

Seaside superintendent to retire after 35 years

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Three of the district's existing four schools are located in the tsunami inundation zone; they have "long surpassed their useful lives and have a high likelihood of catastrophic collapse in an earthquake," Dougherty said. For 25 years, Dougherty and other administrators have worked toward the goal of relocating those schools. A measure to obtain \$128.8 million to do so was on the ballot in a November 2013 election, but failed.

"It is still my desire to see our students in a safe location," Dougherty wrote. "I believe that by retiring at the end of this school year, it would enable me to focus more of my time toward pursuing this effort."

A long career

Dougherty began his career with the Seaside School District as a teacher at Seaside Heights Elementary School in 1982. He also worked as a teacher at Broadway Middle School and the principal of Cannon Beach Elementary School

before being hired to replace former superintendent Harold Riggan in 1998.

Phillips, who was on the board when he hired Dougherty, said he "absolutely" has achieved everything the board hoped for and expected when it made the decision. Phillips described Dougherty as "the epitome of the opposite" of Riggan, a tall, athletic man who commanded respect and attention with his physical presence.

"Dougherty has commanded respect because of the work ethic and the

knowledge he has," Phillips said, adding he provides the board with background information and research to help members make every decision regarding the district.

Dougherty's retirement is coming "quicker than a lot of us anticipated," Phillips said, but "obviously we support Doug."

"He's been a personal hero to a lot of us," Phillips said.

In the past, Dougherty has served on the board of directors for the Confederation of Oregon School Ad-

ministrators, the board of directors for the Oregon Association of School Executives, the superintendent advisor to the Oregon State Board and the advisor to the Oregon Department of Education State Assessment Committee.

Presently, Dougherty is involved with the Vision and Policy Coalition of the Oregon Association of School Executives, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management: Planning Team for the Cascadia Rising 2016 Statewide Functional Exercise, the Ore-

gon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute's School Earthquake Safety Initiative Subcommittee.

Dougherty stated in his letter he is grateful to parents and community members for their support and amazing generosity.

"I also want to thank the current and past administrators, teachers and staff for tirelessly creating collaborative learning environments as they develop our community's greatest asset — its children," he wrote.

Inland areas hit hardest by string of storms

Flooding from Page 1A

Pacific Power Spokesman Tom Gauntt reported that roughly 365 Seaside residents lost power Monday morning around 8:15 a.m. He added that they had not received any reports of power outages in Cannon Beach. Additional power outages were reported throughout the region overnight into Wednesday.

High wind watches were issued for northwest Oregon and the northern Oregon Cascades early in the week. On Tuesday, Cannon Beach reported a gust of 49 mph, Macke said. Oceanside received the highest at 73 mph.

The National Weather Service reported a high risk for trees being toppled because of saturated soils and issued a flood watch for the North Coast through Wednesday afternoon, including Cannon Beach and Astoria.

Near Circle Creek RV Park, between Cannon Beach and Seaside west of Highway 101, the North Coast Land Conservancy's Circle Creek Habitat Reserve filled with water.

The conservancy's Trust completed a project with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Clatsop County in 2013 to allow the floodplain along the Necanicum River to flood again, keeping Highway 101 from flooding to the point of traffic closure as it historically had done.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries advised caution during the storm event and offered up landslide and debris flow tips at www.oregongeology.org.

"Intense rainfall is a common landslide trigger," said Bill Burns, an engineering geologist at DOGAMI.

The low pressure system moved onto Canada after pounding Washington and Oregon. Macke said this weekend should be dry.

Saturday's storm dumped 1.47 inches of rain on Cannon Beach, National Weather Service meteorologist Laurel McCoy said. The area received 1.11 inches of rain on Sunday and 0.46 on Monday.

"We've been running above average on all three days," McCoy added.



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Canyon Creek rushes through a culvert under Ecola State Park Road. Heavy rainfall eroded the earth under the road near the culvert, prompting park officials to close Indian Beach.

On Tuesday, the nearest station in Seaside reported 2 inches of precipitation, meteorological technician Gerald Macke said.

The North Coast was hit harder than the central coast, with Newport reporting 0.63 inches of rain on Tuesday compared to the North's 2 inches, he added.

But about 10 miles inland was hit the hardest. Macke said Lee's Camp received 4 inches on Tuesday alone.

"The coast got sheltered a little bit," he added.

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Return of the salmon potluck in Cannon Beach

Gather with friends and neighbors Saturday, Nov. 21, to enjoy a potluck dinner welcoming the salmon home. This free event celebrating the annual fall salmon spawning run will take place at the Cannon Beach Community Hall, at 2nd and Spruce, beginning at 6 p.m. Guests are

asked to bring a favorite dish and place settings. Plan to wait until after the blessing to serve yourself. The event is hosted by the Ecola Creek Awareness Project. For more information, email ecola_watershed@yahoo.com or call Susan at 503-436-2586.

Lecture on Ecola watershed health slated for Dec. 9

Friends of Haystack Rock supports the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in cooperation with the City of Cannon Beach, promoting the preservation and protection of the intertidal life and birds that inhabit the Marine Gardens and the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program is celebrating 30 years of educating and protecting the marine environs surrounding Haystack Rock, including the Oregon Island National Wildlife Refuge, Ore-

gon State Marine Garden and State Park.

The lecture series is held the second Wednesday of each month from November to April at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Programs start at 7 p.m.

This talk is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9, featuring Jesse Jones, former coordinator for North Coast Watershed Association and currently assisting local watershed councils. Her talk is titled "Perspectives on Ecola Watershed Health."

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