

THE 'TURKEY TORRENT'

Runners convene in Seaside on Thanksgiving holiday

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

A little rain wasn't about to keep anybody away.

Applause and cheers greeted runners and walkers who braved the elements in Seaside's annual Turkey Trot, a 5K run from Quatat Park to the Prom, down to Avenue S, east to Edgewood and back to the park.

Formidable winds added to the challenge for runners.

"I thought it would slow them down, but I think it's even almost more fun because it's raining," said Grace Smith of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. "It's a little more excitement."

Sunset Rec Executive Director Skyler Archibald joined the cast of about 70 runners, his third year as a participant.

Out-of-towners included the Tingley family, who visit every Thanksgiving from Vancouver, Washington.

Lydia Tingley, 9, was running her first race. "I run in school," she said. "I've done races with my friends."

Denis Glenn of San Francisco came up to spend time with family over the holiday. He was running his second Turkey Trot.

Jim Simmons was visiting from Vashon, Washington. "We were looking for things to do and we found it on the website," Simmons said. "I'm out for fun today."

Local runners included Ashley Verhulst of Gearhart, dressed for the holiday with a turkey hat on her head. A "runner for fun," this was her first Turkey Trot. She was slightly wary about the weather.

"I like running in the rain — a little."

Seaside Public Library Director Esther Moberg was suited up and ready, as was the convention center's Katherine Lacaze.

Smith gave the starting signal and the runners headed toward the Prom, a few with barking dogs in tow. The rain and the winds picked up, turning the Turkey Trot into a turkey torrent.

Some 18 minutes later, Alex Van Slyke was the first to complete the circuit.

"It's terrible for about the first two minutes," Van Slyke said in the immediate aftermath. "You're soaked to the bone. Then you get into the groove of things. After two minutes you don't notice it one bit. Maybe the wind, but not the rain."



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Women's race winner Ginny Meadway of Seaside finished with a time of 19:55.



R.J. MARX/SEASIDE SIGNAL
Ashley Verhulst of Gearhart ready to run with holiday apparel.

CommunityCalendar

Friday, Dec. 8

Chamber Breakfast

8:20 a.m., Ashore Hotel, 125 Oceanway St., Seaside, 503-738-6391, www.seasidechamber.com, open to the public. Offers weekly speakers and discussions, locations subject to change.

AAUW Walkers

9:30 a.m., 503-738-7751. This low-impact walking group meets weekly at different locations.

Kiwanis Tree Sale

Noon, Seaside Outlets, 1111 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside. Kiwanis Club of Seaside will have its annual Christmas tree fundraiser sale through Dec. 24; weekend hours begin at 10 a.m., weekdays at noon.

Photos with Santa

Noon, Flash From the Past, 300 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-9600. Have a photo taken with Santa Claus as a special gift for family and friends, daily to Dec. 24 except Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Kendall Winter

7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 Marion Ave., Gearhart, 503-717-8150, www.mcmenamins.com, no cover. Kendall Winter plays Americana, bluegrass and country-inspired narratives.

"A Christmas Carol"

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, www.coastertheatre.com, \$20 to \$25, rated G. "A Christmas Carol" is the story of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge who faces uncomfortable truths when three spirits take him on a journey through his past, present and future.

Saturday, Dec. 9

CAA Holiday Party

9 a.m., Fort George Lovell Showroom, 426 14th St., Astoria, 503-861-0737.

Clatsop Animal Assistance will host its annual December fundraiser and holiday paw party, includes pet pix with Santa, raffle prizes, a silent auction and a baked sale.

Filmmaker Talk

1 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6742, www.seasidelibrary.org. Documentary filmmaker Ron Walker presents his film series

"Work Boats of the Northwest."

Gingerbread Tea

1 p.m., Butterfield Cottage, 570 Necanicum Drive, Seaside, 503-738-7065, \$5. Join the Seaside Museum & Historical Society at its annual holiday Gingerbread Tea with fresh gingerbread and hot beverages; includes raffles and live music.

Santa Swim

1 p.m., Sunset Pool, 1140 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-3311, www.sunsetempire.com, \$2. Santa Swim is a new open swim event offering a screening of "Elf," a picture with Santa and refreshments.

"A Christmas Carol"

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, \$20 to \$25, rated G.

Triple Edge

7:30 p.m., American Legion, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5111, www.seasidepost99.org, no cover, 21+. A classic rock cover band, Triple Edge plays rock-n-roll at its finest.

Sunday, Dec. 10

NAMI Meeting

2 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6165, www.nami.org. The National Alliance on Mental Illness welcomes individuals and caregivers of anyone who suffers from mental illness.

"A Christmas Carol"

3 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, \$20 to \$25, rated G.

