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Supporters of brewery owner Jimmy Griffin showed their support Sunday. In August, Griffin went before City Council to ask for limits on open carry gun rallies in Seaside.

## Heated tempers, but rally remains peaceful in Seaside

### Second Amendment rally targets local brewery

By R.J. MARX  
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Dual rallies in Seaside — with Second Amendment advocates on the east side of U.S. Highway 101 and supporters of Seaside Brewing Co. owner Jimmy Griffin — came to a peaceful conclusion Sunday after three hours of marches, drums, chants and sometimes heated discussions.

No arrests, no warnings and no citations by the time participants dispersed at about 4 p.m., Police Chief Dave Ham said.

The open carry and Second Amendment rally was co-organized by Miles Rudduck and Ryan Lyles.

Griffin had spoke at a City Council meeting after an open carry demonstration in August in front of City Hall caused families at his brewery to

be concerned for their safety. He proposed that the community begin a conversation to figure out how to prevent armed groups from marching in Seaside's streets with loaded weapons.

In a post that went viral on Seaside Brewing's Facebook page last Monday, Griffin called for "an exchange that helps define what we need to do to move the ball forward as a community, and helps strengthen and support the foundations of our democracy through conversation, and subsequently, understanding of each other. Let's keep the dialogue going."

At about 1 p.m., Second Amendment supporters marched down Broadway to the Turnaround.

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, they returned to City Hall while a second group across the street chanted "We love Seaside," and showed their support for Griffin.

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## Archibald receives retroactive raise

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Skyler Archibald

The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation Department board of directors delivered a 4% raise to executive director Skyler Archibald. The raise, retroactive for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, reverses a December board decision to deny the merit increase for Archibald.

Archibald, whose salary is \$84,500, will receive an additional \$3,400 annually.

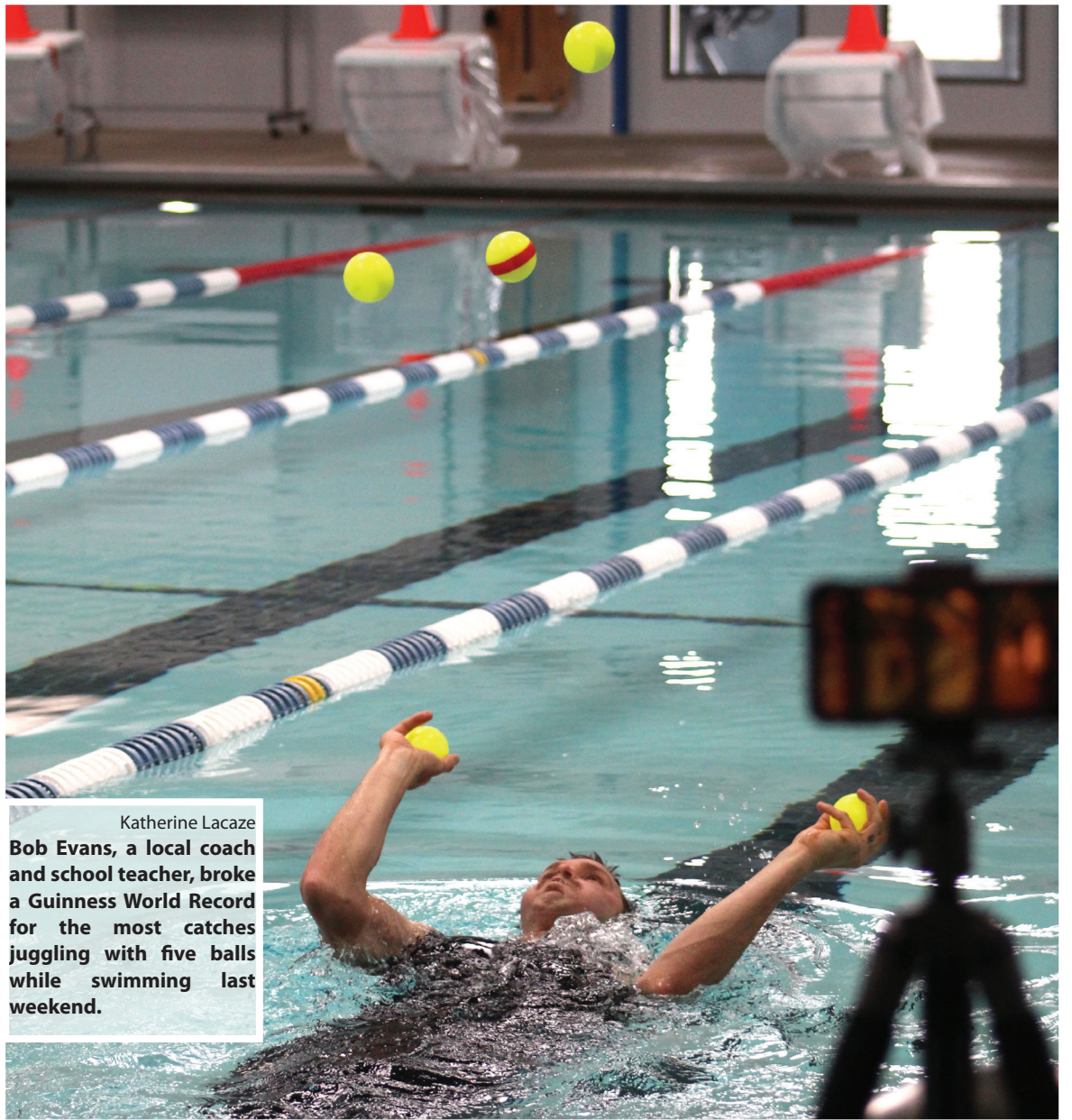
The raise came because Archibald went "above and beyond" for the district during the period, board members said.

