

Miss Oregon: ‘We believe it’s the only state pageant that has been held in the same community for its entire existence’

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with a look back at Miss Oregon program’s origins.

“In honor of our 75th anniversary, we have joined forces with the Seaside Museum,” McShane said.

There will be a pop-up exhibit at the Seaside Museum & Historical Society featuring gowns and memorabilia through the decades.

The idea for a pageant came from a Chamber of Commerce committee, chaired by Seaside Signal owner and publisher Max Schafer, Teresa Taylor, of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society, said.

“They pursued the project with the Miss America organization and were granted the authority to operate the pageant,” Taylor said. “It has been a mainstay of Seaside summers for its full 75 years.”

It moved from its beginnings in Seaside school auditoriums and gyms to the 1970s when it moved to its current home at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

“While we can’t say for sure, we believe it’s the only state pageant that has been held in the same community for its entire existence,” Taylor said.

The pop-up exhibit will feature Katie Harmon Ebner,

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Oregon’s only Miss America to date. She was crowned Miss Oregon in July 2001, and after a delayed Miss America pageant due to the terrorist attacks on 9/11, she was crowned Miss America on Sept. 22, 2001, Taylor said.

“She found herself visiting Ground Zero in New York and much of her reign focused on 9/11 and America’s recovery,” she said.

Ebner will attend this year’s event and perform at the Saturday night final competition.

The program comes with events inside and outside the convention center, with a SOLVE beach cleanup activity on June 15 from noon to 3 p.m. Preliminaries take place Thursday and Friday nights.

The traditional Miss Oregon Parade takes place June 18 at 1 p.m. and the final

competition at 7 p.m.

“For the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program, this year signifies a year of growth and perseverance,” McShane said. “With new leadership stepping in last year mid-pandemic, there have been some very real challenges. We are happy to report that, despite the setbacks that COVID-19 has brought, it has also brought some unique opportunities and perspective on how important small businesses are to the Seaside economy.”

This year’s program winner will have a tough act to follow.

Miss Oregon 2021 Abigail Hayes placed fourth runner-up to Miss America 2021, Emma Broyles. Hayes will also take the stage to share her “top five” performance at the final competition.



Miss Clatsop County Lilly Boothe was crowned in March.

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Dancers enjoy the spirit at the street dance in 2019. Jeff TerHar

Dancin’ in the streets in Gearhart

The Gearhart Street Dance returns Friday, July 1.

The event began in 2018 as a part of Gearhart’s centennial celebration and returned in 2019. This year’s street dance includes music by DJ John Chapman, photo booth snapshots and kids’ face painting.

The event is sponsored by the Gearhart Association and presented by the city and street dance committee.

Pride Day events in Seaside

On June 25, Seaside 1st Pride events, a celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies, begins at noon with a walk on the Promenade from 12th Avenue to Avenue A and down to the beach where participants will gather to hear speakers from the community.

All are invited to a 1 p.m.

to a bring-your-own picnic lunch with music and an open mic at Quatat Park, behind the Convention Center.

At 6 p.m., the family-friendly movie “The Greatest Showman” at Sunset Empire Recreation Center Gymnasium.

Visit Facebook@prideinseaside or online at www.prideinseaside.com.

Seaside Airport fly-in on June 26

The Seaside Airport will be holding a fly-in and barbecue on Sunday, June 26 in conjunction with the EAA Chapter 105’s annual Poker Run.

Those flying in to Seaside will have access to loaner bikes and lodging discounts. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served while supplies last. The public is welcome.

Visitor capacity is limited at the municipal airport and gates may be closed once a safe capacity is reached.

Smith: Is a property owner and manager

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Cockrum’s decision to resign came the day after a heated meeting in which speakers called for a council recall. Cockrum cited personal reasons when she resigned.

“I believe it’s going to be a challenge being mayor, in that we have such a polarization of the population among the voters in Gearhart,” Smith said. “I’m going to try and work with all sides and find a resolution for this fire station.”

He said he will start with a town hall.

“That’s going to be my focus for the summer is trying to work with these diverse groups of people that feel that they’ve got some — I

don’t want to call them more important — but they’ve got an important message they want to deliver to everybody. I want to be able to listen to it. But I’m certainly my own person. I will do what I feel is right for the city.”

Smith, 68, is a property owner and manager.

Smith was elected to the council in 2014. In 2018 he won reelection, running against Jack Zimmerman, a leading opponent of the fire bond.

A majority of the remaining councilors appoint a replacement to serve the unexpired portion of Smith’s Position 1 term.

“My message to the voters of Gearhart is we need to move on and not dwell on the past anymore,” Smith said.

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