

Departments respond to weekend water emergencies

Firefighters, Coast Guard, ambulance arrive on scene

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In the third water emergency in only two days, crews from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and the U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River (USCG) responded to a capsized boat on the Siuslaw River on Monday, July 13.

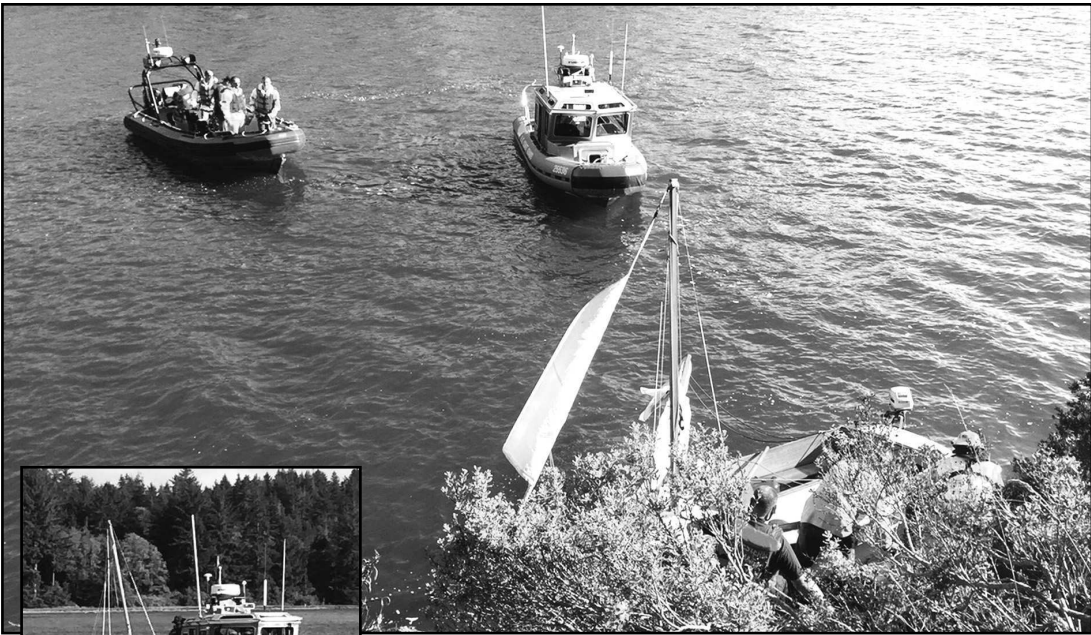
The incident happened near milepost 2 on Highway 126 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

On arrival, first responders found a male subject out of his boat and attempting to swim to the river bank. He was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD).

The male, who was not injured or hypothermic, reported he was the boat operator and the only person aboard the 12-foot 1981 San Francisco Bay Pelican sailboat.

According to the boat operator, he lost control of his sail, causing his boat to tip, capsize and take on water.

USCG and SVFR assisted



Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and the U.S. Coast Guard send boats to help a capsized sailboat on the Siuslaw River Monday.

the boat operator in securing his boat and towing it back to shore.

Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) also responded. WLAD personnel assisted securing the sailboat and

examined the operator for injuries and hypothermia.

The other incidents occurred on Sunday, when a sport fisher ran out of fuel in the lower river and, while responders were still there, a kayaker tan-

gled in the boat’s rudder lines

SVFR reminds all boaters to “check their equipment before launching, wear their PFDs and respect Mother Nature while enjoying our lakes and rivers.”

Library Conversations to host Nan Laurence

The Siuslaw Public Library’s adult summer reading program “Escape the Ordinary” wraps up with a free discussion about the role of the “downtown” on Saturday, July 25.

The event is part of Oregon Humanities’ statewide Conversation Project.

Historically, a city’s downtown core has been the community’s cultural and economic center, expressing shared values and aspirations.

Today, however, many downtowns represent a community’s social and economic distress. Cities of all sizes are trying to revitalize their downtowns, but the qualities essential to this revitalization remain elusive.

This is the focus of “A City’s Center: Rethinking Downtown,” a free conversation with Nan Laurence, a senior planner for the City of Eugene, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Bromley Room on July 25.

This program is hosted by



Nan Laurence, senior planner for the City of Eugene, will discuss the role of “downtown” in city planning.

Siuslaw Public Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Laurence manages downtown development projects and revitalization as a senior planner for the City of Eugene.

Her role is to help the city’s

downtown urban form and activities more closely reflect the community’s vision.

Laurence has a master of architecture degree from the University of Virginia and a master of city and regional planning degree from Cornell

University.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state’s future.

For more information about this free community discussion, contact Meg Spencer or Kevin Mittge at 541-997-3132.

For more information about this program and the library’s summer reading programs in general, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, or visit the library’s website at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Sonshine begins registration

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is underway at Sonshine Christian School., Florence’s Christian school for grades 1 to 8.

A limited number of openings are available for fall.

The school is open to people of all faiths and backgrounds, and some financial assistance

is available for students of qualifying families.

For more information, call Sonshine Christian School at 541-997-5909.

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Storyteller continues KXCR Folk Series tonight

Florence will have the opportunity to hear and visit with performers from the Oregon Country Fair this summer.

Unique American storyteller Chris Chandler is playing tonight, July 18, at 7 p.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

His performance is third in a series, coming on the heels of shows by two former musical partners, Anne Feeney and her daughter, Amy Sue Berlin.

Behind Chandler’s free-thought riffs on American culture is a sharp eye and a deep love of language.

Striking in appearance, sporting a black bowler on his shaved head, he sometime finds himself climbing any nearby chair to add emphasis to a story’s hilarious conclusion.

Chandler, son of a southern preacher, left his home and, instead of pursuing a career in theater, he trusted his instincts to hit the road to find and tell the stories of America.

For the last 25 years he has traveled from gig to gig losing his long blond hair but sharpening his craft.

The guitar and voice of Paul Benoit weaves tastefully

throughout the performance, sometimes subdued, sometimes soaring.

Chandler credits his music director for lifting the act to its current elevated level of professionalism.

Everywhere they appear the reaction usually includes a recognition that it was a totally unique entertainment experience.

There is no admission charge but donations will be gratefully received by the performers.

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