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**POLICE** 

## **Body** found in woods

Florence police seek information on man's apparent suicide

> BY CHANTELLE MEYER Siuslaw News

Florence Police Department (FPD) received a report on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 1:11 p.m., of a deceased subject found in a wooded area north of Sandpines Golf Links.

According to FPD Lt. John Pitcher, local residents discovered the body while hunting mushrooms in the woods.

The victim is an adult male and, according to police, appears to have been in the woods for at least several days. Pitcher said the time period makes the man harder to identify.

"The death appears to be from a suicide," he said, "but Florence Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death."

FPD is working with the Lane County Medical Examiner's office on the case.

The man was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and black and gray Nike athletic shoes. Police said the body description and clothing does not appear to match any local missing person reports.

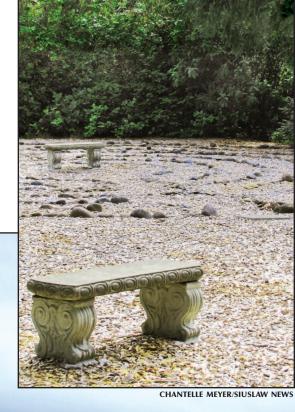
Police are seeking information on this case. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact FPD Detective Brandon Ott at 541-997-3515.

#### Early deadlines for Labor Day

Siuslaw News will join other area businesses by being closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Deadlines for the following Wednesday's issue will be advanced to accommodate the shortened work week.

All display advertising deadlines move to noon Thursday, Sept. 3. By-the-word classified and legal deadlines advance to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. The deadline for news articles and press releases is noon Thursday.



ROCK HAVEN

Youth help with upkeep of labyrinth, meditation garden at St. Andrew's



The group gathers rocks at Bob Creek Wayside, north of Florence, to add to the circuits in St. Andrew's labyrinth (above).

By Georgia DuBose Special to the Siuslaw News

ylee Williams, who lives on 18th Street in Florence, liked the meditation garden and labyrinth at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church so much that she brought her mother, Marie, and her older sister, Aubree, to see it.

She and her younger sister, McKenzie, had been visiting the quiet spot for a long time.

"It's just a special, kind of amazing place," said Kylee. "I just wanted my mom to know how much my sister and I like it."

On a Sunday morning after the 10 o'clock service, Georgia DuBose, the vicar at St. Andrew's, went out to talk with the youth, met their mom and found out that other children from the neighborhood liked to visit as well.

The vicar proposed that they help maintain the garden by taking a field trip with her and her husband, Bob DuBose, to Bob Creek Wayside, north of Florence, where smooth rocks can be found in abundance.

With the rocks, the youth would help to define the paths in the meditation garden, and add to the circuits in the labyrinth.

The three sisters and their friends Byron and Caden Beckham rode with the DuBoses on Monday, Aug. 31, to the beach, where they gathered 16 bags of loaf-sized and fist-sized rocks.

Following some time playing on the beach and a picnic at the picnic table, the group returned to St. Andrew's, 2135 19th St. in Florence, and distributed all the larger rocks along the meditation garden paths and made a pile in the labyrinth.

See GARDEN 9A

# COOL PLACES

**SPECIAL FEATURE:** This summer we are

highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. This is the last location

featured in the series.

### Mindpower Gallery

417 Fir Ave., Reedsport | 541-271-2485

AT A GLANCE: The philosophy behind Mindpower Gallery is to keep creative minds working. The gallery and frame shop has been in business for over 25 years. In an effort to keep things exciting in a depressed economy, the owners started getting creative with ideas to generate new traffic to a downtown that has suffered since

the timber industry left Reedsport. The result: a trendy up-cycled art gallery with a new, soon-to-be wine-tasting room that retails

Umpqua wines. The up-cycling that's been integrated into the gallery walls and floors sparks a lot of interest and



lends itself to the resourceful nature of people who live in the Pacific Northwest. Mindpower is an Oregon art gallery, incorporating multiple venues to stay in business and using the power of creativity to create a unique blend all it's own.

So far the gallery has invited several of the Umpqua wineries to the gallery for special wine-

tasting evenings highlighting that winery's offerings. Now, the gallery has a renovation well underway and hopes to carry Umpqua wines by the 2015 holiday season. For up-to-date event information, check out the Mindpower Gallery page on Facebook.













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