

North Coast Christian School offers preschool

At the end of the 2013-2014 school year Executive Educational Consultants did an extensive analysis North Coast Christian School and came to the conclusion that although the school had a long track record of academic excellence, the physical campus was in need of renovation and modernization.

NCCS took their suggestions and has been

growing rapidly ever since. The campus in Warrenton has almost reached its maximum for 3,4 and 5 year olds. In order to make room for more students and to better serve South Clatsop County, NCCS has partnered with Light-house Christian Church in Gearhart. Starting next fall classes will be open to 3,4 and 5 year old students at the Gearhart campus on Hwy 101.



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Donation gives elementary students 'Shoes That Fit'

Because of a donation from Rack Room Shoes, dozens of students at Seaside Heights Elementary School have been outfitted with about \$2,000 worth of new socks and shoes. Since 2007, Rack Room Shoes, located in the Seaside Factory Outlet Center, has participated annually in the Shoes That Fit promotion, where customers can round up their purchase to the nearest dollar and donate the difference or make a separate donation to the program. The money is given to a qualifying school in the community to purchase shoes and socks.

To be a recipient, said Rack Room Shoes public relations manager Lexy Baglia, a school must be a Title I school, which means it has a high percentage of lower-income students and a high incidence of students

enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program.

"Our goal is to give these children the gift of self confidence by allowing them to put their best food forward with a new pair of shoes," she said.

Seaside Heights was selected as the recipient of the 2014 promotion, which raised \$1,930 to be spent by April 1. In March, Principal Sande Brown and Head Secretary Jan Robison made two trips to the store. They purchased about 100 shoes and socks for kindergarten through fifth-grade students; with leftover money, they purchased boots for fifth-grade students to wear during Outdoor School. About 85 pairs of the shoes have been distributed. The remainder will be distributed throughout the year as need arises.

Happy Hunting!



A group of 5- and 6-year-olds scrambles to collect bright plastic eggs on a baseball diamond at Broadway Field during Seaside's annual Community Egg Hunt & Aquatic Treasure Dive, put on by the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District on April 4.

Hundreds show up for annual Easter activities

A throng of children and their families infiltrated Broadway Park, from Broadway Field to the playgrounds, to collect about 6,000 bright plastic eggs filled with treats during Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District's annual Community Egg Hunt and Aquatic Treasure Dive on April 4.

The free event featured egg hunts for 0- to 2-year-olds, 3- and 4-year-olds, 5- and 6-year-olds, 7- and 8-year-olds and 9- and 10-year-olds.

Inside one egg for each age group was a golden ticket for the collector to receive a special prize

basket. In addition, the Easter Bunny was on hand to help facilitate the egg hunts and take pictures with participants.

In the afternoon, there were treasure dives at Sunset Pool for 7- to 9-year-olds and 10- to 17-year-olds. The cost was \$2 per participant. Participants dived for keys and coins that were dropped into the pool.

For each age group there was one key that could open a treasure chest, and the key's owner received a special prize basket, as well.

Since the egg hunt is free and open to the public, the recreation

district does not know exactly how many children participated, but they estimate about 700, Fitness and Special Events Coordinator Grace Smith said. About 125 people did the aquatic treasure dive.

"I don't think I could have asked for a better day," Smith said about the weather for the egg hunt. "I was very happy with the turnout."

Seaside Outlets was the title sponsor for the event. Other sponsors included the College Savings Network, Seaside American Legion Post 99, the city of Seaside and other local businesses and agencies.

Registration deadline for May election is April 28

The Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office reminds local residents that Tuesday, April 28 is the deadline to register to vote in the May 19 special district election.

Ballots for the election will be mailed out beginning Wednesday, April 29.

Tuesday, April 28 at 5 p.m., is the deadline to hand in or mail a registration form

if you are registering to vote for the first time. To be eligible to vote, you must be an Oregon resident, a U.S. citizen, and be at least 18 years old by May 19.

You must update your registration if you move or change your mailing address, change your name, or wish to change your party affiliation. Those who are updating their registration

have until 8 p.m. on the day of the election to do so.

People can register online with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office at www.sos.state.or.us/elections. Voter registration forms can also be downloaded from the "Clerk & Elections" page at www.co.clatsop.or.us or obtained at the Clerk's Office at 820 Exchange St., Astoria.

The May 19 election fea-

tures contests for seats on the Port of Astoria, Clatsop Community College and Sunset Empire Transportation District, as well as school districts, fire districts and water and sewer service districts.

For more information go to the "May 19 Special District Election" page on the Clatsop County website or call (503) 325-8511.

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