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John Dudley

Planes in formation over Seaside Municipal Airport on Sunday.

## Up in the air, lunch in Seaside



### INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

## Parades, fireworks, all-terrain wheelchairs

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Parade, fireworks and beach wheelchairs for those who cannot walk on the sand are among the Fourth of July holiday events ahead in Seaside.

The lineup begins on Necanicum Drive at 9:45 a.m. The parade runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The route is shortened this year with the start being at the south end of Necanicum. From Necanicum it will turn east on First Avenue, then south on Holladay Drive to Broadway, west to Columbia, east to First Avenue back to Necanicum.

Organizers expect about 40 entrants in the parade.

Seaside's July Fourth fireworks celebration, funded by donations, begins at 10 p.m. on the Prom. Western Display Fireworks is producer of the 20-minute show, as they have been for "decades and decades," Heather Gobet, president of Western Display, said.

The show, with planning and purchasing of fireworks, starts almost a year in advance, she said. Fireworks are computer choreographed and fired using the Starfire system. "It's put together like a puzzle that has to be put together a certain way to have the desired effect," Gobet said.

Fireworks will be fired from multiple

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## Fly-in brings visitors to Seaside

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More than 100 visitors and 30 aircraft came to Seaside Sunday for an airport fly-in and appreciation day. The event, sponsored by the Seaside Visitors Bureau, saw planes from around Oregon and the Northwest touch down for snacks, beverages and a day with pilots and air aficionados.

Airport Advisory Committee chairman Randall Henderson said he had met flyers from Hillsboro, Twin Oaks and Eugene, among other cities, some of whom were also participating in a poker run to five airports around the state.

Overhead, five planes flew in close formation, dancing in the sky for the audience below. Henderson, a former member of the group, said pilots train in military protocol formation for certification at air shows. "There's a high bar," he said. "These guys have all taken those steps."

The airport raises the visibility of



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Dan Benua flies into Seaside Municipal Airport Sunday.

the city, Mayor Jay Barber said, and is essential in an emergency situation.

"It's a real asset," he said. "Our public works people really maintain this well and our airport commission really does a good job looking forward."

Visitors enjoyed coffee, doughnuts,

hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks. A few pilots borrowed bikes — courtesy of the airport — or cabbied it over to the beach on the day which spiked near 100 degrees.

"It's just a typical day at the airport," Henderson said.

## City signs agreement with Kyle

By R.J. MARX  
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The City Council approved an employment agreement with Spencer Kyle. Kyle replaces Mark Winstanley, who has held the city manager job since 2001.

The city manager is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of all city departments, and advises the council on matters of policy, procedure and business.

"Basically, it has the typical language that you would see in an employment agreement," Mayor Jay Barber said at Monday's meeting. "It includes a commitment to an annual performance evaluation, which we've done with our current city manager. There are provisions in the agreement for termination and severance pay. And we worked through that in terms of how that would be handled."

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## Armitage offers legislative insights at Seaside forum

Concern for rural constituents

By R.J. MARX  
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State Sen. Rachel Armitage came to Seaside on Saturday for an informal open forum with constituents.

"Obviously we are living in unprecedentedly

divided times politically," she said. "I do legitimately feel like the Legislature leaves rural concerns out and starts with what needs to happen in Portland, Salem and Eugene. We have to make legislation that's good for the whole state."

Armitage filled the seat vacated by Betsy Johnson



R.J. Marx

Aiden Ousley and Mary Roberto discuss their podcast project.

## Students share city's inner workings in eight-part podcast

Pacifica Project wins business award

By R.J. MARX  
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Seaside High School graduates Aiden Ousley and Mary Roberto partnered to present an eight-hour podcast offering profiles and insights on city government. Under the direction of business teacher Mike Verhulst,

the students teamed with Assistant City Manager Jon Rahl for the Pacifica Project, which placed second at the Oregon High School Future Business Leaders of America State Conference and Competition.

"We hope that this project will help to continue to improve participation within our community," Roberto said in a City Council presentation.

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