

NEWS NOTES



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The music of ZZ Top at the Elks Lodge in Seaside on July 3.

ZZ Top Tribute Band at Elks scholarship fundraiser

The Seaside Elks Lodge presents “A Tribute to ZZ Top” scholarship fundraiser. July 3, from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring the ZZ Top Tribute Band. No host bar, food; \$15 admission; 21 and over. The event is open to the public.

Work of artist Grothe at Seaside Library

The Seaside Public Library presents an exhibit original photography pieces by Kelly Grothe through Aug. 30. The pieces feature various landscape and wilderness images from around the North Coast. The show is displayed in the community room and foyer.

Grothe’s love of landscape and wildlife photography began in 2006 when he visited Brazil and saw the beautiful surroundings of the countryside. Since then, he has grown to enjoy being in the outdoors and finding himself looking at his surroundings differently. He enjoys the color of nature found in a sunrise or sunset, the changing colors of the trees in the fall, as well as the peaceful singing of the birds in the trees.

Kelly Grothe was born in Roseau, Minnesota, into a family with five siblings and moved to Astoria when he was a teenager. He lives in Astoria with his wife and enjoys spending time with their two adult children as well as pursuing his creative endeavors which also includes woodworking.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org

A look at the Elizabethan age

On Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m., the Friends of Seaside Public Library features author Deena Lindstedt, who will be giving a book talk on her historical novel, “Lady of the Play.”

Palace intrigue, gossip, and Elizabethan lifestyle are interwoven with a modern story of Cynthia Parsons, a high school history teacher, along with her friends, who search for evidence to prove that not only was Ely and Edward collaborators in writing the plays and sonnets, but that Ely was also related to Queen Elizabeth the first. Having found the evidence she seeks, there are those who will use any means to keep her from revealing the truth.

A Q&A and book-signing follow the talk. The event will be held in the Community Room of the Seaside Public Library.

Deena Lindstedt is an expert in Shakespeare’s England. Her academic paper, “Shakespeare, Perhaps a Woman,” was delivered to a distinguished audience at the 2011 Shakespeare Authorship Symposium. She retired early to pursue her dream of becoming a novelist, went back to college, and graduated at age 70 with a bachelor of arts in English literature and writing from Marylhurst University.

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Hospital welcomes new emergency, surgery providers

Melissa Willitzer, PA-C, to the CMH emergency department, and Heather Hoops, MD, joined the CMH-OHSU general surgery clinic. They both began providing services in June.

As the Oregon Health & Science University Community Emergency Medicine System Lead APP, Willitzer will split her full-time position between Adventist Health Portland, CMH and Hillsboro Medical Center.

She has worked for OHSU in the emergency department at Adventist Health Portland for three years. Prior to joining OHSU, she worked for McKenzie Willamette Medical Center Emergency Department in Springfield, Oregon; and Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hoops has worked as an assistant professor at OHSU since 2020. She is OHSU’s general surgery fellowship director and a medical student academic advisor.

Hoops earned her medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. She also holds a master’s degree in engineering systems from the Colorado School of Mines.

Hoops completed a fellowship in surgical critical care at the University of Pittsburgh. She completed a general surgery residency at OHSU.

‘Murder on the Orient Express’

The Orient Express comes to the Coaster Theatre this summer for a thrilling mystery, “Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express.”

Opening July 6 and running through Aug. 6, performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse. The play is adapted by Ken Ludwig.

The play is directed by Jenni Tronier and features John Hoff as Hercule Poirot, Frank Jagodnik as Monsieur Bouc, Rhonda Wornack as Mary Debenham, Marcus Liotta as Hector McQueen, Leonard Hoge as Head Waiter/Michel The Conductor, Tita Montero as Princess Dragomiroff, Liz McCall as Greta Ohlsson, Margo McClellan as Countess Andrenyi, Heidi Hoffman as Helen Hubbard and David Sweeney as Col. Arbuthnot/Samuel Ratchett.

The production crew includes stage manager Heather Hoffman, costumer Judith Light, set and lighting designer Mick Alderman, sound designer, Slab Slabinski, set painter Juan Lira and Nancy McCarthy, the sound and light operator.

Tickets are \$20 or \$25; they can be purchased at the theatre box office, 503-436-1242, or online at coastertheatre.com. The box office is open Wed.-Sat. 12:30-4:30 p.m. and open until curtain on performance days.

Local students graduate from OSU

Oregon State University graduated more than 7,300 students during ceremonies this month.

Local students graduating include Hunter Thompson, of Gearhart. He graduates with a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in civil engineering, and a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in forest engineering.

From Seaside, graduates include Heather Hirsch, with a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude, microbiology; Rebecca Misho, Bachelor of Science degree, environmental sciences; Gabrielle Swatski, Bachelor of Science degree, industrial engineering; Chelsea Woods, Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, creative writing, Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, English.

Cross-country ride to fight kidney disease

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Will Kleemeier launched his cross-country bike journey in Seaside on June 17. Kleemeier, 58, who has polycystic kidney disease — a chronic, genetic disease — is riding to raise awareness of the disease, which affects 60,000 Americans and is the fourth leading cause of kidney failure. The cysts can cause flank pain and back, he said. “It’s a hidden disease. Cysts grow in quantity and size until your kidneys get quite large.”

He hopes that his ride will shine a light on the impact of the disease on the people and families it affects. To lessen discomfort, his bikes are such that “their geometry fits my condition,” he said. “It’s not leaning over like a race bike. It’s more of a touring bike. It does take my mind off of the condition.” Kleemeier drove west



R.J. Marx

Patrick and dad Will Kleemeier in Seaside prior to the start of their cross-country ride.

with his 18-year-old son Patrick, who will drive the vehicle back on the return and serve as support vehicle. Patrick, Will’s 18-year-old son, drove west with Kleemeier from New Hope, Pennsylvania, in a van. On

He hopes to cover 65 miles a day for a Aug. 15 arrival in Ocean City, New Jersey. They have 10 sponsors so far, but Kleemeier said he “would be happy to have more.”

For more information, visit www.pedalingforkidneydisease.org.



Mayor’s award from the 2021 Trail’s End show, by artist Martha Urman.

Call for art at Trail’s End

Seaside Signal

Trail’s End Art Association calls all local artists to participate in the 71st annual judged show. The show takes place from Aug. 5 to Aug. 27.

The opening reception will be held on 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. with the award ceremony starting at 3 p.m.

The gallery is located at 656 A Street in Gearhart; trailsendart.org.

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