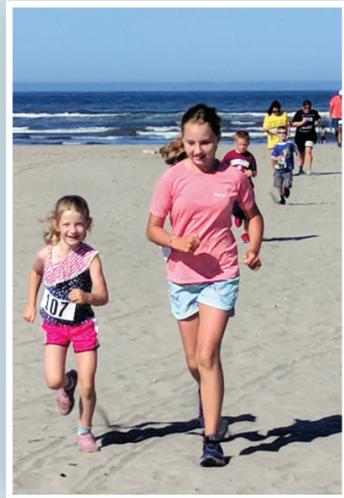




## More than a beach day

### Break the Chain Run



Photos by Melissa Ousley

Seaside Run to Break the Chain 5K came to Seaside on Saturday, Aug. 15, presented by the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. Proceeds, estimated at \$2,500 from this year's run, go to support healthy activities for youth at the park and recreation district and also help Operation Underground Railroad, which works to stop human trafficking. The race had men's and women's division winners in three age categories, adult, ages 12-17 and under age 12.

## Gearhart mayor won't run for reelection

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

Gearhart Mayor Matt Brown announced last Friday he will not run for reelection in November, citing professional reasons.

Brown has served as mayor since 2016, when he won on a campaign of citizen involvement and adherence to the city's comprehensive plan, which he described as "a blueprint for a sustainable, residential Gearhart."

After more than a decade serving on the City Council and Planning Commission, Brown will stay active in the community and hasn't ruled out more public service in the future.

Brown, 44, a native of Gearhart, returned in 2006 and serves as the general manager and PGA professional at the Highlands Golf Club. Brown purchased the golf course in Manzanita in 2018. He has also worked as the golf professional



Matt Brown

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## Ownership of youth buildings transferred

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

Two historic buildings held by Clatsop County will be transferred to local ownership.

The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington lease the north end at 1215 Broadway; the south end, the Mary Blake Playhouse at 1222 Avenue A, is leased by Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. The single parcel will be divided into two, with each organization assuming ownership of their lots.

**GEORGE SAID THE SEASIDE LOCATION, ONE OF NINE GIRL SCOUT PROPERTIES IN OREGON, IS CONSIDERED THE SCOUTS' 'MOST POPULAR PROGRAM PROPERTY.'**

The deal received formal approval from the county Board of Commissioners last Wednesday.

"We are delighted with the transfer from Clatsop County," Harmony George, CFO/VP Business Services of the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, said. "They have been wonderful partners for many years."

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## Voting concerns hit post office

'Business as usual' at Seaside and Gearhart post offices

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

With a national election around the corner, postal customers are asking for their November election ballots early.

Driven by a national political debate and reports of the removal of 30 mailboxes from Portland and Eugene streets and operational issues at a national level, Karynn Kozij, an employee of the Gearhart post office, said customers are "very, very concerned" about potential postal slowdowns.

Seaside Postmaster Tony Sims said he is hearing similar concerns from patrons.

"They're calling wanting their ballot early," he said. "We have nothing to do with

the ballots. They have to talk to the county office that handles that."

While customers are concerned about their election ballots, daily mail delivery and processing is pretty much the same, Sims said. "We haven't seen any changes, not on our end yet. Our trucks are still coming in at the same time."

The post office is fully staffed after filling

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## Broadway Field indoor batting facility takes shape

Facility scheduled to debut in October

By GARY HENLEY  
Seaside Signal

We've all heard the famous baseball movie expression, "If you build it, they will come."

Well ... it takes time, money and people to build it, before they come.

And they're getting it all done in Seaside. Whenever the next spring sports season begins, Seaside athletes will benefit from a brand new indoor training facility.

Since the groundbreaking ceremony May

11, the construction of Broadway Field's indoor batting and bullpen cage has made big strides.

It has a roof and now a concrete floor, but there's a lot more in between that promises to make it a state-of-the-art facility for use by athletes, primarily baseball and softball.

Many have seen the outside of the building and the progress made, said Seaside softball coach Jessica Garrigues, one of the project's coordinators, "but maybe do not know all the work that has gotten us to where we are now."

Garrigues mentioned site excavation, hauling in rock, supplying utilities, digging ditches, securing donated construction materials, installing an in-floor heat system, installation of plumbing/electrical and pouring a concrete slab as among the everyday activities.



Jessica Garrigues

The Broadway Field indoor facility shortly after the concrete floor was complete.

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