

## SignalViewpoints

# A tough year at libraries, but positive changes too

**BETWEEN THE COVERS**  
ESTHER MOBERG



While it has been a very tough year for us all due to COVID-19, some small positive changes have also happened this year.

The brand-new Library Services Northwest Library Cooperative is a program that shares library collections between the Seaside Public Library, Astoria Public Library, and Warrenton Community Library. It is designed to deliver more services and materials than ever before.

On July 1, the public libraries of Astoria, Seaside, and Warrenton started sharing their materi-

als this way for their library card holders. What this means for you is if you have a library card in good standing at one of these libraries, you can use it at the other two libraries as well.

Library users in the three cities of Astoria, Seaside, and Warrenton now have access to well over 100,000 items across the three collections. Each library is still individual and unique but the three library directors and cities have worked hard to pull together a system that works for our library patrons and offers more. You can request books from any of the three libraries and have it delivered to the library of your choice for pickup, or you can walk into the library and select the books yourself. If you do owe fines, don't worry, just go to the library you set up

your card at to take care of that first.

Each of these libraries is unique, with their own special collections reflecting the communities they serve. The Seaside Public Library has a Library of Things with items including a metal detector, birdwatching kit, sewing machine, Roku, and more. The Warrenton Community Library's "library of things" collection includes a guitar a drum you can check out. Each of these items must be checked out and returned at the library it comes from since they will not fit in our courier.

Current library hours for the three libraries are as follows and may change so please give us a call before stopping by if you want to confirm hours for sure.

Seaside Public Library: Tues-

day through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 503-738-6742

Astoria Public Library: Wednesday and Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 503-325-7323

Warrenton Community Library: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 503-861-8156.

All three libraries are adding new books each month as well. Some titles this month include "Snow" by John Banville, a mystery thriller set in 1950s Ireland; "The Return of Captain John Emmett," by Elizabeth Speller, a story about an accidental detective who looks into the death of an old friend and gets more than he bargained for; and the latest book by Nicholas Sparks, "The

Return." Coming home with injuries from war-torn Afghanistan the protagonist isn't prepared to do anything but nurse his wounds and recover but two mysterious women help him heal and one may even win his heart.

The Seaside Library is offering in October some virtual programming including virtual Storytime through Zoom, a virtual pumpkin carving contest for kids, and a virtual costume contest for teens.

In person trick-or-treating with social distancing will be offered on Halloween from noon to 4 p.m. The library is also bringing back a very limited in person trivia night. Sign-up is required and will be limited to nine attendees. Call the library or check out [www.Seasidelibrary.org](http://www.Seasidelibrary.org) for more information.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Cockrum endorses Fackerell

I endorse Reita Fackerell for Gearhart City Council. I worked with Reita many years ago at the local hospital and have worked with Reita now for two years on the council.

I always find her perspective to be helpful in our deliberations and decision-making. My experience is that she is level-headed, forthright and honest. She has helped us to maintain an ability to work through complex issues and still is able to successfully govern through consensus.

Her experience as the Seaside library director, with finance and budgeting experience, has helped us to bring greater transparency to city work processes.

**Paulina Cockrum**  
Gearhart City Council  
President

## Posalski will bring effective change

While many politicians spend their time on infinite committees, task forces and focus groups, Ward 4 candidate David Posalski has a way of cutting through all of that to hone in on a problem and to solve that problem.

Rather than wait for someone else to come up with a response to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on our community, David took the necessary steps to immediately develop a network of our downtown business owners.

David is the administrator of this network, now called the Seaside Business Community Facebook Group.

The network is dedicated to turning grassroots solutions into policy. This is the smart way to bring real and effective change that has real and lasting impact on our recovery, because solutions are generated by the very people affected by the problem. These are real solutions. Not solutions handed down from afar by people who have no knowledge of what it will take to provide relief to our local economy.

David has endured and survived this crisis. David is the only candidate running for Ward 4 that knows what

it will take to help other businesses do the same.

**Danielle Greear**  
Warrenton

## Build Gearhart up, don't tear it down

Making the choice to represent your city as a mayor or city councilor is an incredible commitment. These are not paid positions. They require an extraordinary amount of time from those who serve.

