



## Dancing WITH DAD

A SEASIDE TRADITION AT THE CONVENTION CENTER



Jesse Brockey and his daughter Felicity, 4, share a dance at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's fifth annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

By **KATHERINE LACAZE**  
For Seaside Signal

**B**athed in colorful lights, a small army of girls, accompanied by their fathers and other male relatives, generated a palpable energy that thrummed along with high-volume music and excited chatter during the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's fifth annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

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## Opioid treatment center prepped for Seaside

CODA plans to open this fall

By **R.J. MARX**  
Seaside Signal

A new clinic that will provide methadone to treat heroin and prescription opioid addiction could open this fall.

CODA, a Portland-based drug treatment provider, is negotiating a lease with Terry Lowenberg for a former real estate office on South Holladay Drive off U.S. Highway 101.

The clinic could treat up to 300 people, said Tim Hartnett, CODA's executive director. Along with methadone, people could receive other federally approved medication-assisted treatment for drug abuse, such as buprenorphine or naltrexone.

"We help people in the deep end of the pool," Hartnett said at a City Council meeting Monday night. "We help people who not only have drug and alcohol problems, but are tangled up in poverty, tangled up in the criminal justice system, the child welfare system. We work with a very complicated caseload."

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## Phillips resigns as president of school board

By **R.J. MARX**  
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Seaside School District Board of Directors President Steve Phillips submitted his letter of resignation at a special board meeting at the district office Thursday, Feb. 7.

Phillips steps down in the aftermath of a settlement with the Oregon Department of Justice. The state alleged Phillips and his wife Dana conducted unlawful trade practices in conjunction with their roles with the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and Oregon Scholarship Foundation. The Phillips' agreed to pay \$150,000 to the Oregon Community Foundation for the Tiffany Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for the couple's 17-year-old daughter, who died in a 1998 car accident.

"Please accept my resignation from the board of directors effective Monday, Feb. 4," Steve Phillips wrote superintendent Sheila Roley and the board. "I wish everyone well in the future and know that I will always be a true supporter of the Seaside School District."

The board unanimously accepted the resignation.

Vice-chairman Mark Truax, who conducted the meeting, praised Phillips' 24 years as a school board member. "Steve has given everything," Truax said. "It's about kids, from day one. His talents will be greatly missed."

Roley thanked Phillips for "his support, guidance and mentorship in this position. We'll really miss him."

Phillips represented Zone 5, Position 1 in Seaside, and leaves a second unfilled board seat. Patrick Nofield, who vacates one of



Steve Phillips

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## Newcomers club: No dues, no politics, just fun

North Coast Newcomers and Social Club celebrates its first year

By **EVE MARX**  
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Ellie Ludy moved to Gearhart from northern California in 2016.

"Everyone was very nice," she said, speaking from a place she jokes is her alternative living room, namely the leather sofa at Sweet Shop in Gearhart. "Although everyone was very nice, it was hard to develop meaningful connections." She spoke of the isolation of the coast and the sometimes inclement weather which kept her indoors so much of the time. "I knew I'd have to change something or leave the area."

Which is what led to her founding the North Coast

### CONTACT THE CLUB

For more information about the North Coast Newcomers and Social Club, contact Ellie Ludy at 503-440-1526, or check out the club's page on Facebook.



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Kathy Zimmerman, Joy Sigler, Ellie Ludy are among the founding members of the North Coast Newcomers and Social Club.

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