

Six women compete for Miss Clatsop title

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Three Warrenton teenagers are among the contenders for four titles in the Miss Clatsop County pageant.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Pageant is the official preliminary competition for Miss Oregon and is part of the Miss America Organization, the world's leading scholarship provider for women.

There are 14 contestants ranging in age from 13 to 22. Those younger than 17 will vie for Miss Clatsop County Outstanding Teen and Miss North Coast Outstanding Teen.

The others seek to become Miss Clatsop County or Miss North Coast. Both go on to compete in the Miss Oregon pageant.

Miss Clatsop County and the Miss America Organization are nonprofit corporations established to provide contestants with the opportunity to enhance their professional and educational goals with the assistance of monetary **See 'Miss Clatsop' on Page 4**



Neahring



Worwood



McMahan



Ottem



Soprano



Moon

School district crafts plans for expansion

BY CINDY YINGST

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Warrenton's school district needs to buy a large parcel of land, probably along Highway 101 Business, and build a campus that initially would house middle-schoolers.

If the Warrenton-Hammond School District keeps its eyes on long-term plans, all the district's schools could move onto the hill, where there is room to grow and no wetlands or tsunami inundation zones.

"The ultimate goal is to relocate all the classes and

all of the grades to a new location," said Mark Kujala, Warrenton's former mayor and a member of the school district's long-range facilities planning committee.

Warrenton Grade School is near maximum capacity – despite several portable classrooms installed last summer -- and the high school is approaching capacity. So the school board and voters need to decide the next steps.

New rules that go into effect soon regarding building in tsunami inundation zones mean that neither campus can put in new permanent

structures at their present locations.

"You're looking at a 20- to 25-year master plan to get where you want to go," said Scott Rose, a construction planner for R&C Management Group of Yamhill, which is helping the district write a long-range facilities plan.

"How do you deliver the right facilities for students in the long term – and I recommend you bring on a designer to do the master planning – so that you design buildings for future expansion,"

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City takes on vexing pothole problem

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Dealing with complaints about potholes on constituents' streets is the proverbial City Hall thankless task.

In Warrenton, it's a \$1.9 million problem.

City Commissioners heard all about it Tuesday night in a presentation by Capitol Asset & Pavement Services, a Salem-based company hired to assess every street in the city.

The good news: Warrenton fell just below what would be considered "good" overall. The bad news: Edging into the "good" category and maintaining that will cost \$1.9 million over the next five years. But even that news isn't so bad, since current budget levels for street maintenance are at \$1.5 million.

To get every street in the "good" category would take more than \$7.3 million over the next five years, CAPS co-founder Joel Conder said.

Money aside, there is much the city can do now that leaders know where the problems are.

Private streets weren't inventoried and neither were streets owned by other agencies, primarily the state and county.

"You guys are definitely on the lower end," Conder told commissioners. "We have found streets on the coast have some of the worst PCIs (pavement condition index) ... You guys get a tough road to hoe because there are a lot of weather issues that affect streets and water is the top thing that affects streets."

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A portion of North Main Avenue has large cracks and portions of pavement collapsing as the ground settles.