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# Draft flood maps shrink some hazard zones

Some cities would see reductions

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New federal flood plain maps would shrink the flood hazard zones in Cannon Beach, Gearhart and Seaside

### MAPS ONLINE

<http://maps.co.clatsop.or.us/applications/index.html>

Click on "Map Layers" tab and select "Draft FEMA Revisions 2016."

and lower the estimated flood elevation level at a key levee in Warrenton.

Property owners will have a chance to see the impact of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's draft flood plain maps on Clatsop County communities at an open house next week.

The event — scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center — will focus on FEMA's latest revisions to flood

maps in Gearhart, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Clatsop County and Warrenton Levee System No. 1.

The product of a multiyear county-wide study, the maps — plotted with Lidar, a surveying technology that uses laser — will help residents and officials determine flood hazards in certain areas. When adopted, the maps will influence development, flood

insurance rates and land use decisions on the North Coast for years to come.

"There were generally decreases in the flood hazard zones, even though elevations were about the same or may have increased in some locations," said David Ratté, regional engineer with FEMA Region X, who

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# WHAT UNITES US



AP Photos/Gerry Broome

Lennis Waller sews United States flags at Annin Flagmakers in South Boston, Va.. Marc Leepson, a historian and author of "Flag: A Biography," sees a difference in American sentiment about the flag versus other countries and their own flags. It isn't just the omnipresence of the flag, but the devotion paid to it, from the incredibly detailed federal flag code on how to handle it to the country's national anthem which pays tribute to it, to the nationally recognized day set aside for the sole purpose of honoring it. Other countries love their flags too, of course, but Leepson sees little comparison. "One hundred percent, I can't think of another symbol that unites America more," he said. "A lot of it is emotional. The emotions transcend your political views."

# Even in fractured land, there's much unity

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

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SOUTH BOSTON, Va. — Outside the Annin Flagmakers factory in this perennial swing state, a summer of discontent is brewing. They feel it inside, too — national divides that seem to grow deeper each passing week. Yet as their hands glide over broad stripes and sew bright stars to craft the most unifying American symbol, the workers sound far more alike than different.

Asked to name life's most important elements, the same answers come back: family, work and faith. Presented with the idea of living in a foreign land, they uni-

formly say no, America can't be beat. Nudged to sum up the values Americans broadly share, they point to their handiwork and what it stands for — freedom, opportunity and pride.

"We may be divided on some things, but when it comes down to the most important things we come together," said Emily Bouldin, a 66-year-old seated before a jabbering sewing machine on an Annin production floor awash in red, white and blue. "Because we realize, together we stand, divided we fall."

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Poll asks which presidential candidate would make the country more united or more divided. Page 12A.



Red bobbins to be used in assembling U.S. flags are kept in a box at Annin Flagmakers in South Boston, Va. Unity even emerges in the country's disunity. A new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 85 percent of people see the country as more politically divided than in the past. Eighty percent believe America is greatly divided on the most important values even as 62 percent believe their local community is united.

# Smyth to take lead at Jewell

Former Knappa superintendent is new principal

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Terrence Smyth, the former superintendent of Knappa School District and principal for Knappa High School, has been named principal of Jewell School.

The move comes after former principal Mike Scott took a vice principal position at Lewis and Clark Elementary School in St. Helens.

Scott was hired as principal three years ago, along with Superintendent Alice Hunsaker. He had been principal of Desert View Elementary School in Hermiston, and said part of the move west

was to be closer to his parents in Clatskanie. "I'm looking to retire here in this next year or two," Scott said about his most recent move to Columbia County. "I just wanted to be back in elementary strictly."

Scott said he was head of the committee that chose Smyth as principal. The district interviewed six people, he said, and Smyth stood out because "he had a better sense of the district already."

Smyth resigned from Knappa in January after less than six months on the job, citing stress-related health concerns from long hours, extracurricular events and the 2 1/2-hour daily commute between Knappa and Jewell. He lives next to campus in a district-owned house with Hunsaker, his partner of more than five years. Shortly after leaving Knappa, he was substituting for teachers and administrators at Jewell, at one point standing in for Scott.

Before Knappa, Smyth was principal of Springwater Trail High School in Gresham for eight years, and at Sunrise Middle School in Clackamas County for four years prior. He said the plan was originally for him to lead grades 7 through 12 and Scott kindergarten through sixth grade. Hunsaker was not immediately available for comment.

"It's not as steep a learning curve," Smyth said of overseeing an estimated 160 students at Jewell School, compared to about 500 in Knappa.

"It's just kind of destiny," he said. "You've just got to roll with your destiny. It sure wasn't what I thought it was going to be or what I planned on, but it's a really nice fit."

# Fisheries frustrations: State management under fire

Fishermen lost time waiting on Washington rules

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MOUNT VERNON, Wash. — Although the region's salmon fisheries are well into their summer seasons, much turmoil remains concerning the management of the state's fisheries.

Fishermen lost time this spring because the state and tribes had trouble reaching an agreement on seasons and allotments.

Those in fisheries-related

businesses were hurt because of the uncertainty over whether fishing would be allowed at all.

Others feel the fisheries conflict drowned out other issues, such as the battle to bring a catch-and-release steelhead fishery back to the upper Skagit River, reported the Skagit Valley Herald.

### Getting to an agreement

This year marked the first time in about 30 years that the treaty tribes and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, which co-manage the region's fisheries, failed to reach an agreement on seasons and allotments by their usual deadline, putting the

summer fisheries in doubt.

With an agreement reached in mid-May and approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in mid-June, the summer seasons started at their usual time. That was good news for fishermen.

More good news is that the sockeye salmon runs came earlier than expected and in larger numbers than forecast, Fish & Wildlife fisheries planner Kirt Hughes said.

That frustration over how the seasons and allotments are set remains.

"Things need to change. Our state needs to do a better

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Greg Howell boats back to shore after catching four fish in Baker Lake. Howell said that the sockeye were jumping in July.