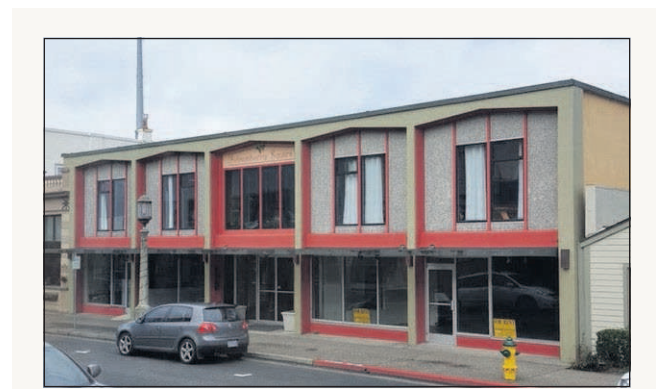
Monday, Dec. 11

Knochlers Pinochle

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.sunsetempire.com, \$1 per session per person. This is a weekly, regular play card game.

Coaster Audition

6 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242. Coaster Theatre will cast two women and one man for the dark comedy "Fit to Kill;" arrive on time and prepared to read pre-selected sides.



WESTPORT WINERY
Future home of Seaside's Westport Winery.

Westport Winery to open Broadway tasting room

Westport Winery of Aberdeen, Washington, plans a new tasting room in Seaside in January.

The new location at 810 Broadway is across the way from the popular Seaside Brewing Company. Plus, it has on-street parking as well as its own free parking lot behind the building on Ocean Way.

Inside the new tasting room there is ample area for the extraordinary olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting similar to that in the Westport tasting room. This new store will also

incorporate the many gourmet foods and associated samplings, along with a full gift shop, and fireside seating for those who want to enjoy wine and cheese in a cozy, comfortable setting. The new tasting room will be open year around from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

After the first of the year, wine club members will be able to pick up their orders at either the Aberdeen or Seaside locations. The Cannon Beach tasting room will remain open until Jan. 2, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Seaside City Council

7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5511, www.cityofseaside.us. The Seaside City Council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays.

Audition Notice

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242. Coaster Theatre will cast four women and five men for the manic farce "Noises Off;" arrive on time and prepared to read pre-selected sides.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

TOPS Meeting

9:15 a.m., North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 Wahanna Road, Seaside, 509-910-

0354. Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) focuses on healthy lifestyle changes for weight loss, meets weekly.

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Audition Notice

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Sou'Wester Garden Club

10 a.m., Butterfield Cottage, 570 Necanicum Drive, Seaside, 503-738-6786. This month's program includes a potluck luncheon, visitors are welcome; call for details.

Bingo!

12:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-3311, 10 cents per card, \$2.40 all games. A weekly game of Bingo fun with friends.

Coaster Audition

6 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242.

Night of Trivia

6 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6742. Trivia tournament nights are informal, fun competitions. Prizes awarded.

HRAP Lecture

7 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1391. Shawn Stephenson will give a presentation on "The Puffin Study" at the next Haystack Rock lecture series.

Audition Notice

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Ham Radio Breakfast

8 a.m., Finn's Fish House, 227 Broadway, Seaside, 503-739-3890. Ham radio operators meet every Thursday; venue changes the first Thursday of the month.

SDDA Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Pig 'N' Pancake, 323 Broadway, Seaside, 503-717-1914, www.seasidedowntown.com. Weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host breakfast.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Noon, Seaside Golf Course, 451 Avenue U, Seaside, open to the public, www.facebook.com/pages/Kiwanis-Club-of-

Seaside-Ore. Features weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host lunch.

WOA Meeting

Noon, Mary Blake Playhouse, 1218 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-440-3761. Women's Overeaters Anonymous group meets weekly.

Matinee Thursdays

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393. Enjoy popcorn and a movie on senior matinee Thursdays.

Holiday Party

5 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 7 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside, 503-738-6391. Stop by for a visit at Seaside's Chamber of Commerce's annual holiday party with food and beverages, open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 15

Chamber Breakfast

8:20 a.m., Sunset Empire Parks & Rec, 1140 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6391, open to the public.

AAUW Walkers

9:30 a.m., 503-738-7751, locations vary.

Cascadia Relief

6 p.m., Tonquin Trading, 250 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside, 503-739-7234, www.tonquintrading.com. Join representatives from Reliable Emergency Shelters and Goal Zero for a discussion on how to build emergency kits for kids.

Toy Drive Recital

6:30 p.m., Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside, 503-717-1637, www.getyouandancing.com. Encore Dance Studio presents its annual toy drive and holiday dance recital, admission is a new, unwrapped toy.

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