



Students, community members and voters in support of the Seaside schools bond measure march around downtown Sunday reminding voters to turn in their ballots in Seaside.

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Network connects growers, buyers

By ERIC MORTENSON
Capital Press

Forty organizations, including Oregon State University and the Oregon Food Bank, have teamed up to strengthen local food systems and connect growers who struggle to find markets with buyers who struggle to obtain healthful food.

People involved with the new entity, which is called the Oregon Community Food Systems Network believe strong local and regional food systems can improve economic, social, health and environmental conditions throughout the state.

The network formed from the realization that many nonprofit organizations were working on aspects of food, farming, health, poverty and economic development issues, but were coming at it in a disconnected way. They would benefit by collaborating, said Lauren Gwin, associate director of OSU's Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems and a member of the new network's leadership team.

Jump-started with funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust, network members settled on four primary initiatives:

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SEASIDE PEP RALLY HAS SURVIVAL IN MIND

Students bring attention to school safety

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — “Vote ‘Yes’ for Seaside schools!” The voices rang out as students, families and bond supporters joined in a pep rally march Sunday from the Seaside Civic and Convention Center to U.S. Highway 101, back to Broadway and onto the Prom. Seaside High School sophomore Mason Crawford ran through the crowd waving the school’s flag as shouts

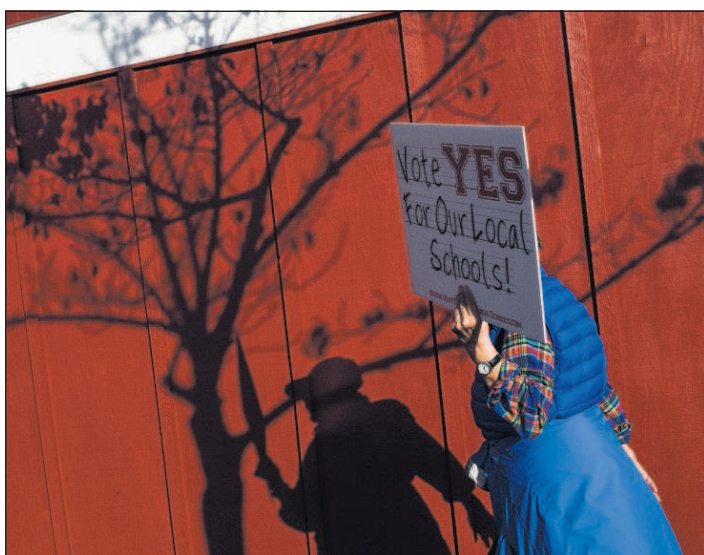
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and cheers erupted from the gathering, which included more than 200 participants of all ages. The rally culminated at the Turn-around before students headed back to the convention center.

The sunny November morning belied the dire message of students, faculty, friends and supporters of the Seaside School District’s \$99.7 million 30-year bond to move three schools out of the tsunami hazard zone.

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A woman carries a sign in support of the Seaside schools bond measure while marching with others on Sunday in Seaside.

The really small ones

South County voters to decide fate of schools

By KATHRYN SCHULZ
The New Yorker

By their nature, coastal towns are seldom at the center of things. The little boardwalk city of Seaside is in the far northwest corner of the state, 4 square miles that are not square, bisected by a river and flush against the ocean. In the

summer months, nearly everyone there is from elsewhere; given a little sunshine, well over half a million tourists spread their towels along the town’s long shoreline. After Labor Day, though, the candy stores and kite shops close their shutters, the “vacancy” signs blink on, and the beach, gone brown with rain, thins out to seagulls and bundled-up locals walking their dogs. Year-round, some 6,500 people live in Seaside.

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Seaside High School students brave rainy conditions while practicing a tsunami evacuation drill.

Judge revives salmon dam plan

Could breach four Snake River dams

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Conservationists and others have renewed a push to remove four giant dams from the Snake River to save wild salmon runs, after a federal judge criticized the government for failing to consider whether breaching the dams would save the fish.

The judge earlier this year rejected the government’s fifth and latest plan for protecting threatened and endangered salmon in the Columbia River system.

Agencies must take a new look at all approaches to managing the southeast Washington dams, including breaching, said U.S. District Court Judge Michael Simon in Portland, Oregon.

“This is an action that (government agencies) have done their utmost to avoid considering for decades,” he wrote.

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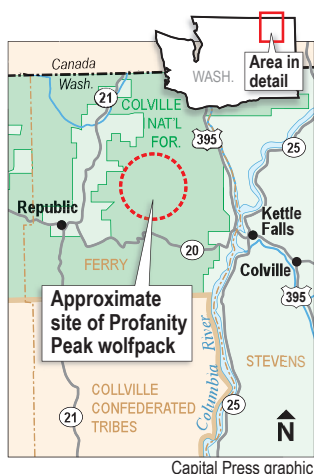
Washington spent \$119,500 to shoot seven wolves

Official: Money not reason for suspending hunt

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

Washington spent more than \$119,500 to kill seven wolves, according to Department of Fish and Wildlife policy coordinator Donny Martorello, who said the department will look at culling wolfpacks in the future in “the most frugal way we can.”

“We know that lethal removal is part of wolf management. It’s something that



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will occur again in Washington,” he said. “I do think that as an agency we have to think about cost-savings.”

Fish and Wildlife spent the money during an operation that began in August and ended Oct. 19 in northeastern Washington. Expenses included renting a helicopter, hiring a trapper, and paying the salaries and benefits of WDFW employees.

Public disclosure

A preliminary figure, \$119,577.92, was tallied in response to public disclosure requests and was posted by an advocacy group, Protect the Wolves. Martorello said a final figure may be higher.

Fish and Wildlife had

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

A wolf rests in Washington state. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife says it spent more than \$119,000 to kill seven wolves from the Profanity Peak wolfpack.

