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The R3 Fashion Show, Silent Auction & Sweet Treats, held Aug. 17 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, was put on by the Our Lady of Victory/St. Peter the Fisherman Women's Ministry as a fundraiser for the parish's Family Religious Education Ministry.

## R3 fashion show proceeds benefit women's ministry

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inviting for all community members, Lambert said. Attendees bid on the clothing items modeled during the fashion show.

In addition to the fashion show, the event featured a live auction for four handmade quilts designed by local artists, including Lynda Newell, who created a piece titled, "Poppies."

Proceeds from ticket sales went to the Women's Ministry, which pro-

vides services for the parish and also monetarily supports other regional ministries, including the Door of Hope organization; Helping Hands Re-entry Outreach Centers; and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Gearhart.

Proceeds from the silent auction and raffle were designated for the parish's Family Religious Education Program, which recently acquired a new coordinator, Joseph Salazar. The program is designed to support not only youth from the parish but also

from throughout the community by offering positive, children- and family-centered activities, such as Catholic Vacation Bible School and Family Camp.

"The real mission is not just for our church, the Catholic church, but all our churches to focus on children," Lambert said, emphasizing the importance of making them feel valued and needed as part of the community. "If our churches work together to build a youth program, we'll all benefit."



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The R3 Fashion Show, Silent Auction & Sweet Treats at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, centered on the theme of "Recycle, Reuse and Re-love."

## Seaside school superintendent Roley receives award

Sheila Roley, the new superintendent of Seaside School District and former principal of Seaside High School, has been chosen as the Bev Gladder Mentorship Award recipient by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.



Sheila Roley

Roley has mentored administrators on the northern coast of Oregon for many years, including administrators in the Seaside, Warrenton, Knappa and Jewell School Districts, as well as many others. For several years Roley has organized a county-wide administrators book study on such leadership books as "Shackleton's Way," and has organized countywide monthly administrator get-togethers to ensure that administrators in smaller districts could have camaraderie, support and a listening ear.

Those she mentored said that Roley instilled in everyone with whom she served that all decisions were made in the best interest of kids, and consistently maintained that growth and achievement of students was paramount. They also said that she is very approachable, and that any student, staff or community member can approach and meet with her at any time. She welcomes questions, dialogue and embraced a shared leadership model, even before shared leadership was popular.

The administrators nominating her for this award stated, "Dr. Roley leads with the highest integrity, ethics and professionalism. She is a model of humility, honesty and candor, while being welcoming, kind and thoughtful. She is the person you can depend on to give you sage advice, ask the hard questions and let you wrestle with the answer as she knows you will choose correctly."

Roley was recognized at the Annual COSA Conference in Seaside, June 22-24.

## High lead levels isolated at two area schools

### Seaside School District taking action

By Lyra Fontaine  
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High lead levels were found at a sink faucet at Seaside High School and a hose at Gearhart Elementary School after testing in June.

The two problem spots were among 39 locations tested for lead.

The sink faucet was at the Seaside High School concessions stand and has since been replaced, district maintenance supervisor Glendon Ely said. The water is undergoing retesting and results are expected in several months.

The faucet was not used for drinking but was tested because of potential food preparation or dishwashing use.

Above-limit lead levels were also found in a hose in the Gearhart Elementary boiler room. No action was needed



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The Seaside School District is remediating lead problems at Seaside High School.

because it was a control sample, Ely said. The water is used to clean the boiler room.

Recent results from June lead testing at Seaside School District schools, and steps taken to replace or shut down faucets, were presented at a district board meeting on Tuesday.

Two Seaside School District locations had lead levels above the limit, out of 39 locations that were tested for lead.

One location was a sink faucet at the Seaside High School concessions stand, which has since been replaced, maintenance supervisor Glendon Ely said. The water is undergoing

retesting and results are expected in several months.

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The second location was a hose in the Gearhart Elementary boiler room. No action was needed because it was a control sample, Ely said. The water is used to clean the boiler room.

"I think we were really relieved and surprised at the results," Superintendent Sheila Roley said at a district board meeting Tuesday.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends schools collect 250 milliliter first-draw samples of stagnant water from outlets used for consumption, taking them out of service if the lead level exceeds 20 parts per billion. The trigger for treatment in a public water system is 15 parts per billion.

Samples were taken from EPA guidelines for fountains

and food prep faucets, Ely said. Some control samples, not from drinking or cooking faucets, were also taken.

Some water taps at Heights Elementary with lead levels approaching the limit of 20 parts per billion have been shut down and retested. The district will receive results in the coming months that will help determine the cause of high lead concentrations.

"We decided anything above 10 was high enough that we should look to see if something should be done," Ely said. The district may replace the fixtures or seek a cleaner water supply.

After high lead volumes discovered in some Portland Public Schools drinking water was disclosed this spring, Oregon officials recommended statewide testing of school drinking water.

"We made a decision to test early," Ely said. "We would still be waiting for results if we hadn't."