Monthly and special issue meetings, county meetings; even changing travel plans can come into play. Each month there is an enormous amount of reading.

One must be informed and current about ordinances, local and state law. All of our current city officials deserve our respect and recognition.

I endorse Paulina Cockrum for Gearhart mayor, and Reita Fackerell and Dan Jesse for Gearhart city councilors because all three bring to the table knowledge and experience.

All three believe in serving our community. All three have demonstrated the ability to work with our present mayor, Matt Brown and councilor, Kerry Smith. Paulina and Dan have long been involved with the community emergency response team, CERT, helping to prepare our community for disaster. Dan formerly served on the Gearhart Planning Commission. Reita serves on the South County Food Bank board and has written numerous grants for local organizations.

Why do I support these three? They represent you, not themselves. Do they always agree? Not on your life and you wouldn't want them to. Do they always get their own way? Never! They do their best to represent you through compromise. They agonize over important decisions which will affect our town. These three are about building Gearhart up, not tearing it down.

**Susan Edy**  
Gearhart

## Vineeta Lower endorses Weber

In 2018, state Rep. Tiffany Mitchell won by

less than 5% and just a few short months later it was apparent that she did not represent the people of House District 32.

Rather, she represented the big unions and special interest groups that paid her way to the legislative seat. She voted the way she was told to vote, even going against promises she made to her previous coworkers and friends.

Don't make that mistake again!

A vote for anyone other than Suzanne Weber is a vote to continue to raise our taxes and implement ridiculous fees taking money from the vulnerable population on a fixed income, single parents, and families already struggling to make ends meet.

It would be a vote to continue with legislative representatives aligned with big unions and special interest groups; and that candidate doesn't have to be told how to vote because she is a card-carrying member of those groups who pull the strings of legislators like Rep. Mitchell.

Suzanne Weber has the interests of only the citizens of House District 32 and the support of those from all parties.

Vote Suzanne Weber for House District 32!

**Vineeta Lower**  
Seaside  
House District 32  
Constituent

## Boothe-Schmidt attack ads unfair

State House District 32 candidate Debbie Boothe-Schmidt engages in untrue attack ads against Mayor Suzanne Weber.

Recent letters to the editor lament the fact that this local season, rife with manipulation and attack ads, is run by out-of-town consultants. I couldn't agree more.

Let's set the record straight using facts instead of emotions.

Mayor Suzanne Weber runs a true grassroots campaign, led by people who were born and raised in Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

Boothe-Schmidt is managed by Portland handlers that run a manufactured campaign. It appears that FuturePac posted an Indeed ad, recruiting her campaign manager, from Texas, who

has been in Oregon only since April 2020.

DBS is backed by INCO, a radical organization that is highly organized and funded by outside dark money groups.

Of DBS's last week's total contributions, 90% were from outside the district.

DBS runs campaign ads that grossly distort truths about Suzanne Weber. Scratch "distort." Substitute "falsify."

One ad, declaring that Weber wants to take "billions" from schools is a shocking statement.

Never mind the fact that Weber taught public school for 30 years and was her union's representative and negotiator.

This ad features a woman, not a teacher, yet implies that she possesses incisive insight into Oregon Education and what motivates Mayor Weber. Could it be that she is a recent transplant that has never taught in Oregon and is instead a manufactured political operative?

Other examples abound. In the end, this level of dishonesty is shameful. Shame on Debbie Boothe-Schmidt. Shame on her campaign.

**Stephen Malkowski**  
Seaside

## Vote for experience in Gearhart

Dan Jesse and Reita Fackerell both have years of experience in serving the city of Gearhart. They have served with accountability and integrity with the goal of unifying the community. You won't be hearing about conspiracy theories or reading long Facebook rants.

Since helping to protect vacation rental limits, Gearhart has experienced a surge of contributing full time residents. Dan and Reita will continue to respect the intent of the comprehensive plan preserving the Gearhart we all know and love.

A vote for them is a vote for Gearhart's future.

**Deborah Albrecht**  
Gearhart

## Vote for Kathy Kleczek

As a successful businesswoman and proud resident of Seaside, Kathy Kleczek

deserves your vote for Seaside City Council. Since the early 1990s, she has had a record of leadership and service.

