



Stakes for bond raised as state enters game

District could ask voters for \$99.7 million for new schools campus

By R.J. Marx
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The push to move Seaside schools to safety got a big boost as Superintendent Dr. Doug Dougherty announced the district was “the first school district on a waiting list to receive \$4 million in state grant funds.”

The grant is a result of a random draw through the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching grant program. The district was one of 29 school districts that applied for these funds on July 1.

“I am optimistic because in the May election, every school district that was on the waiting list and passed their bond received the funding,” Dougherty said early this month.

The funds are contingent on the district passing a bond in November. The 2015 Legislature authorized \$125 million in state match-

ing bonds to provide incentives to school districts seeking approval for capital projects. The Oregon Department of Finance Office of Administration Office of School Facilities could contribute \$4 million on a \$99.7 million bond cost, according to pre-election grant results.

“For almost two decades, Seaside School District has been seeking state and federal funding to offset local costs to relocate our schools, and it has been a frustrating path to provide our students with a safe, new educational space,” Dougherty said in a statement.

“With the donation of 80 acres from Weyerhaeuser for the new campus and potential access to state funding, the pathway to providing a safe learning environment has opened up for us to pursue a school relocation bond in November.”

Dougherty displayed a map of the property at a June school board meeting. The donated property is in the shape of a rectangle on the hillside immediately east of Seaside Heights

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BIKE PUMP TRACK ‘IS FOR EVERYONE’



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Young riders take to the new pump track at Cartwright Park during a grand opening Saturday by the North Coast Trail Alliance.

‘Supportive community’ pumps it up in Seaside

By Katherine Lacaze
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The grand opening July 16 for the Cartwright Park Pump Track celebrated the official birth of a new community biking venue for old and young enthusiasts alike.

The trail — designed and created under the leadership of the North Coast Trail Alliance — sits adjacent to Cartwright Park, on the corner of Avenue S and Franklin Street behind the Seaside School District Administration Building. The looping track system offers three areas varying in degree of difficulty, making it suitable for 3-year-olds learning to ride on balance bikes along with hard core BMX racers wanting to build their skills for application on mountain trails.

The outdoor facility is, in fact, intended as a family friendly venue with no age restrictions, said Chris Quackenbush, a member of the North Coast Trail Alliance.

“A pump track is for everyone from 2 to 92,” he added. “It’s a family activity.”

All that’s asked of riders is that they wear helmets while riding.

During the grand opening, members from the alliance and the community joined to celebrate the new track, the first big project accomplished by the organization. Local businesses donated food, drinks and raffle prizes for the opening day.



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Children ride their bikes around the Cartwright Park Pump Track at the course debut.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate, remember, fight back

Annual event held in Seaside

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Bright paper flowers in varying shades of purple, softly illuminated memorial bags and attendees of all ages take lap after lap around a track for multiple hours of continuous movement. Each symbol present Saturday at Seaside High School contributed to the underlying message of the annual Relay For Life of Clatsop County: celebrate, remember and fight back.

Although the traditional 24-hour event, which started at 10 a.m. Saturday, was shortened because of bad weather, about 15 teams from around the county withstood high winds and rain to raise awareness and funds for the fight to end cancer. Relay For Life, an annual American Cancer Society event, brings “awareness in the community, and camaraderie,” said Linda Yeager, of Astoria. Her husband, Tim, being diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia is what got the family involved with Relay about 15 years ago.

“Seventeen years ago, they gave me 10 years to live,” Tim Yeager said.

He was seen at Oregon Health & Science University and treated with Gleevec, a drug that targets the disease at a cellular level. Wanting to give back to the cause, he donated bone marrow and blood for research and became the state lead for American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network during the organization’s early years.

“I want to do anything I can for others to survive,” he said, adding the hope is in 50 or so years, people will view cancer the same way they now do infections, which used to result in higher mortality rates.

For Linda Yeager, as a caregiver, support from friends, family and the community was “everything, because it’s just an amazing journey to go through.”

A portion of the funds raised through Relay are designated for cancer research to help find a cure and develop new therapies. The funds also go to support programs, resources for patients and caregivers, education and advocacy.

A ‘common bond’

Since 1994, the countywide Relay For Life has taken place every year, although it alternates between Seaside and Astoria. The co-chairs this year were Brian Cole and Laura Parvi, whose father-in-law was the late Kay Bredleau, one of the founders that got Relay started in Clatsop County.

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Seaside delivers Fallen Badge donation in wake of tragedy

Mayor Larson presents \$10,000 check

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Seaside made good on its promise to the Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation, presenting a \$10,000 donation to the organization for support in the aftermath of the shooting death of Sgt. Jason Goodding.

Goodding, 39, died in February after being shot serving a warrant on convicted felon Phillip Max Ferry on Broadway downtown. Goodding left behind a widow and two children.

The Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation is organized and operated to provide support for the planning and execution of law enforcement memorial services throughout the state. According to their mission statement, these services ensure that fallen officers are given the full honors to which

they are entitled by providing “the highest level of tribute and decorum in the traditions of the honor guard.”

In the aftermath, the foundation partnered with the Seaside Police Department to provide backup and logistical support for the memorial service, attended by more than a thousand visitors, many of them law enforcement and first responders from around the country and Canada. The foundation served as point of contact for volunteers, honor guard and city officials.

Mayor Don Larson delivered the contribution to Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation board member Bob Miller at the Monday, July 11, City Council Meeting.

“I think everybody in this room that went through this has thanks that are as deep as they could ever be,” Larson said. “The check we’re going to hand you is a \$10,000 check from the people of the city of Seaside — the people whose lives you touched —

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Bob Miller
Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation board member

the lives your own people touched, in such a tremendously tragic situation.”

Miller served as deputy logistics director for the response. “I was a gofer,” he said. “I had to go around to different businesses in town and ask people for things. And in many cases I said, ‘Send me the bill.’ They would say, ‘There will not be a bill, don’t sweat it.’ It was absolutely fantastic, the love that everyone showed during that week of tragedy. I will personally never forget that. I know none of us from Fallen Badge will forget it. Thank you on their behalf.”



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Seaside Police Lt. Bruce Holt and Bob Miller of the Fallen Badge Foundation.