## After narrow loss, Shortman takes a second shot at Gearhart mayor

### County GOP chairman runs for top spot

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

Bob Shortman came close — very close — to winning the 2012 Gearhart mayoral election. He lost to Dianne Widdop by only five votes. In November, Shortman is giving it a second try. He'll be facing Matt Brown, a golf pro who announced his intent to run early this month.

"So many people have asked me to run again that I feel it's my civic duty to do so," Shortman said. "Gearhart is one of the most desirable places to live. Even the elk have moved in. My goal is to keep the small-town feeling we have while managing growth."

A general contractor since 1980, Shortman, 63, also worked as a union carpenter, a tree trimmer and a commercial fisherman. A full-time Clatsop County resident since 1979, he is semi-retired and manages long-term rental properties. His wife, Lynn, is a semi-retired teacher. Their three children were raised in Gearhart and attended Gearhart Elementary School.

A former chairman of the Gearhart budget committee,

Shortman continues to serve on the finance panel. He also served as chairman for the Neacoxie Watershed Committee as chairman.

"My goals are to have our city business transparent, open and friendly," he said.

Shortman said his strengths are dealing with people and listening to them.

Future goals include supporting the police and fire departments, keeping beach access open and bringing groups together, he said.

"We have to support our businesses here," he said. "We're only zoned for so much. It's not like we're going to have a Walmart in Gearhart."

Shortman said he would miss a grocery store if the Gearhart Grocery transitioned to a brew pub, "but somebody has to produce income in a business."

Short-term rental owners should have been better notified of the city's intention for regulation, Shortman said. "They got notices, but I don't think the city ever communicated with these people personally — it was sprayed with a fire hose. When they talk about communication, I see a lack of it. And when the people that are running hardly seem to notice there's a problem. But when 100 people show up mad, there's



Bob Shortman

a problem. As mayor, I'd like to review it."

Shortman said he had already contacted short-term rental owners about the new rules and "would like to hear what they have to say."

He said the city should talk about things before "throwing down laws."

If a new firehouse or other facility is sought, he said he would like to see it brought in on budget and on time.

Shortman, the chairman of Clatsop County Republicans, said he did not intend to inject national politics into the role of mayor. "The city mayor's nonpartisan," he said. "I don't want to inject any politics in the mayor's position. I see it as a business and management position. I feel it's outside the scope of some mayors to inject bigger agendas."

## PGA pro seeks Gearhart's top spot

### Brown sees role to 'calm the waters'

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

PGA professional Matt Brown declared his candidacy Tuesday for Gearhart's mayor to replace Dianne Widdop, who announced her retirement early this year.

Brown said his passion for the city was developed growing up, when he and friends enjoyed the residential nature of the community, walking on the Ridge Path — what he calls "the soul of Gearhart" — and shopping at the local grocery.

"I always knew Gearhart was a residential community and we all loved it, but I didn't know why," Brown said. "I learned about the comprehensive plan and learned Gearhart was designed to be a residential community. In community planning, if your city is not always planning, outside influences are going to plan the city for you. That vision is always at risk."

Brown, 41, attended Gearhart Elementary School, Seaside High School and Linfield College, where he graduated with a degree in business. As a PGA professional, Brown served at Astoria Golf & Country Club, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort and Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club before returning to his hometown in 2006, where he lives with his longtime girlfriend, Julie Visser, also a native.

In July, as general manager and PGA head professional

at the Highlands Golf Club, Brown was honored with a national award as Merchandiser of the Year.

Beginning in 2006, Brown served on the Planning Commission, including time as president. "When I first got on the Planning Commission, the City Council were at odds with each other," he said. "One of the things I'm most proud of through my years on the Planning Commission is that we went from having a dysfunctional relationship with the council to having a great relationship with the council."

Brown left the commission in 2012 but remained involved in city politics. During public hearings on vacation rentals, he provided testimony urging an adherence to values promoted in the comprehensive plan.

Gearhart's proposed short-term rental ordinance — requiring registration, 24-hour notification and limiting transfer of short-term rental permits — is a compromise that reduces the number of vacation rentals while protecting the rights of rental property owners. "The part-time and the full-time people — we're all part of the same community," Brown said. "But we all recognize times have changed with the internet."

The ordinance is expected to become law in October.

"What I've admired about it is that we've gotten to hear both



Matt Brown

sides," Brown said. "The city has done a great job of listening and giving people the opportunity to speak, trying to come up with a solution that's a compromise."

Issues in the city's next four years include a transportation master plan, a new firehouse, a parks master plan, and efforts to bridge the divide between residents on the east side of U.S. Highway 101 and the west.

Emergency preparedness should not only focus on tsunamis and earthquakes, Brown said, but all natural disasters.

"We have to be prepared," he said. "We have to be updated on the facts. We don't want to live in fear — but we have to be prepared."

Brown said he grew up at a time when longtime Mayor Kent Smith presided over the community. He admired Smith's calm demeanor and listening skills and hopes to emulate those qualities. "He always gave everyone a chance to speak at the meeting," Brown said. "He was always calm about it, and that's how I feel about it. My mantra would be 'calm waters.'"

"Hey, we're all in this together," he added. "We have to communicate."