As a resident of neighboring Cannon Beach, a hostess at Mo's Restaurant in Cannon Beach, and a former teacher in Astoria and Seaside, I have respected Kathy Kleczek's commitment to make her Seaside community livable for its residents and inviting to its visitors.

Kathy has always impressed me with her ability to communicate and collaborate with residents of other Clatsop County communities. She listens to all sides, speaks clearly, problem solves, and promotes opportunities for Seaside and the North Coast. One major focus of Kathy's is to reduce traffic impacts by promoting alternatives like bicycling and walking.

When Kathy owned and operated La Luna clothing shop in Cannon Beach, she also made time to serve on the Sunset Empire Transportation District. She always listened to transportation needs of my colleagues and Clatsop Community College students who depended on the SETD bus to get to work or class on time. Kathy worked tirelessly to make the bus schedule work for them. She valued the input of all North Coast residents, regardless of age or ethnicity. Kathy, who is bilingual, is a very inclusive human being, respectful of diversity.

Please vote for Kathy Kleczek. She will be a competent connector and leader for Seaside's residents, shop owners, and visitors. Kathy will accept the responsibility and challenges that Seaside faces.

**Jeanie McLaughlin**  
Cannon Beach

## Boothe-Schmidt for working families

Originally Timber Unity was made up of log truck drivers concerned about fuel prices and climate change issues.

Now hijacked by big corporations, Timber Unity is a powerful and rich political action committee. They are a wolf

in sheep's clothing. They pour big dollar support to very right-wing candidates, including the Republican candidate for Oregon House District 32, who appears very reluctant to call herself a Republican!

Take a look at who Timber Unity's endorsed candidates are, though they disingenuously claim they are "for" working families. They support Suzanne Weber who has no proof of standing up for working people. Additionally, a number of Weber's other donors are big corporations including multiple out of state corporations. These corporations have never supported the interests of working people and will continue to cut jobs as they automate their industries.

In contrast, Debbie Boothe-Schmidt has a track record of fighting for working families and has over a dozen union endorsements. Remember, unions helped build America's middle class. Debbie is supported by teachers, nurses, and social workers as well as small business owners. She has broad, small dollar support and will truly represent all the folks in our Oregon House District 32.

Learn how your vote will work for your interests. Don't believe the false messaging by Weber that is being bought and paid for by obscene amounts of money, trying to influence this election. Study the voter pamphlet to be an informed voter, then vote for Debbie Boothe-Schmidt for Oregon House District 32 representative.

**Aletha S. Westerberg**  
Astoria

## Vote for Adam Wood in Ward 4

I would like to reach out today to show my support for candidate Adam Wood for Seaside City Council.

I truly believe that Adam will represent the citizens of our community exceptionally well, with the upmost dignity and respect for the city of Seaside. Adam will bring a fresh perspective, as well as commonsense decision-making to the council.

**Andrew Hura**  
Seaside

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Contact local agencies for latest meeting information and attendance guidelines.

**TUESDAY, Oct. 20**

**Union Health District of Clatsop County Board of Directors**, 8 a.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside.

**Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board of Directors**, 5:15 p.m., 1225 Avenue A.

**Seaside School District**, 6 p.m., [www.seaside.k12.or.us/meetings](http://www.seaside.k12.or.us/meetings).

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21**

**Seaside Tourism Advisory**

**Committee**, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**MONDAY, Oct. 26**

**Seaside City Council**, 7 p.m., 989 Broadway.

**TUESDAY, Nov. 3**

**Community Center Commission**, 10 a.m., Bob Chisholm

Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

**Seaside Library Board**, 4:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

**Seaside Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4**

**Seaside Improvement Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Gearhart City Council**, 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way.

**THURSDAY, Nov. 5**

**Seaside Parks Advisory Committee**, 7 p.m., City Hall,

989 Broadway.

**MONDAY, Nov. 9**

**Seaside City Council**, 7 p.m., 989 Broadway.

**THURSDAY, Nov. 12**

**Convention Center Commission**, 5 p.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

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