

Turkey Trot brings community together

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Runner Paul Balmer, 29, said he's won a few races, but this "is probably the coldest one I've run."

The temps hovered just above freezing, and there was frost on the wooden walkways of Quatat Park. While chilly, the sun was bright and wind calm, perfect for Seaside's sixth annual Turkey Trot.

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Executive Director Skyler Archibald ran accompanied by wife Chelsea and family members.

"I think it's great that we have a good group out here today, ready to recreate and

to start the day with movement and exercise," Archibald said before the race's start. "It's really nice the weather cooperated with us."

Balmer, a Portlander now living in Berkeley, California, finished well ahead of the 5K pack at a time of 16:11, a finish time 15 seconds faster than the top 2018 race time.

Seaside High School track standout Luis Moreno, 17, was the third to cross the line, followed by 15-year-old Elliott Allen, of West Seattle High School, who won last year's youth division.

Portland's Jessica Dover came out for Thanksgiving on the Coast — and celebrated by being the first woman to cross the finish.

"A time for family, friends and visi-

tors is how Chamber of Commerce," CEO Brian Owen described the event.

The 5K walk and run has grown in popularity, he said, from 40 or 50 participants the first year to upward of 300 on Thursday.

Owen ran the race with his wife, daughter and grandson. "This is a wonderful gathering for everyone to come out and say hi," he said. "It offers a message that everybody really loves this community and also loves the activities this community offers."

Seaside's Alex Van Slyke crossed the finish carrying the American flag.

Van Slyke, who won the race in 2017, said he was inspired to show support for the nation and troops. "Even though there's division, that doesn't mean we can't all come together as one in our country," Van Slyke said at the finish.



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Seaside's Alex Van Slyke ran the Turkey Trot carrying the American flag.



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Seaside City Councilor Seth Morrissey, foreground, is among the hundreds of runners at the Turkey Trot.

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF



Homemade goodies, tea and mulled cider will be served at the Cannon Beach Library's traditional holiday tea from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7. Community members and visitors are welcome to the free event.

Holiday tea, quilt drawing at Cannon Beach Library

Come celebrate the holidays with the traditional Cannon Beach Library Holiday Tea.

This year's tea and quilt drawing will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the library, 131 N. Hemlock St.

Community members and visitors are invited to enjoy tea, hot mulled cider, cookies and other homemade treats. Come celebrate the season before attending the traditional Lamp Lighting Ceremony in Sandpiper Square at 4 p.m.

A drawing for a vintage handmade quilt,

on display at the library, also is planned. Tickets for the drawing are available for \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The free event is hosted by library members and volunteers to thank the community for its continuous support of the library's mission.

Encore Dance Studio performs scenes from Nutcracker

Encore Dance Studio presents two community fundraisers, performing scenes from

"The Nutcracker" and dances inspired by the Radio City Rockettes. Both are nonticketed events.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 14, Encore hosts the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday Dec. 20, Encore presents a showcase inspired by the Radio City Rockettes showcase at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria.

Donations are accepted at the door to benefit the nonprofit 501(c)(3) Encore Performing Arts Foundation, providing scholarships to dancers with financial barriers.

Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 6

Wes Wahrmund

6-9 p.m., classical guitar, classical guitar, jazz and original tunes, The Bistro, 271 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Treasure the Beach

9-11 a.m., SOLVE cleanup, rain or shine, Seashore Inn, 60 N. Promenade.

Learn to Play Ukulele

9:45 a.m., learn how to play the ukulele with instructor Kathy Ryan; conference room; Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A; sunsetempire.com.

Holiday Farmers Market

10 a.m., White Clover Grange, 36585 OR-53, Nehalem.

Safeway Providence Festival of Trees

10-2 p.m., Community Open House, stroll through a magical winter wonderland filled with stunning Christmas trees and displays decorated by local businesses, designers, florists and other talented north coast residents, Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside.

Greeting card class

1 p.m., Botanical holiday greeting card class with Dorota Haber-Lehigh; sign-up required; Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway.

Holiday Tea and Quilt Drawing

1-4 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock.

Gingerbread Tea

1-4 p.m., presented by Seaside Museum and History Center; live music from Shirley Yates; Butterfield Cottage, 570 N. Necanicum Dr.; 503-738-7065.

Lamp Lighting ceremony

4 p.m., Sandpiper Square, North Hemlock Street, Cannon Beach.

