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Brillo and Shakti assisted in the grief rooms and crisis centers after last week's shooting at Umpqua Community College.

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‘Walk with me’

School psychologist brings therapy dogs to Roseburg crisis

By CHANTELLE MEYER
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While much of the state reeled with the news of last Thursday's mass shooting at Umpqua Community College (UCC) in Roseburg, Dr. Robyn Wallace-Blanchard assembled a team to assist in the crisis — starting with her two therapy dogs.

Wallace-Blanchard, or “Dr. Robyn” as students call her, is a member of the Lane Education Service District (ESD) that allows her to be a school psychologist for Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts. Her two dogs, Shakti and Brillo, are therapy dogs that interact with students.

“The dogs were there in the grief rooms at UCC. I just wanted the students to know what a comfort the dogs they see at their schools were to those who really needed a dog to pet,” Wallace-Blanchard said.

In the aftermath of the shooting, the students, staff, faculty and other community members could not return to campus to gather belongings.

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Applicants sought for port job

Recruitment process begins after manager announces retirement

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Port of Siuslaw is beginning to recruit applicants this month for the district's top position, following the announcement that Port Manager Bob Forsythe will retire at the end of the year. His last day is Dec. 23.

The port manager, who reports to the port commission, is the chief executive officer of the Port of Siuslaw District. Responsibilities consist of managing the operations of the port, including tenant and public relations; promoting economic development in the district; administering the port's fiscal matters and personnel policies; and developing and maintaining all port facilities.

The full-time position comes with a salary range from \$50,000 to \$70,000, depending on experience, and includes full benefits.

Applications are available online at www.portofsiuslaw.com. Finalists for this position will be required to submit a PowerPoint presentation, complete a skill assessment and an interview.

Completed applications are due by Friday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m.

For more information, stop by the port office at 100 Harbor St. or call 541-997-3426.

Governor appoints new court judge

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown swore in Gary Carl yesterday afternoon as the new justice of the peace for Lane County Justice Court.

According to former county judge Cindy Forsythe, who retired last week, Brown was waiting to make Carl's appointment public until after he passed his background check.

Lane County Justice Court is at 900 Greenwood St. in Florence.

GERMAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION OFFERS NEW FLAVOR IN TOWN



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An estimated 900 people attended Oktoberfest Saturday at the Florence Events Center. The event, sponsored by local businesses and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, featured authentic accordion music, yodelling singers, talented groups of dancers and fun games. Nonprofits served bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato soup, pretzels, pickles on a stick and a variety of cakes and desserts. Outside, the Wiener Dog Races brought additional spectators (see page A6).

