



GRADS LOOK TO THE FUTURE



Seaside High School graduates Lizzy Barnes and Bradley Rzewnicki take the walk for their diplomas.

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Big bang in urban renewal

City takes steps to create new district

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Seaside took the first steps Wednesday, June 7, to form an urban renewal district that could help the city improve bridges and schools.

Covering almost 560 acres of land along South Holladay, Avenue S from U.S. Highway 101 east and the southern section of Highway 101, the urban renewal district would make up about 21 percent of the city's total acreage and 22 percent of Seaside's assessed value.

Funds of up to \$62.4 million — more if matched by state funds or grants — could help build bridges, add traffic enhancements and provide infrastructure needs for Seaside School District's new campus in the city's southeast hills.

Urban renewal is a financing program authorized under state law and implemented locally that allows for the use of property tax revenues to grow the economy in blighted areas.

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Now a principal, former coach back on sidelines

Principal to lead Gulls as interim head coach

By R.J. Marx
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If the coach on the sidelines for the Gulls this fall looks familiar, he should be. When Jeff Roberts accepted the job of Seaside High School principal last year, he also gave up the coaching leadership of the Seagulls varsity football team. Chad Smith, an assistant under Roberts, filled the role in the fall.

At Tuesday's Seaside School District meeting, Roberts was named interim varsity head football coach for the Seagulls, replacing Smith, who is leaving the district for a teaching position in Douglas.

That puts Roberts back in the game as both principal and coach, at least on a short-term basis. "I anticipate seeing the season through," Roberts said.

To fill the varsity head coach job on a permanent basis, the challenge is to find a candidate who can both fill a needed teaching position and skillfully coach a competitive Division 4A football team.

"I do believe we will bring somebody on staff in the next month that is a suitable replacement — with some tutelage — at the end of the year," Roberts said.

While assistant principal, Roberts led the Gulls for 4 1/2 years. In 2013, the team finished 8-3, qualified for the state playoffs and won the first home playoff game in 20 years, Roberts said.

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Ninety seniors reach major milestone

By Kaelia Neal
Seaside Signal

Ninety graduates dressed in red caps and gowns walked on to the stage Monday, June 9, while proud families, friends and educators filled the Seaside Civic and Convention Center to greet them.

Among the graduates at the 101st Seaside High School commencement, five were valedictorians and 22 were members of National Honor Society.

Many students received awards and scholarships to pursue their higher education goals. Heidi Lent said her daughter, Kirstin, will attend Portland State University to study communication and the Turkish language.

"I'm really proud of her for achieving what she has achieved. I'm looking forward to her future," Lent said.



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The Seaside Civic and Convention Center was packed with family and friends.

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It's what's up front that counts

Cars on display at Muscle and Chrome

By Kaelia Neal
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It was Christina Henry's second year participating in the Muscle and Chrome car show with her burgundy 1972 Chevrolet Nova, which was a birthday gift from her late father.

"My dad gave me the car, made me promise I'd show her," Henry said.

Henry said her annual car show is "low-key yet extravagant at the same time," and "meeting new people is the best part."

This year, 101 vehicles participated over the weekend. Along with showing the cars, the two-day event offered a barbecue, highway cruise, a treasure hunt

downtown and awards.

Muscle and Chrome is sponsored by Seaside Downtown Development Association. Many people dedicate their time to help put on the car show.

Michelle Lackey of Vancouver, Washington, has volunteered at Muscle and Chrome for about 10 years. "We enjoy the people," she said. "It's down to earth. You can talk to anyone."

Dave Deford, of Portland, just finished his 16th year of volunteering. He said he likes being involved, and it's "fun to see the same people and meet new people."

Mark Rice from Graham, Washington, has participated in Muscle and Chrome for about 10 years.

"My dad was really into cars so I grew up going to car shows with my mom and dad," Rice said.

This year, he brought a black 2014 Dodge SRT8 Challenger, which he



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muscle cars are really cool now," Rice said.

Normally he brings his 1972 black Challenger. "I was going to drive the older car but the weather wasn't all that great."

Making the scene at Muscle and Chrome.