



Gearhart residents say no to rule repeal

Measure is decided by voters, 77 percent to 23 percent

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

After months of debate and nearly five years of discussion, voters on Tuesday night decisively rejected a ballot measure that would have repealed Gearhart's vacation rental rules.

The measure was failing 77 percent to 23 percent with most votes counted.

"I am just ecstatic," Jeanne Mark, an opponent of the measure, said. "This definitely tells me where the town is and what they want. We made it happen."

Mark, along with more than 100

other residents who campaigned against the repeal, filled a room at McMenamins Gearhart Hotel and shared their moment of victory.

"All of us did this together," Mayor Matt Brown said. "This was a true grassroots movement like nothing I've ever seen. I think this was really the epitome of the community coming to-

gether to fight for what I think is right: a sustainable, residential Gearhart."

City Councilor Sue Lorain was also happy about the vote. "This vote means we will continue to have our residential feel. It is a win — and it is a win for all of Gearhart for trusting their local officials."

As of Oct. 1, 81 vacation rental permits have been issued under the ordinance enacted last fall, 57 of which are

complete and processed, according to the city administrator.

The ballot measure would have changed limits on permit transfers and maximum occupancy and repealed special regulations imposed on vacation rentals. The rules cover off-street parking, residential appearance, garbage service, septic

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COUGAR ALERT

Predator is reported to have snatched neighborhood cats

By R.J. Marx
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Seaside Heights Elementary School moved all student activities inside Monday, Oct. 30, after a reported cougar sighting.

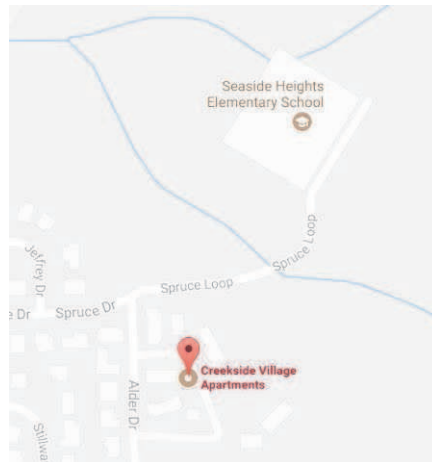
Staff escorted students home and monitored crosswalks. Residents of Creekside Village Apartments are being warned their small pets could be in danger.

Superintendent Sheila Roley said a neighbor reported to Principal John McAndrews "that she believed she had seen a cougar in the neighborhood last weekend."

Roley consulted with an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife field biologist for guidance. Seaside police, Clatsop County and Oregon State Police have all been notified of the sighting.

