

Bomb from 1A

How the rusty practice bombs got there is still a mystery, but according to Dunes City Councilor Jamie Mills, during World War II there was a National Guard type of military installation set up around Dunes City.

Mills believes the two practice bombs were most likely leftover relics from that time.

“Former mayor Robert Petersdorf said he was not surprised to hear of the find because there used to be a military staging area here for protection of the sawmill and the coast during World War II,” Mills said.

The two practice bombs were turned over to the Air National Guard because they are still considered military property.

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Saturday clothing sale to help students

Siuslaw senior aims to provide school clothes for those in need

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Siuslaw News

Siuslaw High School senior Hannah Bartlett has set a goal to help other students get newer school clothes to increase their self-esteem.

“I hate to see kids treating others badly because of how they look,” Bartlett said. “It shouldn’t matter what someone looks like, its who they are that matters. It can make people feel really uncomfortable and not confident in themselves if they don’t have nice clothes.”

Bartlett became inspired after attending a church camp. The focus of the camp was helping others first.

“I was looking for a project where I could help the community,” she said. “I know there are a lot of low-income families in our town.



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Hannah Bartlett has organized a clothing drive and sale for fellow students needing back-to-school clothing on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Siuslaw Middle School.

“I want to sell the clothes really cheaply so it will be easy for parents to get lots of nice clothes for their kids, so they can be comfortable and confident.

“Also, they will be able to

save their money for more important things,” Bartlett added.

She plans to use the money from the sale as seed money to motivate other students to do similar community projects.

“I’m part of a leadership class and we have wanted to bring in a motivational speaker, a really good one to motivate kids to continue to do things like this in the community,” she said.

She is getting help from friends, family and church members, as well as a boost from social media. Bartlett created a Facebook public events page and has been receiving many inquiries.

The sale will be Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Siuslaw Middle School commons area, in conjunction with the annual Citywide Garage Sale.

Anyone wanting to donate clothes can leave them at the Florence Christian Church office at 990 Second St.

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Art from 1A

“A lot of people have been supportive of the arts. I think that we all have to recognize that this is the way to drive economic vitality,” Springer said.

He also credits the work of other galleries and groups that got the movement going.

“There was a good foundation built a while back. Backstreet has done some amazing work. The group that was before us, FACA (Florence

Arts and Crafts Association), did a lot of work,” he said.

He added that the movement is spreading to all areas of Florence, such as City Lights Cinemas, as a venue; theater, with new art spaces such as that of Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) and Last Resort Players’ new Class Act Theater; and other galleries and workshop spaces, such as Kenneth B Gallery.

“There’s a lot of people, a lot of different groups who are part of it. It seems that there’s a whole different attitude here, an attitude that art can really make a difference here,” Springer said.

Florence’s Second Saturday Gallery Tour is another aspect of that. The tour is a self-guided exploration of various art galleries in town.

The next tour is on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m.

FRAA is looking forward to the exposure that being in Old Town will add.

“The new location gives us much more visibility — an incredible amount of visibility,” Springer said. “We’re at the heart of everything here. We’ve already seen it has increased our membership, sponsors and donors. It shows the public that we’re really for real.”



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Doors are now open at Florence Regional Arts Alliance’s new location on Maple Street in Old Town. The art center will host workshops and classes.

Springer also said that he was proud of FRAA and the start it made in its first location.

“The community has embraced us,” he said, “and that’s what gave us the opportunity to move down. We just feel like we’re moving in the right direction. It’s very exciting.”

Now that its doors are open, FRAA will have a grand opening on Friday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m.

“You’re all invited to the grand opening,” said FRAA member Claudia Ignatieff. “We’ll have food and wine and music.”

FRAA will also be a part of

the unveiling of the Port of Siuslaw’s new public art piece on Friday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m. Following the unveiling, FRAA will host a reception for Kat Cunningham, the artist of the piece.

For more information about FRAA, go to its website at www.fraaoregon.org or stop by its new location at 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

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