



## County strike teams fight state wildfires

More than 40 dispatched to blazes

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More than 40 Clatsop County firefighters continue to battle wildfires across the state, Fire Chief Joey Daniels said Tuesday, with full task forces in the Estacada and Detroit areas, and two vehicles working in Lane County.

Eight Seaside firefighters, along with two trucks and a command vehicle, are performing tasks include

road clearing, assistance with evacuations and extinguishing hot spots.

Nine personnel from Gearhart are among the county task forces, Chief Bill Eddy said, with three firefighting apparatus.

County task forces are rounded out by personnel and equipment from Astoria, Lewis and Clark, Warrenton and Nehalem fire departments.

While 14-day tours

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Gearhart Fire

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## Seaside grad's home destroyed in Alameda fire

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Jackson County's Alameda fire destroyed the home they were renting and with it, all of their belongings.

In the aftermath, Katie Fawkes, a 2008 Seaside High School graduate, and

her partner of five years, Harlan Brooks, are safe and staying with friends, Harlan's brother, Forrest, said last Saturday.

"They will need your help," Forrest Brooks, who lives in Beaverton, said in an online plea.

"Their home was always

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## Salt Makers return, minus a key ingredient

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Mrs. Cane, the seamstress who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition on its Voyage of Discovery. She made uniform shirts for the men and did laundry.

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This year's Lewis and Clark Salt Makers reenactment in the Cove came missing a key ingredient. As members of the Voyage of Discovery in the winter of 1805-06 did, salt makers boiled salt water over a fire and scraped the remaining salt.

But with a fire ban in place, this year's reenactors camped out without the actual salt making.

That didn't stop the visitors to the south end of the Prom near Avenue U, said Steve Wright, president of the Seaside Museum and Historical Society.

This year's event,

held Saturday and Sunday, brought about the same attendance as years past, with about 20 to 30 people an hour coming down.

"No fire, but everything else," Wright said, including the period clothing, shelter and encampment and the salt-making cairn.

The event comes at an interesting time in U.S. history, reenactor John Orthmann said.

At the University of Portland, repeated vandalism led staff to remove a statue of Capt. William Clark and York, Clark's personal slave and the only Black on the expedition, from public display.

Last year, in Charlottesville, Virginia, a controversy erupted over a statue of Sacagawea,



Reenactors Sid Stoffels, Glen Allison and John Orthmann at Saturday's Lewis and Clark Salt Makers event in Seaside.

who is portrayed crouching behind Clark and Capt. Meriwether Lewis. The City Council voted to remove the statue from the downtown core.

"Some people say she's crouched in submission, others say she's tending to her child," Orthmann said. "There was controversy

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Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board members Celeste Bodner, Su Coddington, Erika Marshall, Michael Hinton, Katharine Parker and Skyler Archibald.

## Recreation district to bid on middle school

Property seen as a key landmark

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The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District will bid on the \$2.9 million Broadway Middle School property.

The potential purchase aims to improve community health and wellness, child care and recreational activity.

Katharine Parker, the recreation district's board president, described it as a "key landmark piece of property in the heart of our community."

In a unanimous vote, the board authorized Skyler Archibald, the district's executive director, to work with a real estate agent and deliver an offer discussed in executive session to the Seaside School District.

"The board recognizes the need to preserve public land in the public trust

and to maintain indoor recreation space for our community and our youth," the motion stated.

The middle school, located off of U.S. Highway 101 and Broadway, is among the school properties relocating this fall to a new Spruce Drive location outside of the tsunami inundation zone. Of the 5.4-acre property, 3 acres are zoned residential and 2.4 acres are zoned for commercial use. The 73,000-square-foot building includes the main school with two gyms, cafeteria and kitchen.

Separately on Tuesday, the Seaside School District board approved a motion to negotiate and execute a property offer from Bashu Ventures LLC at the middle school.

"We have an offer on the middle school and the board approved the autho-

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## Ten added to Vietnam War Veterans Memorial

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Ten new names will be added to the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, bringing the total of those honored to 111 Seaside men and women who served.

"People keep calling up and saying, 'My dad was there,' 'This guy was there,'" co-organizer Mark Hansen said. "I had a couple guys look at it and say, 'Hi, I was there.'"

The names of Floyd Breitmeyer, Darcy Dobson, Dale Goodman, Joe Luth, Gary Martz, Jack Owen, Danny Robinson, Patrick Roshay, Mike Spillman and Doug Strong will be added.

The granite monument stands at the south edge of Seltzer Park in the Cove after the city's public works department cleared, excavated and installed the memorial in March.

Hansen met with John Alto, Ky Jennings and others in the community to lead the four-year fundraising effort and make sure each of Seaside's Viet-

nam veterans received recognition.

Seltzer Park, on the east side of Sunset Boulevard in the Cove, was chosen for its historical connection to the local community, view of the beach and accessibility to visitors.

"One guy sent me a response, 'This really makes me feel good, it's like I'm coming home,'" Hansen said.

The city continues to do concrete work at the site for greater accessibility compliance with American with Disabilities Act requirements.

An official opening is planned next year.



Imagery on the memorial in the Cove honors Seaside's Vietnam War veterans.

