



Katharine Parker, top left, cut her hair and donated it to Children With Hair Loss along with her two daughters, 6-year-old Chloe and 8-year-old Mikayla. Rita Lovegreen at Hair by Rita did the haircuts.

## DONATION HELPS CHILDREN WITH HAIR LOSS

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
Seaside Signal

While everyone's experience during the coronavirus pandemic has been unique, there is one shared by many: Infrequent haircuts.

Katharine Parker saw this "COVID hair" trend as an opportunity to give back and share a bonding experience with her daughters.

Earlier this month, Parker, 6-year-old Chloe and 8-year-old Mikayla visited Rita Lovegreen at Hair by Rita and had multiple inches of their hair lopped off. They donated it to Children With Hair Loss, a nonprofit that provides free hair replacements to children and young

adults facing medically-related hair loss.

While the organization will accept as few as 8 inches of hair per donation, Parker, who is the head secretary at Seaside High School and serves on the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board, was able to give 14 inches, with Mikayla donating 13 and Chloe 10.

This isn't the first time Parker's daughters have donated. About two years ago, Parker said, the girls started expressing a desire to cut their hair. As they were discussing how much hair the girls wanted to cut, Parker presented the option of growing it out a bit more to donate.

"I left it up to them, and they got really excited about being able to do that for



Katharine Parker cut off 14 inches of her hair to donate.

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## City Council hears pickleball plan

By R.J. MARX  
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Pickleball courts are the most asked for facility of Seaside's parks advisory committee, Public Works Director Dale McDowell said at Monday's City Council meeting. A preliminary proposal calls for four pickleball courts and a tennis court at Cartwright Park on Franklin Street near Avenue S.

McDowell and members of the parks advisory committee presented the "mile high" version of the potential expansion

of the park at the city's southern end adjacent to the former Seaside School District office at 1801 South Franklin. The city-owned property is now vacant after the school district move to Spruce Drive and is likely slated for demolition.

Pickleball, similar to tennis, is an 11-point game and described as a cross between ping-pong and tennis.

Costs will depend on the type of fencing needed, court construction, waiting areas and benches needed.

The neighboring playground,

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Preliminary proposal for a tennis court and four pickleball courts at Cartwright Park.

## Fireworks won't fly this year

By R.J. MARX  
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Seaside will not light up the sky with fireworks over the beach this summer because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This is the second year fireworks have been canceled. "The professional show takes quite a bit of financing, but also a lot of resources necessary to make that happen," said Brian Owen, the CEO of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce. "We were not able to get everything together to make a safe show."

The show typically brings nearly 50,000 people to Seaside and is the kickoff to the summer season, with visitors coming from throughout the region. Officials have estimated the annual economic impact of the event to the city is more than \$20 million.

Two other iconic Seaside events, the Seaside Beach Volleyball Tournament and Hood to Coast, will return with limited formats, Owen said.

The beach volleyball event is planned for the second week in August. "We still have questions about capacity size, so we're going to open registration with about half the capacity and have the ability to expand as we

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### SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Coronavirus protocols to stay in effect

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
Seaside Signal

Seaside schools will continue to follow COVID-19 protocol for social distancing, wearing masks and implementing other safety measures for the time being, although Seaside School District Superintendent Susan Penrod is optimistic about the future following the vaccine rollout for older students.

The new mask guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was a little bit of a surprise to some people, Penrod said during last week's school board meeting. "Nothing is changing for schools this school year," Penrod said, adding students, teachers, educational staff, visitors, parents and community members must wear masks when on-site at the schools.

Earlier in May, the CDC announced that it's safe for people who are fully vaccinated to go without masks in most circumstances. However, Oregon's Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance is mandated for school districts.

Clatsop County is seeing virus cases taper off. About 59% of eligible

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## In a Landscape comes to Gearhart

By R.J. MARX  
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Gearhart's Alix Meier Goodman and Tom Goodman experienced the magic themselves when they attended pianist Hunter Noack's concert in Starbuck, Washington.

"We brought our refreshments and chairs, dressed casually and watched everyone listening," Alix Goodman recalled of the 2019 "In a Landscape" performance where concertgoers heard the music

### IF YOU GO

"In a Landscape: Classical Music in the Wild"

6 p.m. Aug. 13 and Aug. 14

Lesley Miller Dunes Meadow Park

Go to [www.inalandscape.org](http://www.inalandscape.org) and use code "resident 2021" to purchase tickets as a local resident

through headphones. "The headphones have enough 'reach' that we spent part of the time climbing the foothills above their concert venue, the town stockyard,

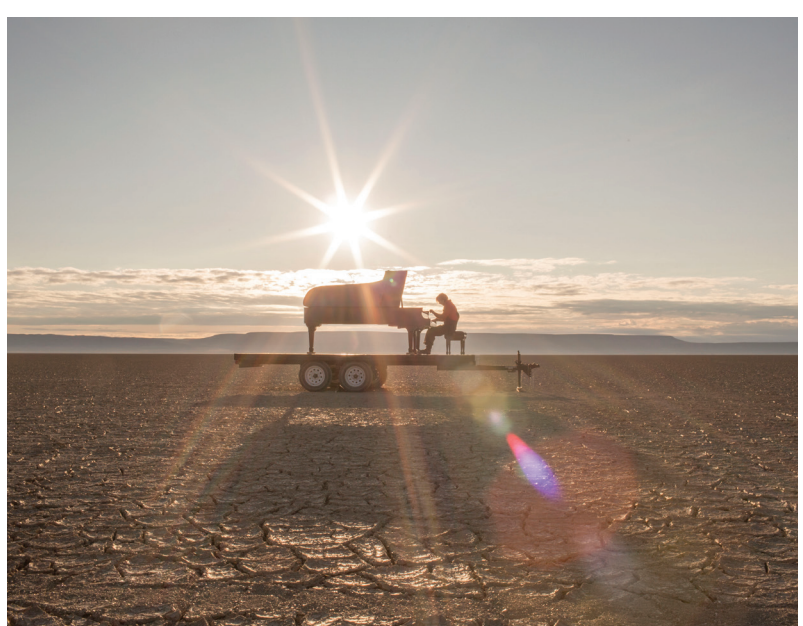
and could still hear."

With the support of the Goodmans and other local music-lovers, "In a Landscape: Classical Music in the Wild," is coming to Gearhart Aug. 13 and Aug. 14 with concerts in Lesley Miller Dunes Meadow Park at 6 p.m.

With support from the business community and individual donors, In a Landscape has visited almost 100 destinations since 2016, among them the Astoria Column in 2017 and Cannon Beach in 2018 and 2019.

Cannon Beach's Minott Wessinger, with Greenwood

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Hunter Noack plays the piano in the Alvord Desert.



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