



SPRING UNVEILING ARTS FESTIVAL

# ENTIRELY BY HAND

## Sculptor of 55-foot eagle comes to Spring Unveiling

**W**ithout sculpting assistants or scanning technology, Heather Soderberg-Greene is creating a bronze eagle sculpture with a 55-foot wingspan entirely by hand.

It will soon be the largest sculpture of its kind in the country, and possibly the world. "A lot of artists around here have said I'm

crazy for doing it by hand," she said. "Now, doing it all old school and by hand is being a rebel."

The Cascade Locks-based artist, who will showcase new work at Primary Elements Gallery this weekend for the 16th annual Spring Unveiling Arts Festival, has always been somewhat of a rebel.

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By Lyra Fontaine  
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## Citizen appeals Arch Cape committee disbanding

By Lyra Fontaine  
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It's the last design review committee in Clatsop County, and residents are reluctant to see it go.

After being disbanded by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners in February, the committee's fate has moved to the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

Arch Cape resident Jim Jenvold appealed the county's decision to dissolve the 39-year-old Southwest Coastal Citizens Advisory Committee, also known as the Arch Cape Design Review Committee.

The committee was the last of six in the county to survive, and until this year screened all construction design review applications for the unincorporated community of Arch Cape submitted to the county Community Development Department.

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## Seaside School District's race to safety

### Superintendent 'optimistic' about bond

By R.J. Marx  
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When U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden paid a visit to Seaside last month, his goal was to help the school district move schools in the tsunami inundation zone to safety.

That will require passage of a new bond, three years after a \$128.8 million plan failed with voters.

State and federal assistance will be critical to its passage, Seaside School District Superintendent Doug Dougherty said Monday.

"One of the pieces we heard over and over again was our community wanted to have some type of help from the state and federal government to offset local costs," he said.

Dougherty and the school board intend to put the bond on the November ballot to pay for the relocation of Seaside High School, Gearhart Elementary School and Broadway Middle School. "What we're looking at is a school that will eventually be expanded in one direction or another, then build another elementary school or middle school up the hill to the east," Dougherty said. "We're still discussing plans and components."

As Dougherty and officials seek funds from state and federal sources, they'll also ask the community to assess local enthusiasm.

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## Cannon Beach selects new fire chief



Pendleton Assistant Fire Chief Matt Benedict, right, coordinates firefighting efforts from his truck while firefighters battle a fire in Pendleton's old City Hall in July.

### Pendleton fire marshal will receive offer

By R.J. Marx  
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The Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District will make an offer to Matt Benedict, the Pendleton fire marshal, to serve as fire chief.

In a special meeting Friday, April 29, members of the district's board of directors unanimously agreed to offer the job to Benedict contingent on the successful negotiation of an employment package and contract.

"He'll be a great addition to our system," Director Garry Smith said at the meeting.

The salary for the fire chief's job is \$67,500 to \$75,000, depending on qualifications.

"We had a great meeting with him," Board of Directors Chairwoman Sharon Clyde said. "We hope we will

be able to negotiate with him."

In addition to being Pendleton's fire marshal, Benedict is the chief of the all-volunteer Helix Rural Fire Protection District.

He was selected from a field narrowed to former Pendleton Chief Gary Woods and John West of the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

"All three of them were very good," Clyde said. "He (Benedict) seemed like he would fit in very nicely — as they all did — with the firefighters and the community."

Interim Chief Jim Stearns said after the meeting the board will now contact the candidates and let them know, and contact the Special Districts Association of Oregon.

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