



## One hundred years for Seaside High School

Staff, students hope to highlight special occasion throughout the anniversary year

By Katherine Lacaze  
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All impending school years carry some sense of trepidation, excitement or anticipation for incoming students, teachers, administrators and staff. For Seaside High School, the 2015-16 school year is a milestone, Principal Sheila Roley said.

The class of 2016 will be the 100th class to graduate from Seaside High School.

Throughout the school year, students and staff look forward to making a big deal out of the “100th Class” celebration, Roley said.

“In general, students are the ones with the really good ideas,” she said.

She designated Associated Student Body President

Alie Zagata to lead a team in putting together a history of the school and planning activities and events throughout the year, including a community event — to be determined — next spring. Students are considering a time capsule to store memorabilia and messages to future generations. They are in the early stages of planning, but “it’s going to be a big project,” Roley said.

About 100 years ago, Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach each had their own district for elementary students, but educators and community members determined it would be best to start a high school run by a separate unified school

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## Seaside ponders fate of ‘old church building’



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The former church building acquired by the city in September 2014.

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The former Faith Lutheran church facility in Seaside is seeking a new name and a new mission. The building was purchased by the city for \$220,000 last September.

Everyone just calls it “the old church build-

ing,” said Mayor Don Larson, but members of a new committee think the city can do better than that. They’re also considering a new role for the community space and what work would need to be done to meet that purpose.

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## Wyden comes to Seaside to help foster kids

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Sen. Ron Wyden came to Seaside Monday to show support for a Senate proposal to expand funds available for foster care families and children. The legislation expands reimbursement to provide parenting skills, family counseling, mento-

ring programs and services to stabilize families in crisis.

“It looks like this fall we’re going to be able to advance this bill,” Wyden, a ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee which oversees foster care, said. “In a tight budget environment it would be very

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# GROWING GREENS



Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District Summer Camp student Chance McKeown signs his name on a post at the new community garden at Seaside Heights Elementary School while fellow camper Diego Mendez waits his turn while eating an apple.

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## Summer camp students have big role in designing school garden

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This summer a group of elementary-schoolers played a big role in promoting healthy eating habits. The kids helped design and plant a local garden before celebrating their efforts with an all-veggie picnic.

“It’s actually good!” one student exclaimed between bites.

At the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District’s summer camp, about 20 first-through fifth-grade students joined in designing a new community garden at Seaside Heights Elementary School.

“This will be an enchanting invitation to come in here and discover

this growing place,” local Master Gardener Mary Blake said.

Blake and fellow Master Gardener Barb Hassan volunteered to teach a class each Thursday morning during summer camp from June 22 to Aug. 21. The class was a collaboration between the Friends of Clatsop County Community Gardens, the recreation district, the Oregon State University Extension Service’s Master Gardeners and Seaside School District 10.

At the beginning of the session, students used sidewalk chalk to imagine and visualize the space, said Ryan Stanley, the district’s recreation director. The students drew their favorite vegetable or fruit on blacktop near the school.

Blake and Hassan helped them determine the best way to arrange the plants to capitalize on sun and shade. “They really got quite thoughtful about it,” Blake said.

Designed for elementary school children, the garden will also be accessible to students with disabilities.

Blake said she often sees a shift in students’ relationship to food once they “take ownership” of it. They develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of nutritional value and quality.

‘It tastes good!’

At the close of the camp season, campers were treated to a cooking demonstration by Jonathan Hoffman,

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## Making ‘Waves’ at the Seaside auto show



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Dave Pedegana stands for a portrait with his 1937 Ford Slantback.

## Show-quality classic cars from 1965 and before to be on display downtown during weekend event

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It’s about featuring high-quality classic cars; closing the summer season in style; but most importantly, Seaside’s Wheels and Waves car show is about bringing families, car enthusiasts and the community together for a weekend of fun. The 2015 Wheels and Waves event, sponsored by Sunset NAPA Auto Parts, kicks off Thursday, Sept. 10, with daily activities through Sunday, Sept. 13. Organizers are expecting more than 300 quality vehicles, made in 1965 or before, with entries from as far away as Florida.

What makes the annual car show and Seaside such a good fit?

“It’s the scenery, it’s the beach theme, it’s the fun atmosphere,” said car owner Travis Diebolt, of Seaside.

The event has undergone changes in name and promoters over the years, but the mission of displaying classic cars for people to enjoy remains the same, according to Seaside Downtown Development Association Events Coordinator Laurie Mespelt.

A brief history

Wheels and Waves started in 1998, the first auto show of its kind in Seaside. At the time, it was called Hot Rod Happenin’s and showcased cars made in 1962 or earlier to participate. According to

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