



WORK AT PACIFIC RIDGE ELEMENTARY COMPLETE

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

In 2016, Seaside School District voters approved a \$99.7 million bond to bring a new campus out of the tsunami inundation zone. Now that work is in its final stages.

Except for warranty items that pop up as the year progresses, work at Pacific Ridge Elementary has come to an end, project manager Brian Hardebeck told the school board last week.

At the high school, only gym vestibule permitting and construction remain, with an anticipated completion between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Temporary barriers are in place, and performed well in high winds over the weekend, Hardebeck said.

Outside drainage piping at the

Corder named to school board

Seaside Signal

Chris Corder was named to the Seaside School District Board last Tuesday.

Along with retired teacher Chuck Mattocks, he was one of two to apply for the position of

director for Zone 3, Position 1 in Gearhart.

Corder fills the seat after A.J. Wahl stepped down to serve as a county judge.

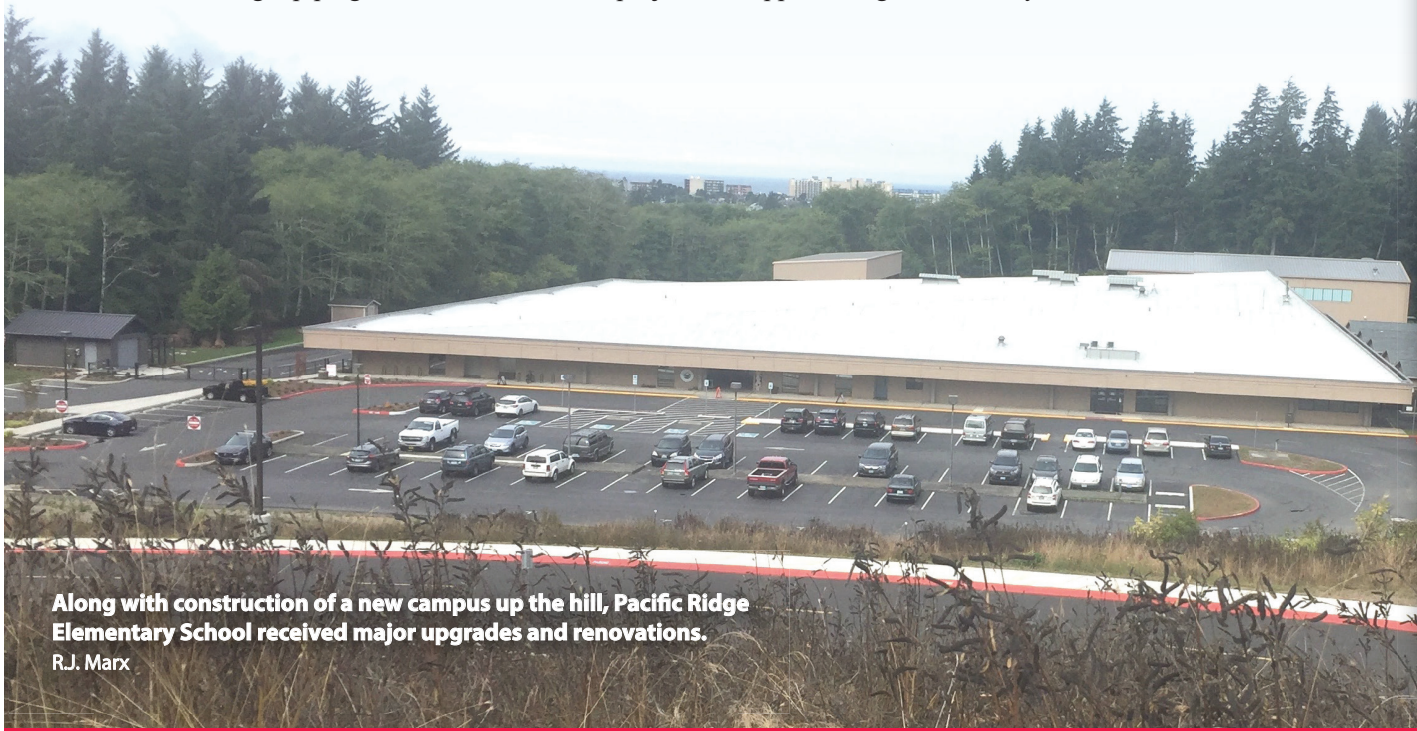
Corder is a local business owner who's very active in the community and coaches youth sports, board president Brian Taylor said.

track continues. Hydroseeding was expected to be complete last week.

