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## **Guided tide pool tours at Haystack Rock**

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program is putting on guided tours Saturday, Oct. 22, during low tide times and regularly scheduled HRAP beach shifts, depending on weather.

Tours are given on the beach at Haystack Rock for an hourlong guided tour through the wonderful and diverse ecosystem of Haystack's tide pools.

An HRAP environmental interpreter will discuss the ecology, geology, and marine biology of the Rock.

#### For more info

Contact Lisa Habecker at visithrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us or call 503-436-8064.

The talks are free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$10 is recommended. RSVP to Lisa Habecker, HRAP Education Coordinator at visithrap@ci.cannon-beach. or.us or 503-436-8064.



HRAP guided tours take place throughout the month.

#### LETTERS

#### A crazy number

Yes, Seaside schools need to be physically improved and made safer. With 1,500 students only the 500 at Seaside Heights Elementary are in pretty good shape. That leaves the facilities for the remaining 1,000 students to be improved and/or relocated. The Seaside School Board says you — the voter must spend \$100 million to accomplish this needed job. Yes, folk, that is \$100,000 per student! That is a crazy number.

The school board said there was no Plan B for spending less than \$128 million in 2013 and they were wrong since it is now \$100 million in 2016. There is a Plan C that is less than \$50

million which will accomplish the same objectives but that is not on the ballot. Voting for Plan C would allow funds to be available to improve the bridges, which will provide safety for students during the 71 percent of the time they are not at school and all the rest of the residents and visitors.

> John Dunzer Seaside

#### Fire department dinner

I would personally like to thank everyone for another wonderful and successful benefit ham dinner. This is year 38 as a volunteer firefighter and ham dinner participant for me, and truly one of the best. A special thanks to the Conference Center for providing the

facility to host such an event. To the local citizens that

give of their time to pour coffee, cut the cake, greet guests at the door, help our wonderful group of men and women firefighters and their families worked so well together to make this a success.

It was wonderful watching the interaction of these firefighters enjoying the time together working towards a common goal — that of participating in their community and helping one another. The bond of friendship and service is strong.

However, this fire department or any other fire department wouldn't be strong without the support of you, the members of the community. The full time residents,

the part time residents and the visitors that support our goals and needs each year are unbelievable.

Thank you to the residents and guests and friends and a special thank you to those that cannot attend but provide a donation in support of our department. Your donations are used for new and replacement equipment, education, advanced training and many other aspects to improve the quality of service we can provide back to you. Your support has always been for us — our support will be for you when you need us.

Thanks to a wonderful community, thanks to a group of wonderful firefighters.

> Frank Swedenborg **Cannon Beach**

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## Academy hopes for contract 'by end of year'

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the regular district meeting Tuesday and presented the strides the organization has made to meet the requirements for a successful application. For example, the academy determined to use the same English Language Development program as the district, as it already is state-approved. The academy clarified certain aspects of its financial plan, with revenue to be generated primarily through district funding, pledges, fundraising and grants, Knop and Dewey said. Other details of

the financial plan will be determined during negotiations over the charter contract, Roley said.

Board member Tom Maltman, who is on the Finance Committee, said the cohesion between the two groups has solidified during the past few months, allowing the process to move forward efficiently with clear communication.

"They understand where we're at, we understand where they're at," he said.

Fellow committee members Lynn Ulbricht and Patrick Nofield agreed.

The steps accomplished in

the process to this point are "a testament to their board and the people in Cannon Beach that are sustaining this after all the obstacles" they've encountered, as well as the problem-solving efforts of Roley and her staff, Nofield said.

The finance committee recommended approval of the application without conditions. The board unanimously voted in favor of establishing the charter and giving Roley and her staff the authority to negotiate the contract.

Moving forward, the academy's board will continue

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working with the district, with the goal "to have a contract in place by the end of the year," Knop said. Open enrollment should start by March 1, in preparation for the academy to be operational by the 2017-18 school year. The academy also now can apply for Oregon Department of Education charter school implementation grants that will be available in the spring.

Dewey said she is "extremely excited to move forward with the district" and continue growing "a great relationship."

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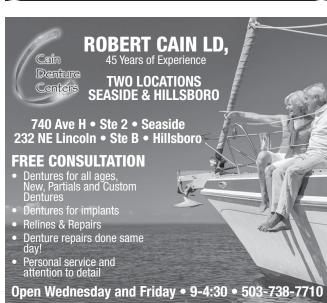
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