



PAM BALDRIDGE

Jonny Baldrige celebrates a perfect attendance record.

Perfect attendance

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Jonny Baldrige is just finishing up fifth grade and will be moving on to middle school.

He has achieved perfect attendance for all six years of elementary school, kindergarten through fifth grade, his mom, Pam Baldrige shared. "He's never even been tardy."

He is an amazing pitcher during baseball season as well as a lineman on the football team in the fall.

Fifth-grade teacher Sarah Collins said Jonny excels and perseveres in everything he does. "If he did not like a score he received on a reading response, he would go back and add more details,"

she said.

A participant in Collins' after-school robotics class, Jonny enjoys coding with his friends and is an excellent mathematician. "He presented a speech for our Genius Hour presentations on the different types of industrial robots, as well as brought in his own that he had constructed," Collins said.

He is quiet and humble and a great role model for all his peers, she added.

"He's really a terrific kid and set the perfect attendance goal for himself at the end of his kindergarten year when he received his first attendance award," Pam Baldrige said. "Education means a lot to him and we are so proud of him!"

School project is 'on target' financially

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on July 6.

If costs are higher than anticipated, the district may see additional construction changes.

If the project is estimated under budget, the district would wait until all bids are in for the middle and high school project before adding any scope, Henry said.

"Financially we're on target," district business manager Justine Hill said, adding the district was possibly gaining "a little more interest" on bonds than anticipated.

A construction pad

A foundation permit package was submitted to the city on June 19.

A building permit from the city is expected Aug. 7, Henry said. "I think with the site permit and foundation permit, we should be able to get a lot of work before the rains start in the fall, and be ready to work to get a good platform built."

At a meeting of the district's construction oversight committee on June 12, Phil Broome of Hoffman Construction delivered a revised construction traffic plan in and out of the work site to complete a "working platform, a pad that we can work on through the winter."

The future football field will house craft parking and trailers, Broome said. A boundary fence will be installed by the grade school. After the site is graded, a perimeter fence will enclose construction areas.

Construction teams will notify logging companies seven days in advance of work about access to the roads. A gate system will be installed on the north site of the property to advise hunters they can no longer shoot there.

Concrete foundation work, awarded to Coffman Excavation at a bid of \$17.4 million, is scheduled for the summer and fall. The heavy use of logging roads will continue through September, minimizing impact on Avenue S and Wahanna.

Steel can be erected in February. "That's at least something we can do in the rain," Broome said. "The concrete we can do in the rain. But we've got to get the groundwork done, get that established before the rains come, basically the first of October, maybe the middle of October. After that, it's going to rain."

Cultural survey

A cultural resource survey prepared by Willamette Cultural Resources Associates conducted an archaeological investigation, required under the National Historic Preservation Act.

The study found "no archaeological cultural resources during the field investigation. In the 20th century, the land was primarily used for logging purposes. While Seaside is in the traditional homeland of the Clatsop people, the area of construction was never substantially developed.

However, the report advises a response plan should archaeological materials be uncovered.

Gearhart approves 2018-19 budget

Numbers reach almost \$2 million

By R.J. Marx
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The city of Gearhart unanimously approved their 2018-19 budget, with final adoption at the June 6 City Council meeting. The rate is \$1,0053 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The budget was presented in late April, with resources of \$1,958,874, a \$12,716 decrease from last year's budgeted resources.

Budget numbers have not changed since then, City Ad-

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Portion of the Gearhart 2018-19 budget.

ministrator Chad Sweet said Thursday.

The budget, largely funded by \$561,000 in property taxes, represents a decrease of almost 2 percent from 2017-18 property tax revenue.

Of the general fund, fire and police departments receive the largest share, each approaching \$500,000 includ-

ing personnel, materials and services and capital outlay.

Gearhart has a "piggy bank" of \$67,000 for the police car reserve fund. The city will add \$15,000 to that fund this year. Police cars are estimated at about \$38,000.

The city also plans the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighters, considered a necessity for the safety of firefighters when facing indoor blazes.

While the city has applied for a grant, the city has a reserve of \$183,000 for the \$220,000 equipment cost.