The track survived its first test, he added, with heavy storms in late September.

Costs for the general obligation bond project are approaching

the forecast expenditures of \$131.6 million. In addition to the \$99.7 million bond delivered by voters, the project is supplanted by bond sales, interest, state grants, timber money, school sales and a \$9 million 20-year loan.



Along with construction of a new campus up the hill, Pacific Ridge Elementary School received major upgrades and renovations.

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COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Students back in class, full time

District focuses on virus precautions

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For Seaside Signal

Nearly a month into the new school year, the Seaside School District has accomplished its primary goal: keeping students in class, full time.

"I'm just really pleased with having the kids back in the building," Seaside Middle and High School Principal Jeff Roberts said during last week's school board meeting. "We are glad and we are thankful that they are here."

Over the past few weeks, he said, it's been rewarding to see the students participating in hands-on learning, doing science experiments, working in the wood shop and baking in the kitchen.

"Those things are not replicated online," he said. "None of the things our staff do are easily replicated."

Superintendent Susan Penrod expressed gratitude for the staff and administrators, who have provided continuity for students while dealing with a variety of external factors.

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Scant comfort at city restroom

Drugs, litter deter visitors

By R.J. MARX
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For the Seaside Visitors Bureau, a neighboring restroom is anything but restful.

People sleeping, leaving behind trash and dealing drugs outside the visitors bureau parking lot are becoming more and more frequent, Ken Heman, of the visitors bureau, said.

Heman, speaking at a breakfast meeting of the Seaside Downtown Development Association last week, said it started out with five or six people sleeping outside.

"Now it's getting to a point where we have vehicles that are taking a spot from the visitor center, open up doors, pouring their junk out, taking up three parking spots all day long on a Saturday and getting drunk," he said.

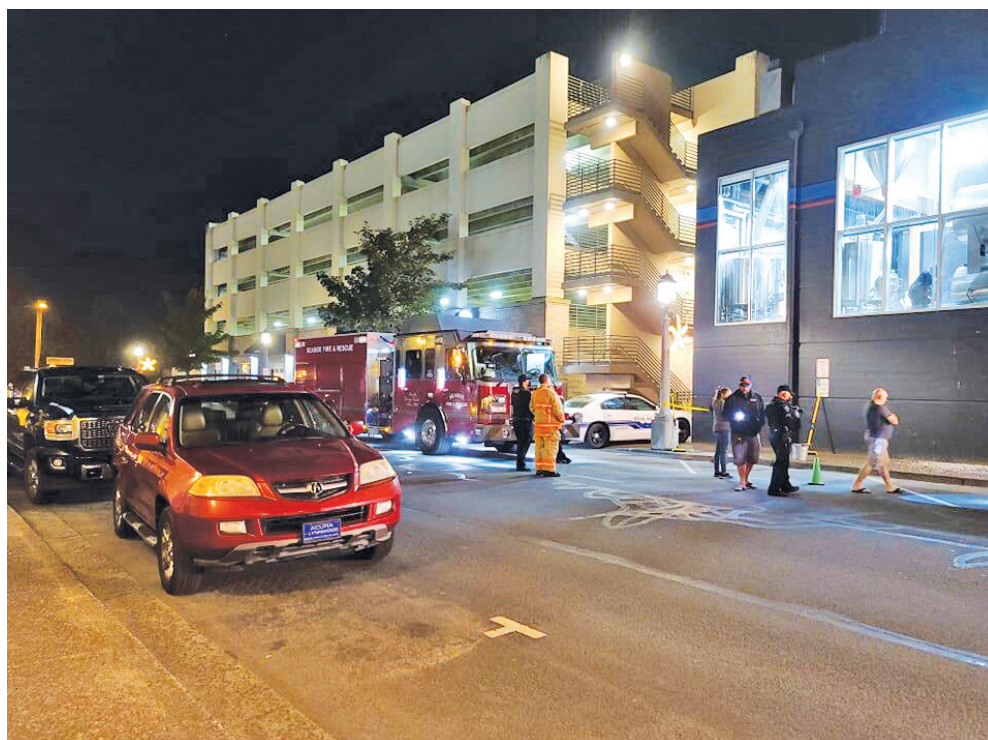
Heman said he had witnessed people selling and using drugs directly outside of his window at the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

