

Council from 1A

“We have received comments from our auditor that we have not done an adequate job of dealing with the 1 percent of our Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) apportionment that is required by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) to be set aside for the dedicated use of bicycle and pedestrian paths,” Hilden said.

“Our regional ODOT manager Frannie Brindle was able to provide me with information that allows Dunes City to designate street sweeping as one of the official uses of

that money.”

Hilden plans to work with the city auditors and ODOT to make sure Dunes City is in total compliance with the ORS.

“Because this has been an historical issue and the statutes say you can only set aside those funds for 10 years,” he said, “I am going to try and designate expenses from 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 that are already documented as part of our audit to consume that set aside.

“It will make the issue go away.”

Hilden said the set-aside amount was approximately \$14,000.

CoastWatch to host marine mammals presentation

The public is invited to attend a free marine mammal program with information for all ages.

CoastWatch, a program of Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition sponsored by Lane Community College, is hosting the event Wednesday, April 22, at 6 p.m., at the LCC Florence Campus, 3149 Oak St., with Jim Rice, marine mammal stranding coordinator from the Marine Mammal Institute, Oregon State University.

Stranding events offer a

wealth of information to researchers and resource managers by providing valuable insights into the lives of marine mammals, including seasonal distribution, natural history, population health, environmental contaminant levels, cases of human interaction and incidence of disease.

Rice will provide an overview of the work of the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, present a summary of stranding trends and case investigations, and discuss ways to get involved.

Also present will be Jim Sumich, courtesy faculty at Oregon State University, who is the author of a best-selling textbook on marine biology and co-author of the widely adopted “Marine Mammals: Evolutionary Biology.”

Sumich has taught at the college and university level for more than four decades and has conducted research on gray whales from British Columbia to Baja, Calif. He currently teaches a course on marine mammals at OSU’s Hatfield Marine Science Center.

After a brief introduction to gray whales, Sumich will focus on recent research that has revealed at least four distinct migration/feeding patterns of gray whales in the North Pacific.

The combination of radio tagging, photo identification, and genetic studies is changing the way we look at separate populations of gray whales and how we manage our interactions with them.

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speaking on-air, interviewing, formatting a program and operating the equipment.

“They learn tech work and to cut and splice. To construct a show is pretty involved,” Koehler said.

It is staffed by up to 60 volunteers, but he said there’s a “strong crew” of 26.

“Volunteers attend the front desk, take phone calls, do voice-overs, write copy and help the (youth),” he said.

The station plays a program put on by local students, ages 14 to 17, called KXCR Youth Radio Club as well as “Youth Speaks Out,” a program created by young people in northern California.

Other programs include

“Undercurrents,” “Best of Swing,” “Native Traditions,” “Be the Peace” and many more. KXCR has a full program 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

“And we hope to have more,” Koehler said. “The infancy of the station is such that we look forward to more participation. There’s an opening for more creativity in a medium you may not know as much about.”

Bagon agreed.

“I really like the idea of radio to listen and then use your own imagination,” she said.

The station will mark its anniversary with a fundraiser on air. On April 19, it will also open its doors for public tours

and the chance to speak live on the radio. From 12 to 7 p.m., there will be snacks and entertainment.

“It will be a fun event. We’ll get to meet people in the community and the community gets to meet the people that are putting on the shows that hopefully they’re enjoying,” Bagon said.

“It’s more ‘fun’ than fundraiser,” said Koehler. “We’re showing that the possibilities for community radio are endless.”

To learn more about KXCR and community radio, stop by the station at 1509 Ninth St., listen to 90.7 FM or call 541-997-5252.



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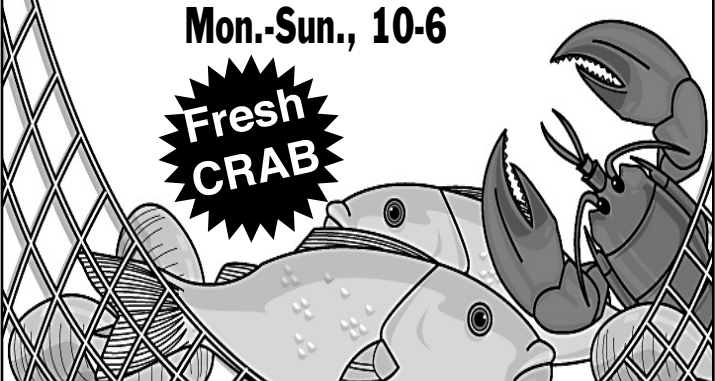
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