their work cut out for them. But nobody seemed to mind.

"People are always so excited to be in the parade, to have fun and to showcase their vehicles or their kids," Dideum said. "It's always fun!"

Pacific Pearl brings arty vibe, offers freshly ground coffee beans

A new take on your morning joe

By Eve Marx

For Seaside Signal

Sometimes you just want a cup of coffee. Any reliable place will do. But sometimes you want an experience. That's when you go to Pacific Pearl.

Dawn Greenfield, owner and operator of Pacific Pearl Coffee Company, home of handcrafted beverages and treats, located 1 block from the beach on Broadway, arrived in Seaside by way of Vegas.

"I was born in Portland," Greenfield said. "My husband is from New York. Da Bronx! We took a vacation to Seaside and that moment decided this was where we wanted to live. It took awhile to sell our

home in Nevada and make the move, but we're here, and we love it."

Greenfield says she believes in making coffee the old fashioned way. And it's Sleepy Monk organic coffee she's brewing.

"Every beverage ordered is hand crafted," Greenfield said. "We grind the beans. We work the press." Don't take yours black? Pacific Pearl has just about any lightener you can think of. Soy milk. Hemp milk. Rice milk. And for those "the heck with calories, give me the Half and Half" types, she's got it. You want whipped cream and chocolate on top? Sure thing. And they've also got the newest craze, white espresso. What's that again?

"It's made from beans that are barely roasted. It's a true caffeine rush," Greenfield said.

Pacific Pearl is a family run business.

"My whole family is on board," Greenfield said. "I couldn't do it without them." After being open for about a year, Greenfield was more than ready for a space rearrangement. She closed for two weeks to complete the remodel but is rarin' to go once again.

"Before, pretty much everything we offer was to go, but now we can offer our patrons sit-down counters and tables," Greenfield said. The space also doubles as a venue for art. "Our walls are an ever-changing gallery for the work of local artists."

Indeed, Pacific Pearl does have an arty vibe. It's not entirely mellow; the atmosphere feels alive. The place seems like a perfect destination after an athletic walk or run on

the promenade, or where you might pull up on your Harley when you're ready for a caffeine shot. As Greenfield's pal Keith I. Baker noted, it's on the surrey route.

"Tourists can park their surrey out front and come inside for a smoothie," Greenfield joked.

Speaking of smoothies, Pacific Pearl makes super delicious ones featuring real frozen fruit. I can attest to the cherry and the peach; both were marvelous. They also have hand crafted Italian soda in a rainbow array of flavors. The most asked for smoothie, Greenfield shared, is Red Bull and frozen fruit.

This summer she'll be adding a few dessert items to the menu.

"I'll be doing homemade pound cake with Oregon berries and whipped cream,"

Greenfield said. "We'll see what else."

Pacific Pearl has a few events planned in the works. Meanwhile she is open to catering corporate events, beach weddings, and is thinking ahead to Halloween.

The big news is that a substantial portion of her store's unused space is about to become an exciting tourist attraction called the Seaside Inverted Experience. Greenfield's friend Keith I. Baker, the venue's owner and creator, a mariner for 30 years, is bringing his unique perspective on the world to open the Inverted Experience.

"It's a one-of-a-kind photo adventure with a vintage Seaside theme," Baker said. He plans to open in about a week. Baker showed a reporter around the as-yet-not-completed venue.

The Inverted Experience is truly upside down. Patrons pose in an upside-down bedroom, bathroom, or upside-down bar. Famous Seaside attractions like the Promenade and the reef of the Seaside Aquarium have been reproduced, albeit upside down. The idea is you use the camera in your cell phone to take a photo, which is then Photoshopped. It's fun and you'll have a unique keepsake to forever document your time at the beach, something you'll treasure forever, or at least longer than a tee shirt.

Meanwhile, once you've had your fill of life upside down, kick back at Pacific Pearl. Everyone is welcome.

"I'm really glad to be here," Greenfield said. "It's been a long time dream of mine to have a coffee shop."

Pacific Pearl Coffee Co., 111 Broadway; 503-739-7444.

Haber-Lehigh celebrates beauty in Northwest plants

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Heights Elementary School, where the new Seaside School District campus will be built. Logging on some of the site is about to begin.

"We made trips and trips and took buckets and shovels and brought back a little of everything," even though the task was exhausting, she said. But so many native plants had to be left behind.

"That's sad, because we see all of this native vegetation disappearing," she added.

The new plants have taken to her yard well, noted Dorota, who teaches English as a second language and botanical illustration at Seaside High School. She also mentors students who work in the school's culinary garden.

"Everything I planted this year looks like it has been there forever, but it hasn't," she said.

Skunk cabbage, salmonberries and ferns grow along the creek that runs through the yard. A graceful hemlock tree provides shade.

A bridge built over the creek offers a seating area for Dorota and David to relax and enjoy the natural setting.

Trails, outlined in bark-dust, meander through the area for the deer. Dorota has

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Dorota Haber-Lehigh

taken into account that the deer are bound to nibble on some of the plants, which grow in abundance.

"I want it to go wild; I'm OK with that," said Dorota, who also wants to add more mushrooms — a particular interest for her — to the yard.

When she plants the native plants like rattlesnake plantain (a native orchid) or native currant, she considers what creatures will come to her garden.

"We're trying to create a habitat that attracts hummingbirds, bees and birds," she said. "The birds like the elderberries."

Planting natives is a passion for Dorota, who is a member of the Native Plant Society and Oregon Botanical Artists.

She recalls when her garden had far fewer native plants, and the non-natives she introduced failed to cooperate.

"I used to fight it, control it," she recalled. I struggled with anything flourishing. Then, I would go on hikes and find everything thriving in the woods. Nobody was doing any trimming or watering. I realized I was doing something wrong."

She learned more about native plants through workshops at the Hoyt Arboretum in Portland and from local experts with several North Coast organizations. She also has a plot at the Sunny Hunt Community Garden behind the Sunset pool.

"I grew up in Poland," Dorota said. "Everybody had a community garden. It was a necessity. After the war (World War II), the borders were closed and there were no imports of fruits and vegetables. Whatever you ate, you grew."

Even in the 1980s, community gardens flourished. Dorota and her family would

ride bicycles — there were few cars or paved roads — to their community garden, which measured about one-tenth of an acre.

"There were cherry, peach and plum trees. We weren't farmers, but we would grow carrots, cucumbers, zucchinis, lettuce, herbs and tomatoes."

In the summer they would forage for wildflowers to make tea and for mushrooms.

After Poland joined the European Union in 2004, development flourished: Large stores and malls replaced mom-and-pop shops, and highways filled with cars.

"Now people realize they have lost a lot of the countryside. Instead of planting lawn, they plant native prairies because they're feeling nostalgic," she said.

Dorota worries that the same thing will happen here. But she also hopes that, with more awareness of the variety of native plants and the ease of caring for them, people will consider incorporating them into their gardens.

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Dania Nolzco recipient of PEO \$1,000 scholarship

At Seaside High School's annual scholarship awards event the Seaside P.E.O. held June 6, Chapter CR presented Dania Nolzco with the chapter's annual \$1,000 scholarship award. She also received a number of other awards as

well. Dania will be attending Pacific University in the fall. She would love to become a dentist but her more practical side has her considering dental hygiene as well.

P.E.O., an international philanthropic educational or-

ganization, holds fundraisers to provide a variety of scholarships and loans to women of all ages. Chapter CR was established in 1953 and through the years has awarded many scholarships: P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, Ore-

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