



TOP Bindi, owned by Tami Bellingham, gets a workout as she trains with the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club. **LEFT** Tami Bellingham and Bonner. **RIGHT** Tiger, owned by Bruce McPhearson.

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Training day: Labrador retrievers hone their skills

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“We were joined by trainers Bruce McPhearson and Pandyce McCluer for tips and instruction,” Bellingham said. At the Gearhart event, the 10 dogs, between five months and five years, training were primarily former show dogs working toward junior hunt

certification. Training took place on water and land, and for some of the dogs, this was a first-time experience. “I’ve always had dogs,” Bellingham said over bacon and eggs at Grandma’s in Gearhart. “I’ve had Labs for 30 years. I’ve always done training with them in obedience, rally, conformation.”

She currently has three dogs, Jewell, 8; Bindi, 3; and Bonner Blue, 2. Bonner Blue holds the title of No. 1 Labrador in Oregon, 2018. Jewell is Bindi’s mother. This year marks Bellingham’s third year with the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club. She said the club has a specialty event coming up in July at Cham-

poeg State Park in St. Paul. Of the training day in Gearhart, Bellingham said, “Everybody loved it and it was such a fun day. You could say it was ‘pup-spacular.’” For more information about Rose City Labrador Retriever Club, log on to rosecitylrc.com, or contact Bellingham at 541-788-3128.

Board games: Program goal is to treat each kindergartner ‘as a person first’

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received other funding to ensure the kindergarten classes at the Heights have enough board games for each student to take home a different one each week. All the board games are age-appropriate and culturally responsive, with instructions in both Spanish and English so they’re accessible to the diverse families served by the school district. The benefits for the kindergartners, the teachers believe, are numerous: supporting social-emotional learning, teaching students to express and manage their emotions, encouraging them to engage in cooperative play, and introducing them to the concept of friendly competition. Board games also teach the students about following rules, taking care of materials, and maintaining focus on a task. Additionally, the program encourages family engagement, and the students have responded positively. “We’ve never had parents

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kindergarten teacher

come to us and say, ‘We love your homework so much, we’re buying it for Christmas,’” kindergarten teacher Betsy Mahoney said. The program was recently featured by The Tabletop Game Talk podcast as an example of how gaming transcends a simple hobby and can benefit classrooms and society as a whole.

In other news:
• The board approved to designate Gearhart Elementary School, Broad-

way Middle School and Seaside High School and their associated properties as “surplus” as of fall 2020, when they are no longer in use. Superintendent Sheila Roley said once district properties become surplus, staff is authorized to dispose of them — or in this case, work with a Realtor to sell them. Roley said they aren’t bound to a certain date, but the properties become surplus when “we cease to occupy them.”
• The elementary schools’ parent teacher organizations are hosting a Bollywood Dance Night at 5 p.m. April 5 at Seaside High School. Kindergartners through eighth-grade students will learn choreography from professionals during the school days leading up to the dance as part of their celebration of the arts. They will perform their routine at the event, which is free and open to the public and also includes Bollywood dancing and music, a photo booth, and popcorn.

Election: Two of three open seats will see competitive races

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She is a local operations manager at Vacasa and served in the consulting office at the Seaside School District from 2016-18. Seaside’s John Dunzer is the third candidate to file for the Zone 5, Position 1 seat. Dunzer, a retired corporate executive, is now employed as a greeter at Walmart. He holds a masters degree in business administration from Cal State Fullerton, and is a UCLA graduate. He has previously served in public office as a school board member in Newport, California, and with the Newport Planning Commission. Shannon Swedenborg filed Zone 1, Position 1, after Patrick Nofield stepped down in Cannon Beach. She

has filed to run in May. Swedenborg now holds, with Brian Taylor, one of two positions representing Cannon Beach. Over the past two years she has been a substitute teacher at the Heights Elementary School and Broadway Middle School. She taught high school biology in the Renton, Washington, School District for 10 years. Mark Truax, president of the board and holding 20 years experience with the school district, is running for Zone 4, Position 2, based in Seaside. He is a Seaside High School graduate Astoria firefighter. The filing deadline is Thursday. Deadline to vote in the special district election is April 30. The election takes place May 21.

Census: Undercount could affect apportionment

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An undercount could cost the state in terms of national political apportionment, as well as a loss of about \$3,100 per person in federal benefits. Right now, the census process is in the “education phase,” Bushore said. Through December, key community and municipal leaders receive training, informational materials and one-on-one meetings with the Census Bureau partnership staff about the importance of the census and the need for local support to ensure a successful count. Along with Seaside, Bushore will visit other Clatsop County communities to share the message and set up workshops to increase response.

Once the census process is underway next April, an individual will receive three “invitations.” This will be followed by a short form, and the fifth correspondence a reminder. “If you don’t fill it out by the fifth time, an enumerator — a fancy word for a census taker — is going to knock on your door.” Recruiting efforts are stepping up, she said, with the Census Bureau only at 30 percent of full staffing. “Who better to enumerate seaside than the people who live in Seaside?” Bushore said. Enumerators work 10 to 40 hours a week, receive \$17.50 to \$19.50 per hour, and are available to U.S. citizens over 18. “It’s more of a seasonal job,” she said. “It’s not for someone who is looking for full-time employment.”

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