

Fourth: Hotel deck fire ‘could have been really bad’

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In addition, the fire department reported four beach grass fires, five emergency calls, two lost people, one motor vehicle accident and worked with police to confiscate several fireworks.

In Gearhart, it was just a “normal Fourth,” Gearhart Police Chief Jeff Bowman said, and a little quieter on Gearhart Beach.

On Saturday, two teens took a golf cart valued at \$7,800 from the Gearhart Links. The teens drove it on the beach, up Del Rey ramp and into the Highlands, Bowman said.

The cart was recovered Monday after being found parked in the dune trees off the 400 block of North Ocean. It sustained some minor damage but still runs,



Despite no sanctioned show, fireworks lit up the sky near the Turnaround in Seaside.

Bowman said.

Two people were transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital for treatment Sunday at 4 p.m. after a three-ve-

hicle collision on U.S. Highway 101 near Beerman Creek Lane. Oregon State Police reported the investigation showed traffic was moving

very slowly when a driver came from behind and rear-ended another. That vehicle then went forward and rear-ended another.



Seaside Fire extinguished a second-floor deck fire.

Fred Causer

OBITUARIES

Raphael ‘Stubby’ Lyons Jr.

Seaside
Sept. 4, 1934 — Dec. 25, 2020

Coach Raphael ‘Stubby’ Lyons Jr. passed away on Dec. 25, 2020.

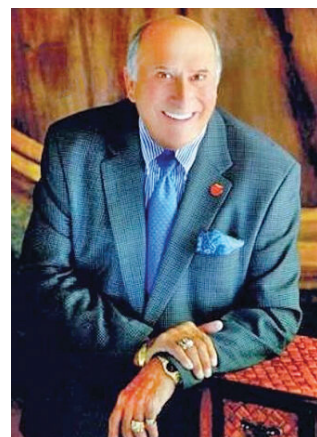
Part Sioux, he was born on Standing Rock Reservation to Raphael and Ann Lyons. The family moved to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, in 1942. He was a five sport athlete at Coeur d’Alene High School, and held several class offices.

After high school, he served two years in the U.S. Marines and was stationed in Korea. After that he became the manager of the very large Spokane Elks Club.

After the loss of his son (12 years old), he decided to return to college to finish his degree, and get his teaching credentials to work with kids. He received his bachelor’s degree from Eastern Washington State College and his master’s degree from Pacific University.

He taught and coached in Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. His teams have won eight state championships in three states. He has coached eight different sports, and has taught 16 subjects over his 45-year career.

He finally settled in Seaside in 1980, where he retired in 1999. The highlight of his



Raphael ‘Stubby’ Lyons Jr.



career was when the Seaside football team won the state championship in 1994 — he was a very proud coach.

After retirement, he became the driving instructor for Seaside High School. He used to say that his experience taught him that there really is a God! He and his wife, Sheree, also coached the Seaside High School cheerleaders.

Coach was elected to the Seaside City Council in 2000, serving until stepping down in 2014. He served several years

as council president. In 2003, he was presented the Education and Community Service Award by the League of Oregon Cities on the state and national level at their annual meeting. He was also the commander of the American Legion and a life member of several other organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Sheree, in Seaside; sister, Joan Lyon Lewis, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; son, Lance (Karen), of Bend; daughter, Lacy (Luke) Pannebaker, and grandchildren Lola and Layla, of Westport; stepsons, Halston Brack and Ethan, Owen and Dylan, of Los Angeles, and Andrew (Michelle) Brack and Anna, of Boise, Idaho; and former wife, Vanessa (Darwin) Underhill, of Warrenton. He also has several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on July 17 at the Seaside High School football field in Broadway Park at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers you may make a contribution in coach’s name to: Seaside Scholarships, Seaside Kids Inc. or a charity of your choice.



The fur seal will be taken to a rehab facility for a health assesment and detanglement.

Seaside Aquarium responds to entangled Guadalupe fur seal

By TIFFANY BOOTHE
Seaside Aquarium

A Guadalupe fur seal, a threatened species, was reported as entangled to the Seaside Aquarium at 11 a.m. on July 3 and was resting on the beach in Arch Cape.

When the aquarium came on scene the fur seal had crawled onto an offshore rock. Responders had to wait for the tide to go out before attempting to capture the animal.

Once the rock became accessible they were able to safely get to the animal, capture it, and place it in an animal carrier for transport.

The fur seal will be transported to a licensed rehabilitation facility for a full veterinary health

assessment, disentanglement and stabilization. If all goes as planned, the animal will be released back into the ocean once it is healthy.

The fur seal was originally reported on July 1 but before the aquarium could respond a well-meaning member of the public attempted to remove the entanglement and the animal fled back into the ocean. The aquarium reminds everyone that even if it seems like a good idea, it is best to let trained responders deal with marine mammal emergency situations.

If you see a marine mammal trapped in netting the best thing you can do for the animal is give it plenty of space, keep dogs away, and call the

West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network at 1-866-767-6114.

Seaside Aquarium partners with Portland State University and NOAA’s West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network to respond to strandings on the Oregon Coast. Since 1995 Seaside Aquarium and Portland State University have spearheaded the Southern Washington Northern Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, a collaboration of experts and volunteers to respond to stranded marine mammals along the southern Washington and northern Oregon Coast. Through this program, locally stranded Guadalupe fur seals are able to be recovered and transported to rehabilitation centers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gearhart woman dies in crash on U.S. Highway 101

A Gearhart woman died last Thursday afternoon in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 101 between Warrenton and Gearhart.

Police say Sandra Harrington, 68, was heading southbound when she crossed into the northbound lane and collided into another vehicle.

Harrington sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead. The driver of the other vehicle had minor injuries.

The highway closed while law enforcement investigated and reconstructed the crash.

Hoth steps down from Planning Commission

Chris Hoth, chairman of the board for the Seaside Planning Commission, has announced he will step down.

“Sadly, we are losing the chair of our planning commission,” Mayor Jay Barber said in announcing the resignation at last Mon-

day’s City Council meeting. “Chris has indicated that he feels after all the years of service that he’s put in, it’s time to step aside to allow someone else the honor and privilege of serving on the Planning Commission. And so he has resigned immediately.”

Hoth joined the Planning Commission in 2006.

“I appreciate the opportunity to have been able to participate in some aspect of the city’s operations in this capacity,” Hoth said in a letter to the City Council. “I also feel privileged to have been able to work closely with a hard-working and knowledgeable staff of the planning department who have been consistently helpful in guiding me through this process as well as current and former members of the Planning Commission.”

With Hoth’s departure, the seven-member Planning Commission seeks to fill an opening, Barber said. The unexpired term runs until November 2022.



Chris Hoth

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