

Breakaway Lodge: Compound for family and friends

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streets. They renamed the lodge Scott Hall.

Young Life

In 1969, the diocese sold the lodge property to Young Life, a nondenominational ministry group, and joined their collection of summer camps. More than 1,000 campers attended each summer.

Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Young Life operates camps in five countries. The largest of these is the 64,000-acre, 160-square-mile Washington Family Ranch in Antelope in Wasco County. The Gearhart camp was Young Life's smallest.

Citing the building's small size, condition and zoning restrictions, Gearhart's camp closed after the 2018 summer session. The property went on the market later that year.

Sally Conrad and Nicki Whittle, of Cascade Sothe-



ABOVE: Open interior spaces at the lodge. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Basketball court at the former Young Life Camp.

by's International Realty, represented Young Life in the sale. Whittle was also the broker representing the buyer.

"We had many, many interested buyers over the course of the listing, many with great ideas, only to be shot down over usage restric-

tions," Whittle said.

More than two years later, a buyer stepped forward.

"I know many in the community are curious what the future holds for a property with such rich history and ever more restrictive local zoning codes," Jones

said. "Other than significant exterior and interior repairs to address deferred maintenance, we have no other plans than to use (the property) as a private residence.

"The timeline is ASAP, but it's quite a bit of work," he added.



Church: 'We're here to love on people'

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Lighthouse Christian Church wants to be recognized as a congregation that gives to the community, said Pastor Daniel Baker.

"I've served a lot of churches now, and most churches are churches that are 'in' the community," Baker said. "I want our church to be known as a part of our community helping our neighbors."

Every year the nondenominational church holds "The Big Give," designating a local organization for their fundraising efforts. This year, the congregation set its sights on helping first responders.

Baker called Eddy and asked if there were any critical department needs.

"Pastor Daniel approached me not long after setting that goal wanting to know if we needed anything the church could help with," Eddy said. "It just fell into place and both of us agreed that the LUCAS device was the perfect fit."

The Big Give began



Pastor Daniel Baker welcomes Jan Johnson and Trudy Brawley of the Coast Pregnancy Clinic. The clinic received almost \$5,000 in donations from the Lighthouse Christian Church.

the Thursday after Thanksgiving.

"Once we announced it, even though it's COVID, people were seeing it online, people coming to church were seeing it," Baker said. "People gave faithfully. I thought it was really special that Cannon Beach Community Church sent us a check of \$500 to help with this. I

thought that was nice they were willing to tag-team with us. They have a lot of congregation in this area."

When the church exceeded their \$15,000 goal, they chose an additional "Big Give" to the Coast Pregnancy Clinic in Astoria. So far the congregation has collected \$4,860 for the clinic — and expect an addi-

tional \$300 this week.

"It was just fun to really be able to give to our community and that's what we're here for," Baker said. "We're here to love on people."

The announcement brought members of the Gearhart Fire Department to the church on Jan. 31. "It was amazing," Baker said. "They talked amongst our congregation afterward, hung out. It was extremely well received. They're pretty pumped to get this new device."

All fire department members will be trained in its use, Eddy said, with training initially to be conducted by the vendor and then via recording. Yearly refresher training will be required.

The device has been ordered and delivery is anticipated by the beginning of March.

"The entire community will benefit from their generosity," Eddy said. "We did not expect to get the size of gift received. It covered the entire cost of the LUCAS device."

Rec center: Planning process begins

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look for a consultant with national experience with park and recreation district experience, Caldwell said.

"They should be dynamic, familiar with park and recreation districts, but also be familiar with some of the other areas that make this property unique," Archibald said.

Board member Mike Hinton suggested a review of proposals from Opsis Architecture, a planning consultant that provided services for the park district during the 2018 expansion bond proposal. Hinton suggested looking at a possible per-

forming arts center in the music room, two-floor gymnasium or vertical evacuation capabilities in the event of a natural disaster for long-term plans.

Hinton invited staff to join in the planning process. "Staff has been doing quite a bit of visioning, about what they'd like to do, and how they see parts of these buildings utilized. I think staff needs to share their vision completely with the board, and with the planners."

"We have a lot of work ahead of us, obviously," Caldwell said. "I think there is a tremendous opportunity to create a very unique facility, all in the name of creat-



Consultants from the Kloth Group will work with the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District to consider future uses for the former Broadway Middle School, now known as the Sunset Recreation Center.

ing a public benefit for future generations."

"For most of us as staff, this is a new experience,"

Archibald said. "We want to do our best but I think we're going to rely on the other experts in the room."

Zoom: Answers sought in online incident

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"accountability and transformation for people who cause harm."

If any party is not satisfied with the outcome, they may appeal the district's decision.

Penrod called the incident "very frustrating."

The investigation conducted by the district office and technology coordinator Don Mespelt determined the incident could have been caused by one or many different people using software to conceal their identities. Similar incidents have happened in districts across the U.S. and at other public meetings.

"We're trying to work with Zoom to uncover the identities of the individuals," Penrod said. "The school



The Seaside School District board meeting was held in-person and streamed via Zoom on Tuesday.

district is dedicated to providing equitable, safe, learning environments as well as inclusive, welcoming meetings, whether virtually or in person."

For now, Zoom and Mespelt recommend fol-

lowing Zoom security recommendations and best practices to prevent further intrusions. The district may choose to disable the chat function during public meetings.

"We're reworking the

policy, the meeting format, and a lot of it has to do with public comment," Truax said. "We haven't decided what will be in place at the March meeting. It will probably be if you have a question, email it in beforehand."

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