

Storm from 1A

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) limited traffic to heavy trucks on Highway 126 at Cushman for most of the day Thursday.

On Friday, a pilot vehicle and flaggers escorted drivers through the flooded area. Starting at noon, the highway was closed again for several hours, causing delays for commuters.

Earlier this week, Siuslaw National Forest closed the north-bound lane of South Jetty Road due to erosion. By Friday, the road was completely closed, starting at parking lot No. 5, about five miles from the Highway 101 intersection south of Florence.

According to the forest service, the location of the wash out

prevents access to the crab dock and the South Jetty. Forest engineers will be assessing the situation and determining when the road can be reopened.

Ten Mile Road, north of Florence off Highway 101, is also closed until further notice.

Lane County Roads Maintenance reported that Ten Mile Road is closed at milepost 6 due to a landslide and trees blocking the roadway. There is no anticipated timeline for reopening the road, as there are no residents above milepost 6.

A coastal flood watch continues as well for both the Siuslaw River and the Pacific Ocean through the weekend.

Peak impacts for residents and drivers will be within a couple of hours on either side of the river's high tide — or from around 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Friday, the U.S. Coast Guard closed all river entrances, including the Siuslaw River, indefinitely due to severe conditions and debris in the water.

Many state parks were also closed yesterday, including Carl G. Washburne State Park campground and day-use area, north of Florence, due to low water level in the water storage tank, and Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint's west parking lot due to high surf and storm debris.

According to the National Weather Service, areas not subject to direct wave action will experience overflow surges into estuaries and bays with water levels higher than normal tides would suggest.

Weather pattern projections indicate that storms may continue through the week.

Evangelical Church hosts Christmas play

Four angels try out for the Heavenly Choir. To make the grade, they must first successfully compete an assignment from the Archangel.

Until now, they have fumbled and bumbled all of their assignments. Will they finally succeed? Or will they once again just fumble and bumble away this opportunity?

Come and see what angels Chance, Daphne, Penelope and George do as "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels," a Christmas play being presented by Florence Evangelical church.

Children and youth play the parts of angels, wise men, shepherds, sheep, townspeople and Mary and Joseph in this lighthearted, song-filled telling of the Christmas story.



PHOTO BY ROB GRIFFES

Angels gather to express themselves during a recent rehearsal for the Florence Evangelical Church's upcoming Christmas play to be performed Dec. 16.

All are invited to come enjoy the play Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., at Florence Evangelical Church, 1318

Rhododendron Drive. A reception will follow. For more information, call 541-997-5159.

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Meeting from 1A

FarleyCampbell said city staff recommended that the regulations be similar to liquor stores, because the Oregon Liquor Control Commission monitors retail marijuana sales now.

"Legally, it's apples to apples," she said.

Reynolds said that the city is putting regulations in place to protect the community.

"In order to sell something legal, you have to have a legal product. In order to have a legal product, it has to be legally grown. In order to legally grow, it needs to be done in a legal lab," she said.

Some of the amendments include defining separate

zones where people can grow marijuana, manufacture marijuana products, store and wholesale the product and retail sales.

These will only be in approved zoning districts with the appropriate size of buffers to protect residential areas, schools and other protected locations.

"The comments we've received are 'not in my backyard,' and not in Old Town," Reynolds said. "Both the council and planning commission have been listening."

So far, the city council and planning commission have met in three combined work sessions. City staff has been researching and gathering information. Department heads have participated in multiple

government marijuana meetings.

"It's a lively topic at any government communications level," Reynolds said.

"Because it is such a complex and major undertaking for the state and OLCC and to have this interagency coordination, we take it very seriously. I'm trying to be as educated as possible, as is Wendy, the staff, council and planning commission. We don't expect people to understand every nuance — that's our job to try to understand."

One hurdle is navigating the feedback from the community.

More than 100 calls have come in since the city posted the public hearing notice. The city has also received written testimony from at least 12

community members and business owners.

