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CITY COUNCIL

Florence to raise solid waste rates

City license fees for garbage haulers change to align with state

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Florence City Council passed an ordinance and resolution regarding the solid waste rate and the City Code at its meeting on April 4.

Councilors listened to a report by Planning Director Wendy Farley-Campbell and public testimony by representatives from Central Coast Disposal and County Transfer and Recycling, the two fleets that provide garbage service within the city.

The council's actions will increase city license fees to 3 percent of Central Coast Disposal and County Transfer and Recycling's gross sales inside city limits, up to \$50,000 from around \$9,400 paid to the city this year.

Farley-Campbell said that the license fee changes from a per-axel cost — a count that included each hauling truck and the number of axels — to methodology more consistent with the rest of the state.

The money will go into the city's street fund, as the companies provide a utility and use city rights of way to conduct business.

"I feel the rate increase is fair and the pace is reasonable for what we need. The city and the streets need money," Councilor Joshua Greene said. "Having a fair and reasonable rate and maintenance supports our goal to protect the city, streets and community."

Farley-Campbell said the rate increase for the consumer will only be 1 percent, in keeping with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"It's very small change for most people, only about 30 cents," she said.

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Sign of honor

Local DAV chapter dedicates highway sign to veterans



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Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 23 held a ceremony April 5 to celebrate the unveiling of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway 101 sign, which was later installed at milepost 184.

Thirty-five people attended the ceremony, including Mayor Joe Henry, city councilors George Lyddon and Ron Preisler and the senior aide for veterans and military issues from Congressman Peter DeFazio's office, Whitney Couture.

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According to Ralph Martin, DAV Chapter 23 adjutant, the Highway 101 southbound sign is one of 11 to be erected along the Oregon portion of the highway to honor service men and women who served and are serving in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

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Members of Disabled American Veterans Florence Chapter 23 gather April 5 to dedicate a new sign on Highway 101 that honors war veterans. Above, the sign was later installed at milepost 184.

TOWN HALL

Commissioner, sheriff discuss county audit, jail

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Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich and Sheriff Byron Trapp visited with community members at the Siuslaw Public Library on April 6 as part of a series of town halls in rural areas of the county.

"We're really here to have you guys ask questions. This is your meeting," Bozievich said.

He began his portion of the evening talking about the county's recent audit by Lane County Performance Auditor Shanda Miller.

"It was really interesting data," Bozievich said.

He said Miller looked at where the county stood in terms of socioeconomic standards.

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Mapleton experiences first student retreat

More than 80 students and teachers gather for 2-day retreat at Camp Baker

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Mapleton middle and high school students held a two-day fun and experience filled retreat at Camp Baker Boy Scout camp on Siltcoos Lake last Wednesday and Thursday.

Students chose the activities they wanted to be involved in from a survey list of more than 60 ideas ranging from fishing, quilting, bowling and swimming, to guitar lessons, golf, art, rock climbing and more.

Funding for the retreat would normally be a problem for the cash-strapped district, but a survey request from the Oregon Research Institute (ORI) solved the problem.

"ORI contacted me last year and asked if Mapleton was interested in doing a voluntary alcohol-use survey," Mapleton High School Principal Brenda Moyer said. "They offered to pay \$2,000 if we did. The

survey last year was 35 students who had the option of opting out."

The institute paid the district \$2,000 for its participation last year. Students took the survey again this year and received another \$2,000, for a total of \$4,000 in student-body funds.

"The faculty and I wanted to do something that was student centered and something the district wasn't able to afford. We decided to do this retreat," Moyer said.

According to Moyer, the idea for the retreat came from a Mapleton schoolteacher.

"One of our teachers went to high school in Jewel," Moyer said. "At the end of each semester they do a weeklong elective-based retreat. They bring in volunteers and find out what the students are interested in and they play for a few days."

The retreat cost about \$3,000, including rental of the Boy Scout camp, meals and the cost of some



ERIN MICHAEL/MAPLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Mapleton students practice their fencing techniques, just one of many activities during a retreat last week at Camp Baker.

activities and instructors.

Volunteers taught many of the activities, but some instructors, such as the yoga instructor, had to come from Eugene and were compensated.

Moyer said that because of declining enrollment and budget cuts, the district's music and arts programs were removed from the budget.

"One of our goals with this

retreat is to offer kids opportunities to explore the arts and music. That is where the guitar playing and assemblage come in," Moyer said.

One of the volunteers, Larry Larson, taught the students assemblage, the art of using wood and other items to create a three dimensional art piece.

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