

As two principals depart, familiar faces fill new roles

Staff changes at middle, elementary schools

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Seaside School District students and parents will see some new faces next year, and some familiar faces in new roles.

At the June 19 meeting, the district presented and approved a list of staff appointments. Among the new hires are a new athletic director, Aaron Tanabe and Broadway Middle School Science teacher Lynette Harthold.

Principal Jeff Roberts will continue to serve as the Gulls' head varsity football coach as well as manage administrative duties at the high school.

Athletic director and teacher Jason Boyd will take over as assistant principal at Seaside High School. Aaron Tanabe,



Sheila Roley and Sally Francis at the Seaside School District's board of directors. Francis is retiring as executive secretary after 30 years with the district.

formerly of Valley Catholic, will serve as athletic director, assistant coach and teach social studies and physical education.

The district's board of di-

rectors accepted the resignation of Seaside Heights Elementary School principal John McAndrews and Broadway Middle School principal Rob-

ert Rusk, both of whom will be taking new posts.

"We've reconfigured the team," school district superintendent Sheila Roley said at the

district's June 19 meeting.

Natalie Osburn, who has served as Seaside's High School's assistant principal, was named Broadway Middle School principal. Steve Sherren will remain as assistant principal.

Rusk will take a position at Seaton High School, a Catholic prep school in Vancouver, Washington. "I will miss you guys," Rusk said. "Thank you so much for the opportunity — but you are in great hands with Natalie and Steve."

McAndrews heads to an elementary school in Newberg. "I wanted to thank you all for a really fantastic five years, from a great school community, from the board to Sheila, the administrative team, the teachers and of course the students parents have been really great. I'm going to miss the community and thank you very much."

With a coming merger of Gearhart Elementary School and Seaside Heights Elemen-

tary School, Juliann Wozniak, who has been Gearhart Elementary School principal for four years, will work from Seaside Heights and serve as principal for the district's elementary program. She will be based out of Seaside Heights until the new campus is built.

Wozniak said she is "looking forward to another adventure next year." Jeremy Katt, who worked out of Seaside Heights, will move from his position as special services director to assistant elementary principal, based in Gearhart.

The district is in the process of looking for a special services director.

In the office, Sally Francis is leaving as executive assistant after 30 years. "When I was a first-year school principal, she was my high school secretary. We started working together in an administrator/secretary role 21 years ago."

Leslie Garvin will assume the role of executive assistant.

Club All Stars learn from experience

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the system works, and how to advocate for themselves and others. Through workshops and trainings, they learn how to best make their voices heard by politicians and policy makers, the public and influencers of the system that impacts their lives.

A staggering number of children enter the foster care system every year. It's imperative these youths learn what their rights are, and how to best succeed while in the system.

For example, they learn what medications they can legally be given, how to not be trafficked, navigating sibling separation, what scholarships are available to them to further their education and independent living.

Importantly, they learn how to manage the tricky and dangerous period when they "age out" of services so they don't wind up on the street.

According to currently available information roughly 428,000 minors in the United States are presently in foster care. They enter the system because of parental neglect, parental drug use, their legal caretaker's inability to cope. More than 20,000 of them age out of care each year, leaving 18-year-olds with no home, no parental figure, and no safety net.

Bodner said she started the organization initially as a website after she and her husband became the de facto foster parents to two boys who lived next door. She said from the start, she wanted Foster Club to be informed from a youth perspective. Essential programs were gradually developed encompassing

youth leadership, national policy training, outreach, social media, a help line. Foster Club is partnered with the Providence Foundation and is a model program for youth in foster care about policy work and system change.

"We are now represented in more than 30 states," Bodner said. "We've been instrumental in the passage of several new laws regarding foster care."

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Celeste Bodner
Executive director of Foster Club

The Milestones meeting began with a Native American Yakama Tribe exercise where participants used a string they dotted with knots, each knot representing a major milestone in their lives. There was a lot of sharing, but no war stories. It was an emotional but uplifting event. It was impossible not to be moved by these young people who survived their early life experiences and have flourished.

Whether you are a child welfare professional, a concerned citizen, a foster parent or caretaker, or a foster youth, Foster Club exists to provide life improving resources.

Being placed in foster care is a chaotic and anguishing experience, but it doesn't have to be crushing. For more information, log on to www.fosterclub.org.

GRADUATE NEWS



Abigale Koch



AAUW scholarship recipient Dayaan Contreras.



AAUW scholarship recipient Faythe Koontz.



AAUW scholarship recipient Stephanie Mendez-Garcia.