"He's doing a very commendable, superior job,"

board member Michael Hinton said. "We appreciate that."

Board members Celeste Bodner and Erika Marshall, Mike Hinton and Su Coddington joined board president Katharine Parker in August to reject an executive director pay review

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Katherine Lacaze  
Bob Evans, a local coach and school teacher, broke a Guinness World Record for the most catches juggling with five balls while swimming last weekend.

## A WORLD RECORD

### Evans makes 'swuggling' history

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
For Seaside Signal

Breaking a Guinness World Record doesn't happen in an instant. It takes several attempts at a time — and months of training before that.

Bob Evans, a local coach and fifth-grade teacher at Pacific Ridge Elementary School, demonstrated such discipline and perseverance at Sunset Pool last Saturday when he surpassed two records in the field of "swuggling," or swimming while juggling.

A few people were in attendance to document his attempt, and the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District also streamed the hourlong program online.

"If you just pop on now, and see me kind of effortlessly get more than 25 catches, you don't really see what goes on beneath the surface, but it's a lot of struggle," Evans said.

"And there was a lot of struggle even today."

### Training for a record

At the beginning of the year, Evans set a goal of surpassing the mark recognized by the Guinness World Records for most catches while swuggling with five balls, which previously was 25. There were no time or distance parameters for Evans to worry about, although the records organization has a few guidelines for the accomplishment: a specific juggling pattern has to be followed, the balls have to stay above the water and the swimmer's feet can't touch the bottom of the pool. Since Evans opted not to pay for a Guinness official to attend the event in person, he has to submit a variety of evidence, such as reports from a minimum of three witnesses and video showing a couple different angles.

"It's pretty strict, which is nice, because it makes it offi-

cial," Evans said.

For the first several months, Evans did on-land training, such as strengthening his core, breathing exercises and finessing his ability to juggle on his back. It wasn't until June 20 that he started practicing in a pool. The recreation district staff reserved him a lane for two four-minute sessions each week, time which was critical for Evans to accomplish his goal.

"I was plateaued at 11 until July, and then I kind of had some breakthroughs," he said.

His hard work paid off, however, as during the program, Evans not only broke the record but went well beyond it by completing 101 catches. He also completed 224 catches while juggling with four balls in the pool, which isn't a Guinness record, but is officially recognized on RecordSetter.com. The previous record was

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## Logging near the Cove prompts concerns

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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A proposal to cut trees on land below the iconic slopes of Tillamook Head has caught city officials and neighbors off guard.

Though the land is zoned for forestry operations and some homeown-

ers say they knew harvest was a possibility, the reality is proving to be more complex.

In their notification to the state, the landowners propose logging about 87 acres.

The property, bordered by a subdivision, commercial timberland and protected state parkland,

sits above the Cove, a popular surfing spot. The main access to the parcels slated for logging is a spur road nestled among homes on Evergreen Drive that people often mistake for someone's driveway.

City officials say logging trucks should not be able to use residential roads to access the prop-

erty, but the city has limited oversight.

The neighborhood next to the property is mostly home to full-time residents, Mayor Jay Barber said. He noted that the streets leading off U.S. Highway 101 to Sunset Boulevard and

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## Local firefighters assist in blazes across state

By R.J. MARX  
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Local firefighters quickly geared up to join crews fighting fires throughout the state, Seaside Fire Chief Joey Daniels said Tuesday.

They were headed to the command post at Chemeketa Community College to camp on the baseball field, Gearhart firefighter Chad Sweet said.

In total, Clatsop County has about 27 firefighters out of the county fighting fires.

Firefighters left Sea-

side early Tuesday morning, led by Div. Chief David Rankin, and apparatus from Gearhart, Knappa, Olney Walluski, Astoria, and Nehalem Bay in Tillamook County, Daniels said.

Gearhart firefighters joined the county task force, fighting the

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High winds caused this tree to break overnight at a South Columbia Avenue home.

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