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Women's History Month



Protecting coastline and country

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Honoring the women who serve at U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

By DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE
Special to the Siuslaw News

March is National Women's History Month and a great time to celebrate women who serve and have a positive impact on the community. The 2016 theme, Honoring Women in Public Service and Government, leads the community to recognize women who serve with the local U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.

There are currently five active-duty women assigned to Station Siuslaw River in various roles, with an additional three female members active in the local Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Although the Coast Guard is the smallest military branch, it has large responsibilities for the safety and security of the country and coastline, under the umbrella of Homeland Security.

Coast Guard women commonly face the front line, and have since they were fully integrated into active-duty service in the 1970's. The organization has been cutting edge in empowering and embracing women as equals.

See **COAST GUARD 7A**

The five Coast Guardswomen currently serving at U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River are (front row) BM3 Brooke Crosley and SN Samantha Hughes and (back row) BM3 Sydnee Sansone, SK2 Angela Martin and BM2 Sierra Schlager.

School Board approves new superintendent Grzeskowiak to take over for retiring superintendent Ethel Angal beginning July 1

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw School Board unanimously approved a one-year

district superintendent contract for current Siuslaw Middle School Principal Andrew Grzeskowiak during its March 9 meeting.

Grzeskowiak, 46, has been in education 22 years and has spent the last 20 years at Siuslaw School District. He will be replacing district superintendent Ethel Angal, who

will retire June 30.

The board chose to seek an internal candidate rather than look outside the district.

"I couldn't be happier about having Mr. G be the person to sit in this office and lead our district," Angal said. "He has history in our district. He is already a district leader and he is a critical member of the administrative team. He will continue to lead us in an upward trajectory. He is a good guy."



Andrew Grzeskowiak

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Maintaining friendship with Yamagata City Japan sends commendation for 20-year friendship with Yamagata City

By CHANTELLE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Florence City Hall is sporting new artwork on its walls, thanks to an award from the Japanese Consulate in Portland. The certificate of commendation joins other wall hangings, art and gifts from Yamagata City, Florence's Friendship City.

In the early 1990s, the City of Florence formed a friendship with Yamagata City in the Gifu Prefecture of Japan. The Friendship Cities retain their relation-



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The Japanese Consulate awarded the City of Florence a certificate of commendation for its relationship with Yamagata City.

ship with gifts to each locale's city hall and, for Yamagata, an annual student trip to Florence.

See **JAPAN 7A**



Two nights of talent

Annual PTA Talent Show encourages students to take stage at FEC

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Siuslaw Elementary School students brought the house down at the PTA Talent Show for

kindergarten through fifth-grade students Thursday and Friday nights at the Florence Events Center.

Students sang and performed before an audience of school staff, community members and families. Siuslaw Elementary Principal Mike Harklerode was master of ceremonies. The show has been sponsored by the Florence Community Parent Teacher Association for more than 10 years.



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