"I know others would love some answers to why there's certain things we can't do and certain things we can do," he said.

Outdated rules, the decriminalization of drugs and a series of federal and state court decisions limit law enforcement action, Police Chief Dave Ham said.

"To a certain degree, the state of Oregon has de-prioritized these types of calls. But it doesn't help with the livability of the community," the police chief said. "Those conversations that are constantly ongoing."

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Fred Causer

Scene on North Columbia last Thursday night after a report of shots fired outside the Times Theatre & Public House.

Late-night shooting damages historic theater

By R.J. MARX
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An upper-level window and a lager tank at the Times Theater & Public House, located at 130 Broadway, were damaged from gunfire last Thursday night.

The theater was occupied at the time, however no one was injured during the incident, general manager Kerri Lambert said.

"We had two cooks closing up, the one server, two customers in the bar and myself," Lambert said. "The patrons thought someone had dropped a tray. It honestly took me several minutes to find the damage as our initial reaction was that it was gunfire."

Shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday, police responded to the downtown area after officers heard what sounded like multiple gun shots being fired. At the same time, there were calls from the public reporting shots fired in the area of Avenue A and South Columbia Street.

"I called the non-emergency number then as I knew that they were already in

search of where the shots had come," Lambert said. "The window partially fell out awhile after police arrived and then Seaside Fire knocked out the rest after officers were confident they had gathered the evidence."

Lambert said staff went through a run-down of other possibilities, looking in the back alley and the parking garage behind the theater for anyone injured, smoke or the smell from firecrackers after past experiences.

"We didn't find anything so my server, who had been leaving at the time, left for home and I came back inside and decided to check out the brewery. I turned on the light and could hear a weird almost dripping sound every few seconds and finally discovered the window in front of our lager tanks had two large exit holes and the tank had a dent in it."

The theater, which debuted in 1940, was modeled and reopened as the Times Theatre & Public House in 2018.

Police are requesting assistance to help identify a suspect in this case. Contact Sgt. Josh Gregory with the Seaside Police Department at 503-738-6311.

Baby Kashton 'doing amazing' after his surgery

Seaside couple's son has spinal condition

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Doc Shaw and his wife drove over 2,000 miles in a small RV from Seaside to Indianapolis with their infant son.

Their destination? Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

Their son, Kashton, underwent surgery last week for a neurologic condition called tethered spinal cord, in which the spinal cord is unable to move within the spinal column. The couple decided to travel across the country after the doctor they were seeing in Portland moved to a hospital in Indianapolis.

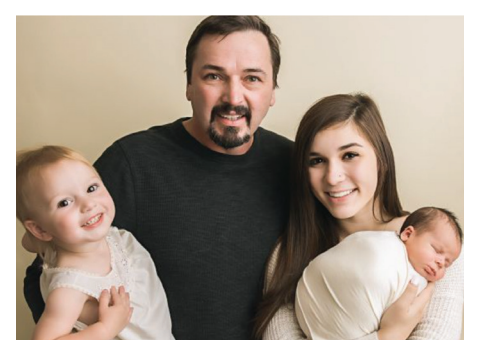
"It's been devastating for us," Shaw said. "We're just trying to keep him alive."

Kashton was born in May after an intense and terrifying delivery, according to his mom, Samantha Childress.

"After we spent time bonding, the nurses did their exam," she said. "Doc and I noticed them spending a little extra attention to an area on his lower back-upper butt crack."

A few days later, their pediatrician explained he had a sacral dimple. While many are nothing to worry about, Kashton's was not only deep but had some other markers warranting more attention.

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