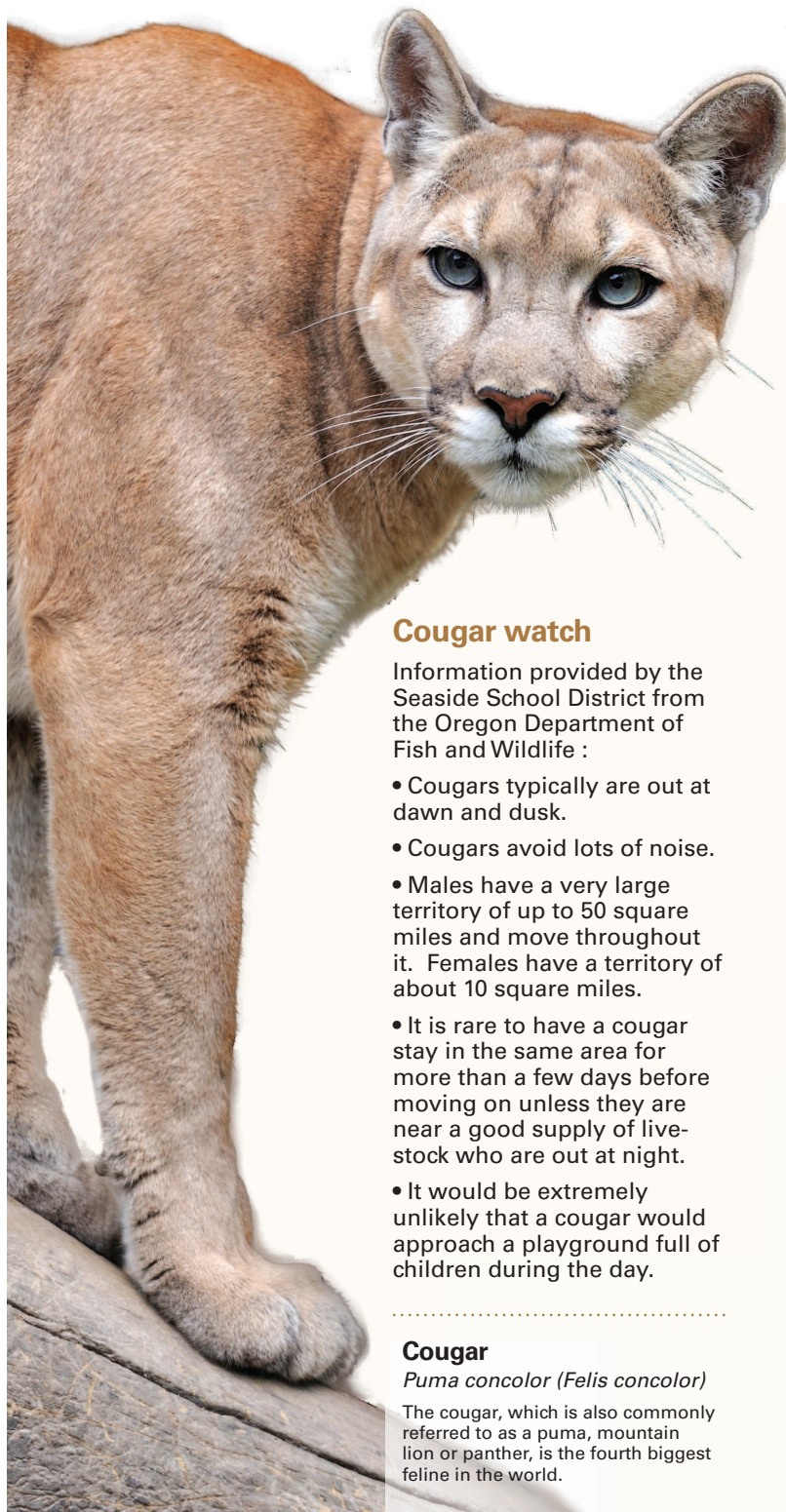
Animals gone missing

The alert came after residents of the Creekside Village Apartments witnessed a fight that left a house cat dead or missing at the hands



Creekside Village Apartments in Seaside.

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Cougar watch

Information provided by the Seaside School District from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife :

- Cougars typically are out at dawn and dusk.
- Cougars avoid lots of noise.
- Males have a very large territory of up to 50 square miles and move throughout it. Females have a territory of about 10 square miles.
- It is rare to have a cougar stay in the same area for more than a few days before moving on unless they are near a good supply of livestock who are out at night.
- It would be extremely unlikely that a cougar would approach a playground full of children during the day.

Cougar

Puma concolor (Felis concolor)
The cougar, which is also commonly referred to as a puma, mountain lion or panther, is the fourth biggest feline in the world.

There's history there

In 2007, the elementary school was also put on alert

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When neighbors reported a possible cougar in Seaside last week, Seaside Heights Elementary School responded by moving all student activities inside. Pet owners at the nearby Creekside Village Apartments were advised to keep their pets safe and on leashes after several cats were reported missing.

This week, the district is back to normal activities, based on advice from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Principal John McAndrews said.

"I also have not heard of any sightings since our last report," he said Monday.

The risk of danger to students at school was very low, Seaside School District Superintendent Sheila Roley said. "Cougars move through areas in a few days as they roam their territory," she said.

