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Original cast of "Aladdin."

Seaside Rotary fundraiser ahead

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and seeking to meet costs of improvements.

Last year the club gave \$20,000 in scholarships — the most of any local service organization in the region, Rotary's Doug Barker said.

Barker and Raven Brown are co-chairing this year's dinner, which will provide scholarships to Seaside High School grads. Out of 15 to 30 applications, "six or eight" are provided scholarships, Brown said. "We rank them on answers to the questions based on their financial need and their families, how they'll pay for their school and what they'll be able to do with that in terms of the community."

The foundation considers grants from all 501(c)3s that apply Brown said. "We look for ways to serve seniors any way we can. This one we think is important because of the service to the community they serve hundreds of meals out of the center, we think it's

really important."

One former scholarship winner, Ashley Flukinger, now a partner in the law firm of Moberg & Rust, received Rotary support both as an undergraduate and in law school.

Seaside Rotary's \$7,000 gift of a clean water system in Tanzania was matched by funds from 22 Rotary groups worldwide, amounting to \$238,000.

The event is themed with "the Mad Hatter's garden party." Wear your favorite fedora, or wear a costume to suit the theme of the evening: the Queen of Hearts, Alice, the Cheshire Cat, Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee. Prizes will be given for "most fabulous" hat or costume.

Auction items include tickets and a backstage pass to the hit Broadway show "Aladdin," arranged through the largesse of former Seaside resident Dick Sarpola, Barker's former partner at Coast Hardware and a mu-



MATTHEW MURPHY

Major Attaway as Genie in "Aladdin." Tickets to the show are part of Seaside Rotary's live auction.

sician in the show's stage orchestra. Other live auction items include a baseball signed by members of the championship Oregon Beavers and a day in the state Legislature with Sen. Betsy Johnson.

Seaside Rotary boasts 52 members, plus an influx of international visitors from among the 35,000 clubs in

the world. "If you're wearing a pin, you're welcomed in," Brown said. "That's what Rotary's all about."

Tickets are \$60, available from the Seaside Rotary website; price includes buffet dinner, appetizer and beverages. The event takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Civic and Convention Center.

Councilors run unopposed in Seaside

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He said the council's main concern for the future must be to do what is necessary to get the new school site ready for safe occupancy in two years. "We will continue working to improve our housing situation, being better prepared for future disasters, and many other issues," Wright said in announcing his candidacy in July.

Randy Frank, Tom Horning and Seth Morrissey round

out the City Council, with terms expiring in 2020.

To qualify for a council position, an individual must be a registered voter in Seaside and have resided in the city during the 12 months immediately before being elected to office. They must also reside in the ward or wards that the council position represents and continue to reside there throughout the term. The position of mayor is elected at large.

Cannabis shops win two extra hours of operation

Added hours expected to meet competition

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Members of the Seaside City Council gave the OK Monday night to a request from local cannabis store owners seeking to extend hours of operation. They unanimously approved an ordinance designed to allow retail shops to stay open until 10 p.m.

The ordinance had required cannabis stores to close at 8 p.m. In July, Brian Kulp, manager of Cannabis Nation, and Steve Geiger, owner of Highway 420, each sought a change in hours to make the stores more competitive at prime hours.

Kulp told councilors that neighboring stores in Astoria, Cannon Beach and elsewhere were permitted to stay open to 10 p.m., putting local stores at a disadvantage and reducing tax revenue for the city, which collects 3 percent of retail sales.

In 2016, the city approved an ordinance amending li-

censing procedures for cannabis retailers. Among those rules was a requirement prohibiting sale or distribution between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Those dispensaries failing to observe those hours could have their licenses suspended or revoked. Violations could be accessed at \$700 per day, with each day constituting a separate violation.

After councilors unanimously approved the extension of hours, Geiger assessed how far the cannabis retail marketplace has come in Seaside. "I would like to think that all the worries they had initially are unfounded," Geiger said. "Not only has it not been a problem for the city and cleaned up the black market, but it's brought in a piece of revenue that's pretty sizable. "I'd like to think that they all believe it was a good decision and they're much happier when they opposed it."

Will the two hours of sales make a difference? "I'm not going to think they're going to make too much of a difference," Geiger said. "Right now the competition and number of places has increased, so much so that everything helps."

In Jewell, school board to seek grant for new health center

A narrow vote after concerns about safety

By Edward Stratton
The Daily Astorian

JEWELL — The Jewell School Board on Monday, Aug. 20, narrowly approved applying for a grant to start a campus health center that would open to students and residents, despite concerns from board members over letting people and their health issues on campus.

The school board's 3-2 approval clears the Clatsop County Public Health Department to apply for a \$60,000 annual grant from the state's school-based health center program.

Michael McNickle, the county's public health director, said he reached out to Jewell's administration to gauge interest after learning there were more grants available for medically underserved communities such as Jewell and Knappa, whose board he will reach out to next.

The school district would provide the building and utilities for the health center. The county would handle staffing it with a physician's assistant, potentially saving the district \$10,000 by eliminating the need for a school nurse. The health center could provide primary care services such as general exams, sick visits, treatment of minor injuries, vaccinations, alcohol and drug counseling and mental



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A grant could help start a health center at Jewell School.

health services. It could issue prescriptions, but would not carry pharmaceuticals.

The county opted to avoid the potential controversy around providing reproductive health services and will instead leave that up to communities, McNickle said. The Astoria School Board, facing a backlash by some residents concerned over reproductive health services and parent permission, voted in 2013 not to partner with Coastal Family Health Center on a school-based health center.

Jewell is more than 30 miles from the nearest medical clinic in Seaside. The

school district has a nurse, but she provides the legal minimum of services and is only around three days a month, said Superintendent Alice Hunsaker.

"There is no comparison from what we have now to what this would offer — day and night difference," she said.

Several board members raised concerns about the at-

attention having a medical clinic on campus would bring.

"We have some very unsavory people in this community," said Brian Meier, a board member who voted against applying for the grant. "The liability outweighs the benefit."

The health center would be better placed in a nearby Clatsop County Sheriff's Office substation or the Elsie-Vine-

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maple Rural Fire Protection District, Meier said.

Michael Stahly, a board member who also voted "no," said he agreed with Meier and was concerned over the state mandates that could come with a health center.

As of last year, there were nearly 80 school-based health centers in 25 Oregon counties. During Hunsaker's involvement with several health centers in central Oregon, she never heard of any troubles involving the public, she said.

Board chairman Bryan Swearingen and board members Ginger Kaczinski and Michael Wammack voted in favor of the health center. Although she supported trying to get the grant, Kaczinski

said she wants more information on how other health centers manage tough situations with the public. Board members included a requirement that they vote again on whether to accept the county's grant.

The grant application is due next month, and the winners chosen late this year. The hope is that the grant can help start the health center, and that the services provided to the community over the summer and other breaks will make it more financially sustainable while helping people regardless of their ability to pay, McNickle said.

"I really think we should meet the needs of the community," he said.

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