



FAST BREAK



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John Chapman with Chase Januik. Chase and his brother Jackson are key components of the team's success.

Gulls' success is a family affair

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

With every game, the stakes get higher. On Tuesday night, the Gulls took to the court in Seaside with eyes on their 14-0 run and No. 1 record. Across from them, the mighty Banks Braves warmed up, their tall, lanky squad boasting Blake

Gobel at 6-feet-7-inches tall and Dalton Renne at 6-feet-6. Most of Seaside's starters have to stand on tippy toes to measure 6 feet. Don't let size fool you. The Gulls took the court and out-manned, out-pressed and out-shot their rivals, who came into the game at 12-2 and ranked third in the Cowapa League. By the end of the night, the Gulls' wizardry propelled the boys to a 73-63 win and

David beat Goliath one more time. Small, lightning fast and unselfish, the boys basketball team is ranked No. 1 in their division statewide. The Lady Gulls are nearly as unstoppable — at 12-2 — and they are ranked within the top 10 in three state polls. They pulled off a win in the night's second contest, beating the Braves' girls 62-58.

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'We are especially proud of our boys and girls basketball teams this season. They are nothing short of amazing.'

—Mayor Jay Barber

District names project manager

Firm could receive \$1.57 million

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

"Glowing reports" and high recommendations prompted the Seaside School District to select the firm of DAY CPM to administer construction management services during its Jan. 17 meeting. Superintendent Sheila Roley said the company "definitely rose to the top" in winning the selection. "With the resources they can provide for us, it was a pretty unanimous decision," Roley said.



Mike Day of DAY CPM

District voters approved a \$99.7 building bond to relocate three schools to a new site south of Seaside Heights Elementary School. The board approved the district office's request to enter into contract negotiations with DAY CPM, a Beaverton-based owner's representative consulting firm, to serve in that role for the school district.

"We're delighted to have them be representing us as our owner's agent," Superintendent Sheila Roley said.

In December, the district held a required meeting for any firms interested in submitting a request for proposal for the project manager position. Four firms attended the meeting, but only three submitted proposals. While all three were "strong companies," Roley said,

A development disclosed by DAY CPM after the interview process was the firm's recent merger with Otak Inc., a multidisciplinary international firm of architects and engineers based in Seaside. The companies finalized the transaction Jan. 9, according to Justine Hill, the district's business manager. DAY CPM is retaining its firm name and staff, including its senior principals.

Board member Patrick Nofield said it is "not necessarily a bad thing" that the firm has partnered with Otak.

"It actually gives them more resources probably," he said, a sentiment echoed by Roley.

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Christopher Dewey at "History and Hops" discusses shipwrecks off the Oregon coast.

Shipwreck hunters of the Oregon coast

By Rebecca Herren
Seaside Signal

Ever have a fascination with shipwrecks? Did you ever wonder about the mysteries surrounding their demise, stories of lost treasures, or about claiming the rights to abandoned wrecks?

Maritime archeologist Christopher Dewey does and during a Jan. 26 History and Hops lecture, a partnership of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society and Seaside Brewing Co., he answered questions to unravel a few mysteries and myths about shipwrecks.

Dewey is a retired naval officer, an adjunct instructor at Clatsop Community College and

founder of the Maritime Archeology Society in Astoria. He is listed on the Register of Professional Archaeologists and is a Secretary of the Interior and Oregon State qualified archaeologist. If that wasn't enough, he is a modern day shipwreck hunter in Oregon and Washington.

Unlike treasure hunters, he searches for, investigates and documents shipwrecks and maritime archaeological sites. He and a team of volunteers search sites using side-scan sonars, a magnetometer and a remote operating vehicle much like Robert Ballard used to find the Titanic, the Bismarck and the USS Yorktown wrecks, but smaller.

He does not salvage or excavate the wrecks he finds explaining, "I am not a treasure hunt-

er, I'm not out there looking for ships full of gold doubloons. I am an archeologist."

Dewey jokingly says that he is oftentimes referred to as a garbage collector because he finds other peoples garbage and lost things throughout the world. "We search for material remains underwater."

According to Dewey, underwater archeology looks at shipwrecks and submerged land sites both historically and prehistorically, meaning Native American and the like. "Nautical archeology," he said, is not only about the ships, "it's about the information that connects us to our past and it's about maritime cultures."

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Seaside chamber celebrates achievements

Youth, athletics are benefits of volunteerism

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Before the speeches began at the Seaside Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 24, Executive Director Brian Owen sent a shout-out to the Seaside Seagulls as the varsity boys sought to extend their undefeated record on the court against rival Valley Catholic.

The link to student athletics was especially appropriate as the chamber presented its vaunted Byron Award — named after longtime volunteer Byron Meek — to Ed Rippet, an organizer of the student athletic program Seaside Kids.

Fred Loser, recipient of the 2015 award, presented the honor.

"Seaside Kids originated from the business people in Seaside," Rippet said in his acceptance speech. "They came up with so much money that they had enough leftover after they flew them to California to form the nonprofit Seaside Kids. Until this day, we are the only program that we know of in the state of Oregon where kids can play free. That's because of your contributions."

The chamber honored Seaside's Bank of the Pacific as business of the year and Sadie Mercer of Maggie's on the Prom as board member of the year. Chuck Miner received the chamber ambassador of the year honors and Terry Lowenberg of Beach Devel-

opment received the Building Block Award for providing construction jobs and opportunities. Cheryl Barker received a life member award; Reita Fackerell was named volunteer of the year.

Incoming chamber president Stacey Brown, operations and dispatch supervisor for the Seaside Police Department, celebrated the chamber's accomplishments.

"The primary goal is to help businesses network and grow, and I think we rock at that," Brown said. "Whether you're an emerging small business experiencing growth pains, or a longtime business with solid roots, we want you to think of us as your proactive business partners."

Engagement is key, Brown said.



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Chamber Volunteer of the Year Reita Fackerell and Stacey Brown at the chamber awards.

Last year, Brian Owen was hired as executive director, a new phone system installed, email and database upgrades put in place and the chamber office remodeled, Brown said. USA Footvolley — a burgeoning international sport —

arrived in Seaside for the first time with chamber participation. A multiyear agreement was signed with the Hood to Coast relay and new directors hired to run the chamber's long-running Seaside Beach Volleyball tournament.