



FOURTH OF JULY FUN!

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While cities up and down the North Coast celebrated the Fourth of July with the traditional parades and firework shows, Seaside's own festivities were topped with another special event presented each year by the Seaside Museum and Historical Society.

Featuring live music, a cakewalk, bingo, and carnival games, the museum's Old Fashioned Social has been a staple of the community's Independence Day activities since 1987.

"It's part of Seaside," said Steve Wright, president of the museum's board. "It's a tradition, no doubt for us, but also for families."

Ken Heman, a former museum board member who has volunteered with the festival for three years, agreed.



Katherine Lacaze

Seaside's Fourth of July Parade, organized by the Seaside Chamber of Commerce this year, included a variety of participants, including individuals, families, and representatives from local businesses and organizations.

"As soon as the parade is over, it just seems to be the destination everybody hits," he said.

Good, old-fashioned fun

During the event, the museum's grounds, including Butterfield Cottage, were permeated with revelers, many

bearing splashes of red, white and blue and other patriotic symbols. While the regional music group Five Over Fifty played classics from the porch of the cottage, the smell of grilled hotdogs and hamburgers wafted through the air. Vendors also served crab cakes, clam chowder, straw-

berry shortcake, and pie. Inside the cottage, people could place their bid in the silent auction for about 200 items donated by community merchants and individuals.

One of the event highlights continues to be the cakewalk, which runs throughout the entire event. Hundreds of individuals take a turn — or sometimes multiple turns — trying to win one of the 100 decorated cakes donated by Safeway. This year, social-goers entered the cakewalk more than 1,000 times collectively, Wright said, adding for some people, "It's almost a tradition that you won't leave unless you take a cake with you."

Heman especially appreciates "the energy" that builds during the holiday event, he said, adding, "It's kind of hard to be in a bad mood on the Fourth of July."

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City awards \$5.64M contract for East Hills water tank

By **R.J. MARX**
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As work continues at the Seaside high school and middle school campus site in the Southeast Hills, the city added one more element to the construction checklist as they approved a contract to build a 5-million-gallon reservoir to supply the new school and surrounding areas.

"Seaside School District and city of Seaside are working hand in hand with the city," school district project manager Jim Henry said at Monday's City Council meeting. "We've been working with them continuously planning water line routes, where the pressure zones would go," he said.

Water lines would be built are installed under a Seaside School District contract, Henry said. The reservoir and pump station will

be under a city contract. Later in the meeting, the city's public works director Dale McDowell presented three bids to the council for construction of the tank.

The design engineering firm Murray Smith reviewed the three bids and recommended award of the contract to low bidder T. Bailey Inc at \$5.64 million, McDowell said.

The high bid came in at \$6.3 million.

"Murray Smith went through all the bids and all the paperwork — everything is exactly as it should be," McDowell said.

The motion to award the water tank contract to T. Bailey passed unanimously.

"It is a very good bid," Winstanley said. "And it's within our budget."

Work is expected to begin in August, Henry added, and be completed concurrently at the time of the opening of the new school in September 2020.

Ten questions ... or 11 on 2020 census?

By **R.J. MARX**
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The 2020 census will ask 10 — or 11 questions — depending on the outcome of the citizenship question.

On June 27, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the Trump administration's stated reason for adding the citizenship question. But justices left open the chance that the administration could offer an adequate rationale.

Surveys have been printed without the citizenship question, partnership specialist Marc Czornij told members of the Gearhart City Council on Wednesday, July 3. "If you follow the news, you know it's a constantly changing thing the last 10 days."

Not being counted in the 2020 census will cost Oregonians money — up to \$3,200 per person, he said.

Of \$883 billion distributed annually, \$13.5 billion each year comes to Oregon, along with congressional representation and federal redistricting based on the number of Oregonians counted. "Folks that we miss in the count, that's not just money we lose in the next fiscal year, but until the next census. There's quite a lot at stake."

Czornij works in several Oregon counties along the Columbia River coor-



R.J. Marx

Marc Czornij, partnership specialist with the 2020 Census, at the July 3 meeting of the Gearhart City Council.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM REGIONAL CENSUS DATA

2018 Census estimates:

Oregon: 4,190,713

Clatsop County: 39,764

Gearhart: 1,587

Children under 5 years, Gearhart: 58 (3.7%)

Seniors over 62 years, Gearhart: 426 (27.4%)

dinating and communication timelines, expectations and information regarding the upcoming 2020 census to elected offices, community benefit organizations and members of the faith community.

"We are working with the counties in the state, along with all the cities and towns to give an update on the 2020 timeline and what to look out for," Czornij said.

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A new art gallery in Seaside

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Angi Wildt had her first job in an art gallery in Cannon Beach about 15 years ago. In 2013 she was living in California, working in a gallery.

Twice she's produced pop-up galleries in Portland, and for some time has been collecting and stashing art at home in preparation for her long time dream of one day opening a gallery of her own. She said after a career in the military, in 1999 she moved to Seaside. She's left and come

back a few times. She always returns, she said, because she misses the rain.

Opportunity presented itself a few months ago when space became available at 751 Broadway in the historic Beacon Building.

That's when Wildt took the leap to open the Angi D. Wildt Gallery.

Wildt, who is a photographer of water, beach, and architecture, represents a classure, talented. Arizona based artist Ty McNeely's photography captures the raw

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'SAILING AND ART — THAT'S WHAT I LIVE FOR!'

— Angi Wildt



Eve Marx

Gallery owner Angi Wildt at her desk in front of the work of Quata Cody.