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Miss Emerald Valley Abigail Hayes was crowned Miss Oregon by Shivali Kadam, Miss Oregon 2019, as Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen Moira O'Bryan, right, looks on.

Miss Oregon is crowned in Seaside

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Miss Emerald Valley Abigail Hayes is the new Miss Oregon.

Hayes, of Damascus, was crowned last Saturday night, the final evening of the Miss Oregon competition held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

"I'm feeling like this is a dream," Hayes said moments after receiving the crown from Shivali Kadam, who was crowned Miss Oregon in 2019. "I'm absolutely ecstatic and this is unreal. Unreal."

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Contestants await the announcement of the winner of Miss Oregon Scholarship Program.

Mental health agency expands in Seaside

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Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare has purchased two buildings in Seaside to provide transitional housing for people with mental health issues and those trying to get into recovery.

The multiuse property on Broadway, purchased for \$650,000, consists of two structures, including three renovated apartments, two retail commercial spaces and private parking. Construction started last week and is expected to be ready for move-in by September.

"We've had great success with getting folks into detox," Amy Baker, the executive director of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, told the City Council at last Monday's meeting. "But if they don't have a home to step out of, their chance of relapse is really, really high."

Baker acknowledged the Oregonians struggling to find affordable housing and noted the growing number of homeless people in Clatsop County.

The agency, the county's mental health contractor, offers in-person services and groups for people with mental health issues and for those in recovery from substance abuse.

Baker said she looked at the buildings in Seaside on a Friday and made an offer the following Monday because properties were being purchased so quickly.

The former 2nd Chance Bargains will be used for outpatient services now being conducted for about 250 patients a year at the agency's Seaside clinic. They will close the agency's S. Holladay Drive location, which the organization rents.

The former Seaside Antiques and Collectibles, a neighbor to City Hall, will become a five-bed shelter.

"When I say shelter, what I mean

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Seaside plans full-time fall return

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Superintendent Susan Penrod took a look ahead at the last Seaside School District board meeting for this year — including a full-time schedule for students in the fall.

"We are planning to bring back kids five days a week," she said. "We completely reworked what teaching and learning have looked like. Together, we've been able to bring our students back on-site this spring, which was no easy feat. So we're excited to have them back full time this fall."

Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for middle schoolers and 8:30 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. for high school students. Early school release on Wednesdays, as pre-pandemic, will continue, with dismissal at 2:30 p.m. at the middle school and 2:35 p.m. at the high school. Elementary students will attend from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, except for Wednesdays, when dismissal is at 1 p.m. Pre-K students will attend daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Masks will still be required for students and drivers on the bus. The district plans to develop protocols for entry and screening of students into buildings, as well as cleaning and disinfecting.

All students are required to wear appropriate face coverings indoors.

Students, staff and other adults will not be required to wear face coverings outdoors for physical

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Crews aim to close out school construction

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Land slippage on the slope northeast of the Pacific Ridge Elementary School parking lot has been an ongoing concern during campus construction.

Crews hope to bolster that slope with removal of some surface soil and additional large rock buttress material further up the slope to curtail future movement, Brian Hardebeck, a senior project manager at Day CPM, said last week. The rock materials will come from off-site local quarry supplier, Knife River. The project will be the most extensive and longest project remaining, running right up to the start of school.

This and other measures are underway as the Seaside School District prepares to open for full-time, in-person classes in September. Design, permitting and getting final work in place by mid-August is the goal as the school district winds down its four-year, \$131 million campus construction project.

Hardebeck provided an update at last Tuesday's school board meeting on a "quiet but busy month" as the district reaches final completion.

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Two rescues in two days from Saddle Mountain

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Two incidents involving hikers brought response from Hamlet, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Gearhart fire departments and the U.S. Coast Guard to bring hikers off Saddle Mountain last Friday and Saturday.

Because of the location and poor trail conditions it was determined that carrying the patients down the hill carried significant risk and the Coast Guard was

called for assistance during both rescues.

"It was the same exact scenario two days in a row," Seaside Fire Division Chief Genesee Dennis said. "Injured hikers were located almost at the very top."

A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew hoisted a hiker Friday after she injured her ankle near the top of Saddle Mountain.

A Hamlet Fire and Rescue team on scene with the hiker deemed it unsafe to reach and recover the woman on foot and requested Coast Guard heli-

copter assistance.

The aircrew arrived at about 5:45 p.m. and the woman was met by medical personnel just before 7 p.m., who flew her to air station Astoria, where they were transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital by Medix ambulance.

A similar scenario occurred Saturday when responders located an injured hiker.

Coast Guard Sector Columbia River received an request for assistance from Seaside Police Dispatch. A Hamlet Fire and Rescue team was on scene

with the hiker, but considered it unsafe to reach and recover the woman on foot and requested Coast Guard helicopter assistance.

A Sector Columbia River MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew arrived on scene at 5:48 p.m. A rescue swimmer brought the woman to safety and medevaced the woman at 6:38 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m., the patient was transferred to awaiting emergency medical personnel at Sector Columbia River and treated for shock and a broken ankle while en route to the Columbia Memorial Hospital.



Seaside Fire

Responders assist a hiker on Saddle Mountain.

