



HIGH SCHOOL GOES ON THE SALES BLOCK

In mid-July, the Seaside School District's real estate representative Norris & Stevens posted sales listings for two of three school district properties on the market, Broadway Middle School and Gearhart Elementary School, at \$3.6 million and \$1.9 million respectively.

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BIG DEAL!
The total asking price of three schools exceeds \$10 million.



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Future site of the Columbia Memorial Hospital care center in the Seaside Outlet Mall.

Work begins as CMH readies clinic in Seaside

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Work is underway at the Outlet Mall in Seaside on a new Columbia Memorial Hospital primary care and urgent care clinic, located at the former sites of Dress Barn and Toys R Us.

According to the hospital's marketing and communications coordinator Felicia Struve, the hospital board of trustees voted to go forward with the expansion plans at the end of 2018 due to an ongoing need in the region of primary care services.

Hospital CEO Erik Thorsen said in a statement that the last community health needs assessment showed a need to do more to meet the demand for primary care services in our growing area. With clients in Seaside, Cannon Beach and further south, it "just makes sense to the board to build a clinic in Seaside."

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FREE LUNCH FOR KIDS!

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For Seaside Signal

The large signs hanging at the entrances of Broadway Middle School that promote free summer meals include the broad proclamation, "Please join us!" That message of enthusiastic welcome is amplified inside the cafeteria, where the Seaside School District's head cook Jessica Smith not only hands out lunch to children 1 to 18 five days per week but also dishes out friendly small talk and an approachable smile.

"We want to feed everyone we can," Smith said, as she busied herself Monday serving corn dogs, French fries, fruit and vegetables to more than 50 young people during the lunch period.

The school district is one of multiple entities in Clatsop County that sponsors a site where children and adults with life challenges can get lunch for free through the state's Summer Food Service program. The Astoria, Warrenton-Hammond, and Jewell school districts sponsor another 11 sites, and the state of Oregon has more than 875 sites altogether.

To highlight the availability of free summer lunches, the state celebrated Summer Meals Week in mid-July. Although more than 300,000 children are eligible for free or reduced lunch during the school, less than 15% participate in the summer program, according to the Oregon Department of Education.

"When school is out during summer, some students may not get the nutrition or learning opportunities they need, causing a 'summer gap' that is difficult to make up once school starts again in



Seaside School District head cook Jessica Smith serves lunch Monday from 11:30 to 12:15 at Broadway Middle School, the district's Summer Meals Program site. Through Aug. 23, children 18 and younger and adults with life challenges can receive free lunch Mondays through Fridays.

the fall," the Department of Education's Summer Meals Outreach Coordinator Jessica Visinsky said. "Boosting students over the summer helps us foster equity and excellence for every learner year-round."

'Numbers have been strong'

Seaside used to have two site locations, including one at The Heights Elementary School. Since the campus is under construction, however, the program has been consolidated at the

middle school.

"Part of our challenge has been when there are other locations, we don't get the traffic," said Tamra Taylor, the Director of Dining Services for Chartwells who services the Seaside and Warrenton-Hammond school district. "With The Heights having construction going on and everything, it's just been Broadway for the past two years, and our numbers have been strong."

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Volleyball weekend to bring more than 3,000 players to Seaside

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"See you in court." That's what thousands of visitors and players will be saying this weekend as Seaside beach volleyball hits the sand.

There are 67 divisions, 184 teams and a little more than 3,000 players, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brian Owen said Wednesday. "The logistics of this is incredible. Yesterday I was on four conference calls trying to keep every-

body afloat. It's really exciting to see this happen. Over the last couple of years, we've made the player experience so much better and we've freed the players up so they can interact with local businesses."

Local businesses have reported rise of 20% each year, he said, since the inception of a smartphone app that delivers courtside information in real time.

Owen said he loved "the energy, the fans — I love seeing the kids. They

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