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Florence continues improvement projects

*City Council awards bids
for Rhododendron Drive,
Siano Loop maintenance*

By CHANTELE MEYER
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At its Sept. 21 meeting, Florence City Council approved contracts for a sanitary sewer improvement project on Siano Loop and engineering services on Rhododendron Drive infrastructure improvements.

The city council awarded Ray Wells, Inc., of Florence, the Siano Loop bid for \$348,963.

Florence Public Works Director Mike Miller said the Siano Loop project is slated to begin in October.

“The project was identified as a top priority in our 2000 Stormwater Management Plan,” he said. “It actually eliminates a portion of deteriorated culvert.”

Other aspects include the construction and placement of 350 feet of new stormwater drainage ditching and 1,100 feet of new stormwater and sanitary sewer piping of various sizes.

“A lot of energy and engineering went into the project, but with this project, we’ve also taken care of a couple other issues we have in that area,” Miller said.

The contractor will add seven new man-holes, several stormwater catch basins and concrete inlet and outfall structures; decommission designated portions of old and failing sanitary sewer and stormwater facilities; test new facilities and restore landscape.

“With that all said and done,” Miller said, “we will be repaving a short section, less than a block, of 35th Street from Rhododendron Drive to Siano Loop, then up Siano, where we’re doing improvements with the sanitary and stormwater system.”

Ray Wells will install a 42-inch culvert underneath Rhododendron Drive, then patch the asphalt trench with a two-inch HMA overlay.

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MARCH FOR A CAUSE



*Community gathers
to promote October
as Domestic Violence
Awareness Month*

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*An estimated 100
participants march
along Bay Street in
support of Domestic
Violence Awareness
on Sunday.*

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About 100 marchers took to Bay Street behind a police escort Sunday afternoon to help Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) promote October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Leading the march were Siuslaw High School cheerleaders and football players. According to SOS Executive Director David Wiegman, other participants included a volunteer fireman, a city council member, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce director and domestic violence survivors.

“People in the community are very supportive. We had a great event. I think this was my favorite march so far,” Wiegman said.

The Florence march is unique and the only one of its kind in the state.

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Literary fest brings books to Florence

More than 80 regional authors, publishers and artists contributed to the fifth annual Florence Festival of Books last Friday and Saturday at the Florence Events Center. A publishers panel and an address by keynote speaker Jane Kirkpatrick kicked off the festival. Authors read from their books throughout the day Saturday, while local guests and out-of-towners browsed the variety of how-to books, memoirs, historical fiction, children’s books, artist books and more.

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