



MUSCLE AND CHROME

Zero to 60 in 2.5!



Rare 'supercar' a highlight of the show

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

With 0-60 in 2.5 seconds and a top speed of 200 mph, nobody just takes the Kepler Motors Motion out for a spin. The "Supercar" made its Seaside Muscle and Chrome Car Show debut, featuring 550-horsepower, 3.5 liter twin-turbo engine, all-wheel drive and acceleration from 0 to 60 mph in less than 2.5 seconds. The most expensive car in the world was made entirely by hand; only 50 were produced.



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Skeleton man at the wheel.

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Seaside School District Superintendent Doug Dougherty and geologist Tom Horning at Seaside Heights Elementary School in April. The Weyerhaeuser land site can be seen behind them.

Weyerhaeuser gift could lead to November school vote

80 acres designated for new campus

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The school in one of the most dangerous locations in America could find a new home. Seaside High School, located in the tsunami inundation zone, will receive an 80-acre gift from Weyerhaeuser Co. for a new school campus located in a safer area.

"Weyerhaeuser is generously donating 80 acres of land to Seaside School District to relocate its schools," Doug Dougherty, Seaside School District superintendent, said on Friday, June 17. "We will own the property that meets the Oregon Department of Geology and Minerals Industries' safety recommendations prior to going out for a bond."

Dougherty said ownership of land outside the tsunami inundation zone was a condition many community members requested before voting to fund a new school bond. A 2013 bond to move the Seaside schools out of the inundation zone failed at the polls when voters rejected a \$128.8 million bond proposal.

According to Dougherty, there are only four public K-12 schools in Oregon within the tsunami inundation zone. "Weyerhaeuser understands that Seaside School District has three of these four schools and that there is no other suitable land available," Dougherty said.

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Kids get an introduction to gardening in Seaside

Healthy eating and a learning opportunity

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

Children who want to learn about nutrition and experience the thrill of growing their own produce now have a place to call their own at the recently completed Youth Garden behind the Sunset Pool.

The Youth Garden, located on Sunset Empire Park and

Recreation District property adjacent to the Sunset "Sunny Hunt" Pool Garden, was unveiled to the public during a grand opening June 8.

Master gardeners Mary Blake and Barbara Hassan helped spearhead a campaign to provide a garden for children that is being used within the district's preschool and youth programs.

"If we can get children to alter their palates, to make healthy choices early in life, that's what they're going to

prefer throughout life, but also that nutrition will help them do better in every aspect," said Hassan, a retired nurse. "Let's face it: nutrition is everything when children are developing. It's physical, it's mental, it's emotional."

Besides, she added, "There's such magic, taking that tiny seed that grows into a fabulous plant."

Seaside High School seniors Sam Beaudoin, Raiden Bowles and Josef Barbic built the garden's plant containers for their

Pacifica Project. District staff, along with Hassan and her husband and fellow master gardener Ed, helped with construction.

What used to be an old parking area that was plagued with standing water and a real drainage problem is now resolved with a beautiful garden, Hassan said.

The project was financed by the high school students' project sponsors, as well as the recreation district.

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Young girls admire an artichoke plant that is taller than they are at the more established Sunny Hunt Garden adjacent to the youth garden.

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Father Nicholas Nilema says goodbye to church-goers following morning services in Seaside.

Saying farewell to Father Nick

Beloved pastor returning to his African homeland

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Father Nicholas Nilema —Father Nick to all — is preparing to leave Seaside at the end of July, and his "family" here is already missing him.

"I will miss them here too," Nilema said. "It's really a family, my family. For us as missionaries, everywhere we go or are sent, we make a family."

During his 18 years in Seaside as pastor of Our Lady of Victory, Nilema counted as his accomplishments the rebuilding of the church, outreach to the homeless and partnerships within the community.

"It's a loving, caring community," Nilema said. "People's needs are the same everywhere. When people lose a loved one or family members, it's the same."

Flashing his famous smile, he added: "Except there are some differences in the social aspects."

Raised in Tanzania, East Africa on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, the high mountain in Africa, Nilema attended seminary to study accounting before his call to the ministry. He served with a small parish near Mwanza in the Lake Victoria region, before an assignment at Saint Therese Parish in east Portland in July 1992 as a member of the Associated Life Community of Priests, a missionary order that fills the need for priests.

In 1997 Nilema arrived in Seaside, which, he said, was even smaller than his Tanzanian birthplace. He devoted his attention to the community, especially the ill, the elderly and those with special needs. He formed a ministry at Providence Seaside Hospital and administers to families in Astoria at Columbia Memorial Hospital. He is a key founder of the emergency shelter with Alan Evans of

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