Graduations and honors for area students

Gearhart's Abigale Koch is graduate

Abigale Koch of Gearhart was among just over 370 graduating high school seniors who have now joined a growing alumni base of Oregon Connections Academy, the state's largest virtual school. Several hundred families, friends and classmates attended the 10th Oregon Connections Academy graduation ceremony earlier this month. The tuition-free online school held an in-person commencement for its 10th senior class on June 9 at the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Seaside AAUW 2018 scholarship recipients

Dayaan Contreras was selected as the 2018 AAUW Scholarship recipient of \$2,000 for a woman returning to school after a five-year absence. She is presently enrolled at Clatsop Community College and will be seeking a law enforcement degree through Western Oregon University.

Faythe Koontz and Stephanie Menez-Garcia, two recent Seaside High School graduates were each awarded the June Stromberg Scholarship for \$1,000 awarded to the first female in their family to attend college.

Menez-Garcia will attend Clatsop Community College in the fall before transferring to Oregon State University to major in forestry. Koontz plans on attending Oregon State, where she will major in elementary education.

The Seaside AAUW Scholarship Foundation has grown from a simple \$300 grant in the 1990s to \$5,000 in scholarships awarded each year. For more information about the program and how it is helping girls and women, visit the Seaside AAUW website.

Carmichael, Moren awarded degrees from Oregon Institute of Technology

Cody Carmichael of Seaside was among more than 150 students from Oregon Institute of Technology Port-

land-Metro Campus who received degrees during commencement exercises on Sunday, June 17, in Wilsonville. Carmichael graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Harley Moren of Seaside was among more than 700 students who received degrees during commencement exercises on Saturday, June 16, at Oregon Tech's Klamath Falls campus. Moren graduated with a bachelor of science degree in renewable energy

Students make the deans' list at Azusa Pacific University

Morgan Brown and Summer Spell, both of Seaside, were among those who made the academic deans' list at Azusa Pacific University for a spring 2018 grade-point average of 3.5 or better. They are joined by 1,760 students receiving the same honor.

Rec district plans 20-year, \$20M bond

Expansion plan heads to ballot

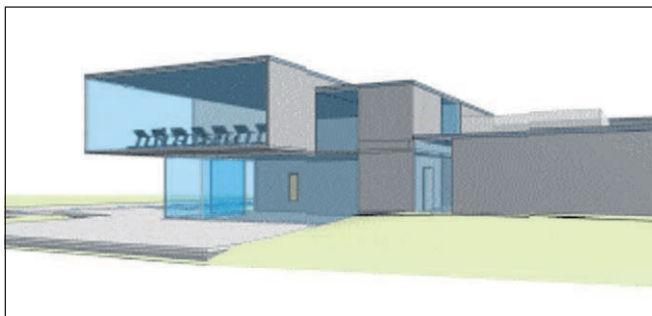
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The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District has narrowed down options for an expansion of the pool and fitness center on Broadway Street.

The recreation district will back a 20-year, \$20 million bond plan in November to add a second-floor walking track, indoor racket courts and fitness areas, and reconfigure administrative areas, classrooms and storage space, among other upgrades.

The project could start in late 2020.

Board member Jeremy Mills saw the numbers as fortuitous. "Twenty for 20 in 2020 — it's almost a slogan," he said. The building expansion is estimated at \$11.5 million to \$13.5 million, ranging from \$294 to \$336 per square foot, according to the project



Street view of proposed Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District building expansion.

cost summary delivered by Opsis Architecture.

Demolition and site development add about \$1.2 million.

Soft costs, including fixtures, equipment and program materials, raise the estimate to \$16.5 million to \$19.2 million. Wages, tariffs and other costs could add to the project.

As a result, the total cost could range from \$18.6 million to \$21.5 million.

With a 20-year payoff period and an \$18 million expansion scenario, the tax impact to the owner of a \$200,000

property would be about \$126 per year. The impact for a \$400,000 property would be about double that.

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

Board members sought to keep costs at or under \$20 million.

"People like round numbers," Mills said. "People will see a clarity in that. It seems like a fit."

Construction could start in "really late 2019 or early in 2020," with about a year to a year and a half building period, Skyler Archibald, the district's executive director, said.

During construction, pool facilities would continue to operate and fitness programs and classes would move to other district facilities.

"Over 70 percent of our users are there to use the pool," Archibald said. "The reason why this program makes a lot of sense is we don't have to eliminate or reduce any of the pool operations. We can keep operating without the majority of the patrons seeing any consequences."

Board members will formally consider adoption of the bond proposal at a meeting July 17.

The recreation center bond is among several bond requests that will go before voters in November. Bond financing will be sought for school improvements in Warrenton and Astoria and an expanded Clatsop County Jail.

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