



Floofs on the Prom



The Floofs brought cheer to Seaside on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

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Resident John Dunzer said the fee hike was disproportionately higher for smaller short-term rental properties.

City gives nod to VRD annual permit fee hike

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Seaside City Council voted unanimously to raise annual permit fees for vacation rentals Monday night. The fee hike adds \$400 per year to all permit costs, which are divided into three tiers based on occupancy.

The goal of the permit fee change is to fund a compliance officer, designed to inspect vacation rental dwellings and enforce local codes related to items like noise, litter and parking.

“One of the things council needed to look at was how they would fund a compliance officer position,” City Manager Mark Winstanley said. “It was suggested the business license for vacation rental dwellings might be the best alternative.”

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CODA clinic prepares for Seaside opening

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CODA, which stands for CoDependent Anonymous, is Oregon’s oldest opioid treatment program, offering treatment for substance abuse disorders including alcohol, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and other amphetamines, as well as opioids and prescription medication.

With treatment centers in Portland, Hillsboro, Clackamas, Gresham, and Tigard, in a few weeks the organization expects to open their newest location in Seaside in January, co-project manager Jennifer Worth said at an open house at the new location at 2367 S. Roosevelt Drive on Sunday.

Staff trainings could start next month. “I’ll be putting the furniture in mid-November,” Worth said.

The project is a collaboration between Columbia Pacific CCO, Care Oregon and CODA Inc. CODA conducts and supports substance use research to inform evidence-based care and to improve patient health and treatment outcomes.

Visitors were given a tour of the uncompleted facility, which anticipates seeing 80 to 100 patients living in the Seaside area who currently have to go to Portland for treatment. That number is expected to double as

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All them floofs, furies or mascots. Costumed figures from two groups, “Get Out the Float” and “The League of Extraordinary Floofs” arrived in Seaside for “Get Out the Float,” a celebration of their inner animal, raising money for local charities, including the Clatsop Children’s Theater Company and Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation Foundation.

The proximity to Halloween was only coincidental — floofs don their costumes through winter months, when being inside a fur suit is a little more comfortable, especially with built-in fans and cooling vests under the hood, co-organizer Louis Lamp said from the Prom.

Each floof had a “handler” to help navigate



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Co-organizer Louis Lamp and Clopan, members of the “League of Extraordinary Floofs.”

through crowds on the Prom, protect angel wings and avoid dog poo on the street — a particularly unpleasant disturbance, especially in a fur suit.

The group is strictly apolitical, Lamp said, with members of diverse backgrounds and careers. Identities are often protected as

some members have sensitive careers. “We usually have a couple of folks who are with EMS or first responders,” he said.

Within the group, there are fur-suit makers who design costumes for themselves and others. (Using familiar mascots like the Oregon Duck or Disney

GLANCE BOX

In 2018, the Floofs raised a little over \$400 for charity. This year, the group fundraised more than \$1,100 to be divided three ways. Each nonprofit group, the Clatsop Children’s Theatre Company, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, and the League of Extraordinary Floofs, will receive \$370, co-organizer Louis Lamp reported Tuesday.

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“Bolt,” a member of the Emerald City Critters, a Seattle-based charity, group, joined the event for a vacation with friends.

Clopan and Atraya, husband and wife in “real”

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Thrills, chills and a big pumpkin drop for Halloween in Seaside

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Halloween Happenin’s, a series of events presented by the Seaside Downtown Development Association, comes to downtown streets — and beyond — from Friday, Oct. 25, through Sunday, Oct. 27.

The three-day festivities kick off with the “Monster Mash Dance Bash” on Friday, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The whole family is invited to the Bob Chisholm Community Center, a “spooktacular” dance costume party filled with special treats, a free commemorative picture, costume con-

test and a monster dungeon; \$5 per person or \$20 for a group of four or more. For more details or to purchase tickets, go to seasidedowntown.com. All proceeds will go to “Food 4Kids.”

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” begins a three-night weekend run at 11 p.m. at the Times Theatre and Public House, at the corner of Broadway and Columbia. The 1975 cult classic stars Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick and Richard O’Brien.

On Saturday, “Downtown Halloween Fun” begins at 11 a.m. and runs

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This Halloween big boy can be found at the Carousel Mall. Watch one of these giant pumpkins get dropped from a height of 40 feet at the Seaside city public parking lot.