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Two practice bombs found near Dunes City Hall earlier this year were presented to the Oregon Coast Military Museum, where they will be displayed.

PRACTICE BOMBS ‘LAND’ AT MILITARY MUSEUM

History of the unearthed ordnance finally surfaces

By JACK DAVIS
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The past and present merged last Monday at the Oregon Coast Military Museum. During a ceremony Dec. 7 commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor and the recognition of veterans, Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede presented to the museum

two World War II practice bombs discovered earlier this year on the grounds of Dunes City Hall. The practice bombs caused a flurry of excitement when they were first unearthed during a clean-up project around Dunes City Hall this past summer. The Eugene Police Department bomb squad and a contingency from the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd

Fighter Wing were called upon to search the area with metal detectors for more possible ordnance. Nothing more was found and the Air National Guard identified the two practice bombs as the type used during World War II training exercises. They confiscated the artifacts and returned with them to Portland. See **MUSEUM 7A**

Meeting to discuss marijuana land use

Florence City Council, Planning Commission host public hearing Monday

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On Monday, Dec. 14, the Florence City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing at 7 p.m. in the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., regarding land use amendments in the Florence City Code.

Ordinance No. 12, Series 2015 proposes to add and modify definitions and establish the permitted location and use provisions for marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, testing, dispensing and sales facilities.

“We are putting into action things that were put in effect in the last legislative cycle,” said City Manager Erin Reynolds.

In November 2014, voters passed Measure 91, which provided for the personal growing, possession and use of limited amounts of recreational, non-medical marijuana.

On Oct. 20, select medical marijuana dispensaries began to sell recreational marijuana under Oregon Liquor Control Commission’s temporary rules for retail.

The City of Florence now has to determine certain land-use requirements for the production, processing, wholesale and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

“The whole point of the measure is to decriminalize what has been a criminal activity and to eliminate the black market and bring it into a regular marketplace,” Reynolds said.

Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell said, “Last spring, the city looked at time, place and manner for medical marijuana dispensaries. They are doing the same thing now with recreational. ... One of the things that the city council and planning commission looked at was the existing buffers, and if they still made sense.”

See **MEETING 7A**

FLOOD WATCH



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Walkways around the Port of Siuslaw were partially flooded Thursday.



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Highway 126 at Cushman, three miles east of Florence, was closed for several hours Friday due to high water.



Storm damage caused erosion along South Jetty Road, which is closed at milepost 5 until further notice.

Storm toll continues

Governor calls state of emergency as rain causes landslides, floods, road closures

After a full week of heavy rains and high winds, the waters continue to rise in the Florence and Mapleton areas. Statewide, the storm caused Gov. Kate Brown to declare a state of emergency in 13 counties, including Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Benton.

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In a statement released Thursday, Brown said, “Heavy rains and wind have required the evacuation of residences, and mudslides and high water have severely damaged or blocked major roadways in these areas of the state. The emergency declaration ensures state resources, emergency response personnel and equipment can be activated to respond to communities in need if their local resources are exhausted.”

Locally, the Siuslaw River flooded areas from Cushman to the Port of Siuslaw.

See **STORM 7A**

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