



# TSUNAMIS

## HOW THEY SHAPED OUR LAND

An enchanted forest of ecological and cultural significance lies in Seaside's backyard

By Rebecca Herren  
Seaside Signal

From the property line of Neawanna Point Marsh on the Necanicum Estuary to the present day Neacoxie Creek, there is a wonderment of exploration featuring an amalgamation of plant life, wildlife, ghost forests, gravel berms, sand dunes, erosion, flooding and regrowth. All part of a sacred Native American parcel of land rich in geological history.

As part of North Coast Land Conservancy's Summer on the Land series, local resident and geologist Tom Horning led a tour through the estuary and along the river's edge, shedding light on its geological history, impact, and wildlife visitors who made an appearance.

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REBECCA HERREN

Tom Horning and North Coast Land Conservancy volunteer Nancy Holmes examine one of the many grasses associated with the estuary. In the background is yellow grindelia, a plant used by the great blue heron to build their nests around the south San Francisco Bay area.



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This area east of U.S. Highway 101 along the Necanicum River is the result of a tsunami that hit between 1,100 and 1,300 years ago.

## Horning seeks funds for retrofitting bridges

Lodging tax is met without enthusiasm

By Brenna Visser  
Seaside Signal

While the City Council agreed making Seaside's bridges more seismically sound is a priority, most councilors are hesitant to use lodging tax dollars to pay for it.

At a workshop about tsunami preparedness Monday, City Councilor Tom Horning pitched raising the lodging tax by 2 percent to quickly pay for retrofitting seven bridges and build two pedestrian bridges over 20 years to withstand a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

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DUSTIN BILLINGS

Authorities are investigating a fatal officer-involved shooting in Seaside.

## Details released in fatal Seaside police shooting

Man allegedly refused to drop guns

By Jack Heffernan and Brenna Visser  
The Daily Astorian

The Seaside man who was shot and killed by police last week allegedly refused an order to drop two black powder pistols and appeared to be concealing one of the guns behind his back, authorities said Tuesday.

In the first detailed account of the July 24 shooting, Clatsop County Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said police first responded to the Seaside RV Park after a man was mauled by a dog and suffered serious injuries.

Officers left the scene but came back after a report from a neighbor that Cashus Dean Case, 44, armed himself and was seen waving the pistols. Case, who had helped the man who was attacked by dogs, allegedly threatened to kill the dogs.

When two officers arrived, they ordered Case to drop his weapons, but he did not comply, Brown said. Instead, he appeared to have one of the guns behind his back while turning toward the officers with the other firearm in his left hand.

Seaside Police Cpl. David Davidson fired three shots, striking Case in the chest area and causing his death, Brown said.

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SEASIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Betsy Ross and Uncle Sam flank the Statue of Liberty at the Seaside Historical Society and Museum on the Fourth of July.

## Back to the future for historical society

With grant money, society to launch strategic plan

By Damian Muinix  
For Seaside Signal

With a beginning as a simple display of artifacts in storefronts nearly 45 years ago, the Seaside Historical Society and Museum is taking steps to assure that it continues to preserve those local treasures for years to come.

In his message printed in the June museum newsletter, board president Steve Wright noted that when looking back on 2017, it will be remembered as the year the society "began to take significant steps to move into the future."

The historical received a \$7,000 grant from the city of Seaside toward their goal of "becoming a hub for historical, cultural and heritage activities," according to their grant request. In February, the board met with consultant Dave Bucy about planning and developing interpretive exhibits and begin drafting a strategic plan based on a visitor interpretive experience overview.

"We set aside our annual grant money from the city of Seaside to begin building a strategic plan. That process is now underway," wrote Wright.

He noted that the next step will be to determine what needs to take place in order to make that happen.

"We are now utilizing a consultant that is helping us create a vision that we can follow," said

Wright. "I should also note, that we gladly welcome involvement from the community in this process."

Wright acknowledged that with big changes coming, change is never easy. "We trust with the support of our members, volunteers and the local community that the end result will be worth the effort," Wright said.

### Rooted in history

For several years the historical society and museum has provided teaching materials to local fourth-grade classes regarding the native Clatsop-Nehalem people.

"This past spring we used grant funds from Clatsop County Cultural Trust to facilitate field

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