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Central Lincoln upgrades continue

Power-line work along Highway 101 in Florence part of substation project

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
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Central Lincoln PUD crews have been hard at work modifying lines and adding power poles along Highway 101 in Florence this summer.

Chief Engineer Bruce Lovelin presented an update on the construction to the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce during its Aug. 20 Noon Forum.

“We’re embarking on a really interesting project. For an engineer, a lot of this is exciting for me. Hopefully, you’ll be as excited as I am,” Lovelin said.

Lovelin is in charge of the planning, construction and maintenance of the PUD’s transmission and substation facilities.

The Highway 101 construction is part of the PUD’s process of installing the new Kingwood Substation, which should be operational in October, in Pacific View Business Park.

The new substation will help form a loop with the other area stations, keeping a constant current of power that will help prevent outages.

“With its strategic location, the substation will really serve the Florence area for a long time,” Lovelin said.

According to Lovelin, the crews are currently near Highway 101 and 34th Street. They will continue on the highway until they reach 27th Street, then proceed down 27th toward the business park on Kingwood Street.

Although the work on the highway is an inconvenience to motorists, the crews are taking precautions to keep everyone safe. Lovelin said, “Doing this work is really dangerous, and dangerous times two, in this case.”

He said the PUD’s crews are trained for safety and the use of their tools, but they have the added worry of traffic.

“People drive through who aren’t familiar with construction, which is a concern for us,” he said.

He added that the long-term benefits will outweigh the inconvenience.

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DISASTER DRILL

When tragedy strikes, count on them



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Florence paramedics and firefighters tend to “injured” Siuslaw High School students, who played victims last week during Peace Harbor Medical Center’s mass-casualty disaster drill at the school.

Hospital’s mock mass-casualty drill coordinates with emergency agencies, community members

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
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PaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center staged a mock mass-casualty drill Aug. 19 at Siuslaw High School as part of its requirement to provide one drill each year.

This year, the medical center chose a disaster drill that could include the whole community.

Peace Harbor Senior Communications Specialist Katherine Rannow said, “The point of all this drilling is that we want to be prepared. We want to work well together and make sure our patients are

taken care of.”

Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD), Florence Police Department (FPD), Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and REACH Air Medical Services also were on board to participate.

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Quakers alive and well in Florence

Peace group has been meeting here since 1991

BY JACK DAVIS
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The small gathering of Florence Quakers, also known as Friends, meet quietly in each other’s homes and silently wait for spiritual guidance on Sundays. The group ranges from three to six members and is part of the unprogrammed branch of the Quaker faith.

“The programmed branch, often called the Friends Church or Quaker Church, looks like a very protestant type of church,” said local Quaker devotee Sakre Edson. “Except there are no symbols passed during communion.”

To the uninitiated, some confusion may arise because Quakers use the term Friends and Quakers interchangeably. Both refer to the same faith and the same church.

“It started in England in the 1650s by a gentleman named George Fox who was searching for a way to spark what he would consider the true faith,” Edson explained. “He found that Christ was inside each of us. That is the unifying principal of both the Friends Church (the programmed branch) and us.”

“We are not about a belief. We are about a practice, a way of life. I identify as a Christian. Somebody sitting next to me could be an atheist or agnostic or generally spiritual,” she added.

Quakers have been known throughout history for their peaceful, nonviolent, anti-war beliefs, but other religious groups still persecuted them for their perceived strange behavior.

The Quakers came to the American colonies to escape

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COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

SPECIAL FEATURE:

This summer we are highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. A new location will be featured each week.

Coos History Museum

1210 N. Front St., Coos Bay | 541-756-6320

AT A GLANCE: The Coos History Museum and Maritime Collection is a beautiful new hub of activity for cultural events, an important education and research facility and a host location for community events.

Two floors of exhibits take on topics that help everyone — locals and visitors alike — receive a better understanding of life in Coos County, past and present. Photos, lively quotations and artifacts illuminate the area’s rough seas, first encounters between the land and inhabitants, the great outdoors, Coos County family farming, lumbering, the various ways to get to this far corner and more.



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With a community hall, research library and a museum store, there is something for everyone. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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