Piano and Clarinet Concert

4 p.m., with Jane McGeehan and Kaisa Liljenwall. Admission by donation; refreshments served. Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, Warrenton.

Seaside Art Walk

5-7 p.m., the Gilbert District, held the first Saturday of every month inside shops, dining establishments and galleries in and around Broadway Street and Holladay Drive in Seaside.

Holiday Party

5-8 p.m., artists offer original work in the mediums of bronze, marble, paintings, wood cuts, monotypes and glass as well as photography, prints and art cards also on display, Angi D Wildt Gallery, 737 Broadway.

Safeway Providence Festival of Trees

5:30 p.m., gala dinner and auction, champagne reception and silent auction followed by dinner and live auction. Reservations required; providencefoundations.org/events/safeway-providence-festival-of-trees-seaside/gala-auction.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Free Sunday Supper

Doors open 3 p.m.; dinner at 4,

all welcome; Our Lady of Victory Church, 120 Oceanway, Seaside.

Monday, Dec. 9

Coffee, crafts and conversation

10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Bingo

12:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Tai Chi

1-2 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Tae Kwon Do

6-7 p.m., age 8 to adult, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

Jam Session

6:30-8:30 p.m., featuring local musicians, Cannon Beach American Legion, 1216 N. Hemlock.

Texas Hold 'Em

7 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

TOPS

9:15 a.m., Take Pounds Off Sensibly focuses on healthy lifestyle changes for weight loss, meets weekly. North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N Wahanna Road, Seaside; nccffchurch.org or call 503-738-7453.

Knit, Needle and Crochet

10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Com-

munity Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Drop-In Pickleball

10 a.m., Pickleball equipment is available for check-out at other times by calling 503-738-3311, ext. 100. Seaside Youth Center at 1140 Broadway in Seaside.

Taco Tuesday

5-7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside.

Seaside Museum and Historical Society

5:30 p.m., board meeting, Helen Gaston Building, 570 Necanicum Dr., Seaside.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Good Morning Seaside

8 a.m., Weekly coffee and networking; Seaside Chamber of Commerce; contact for details, www.seasidechamber.com.

Preschool storytime

10 a.m., for children up to age 5, Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway.

A Cup of Winter Cheer

10 a.m., Sou'Wester Garden Club program, create teacup floral bouquets which will be donated to local assisted living center; Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Awana Youth Group

6-8 p.m., age 3 to sixth-graders, North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahanna, Seaside; 503-738-7453.

Tae Kwon Do

6-7 p.m., age 8 to adult, Bob

Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

Night of All Knowledge

6 p.m., team trivia contest, Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway.

Bingo

6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside.

Life on the Rocks: Oregon's Rocky Shore Habitats

7 p.m. World of Haystack Rock Lecture Series, featuring Charlie Plybon is Oregon policy manager for Surfrider Foundation; Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

Open Gym Basketball

7:45-9:30 p.m., enjoy a pickup game; both residents and non-residents; Broadway Middle School gym, 1120 Broadway.

Thursday, Dec. 12

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.

Drop-In Pickleball

10 a.m., pickleball equipment is available for check-out at other times by calling 503-738-3311, ext. 100. Seaside Youth Center at 1140 Broadway in Seaside.

Rotary of Seaside

Noon, lunch meeting with featured speakers; Shilo Ballroom, 30 N. Prom.

Senior Movie

1 p.m., movie title posted

weekly at Bob Chisholm Community Center; 1225 Avenue A.

Sugar Thistles

5:30-7:30 p.m., folk pop duo, The Bistro, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

Book Club

7 p.m. Beach Books book club is open to anyone who would care to join; 616 Broadway, Seaside.

Oregon's Rocky Shores

7 p.m., the importance of rocky shore ecosystems, with Charlie Blybon; Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave, Manzanita.

Nature Matters: Marine Debris and Microplastics in Our Watersheds

7 p.m., Dorothy Horn, a Ph.D. student at Portland State University, studies impacts of microplastics on near shore marine organisms; Fort George Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, Astoria. Friday, Dec. 13

Bill Hayes

5-7 p.m., contemporary, folk and Americana; Cheri's Cafe, 239 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

Wes Wahrmund

6-9 p.m., classical guitar, classical guitar, jazz and original tunes, The Bistro, 271 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach.

Bucky Is Back

8 p.m., Hosted by Times Theatre & Public House, 133 Broadway, Seaside.