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BRONCO ROUNDUP



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This year's Northwest Bronco Roundup participants park their 129 Broncos on the South Jetty beach near Florence. A total of 172 Broncos and more than 200 people were part of the weekend event from Aug. 15 to 16.

Northwest Bronco Roundup gathers 172 Broncos, donates 3,832 pounds of food for local charity

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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What happens when a group of people get together to celebrate a common interest? History. Now in its fifth year in Florence, the Northwest Bronco Roundup (NWBR) brings together connoisseurs of 1966 to 1977 Ford Broncos.

According to event organizer Tom Dummer, the annual Bronco gathering began in Sand Lake, Ore., in 1999.

For a while it was simply named "The Unevent," a name that belied the amount of planning that went into hosting more than 100 out-of-town vintage Bronco enthusiasts.

Organizers picked Florence because of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area,



Part of the event's fun was driving the vintage Broncos in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

Florence's Historic Old Town, area lighthouses and landmarks and ample camping and outdoor space.

"It's a vacation with friends and families," Dummer said. "This event has been a great family gathering with so many different things to do."

The event attracts Bronco enthusiasts of the pristine factory stock, Baja Bronco editions, full-custom builds and rock buggies.

Dummer said, "This brings people together from all over the West Coast — Canada to California and as far inland as Las Vegas, Nev., and Montana."

Some of the Aug. 15 and 16 events in Florence involved playing on the dunes, holding a Show-N-Shine at Woahink Lake and taking a massive group photo on the South Jetty beach.

Of the 172 Broncos participating in the NWBR, 129 drove out on the beach for the group shot.

A passing Bakersfield, Calif., pilot named Joshua Dace Knerr captured a photo of the group lining up.

"It was a pretty awesome surprise," Dummer said.

In 2014, there were 113 Broncos at the NWBR.

Dummer cited the support of the Northwest Vintage Broncos and the local Florence community in the growth of the event.

In turn, the NWBR members supported the Florence community by holding a food drive raffle to benefit the community where they hold their roundup.

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Fire board elects new president

Directors replace Carnahan
with Scott over ethics
concerns from community

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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At its regular meeting Aug. 19, the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) Board of Directors returned to business as usual after last month's dismissal and reinstatement of Fire Chief Jim Langborg. Part of that included solidifying leadership within the board.

"As you all know, the chain of command is a really important thing in any organization," board member John Scott said. "We've got the board, the board president, the chief and then staff, in that order."

Scott referenced the "period of turbulence in our recent history," when Board President John Carnahan presented the first motion to dismiss Langborg.

"I think this creates a very awkward situation, since the board president and the chief have to be in daily contact," Scott said. "I'm at the point where I throw it out to John (Carnahan) and say the best thing he can do is resign his presidency."

Scott was careful to say that no longer being president would not affect Carnahan's membership on the board.

Carnahan said, "I believe that we're here to make the fire department successful. I had not changed my mind by the end of the meeting, but the board did. ... When that decision is made, it's a board decision, and not a personal decision."

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Mapleton gears up for school year

District to launch all-day
kindergarten, school-wide
post-grad success program

BY JACK DAVIS
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Mapleton School District registration is Monday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. each day. Kindergarten students and new elementary students can register at the elementary school office during those hours.

All middle and high school students must register at the high school office.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, the district will hold an elementary school meet and greet from 1 to 3 p.m. Students are invited to come to the elementary school, meet the teachers and drop off school supplies.

"Mapleton is excited to start a brand new school year with full-day kindergarten and district-wide implementation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College and Career Readiness Strategies," said Superintendent Jodi O'Mara.

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DUNES CITY PONDERERS PERS REQUIREMENTS

Adding benefits could increase part-time salary budget up to 34 percent

BY JACK DAVIS
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Concern was raised during the Aug. 13 Dunes City Council meeting regarding

the state's requirement that all Dunes City full and part-time employees now must be paid Public Employee Retirement Services (PERS) benefits.

Dunes City currently has one full-time and four part-time employees. Full-time City Administrator Fred Hilden is already covered under PERS. According to

Ruede, the addition of the PERS benefit package to part-time employees would increase their payroll expenses 28 to 34 percent.

According to Hilden, the

state requires PERS benefits to be paid to all public employees who work more than 600 hours a year.

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