Detailed expenditures for state revenue sharing were updated to allocate funds for nonprofit and community organizations. Of a total of

\$29,700, the city will designate \$4,000 for the city's 100-

year celebration. The city's emergency response team will see a \$1,000 jump in funding, to \$3,500. Helping Hands Re-entry Outreach Centers will receive city funds for the first time, with a \$2,300 allocation. Clatsop Community Action and Clatsop Economic Development Resources each saw \$500 reductions in city funding.

The 2018-19 road district budget of more than \$186,000 also received approval, with a taxpayer cost of 6 cents per \$1,000 of property assessed value.

Councilors voted twice by title in their approval to meet a June 30 deadline.

Rec district mulls expansion scenarios

Board leans to \$16M, 20-year bond plan

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Plans for a renovation of the Seaside aquatic facility on Broadway include expanded classrooms for early education programs, a community gym, fitness classrooms, an indoor walking track, enhanced cardio fitness area and increased storage space for pool equipment.

The project comes with a cost, estimated at between \$15 million to \$18 million. The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board of directors presented four scenarios at both price estimates for a November bond to pay for it.

The bond will be voted on by residents of the independent taxing district, who include most residents of the Seaside School District, excluding Cannon Beach and Gearhart.

"I believe in it because I can see the impact of this on the community, of the effect it's going to have on kids, of this expansion," Alan Evans, chairman of the district board, said Wednesday. "There's not a whole lot of other options to make that happen."

In April, directors voted to pursue a base plan over an enhanced proposal that would have included acquiring and renovating the Broadway Middle School building, which will be vacated as the Seaside School District moves to build their new campus. That model would have cost more than \$28 million without adding the cost of the building's land purchase.

The base plan model is estimated between \$16 million and \$18 million. The board of directors reviewed two bond scenarios, with four repayment schedules for each.

Bonds would be sold to investors and repaid off by

BOND SCENARIOS (COMPARISON)							
16 MILLION SCENARIO			18 MILLION SCENARIO				
	TAX RATE PER \$1,000 ASSESSED HOME VALUE	ANNUAL IMPACT FOR \$200,000 HOME	ANNUAL IMPACT FOR \$400,000 HOME		TAX RATE PER \$1,000 ASSESSED HOME VALUE	ANNUAL IMPACT FOR \$200,000 HOME	ANNUAL IMPACT FOR \$400,000 HOME
15-YEAR BOND	.70	\$140	\$280	15-YEAR BOND	.78	\$156	\$312
20-YEAR BOND	.56	\$112	\$224	20-YEAR BOND	.63	\$126	\$252
25-YEAR BOND	.49	\$98	\$196	25-YEAR BOND	.54	\$108	\$216
30-YEAR BOND	.45	\$90	\$180	30-YEAR BOND	.48	\$96	\$192

SUNSET EMPIRE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Potential bond financing scenarios presented to the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board of directors.

property taxpayers over time. Directors considered 15, 20, 25 and 30 scenarios and their impact. According to details provided by executive director Skyler Archibald, the base plan model chosen by board members is estimated to cost around \$16 million to \$18 million. The bond will cost somewhere between 45 cents and 70 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value.

Directors leaned to support of a 15- or 20-year payment schedule based on the \$16 million projected cost. While costs for taxpayers would be higher

on an annual basis, the bond would be paid faster and eliminated additional interest costs, according to bond consultants Piper Jaffray. For a payoff period of 15 years, the impact of a homeowner with a \$200,000 home would be about \$140; the cost for a \$400,000 property about double that.

Interest on a 30-year issue \$18 million bond would exceed \$21 million, more than the cost of the bond. Total debt service would be more than \$39 million.

In a 15-year debt service schedule on a \$16 million

bond, taxpayers would elect to pay about \$6.6 million in interest and about \$23 million in total debt service.

"In the end, we have to explain why we feel this is important, why we've chosen the scenario we've chosen," director Jeremy Mills said. "We have to get ahead of this."

Directors continued to have concerns about the bond's potential to succeed, as Seaside School District taxpayers are repaying a \$99.7 million bond approved by voters in 2015 for a new campus. A proposed \$23.8 million bond for county jail facilities is on the fall ballot.

"There isn't another gym that's available for community use throughout the district," Archibald said. "We're trying to put something unique and special in."

Directors said they plan to select one of the bond scenarios at their July meeting. A filing must be made with the county by Aug. 17 to ensure the bond measure will be placed on the ballot for Election Day Nov. 6.



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