



HOLIDAY SHOEBOXES



Volunteer Tom Parke (left) and relay center coordinator Mark Kenny pack shoeboxes into a carton at North Coast Family Fellowship for Operation Christmas Child during National Collection Week, Nov. 16 through 23.

on their way across the world

Holladay roadway repairs to get moving

Seaside invites bidders as clock ticks toward Memorial Day

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

After almost a month of delay, Seaside is now ready to move forward with a major remake of North Holladay Drive from First to 12th avenues. The city still hopes to have “substantial completion” of the roadway before the launch of the tourist season next summer.

The estimated \$3 million project is now open for bids from general contractors, with Dale McDowell of the Seaside Public Works Department hoping the project will be underway by the start of next year. The last day for bids is Monday, Nov. 30.

Construction includes replacing storm and water drains and moving above-ground utilities below ground. Sidewalks and roadways will be replaced.

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Seaside schools leader to retire

Longtime district superintendent to take one more run at bond

By Katherine Lacaze
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Doug Dougherty is retiring as the superintendent for Seaside School District 10 at the end of the 2015-16 school year after serving in the district 35 years, 19 of those as superintendent.

Dougherty announced his retirement during the district’s board of directors meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, thanking board members for their “on-going trust and support.”



Doug Dougherty

“We have shared a vision of seeking to do what was in the best interest of our students,” Dougherty wrote in a letter announcing his decision. “Your collaborative and caring leadership has been a major reason why I have chosen to serve my entire professional career in Seaside School District.”

The board accepted his retirement and voted to create a temporary committee to set a process for seeking Dougherty’s replacement, who will start in July 2016. The committee — which includes Chairman Steve Phillips and board members Patrick Nofield and Hugh Stelson — will consider contracting with an agency to assist and creating a committee to help with the interview process, Phillips said.

Dougherty accepted a request from the board to serve part-time as superintendent-emeritus upon his retirement to help transition the new superintendent during the 2016-17 school year.

Safe zone

Dougherty’s primary role, however, will be working on a new school relocation bond to be placed on the November 2016 ballot.

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

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County drop-off site collects boxes for Operation Christmas Child

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Shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal hygiene products and other items are one step closer to reaching the hands of children in developing countries, thanks in part to volunteers who spent hours during National Collection Week to accumulate the shoeboxes, package them into cartons and send them on their way.

Residents in Clatsop County were directed to the only local drop-off site, North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside, to deliver their boxes from Nov. 16 through

23. Some came in groups, some alone. Often, the boxes were put together as a

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TERRIBLE TILLY LIVES

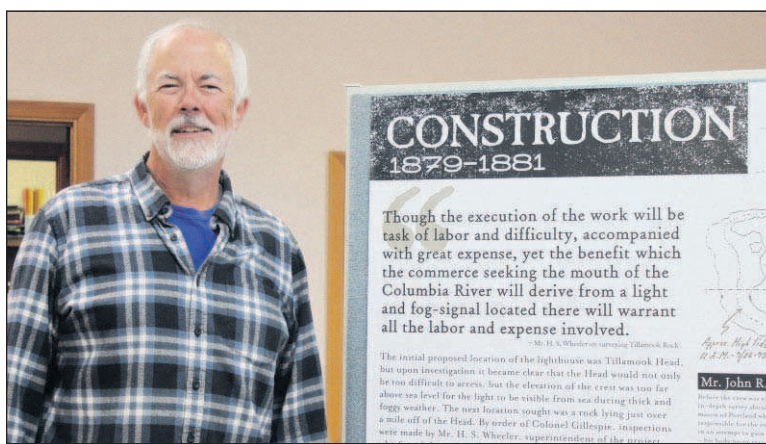
Seaside Museum exhibit sheds ‘light’ on the infamous lighthouse

By Katherine Lacaze
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The famous but desolate lighthouse perched on a chunk of basalt about 1 mile off the coast near Tillamook Head, between Seaside and Cannon Beach, is a source of local lore, mystery and sentimental value.

The Seaside Museum and Historical Society is now sharing the story of the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse through its new exhibit, “The Tale of Infamous Terrible Tilly,” on display through 2016.

The exhibit, on loan from the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, features display boards with text and pictures that provide details about the lighthouse’s dangerous construction, the lives of the men stationed there and the years after it was decommissioned. Much of the information is taken from a book titled “Tillamook Light: A True Narrative of Oregon’s Tillamook Rock Lighthouse,” written by Jim Gibbs, who worked



Steve Wright, president of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society’s board of directors, shows the museum’s new temporary display on the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse, on loan from the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum through 2016.

there as an assistant keeper in 1945-46.

A dangerous project

Terrible Tilly is one of Oregon’s most legendary lighthouses. Explaining its appeal, archivist Liz Johnson of the Cannon Beach museum said, “You don’t really see lighthouses that are out

in the middle of the ocean that are on top of rocks. The whole entire story is just fascinating.”

More than a century later, “it is crazy to think of the idea it is still standing,” Johnson said.

The lighthouse was commissioned by the United States

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Meet Gearhart’s oldest resident



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