

THE CANNON IS BACK AT THE BEACH



Elaine Trucke and Clatsop County Historical Society member Matt Powers unveil the historic cannon, from which Cannon Beach got its name.

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Town's symbol will be displayed at city's museum

By LYRA FONTAINE
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Cannon Beach's namesake artifact is back.

In coming weeks, the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum will swivel the cannon, which weighs about 2,000 pounds, and have a permanent exhibit up in time for a mid-summer opening.

For Elaine Trucke, the museum's executive director, the cannon's return has been a long time coming. The cannon spent about four years being restored in Texas and then was stored at the Columbia River Maritime Museum

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The iron carronade and capstan, thought to be from a naval schooner that went down in the Columbia River in 1846, have returned to the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum. An exhibit will be ready mid-summer.

Water district to block dam road

Liability at issue as debate on Warrenton dam's future continues

By ERICK BENGEL and DERRICK DePLEDGE
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WARRENTON — The Skipanon Water Control District will barricade a gravel road over the Eighth Street Dam to reduce liability while hoping to close the dam by the end of 2018.

Within several days, drivers will encounter a barrier made of two concrete blocks joined by a chain and padlock, along with reflective signage to warn them off.

The city of Warrenton will be given a key to the padlock for emergency access and official city use.

Bruce Francis, the vice chairman of the water district's board, was reluctant to give the city the key, but decided to do so as an olive branch.

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Elementary school kids eat for free in Seaside

Older students will see slight increase in costs

By NANCY McCARTHY
For EO Media Group

SEASIDE — There's a saying that there's no such thing as a free lunch, but for Seaside students in kindergarten through fifth grade, both breakfast and lunch will be free next year.

Students at Broadway Middle and Seaside High schools, however, will see a slight increase for meals. Breakfast prices will rise by 5 cents, and lunch will be 10 cents more, unless the meals are purchased by students in the federal free and reduced meal program.

The Seaside School Board voted unanimously last week to participate in a new provision offered by the federal School

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Gun views fractious even as fewer bear arms

This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wherever you look in this nation born of a bloody revolution of musket fire, chances are there's sharp disagreement over firearms.

Democrats war with Republicans, and small towns are against cities. Women and men are at odds, as are blacks and whites and old and young. North clashes with South, East with West.

"The current gun debate is more polarized and sour than any time before in American history," said Adam Winkler, a constitutional law professor at UCLA and author of the 2011 book, "Gunfight: The Battle Over



the Right to Bear Arms in America."

In the midst of debate over the latest mass shooting, in Orlando, it's easy to imagine that guns have always divided us this way. But a close look at survey data over decades shows they haven't.

There was a time, not that long ago, when most citizens favored banning handguns, the chief gun lobbyists supported firearm restrictions, and courts hadn't yet interpreted the Second Amendment as guaranteeing a personal right to bear arms for self-defense at home.

Today, in a country of hundreds of millions of guns, public opinion and

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Jimmie Johnson fires blanks from a pair of revolvers as he celebrates his win in Victory Lane following the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at the Texas Motor Speedway, in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2012. The National Rifle Association became the title sponsor of the 2013 Sprint Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

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