



Hospital feels impact of virus resurgence

Increase in local cases

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Amid a surge in coronavirus cases tied to the delta variant on the North Coast, more people are getting tested and Providence Seaside Hospital is “really busy,” a trend among hospitals everywhere, according to emergency room nurse Mary Romanaggi.

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“We’re feeling it across Oregon and across the country,” she said. “I think part of it is that folks had put off care for the past 18 months.”

This increased demand is straining the testing capacity at local hospitals, clinics and the Clatsop County Public Health Department, according to the county’s Vaccine Task Force.

To stem the tide, Gov. Kate Brown issued a mask mandate for all public spaces beginning on Friday.

When a coronavirus test is requested, Providence Seaside patients are sent to the

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Survey shows support for Gearhart firehouse plan

City looks at site off Highlands Lane

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The majority of residents who participated in a city survey agree with the city’s plan to build a new firehouse near Highlands Lane and U.S. Highway 101.

The city has identified the site on the Cottages at Gearhart dune to relocate the aging firehouse on Pacific Way that is vulnerable to an earthquake and tsunami.

Of the 554 responses to the survey, about 65% said they agree with the city. About 60% said they would support the necessary bond financing in a November election to pay for a new firehouse.

Among the 309 voters who participated in the survey, 51% supported both the Highlands Lane site and the bond, a narrow margin that indicates voters are more skeptical than others in the community.

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Something they didn’t do 100 years ago — Seaside Chamber of Commerce CEO Brian Owen takes a selfie.

Welcoming the Promenade’s next century



Jeff TerHar

Royal Rosarian Prime Minister Korrie Hoekendorf and state Sen. Betsy Johnson.

Partying like it’s 1921

By R.J. MARX
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Saturday’s centennial Prom celebration was just like 1921 — with some minor changes.

“There are things they had in 1921 we don’t: bathing beauty, pageants and braids,” state Sen. Betsy Johnson said at Saturday’s 100th

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Builder Jon Shelton speaks against a proposed ordinance to limit work hours in Gearhart. “If for some reason we miss a day, if you weren’t able to work on the weekends, there’s no, there’s no makeup for that.”

Limit to weekend construction draws backlash in Gearhart

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Gearhart Residents want a day off from noise and construction. But contractors, builders and landscapers say seven days a week are needed to complete their jobs in a boom economy amid a labor shortage.

“Our neighborhood has been subject to ongoing construction for the past two years,” wrote Sheila Nolan, a resident. “Commercial construction is permitted 10 hours a day, every day. I am urging you to vote to limit commercial construction to Monday through Friday.”

The city presented two options to curb construction noise, considering work prohibitions on Saturdays or on Saturdays and Sundays. Ultimately, the City Council voted by a 3-2 margin last Wednesday to direct staff to prepare an ordinance prohibiting work on Sundays.

If passed, the police will have primary enforcement responsibility, and may fine violators up to \$500. Each occurrence or violation may be punished separately.

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Katherine Lacaze
Erin Fenison opened Beach Soap and Candle on North Holladay Drive in downtown Seaside in July.

Beach Soap and Candle opens second store

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Walk into Beach Soap and Candle on Holladay Drive and you might feel like you have entered a confectioner’s shop.

Across the bright, spacious room, display bins, tables and shelves are brimming with delicacies that delight both the nose and the eyes, from lusciously marbled soaps and truffle-like bath bombs to rich body butters, lotions and other lavish self-care items.

Each product in the shop, which opened in July, is hand-crafted with care and quality ingredients by owner Erin Fenison and her team. That’s part of her core business philosophy.

“If you’re going to make something for people it should be wholesome, it should add to their environment and their health, and it should be fun to use,” she said.

Building the business

Seaside is the second location for Fenison, who established her first storefront in Cannon Beach in 2017. However, her story begins a couple of years earlier, when she noticed her skin was irritated, and she went about discovering why. Upon researching the ingredients used in commercial self-care products and the standards they’re held to, she realized, “I was putting a



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Wild rose handmade soap.



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