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Cougar tracks



- Do not generally include claw marks because cougars have retractable claws.
- The heel pad has three distinct lobes at the base of the heel pad, forming an "M" shape.

Dog tracks



- Tracks will usually include claw marks.
- Tracks of dogs' rear pads are more rounded.

Food bank aims to meet holiday need

Despite split, board does not anticipate interruptions in service

By R.J. Marx
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The South County Community Food Bank is expected to reopen Tuesday, less than two weeks after the former manager and volunteers were ordered to relinquish their keys and locked out of the Roosevelt Drive building.

Board President Darren Gooch said "ideological differences between the board and key volunteers" guided the decision to interrupt service.

"We as a board are tasked with being good stewards of the resources we are given," Gooch said. "Future sustainability of the food pantry is the primary driving force of the board."

Former regional manager Karla Gann blamed the closure on board mismanagement and said it could jeopardize holiday meals and leave thousands of dollars in Christmas gifts undelivered.

Gann, an unpaid volunteer, had served since 2013.

Gooch declined to address specifics of the incident.

"Anytime that people choose to part ways, there will always be some fallout, and we anticipated that," Gooch said. "It's never easy to sever a relationship with people and our silence about it was out of respect for those parties. To me, it's not something that should be shared in the media."

Gooch and other members of the board said there would be no gaps in service to clients. During the temporary closure, patrons may use food banks in Gearhart and Cannon Beach. Any perishable items were used for meals at Helping Hands Re-entry Program in Seaside.

More than 90 percent of the pantry's regular clientele had already been served for the month of October, leaving less than 10 percent to have to turn to one of the area's other three pantries for their food boxes, Gooch said.

Changes at the food bank will come in terms of hours, items offered to clients and special Christmas boxes with food and gifts.

Boxes delivered in years past will no longer be offered, he said, as they require additional donations of food and money.

Gooch said it could be "heartbreaking" for those left out if distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The new service model among food pantries is to add holiday items to every client's regular food box for the months of November and December, Gooch said.

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Author shares the life and legacy of Crazy Horse

Descendants dispel misconceptions, share story of their family ancestry



COURTESY EDWARD CLOWN FAMILY

According to Floyd Clown, Sr., no photographs were ever taken of Crazy Horse. A migrant artist sketched this drawing from a description given to him by Iron Cedar, half-sister to Crazy Horse, who upon seeing the drawing cried at the resemblance.

By Rebecca Herren
Seaside Signal

Dozens of books have been written about Crazy Horse rife with misconceptions and inaccuracies, filled with fiction and myths passed on as fact from book to book in the annals of American history. These sources often stress regimented beliefs about indigenous people and their culture.

Through 14 years of documented oral history as told to author William B. Matson, members of the Edward Clown family: Floyd Clown, Sr. and Doug War Eagle joined Matson at a book discussion and signing of "Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior's Life & Legacy" held Nov. 1 at the Book Warehouse.

Matson began by answering the one

question he is always asked, "How did you come to work with the Crazy Horse family?"

He said it began with a promise he made to his father who was dying from lymphoma — a promise to finish a project Matson's father started years earlier. "My story starts before I was born when my dad was in the 7th Cavalry of George Armstrong Custer during World War II. They used to ask him, 'Who won the Battle of the Little Bighorn?' and he answered, 'the Indians did.' And, that was the wrong answer."

Though his father never elaborated further, he was punished for his response.

After the war, Matson's father dedicated his time researching the Native American side of history and wanted to write a book through the Native voice about

what really happened at Little Bighorn, Matson said, "but life got in the way."

Matson's father died before he got that chance.

Matson, who intended to make a documentary of his father's project, met with hard lessons about American history and the culture of Native Americans. His research led him to Eugene Little Coyote, who told Matson during a phone conversation he did have stories to tell about Little Bighorn. Matson went to Montana to meet Little Coyote, but before he would share the stories, he took Matson to the library and said, "Read these," and walked away.

And so he read, from a historical point of view. Matson noted what he

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