



Cast of "Treasure Island."

'Treasure Island' at the high school

Seaside High School drama is gearing up to present their fall play, Lux Radio Theater's "Treasure Island," based on the novel of the same name by Robert Louis Stevenson.

This family-friendly play takes place in England in the 1700s, when young Jim Hawkins, who usually spends his days helping his mother with their inn, ends up with a map to the nefarious pirate Captain Flint's buried treasure. What follows is an eventful voyage to a "deserted" island, complete with a parrot and a mutinous group of sailors.

This play will feature an opening act by Seniors

Riley Wunderlich and Skyler Archibald, who also serve as emcees throughout the evening.

For the main production, seniors Kaiya Taylor and Ella Jesberger play younger and older Jim Hawkins, senior Sophia Reynolds portrays Long John Silver and senior Margaret Neuwirth is Dr. Livesay. Junior Eva Bailey is Squire Trelawney.

The full cast of eccentric characters and the crew includes 14 senior students, along with a handful of underclassmen. The play is directed and produced by Susan Baertlein.

Performances of this tumultuous sea voyage pre-

miere at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Seaside High School cafeteria, and will continue Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 18-20. Doors open at 6:30 and performances begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are sold at the doors. Prices are \$5 for students and adults. Children ten and under may attend for free. Limited concessions will be available for purchase. Audience members will need to wear masks per Oregon Health Authority guidance.

For further information, contact Seaside High School at 503-738-5586 or email Susan Baertlein at sbaertlein@seasidek12.org.



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Inside a Beachside Inn guest cottage.

Beachside Inn gets new look, upgrades

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Seaside's Beachside Inn is getting a refresh. Co-owner Sadie Mercer provided an introduction to the Fifth Avenue building, consisting of cottages built in 1945.

The Mercers and investors Robin and Bill Montero purchased the property at 300 Fifth Ave. in 2015, just before Valentine's Day. "Within that first weekend, within three days of ownership, we were completely full," she said. "We were super happy about that. It's amazing what happens when you get on the internet and get your property

on the internet."

Owning the property has come with some infrastructure challenges, including clogged pipes, rotting showers with painted plywood.

"In one unit, I don't know how anybody managed to not step through the shower because there was no support at all," Mercer said. "It was crazy."

None of the trusses supported the roof. During repairs, old beer bottles fell from the rafters. A shooting took place in one of the rooms. "There's always some shenanigans going on in the business," Mercer said.

The Beachside rooms are now spruced up, elec-

trical and gas updated, "a complete remodel," Mercer said.

Units one through eight were modeled last fall. Nine and 10 are in the process of being updated.

As a remote access property, visitors check in at the Seaside Ocean Inn.

Ruth Swenson, owner of the Hillcrest Inn pointed to the reason for the Beachside's new success. "There are lots of returning guests who prefer to stay here because it's like their own home. They have a kitchen, fireplaces. They're not on the beaten path. They're not actually fighting with the tourists."

Visit them at <https://beachsideinn-seaside.com/>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gearhart seeks candidates for planning commission

Gearhart is taking applications for the Planning Commission. The commission consists of seven volunteer, voting members to be appointed by the mayor and City Council. Commissioners serve a four-year term.

Planning commission meetings take place the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Occasionally the commission will hold a work session.

Members of the commission are chosen from residents or property owners within the city and urban growth boundary.

Applications and questionnaires for the Planning Commission may be downloaded and returned via fax (503-738-9385), email or dropped in the outdoor box at City Hall's front door. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Interviews take place at 6 p.m. prior to the start of the Dec. 8 online City Council meeting.

'Make your own holiday centerpiece'

Sou'Wester Garden Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bob Chisholm Center, 1225 Avenue A in Seaside. The program, "Make Your Own Holiday Centerpiece," is presented by Victoria Fuller.

Holiday Treasures Boutique is back

The PEO Holiday Treasures Boutique sale takes place Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seaside Elks Lodge on Avenue A.

Each year, event chair Marion Benke challenges members to add new, high-quality crafts providing shoppers with the novelty they are seeking. In addition to home-

made sweet and savory bakery delights, theme tables will feature Christmas, children's, beach, kitchen, woodsy, garden and floral items. Vintage items and jewelry will be added this year.

Silent auction items include an original William Steidel watercolor, donated by Bill and Sally Steidel of Steidel Art Gallery of Cannon Beach. The second item is a quilted Christmas tree.

Masks are required.

PEO is an organization dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for women for over 150 years; see www.peointernational.org.

Seaside Public Library November events for kids, teens

The Seaside Public Library presents live and virtual events throughout November.

Throughout the month, the Seaside Public Library partners with the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History for "Engineer It," a kit picked up at the library with online content. The activities found in the kit are then used at home. Participants explore Native American technologies, visit with an archaeologist, and try out hands-on engineering challenges. Supplies are limited.

Teen Tuesday, for teens in grades six through 12, takes place at the Seaside Library Nov. 9 at 4 p.m., with "Games Day." On Nov. 16, at 4 p.m., the theme is "Shrinky Dinx," with a host of crafts and jewelry.

Virtual Storytime on Zoom takes place for children up to age 3 on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a.m. The theme is farm animals.

The library is located at 1130 Broadway. Call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org.



Photos by R.J. Marx

Mayor Jay Barber surprised by birthday crowd at the Sons of Norway lodge Saturday.

Barber: Visibly moved by gathering

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City Councilor Tom Horning said Barber is conscientious. "He cares about everybody and has a great attitude," Horning said. "He's always got great ideas and he's always working with everybody."

Kirsten Horning said she appreciates Barber's sense of integrity.

Alan Evans, director of Helping Hands, said Barber has helped him become a better man. "I think his involvement in homelessness, not only in our city, but in our state, gives him the professional ability to understand a little bit more about low-barrier facilities and the need for them and why some of them work and why some don't."

Barber was visibly moved by the gathering.

"Nothing makes me richer than knowing that I have a loving, caring family around me who love me unconditionally," Barber said. "And we love them unconditionally. The other thing that I realized, and was really underscored tonight, is that I have a great heritage of wonderful friends from all over."

Barber cast a glance at his wife, who had spent weeks prior arranging the 80th birthday surprise.

"Jan has pulled this kind of thing in our 40 years of marriage on a regular basis," he said. "She keeps saying, 'Trust me, trust me.' How can I trust somebody that's doing all this stuff behind my back? Who else could pull off something like this?"



ABOVE: Barber with State Sen. Betsy Johnson. BELOW: Seaside Lodging LLC's Masudur Khan and Barber.



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