Reynolds said, "For this industry, a way to comply and be legal is a huge step. It's a big deal that the state legalized marijuana and is setting in place a checklist for people to say, 'I am legal.' That gives people freedom."

The city will continue to accept written testimony until 5 p.m. Monday. Spoken comments can be made during the public hearing at the Florence Events Center.

For more information on legal uses of marijuana, go to www.WhatsLegalOregon.com.

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Museum from 1A

"I asked the staff at City Hall to contact the Air National Guard and make arrangements for the bombs to be delivered back to Dunes City so that we

might donate them to the Oregon Coast Military Museum," Ruede said.

That simple idea was not that simple.

"The United States Military has a 'cradle to grave' program for all its explosives," Ruede explained, "meaning they track when they are made, where they are sent and how they are ultimately destroyed."

Air National Guard MSGT Jeffery Sadler, who brought the practice bombs back down from the Portland air base for the ceremony, said, "We heard pretty quickly that the museum had interest in recovering them so we set them aside and held on to them while the lawyers and air base public affairs office worked out the legal aspects."

Sadler explained how the World War II era relics were used.

"They would fit anywhere from eight to 12 of these into a dispenser mounted on the aircraft wings," he said. "The pilot could drop these from the wing as they were flying."

The solid iron "bombs" had a cylindrical depression in the nose end. A modified 10-gauge shotgun shell blank was inserted into the nose to create a small explosion to mark where the bomb landed.

The burning question remained: How did these practice bombs end up in Dunes City?

Acting Dunes City administrator Jamie Mills began sleuthing for answers.

Mills said, "The land upon which Dunes City Hall and its parking lot are located served as a practice and training area for the United States Army unit that was based south of Woahink Lake and the State Guard (predecessor to the Oregon National Guard), who frequently ran joint field exercises in the area during World War II.

"The local Unit of the State Guard was officially assigned the name the "Siuslaw Rifles," but called themselves the "Vine Maple Savages" to incite fear in the hearts of the enemy," she added.

According to Mills, this name was adopted by a local group of Dunes City area resi-

dents who fought against the takeover of what is now Dunes City by the U.S. Department of Forestry. The actions of that group resulted in the creation of Dunes City in 1964.

Ruede closed the presentation by saying, "I want to thank the Air National Guard bomb disposal unit for assisting us in the rescue of our artifacts from certain destruction, so that all can see these training devices on display.

"Preserving historic relics is beneficial, not only to honor those who have fought on behalf of our freedom, but for future generations to gain more accurate knowledge of historic events. The city is honored it can make this contribution to the museum on Pearl Harbor Day."

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 provided a color guard for the veterans and guests, including local and state dignitaries at the beginning and conclusion of the ceremony.

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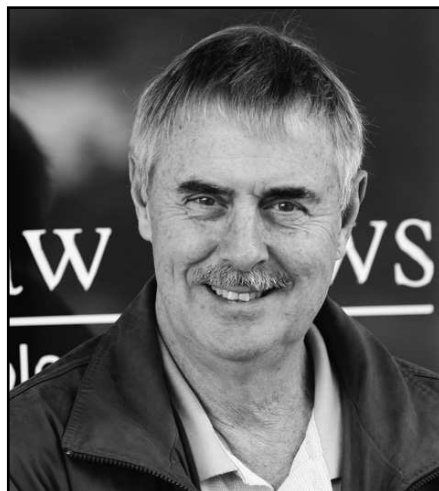
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"Not really, we've been here 13 years, but it's pretty mellow where we lived on Woahink. We've avoided areas, have four wheel drive and keep watch on Facebook."
—CAROLINE MESMAN, FLORENCE



"The 1962 Columbus Day storm. I was living in the Portland West Hills at the time. We had five fir trees fall on our house. It was pretty exciting."
—JACK DAVIS, FLORENCE



"Looking forward to more intense storm pictures this week. I'll be traveling up the coast to Lincoln City chasing huge surf."
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