

Rates from 1A

The presentation recommended rate changes, a license fee increase, how often the code is reviewed and fleet appearance, age and maintenance standards.

Mayor Joe Henry said he thought the council was in agreement with most of the staff recommendations, but he advised against setting age standards for replacing vehicles, especially if well-maintained vehicles might not fit into age requirements.

For now, the council decid-

ed that as long as maintenance and a nice appearance continued on the companies' vehicles, they would not set an age requirement.

The rate changes will go into effect July 1.

The solid waste rate review was conducted by Bell and Associates beginning in November 2015 and continuing through February. The review was then presented to Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) and city staff.

Farley-Campbell's presentation is available online at www.ci.florence.or.us.

CROW to present 'Shrek' next week

According to Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW), nasty will be nice and Florence will be "ogre-the-moon" when CROW presents its fifth main-stage production, "Shrek the Musical, Jr."

This fun and flatulence-filled family musical will be presented April 15 to 17 at the Florence Events Center, but this nonprofit youth organiza-

tion's all-volunteer production team has been working on it for nearly a year already.

With music by Jeanine Tesori, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire, "Shrek the Musical, Jr." is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks animated film and the book, "Shrek," by William Steig.

"Shrek the Musical, Jr." is an uproarious musical comedy with a cast of more than 50

children and young adults.

There will be four public performances: Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. They are \$16 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 12 and under. Call 541-997-1994 or go to eventcenter.org for tickets.

County from 1A

Miller's report said, "Lane County's current financial health is stable. This is due to sound financial and debt management practices and strategic financial planning."

However, Bozievich said Miller pinpointed the county's growing gap between expenditures and revenue.

"Declining revenues, growing expenses and aging assets challenge the county's long-term financial health," Miller concluded.

County commissioners have plans in place to bring the budget into alignment within the next few years.

"We're not looking to add any new programs or do anything fancy this year with our budget," Bozievich said.

Trapp, who was appointed sheriff in April 2015, also spoke of the budget, and how it impacts both his work and that of former Lane County Sheriff and current Florence Police Chief Tom Turner.

Budget cuts that began in late 2007 are still affecting the sheriff's office's patrols, staff and capacity to run Lane County Jail.

A levy passed in 2013 added additional beds and funding for up to 35 deputies. Lane County Jail can now hold 317 occupants.

"We more than doubled the capacity of the jail within a couple months of passing the levy," Trapp said. "From that day forward, we have not released any defendants or offenders in violation of state law."

Trapp's next goals are to continue to hire deputy sheriffs, a training process that takes 11 months for each person.

"We need to manage and maintain our quality level of employees," he said.

The office hires about 5 percent of the applicant pool, and not every applicant makes it through training.

He acknowledged that the department's weakest link was patrol, especially as the office is still at about a third of the capacity it operated at in 2008.

"When we have to cut budget and cut cost, that comes out of our people," Trapp said. "As we cut people, we close jail beds and lower patrols. ... It takes a lot of time and a lot of money to build back after you gut an organization."

He added that there was good news, especially as the county continues to invest in public safety. In March, the sheriff's office completed a two-year process to hire and train enough deputies to restore

24-hour patrol.

"This is incredible to be able to say we're on the mend. We're building back some strength in the community. It is truly a public safety improvement," Trapp said.

Bozievich also spoke of safety — but on the roads.

Oregon had a steep increase in highway deaths last year, showing a 27 percent increase over 2014.

Bozievich said a major contributor was a lack of sheriff and state trooper patrols on the highways.

"With the lack of enforcement, folks are out there driving like Mad Max. There's a lot of road rage and it's the wild west on our streets right now," Bozievich said.

He hoped that community members would slow down on the roads and drive safely, not only for themselves but for others on the road.

During the question-and-answer portion, Trapp and Bozievich also discussed the different roles of county and city jails, local deputies, additional rural patrols, traffic on Highway 126 and federal forest funding with the community members present.

"One of the things I like to do in these town halls is get the full story out there," Bozievich said.

For more information and to access documents handed out at the meeting, go to www.lanecounty.org.

Sign from 1A

Martin said the project, believed to be the first in the country, originated with the non-profit group Bend Heroes Foundation of Bend, Ore., that convinced the Oregon Legislature to adopt erecting highway signs to honor the men and women who served during five major wars over the past 98 years.

In addition to Highway 101, U.S. Highway 395 is dedicated as the World War I Veterans Memorial Highway; U.S. Highway 97 and State Route 126 as the World War II Veterans Historic Highway; Interstate 5 as the Korean War

Veterans Memorial Highway and Purple Heart Trail and Interstate 84 as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

The signs are being fabricated and installed by the Oregon Department of Transportation and should all be installed before summer of this year.

Veterans groups, boards of county commissions, civic organizations, Bend Heroes Foundation contributors and private individuals funded the signs.

DAV Chapter 23 of Florence was chartered on March 9, 1976, and is currently led by Commander Skip Stitt. The chapter has 180 members.

Retreat from 1A

Students were given \$5 each and went to St. Vincent's to buy odd items that they transformed into art through assemblage.

"Next year we hope to do painting and sketching because our kids who are creative in their minds don't really have an outlet at our school because we don't have an art program," Moyer said.

In addition to having fun and exploring new hobbies and experiences, students were able to see their teachers in a non-teaching environment.

"In our classrooms with proficiency-based grading and standards and the push for excellence that we need to do every day," Moyer said, "sometimes our kids see our teachers as just teachers. Coming out here lets them see our teachers as people."

Moyer said she hopes to have one or possibly two similar retreats next year.

There was no cost to the students to attend the two-day retreat.

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WORD ON THE STREET

Dancing with Sea Lions has its free Splash Off! event today from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

What inspired you to create your sea lion?

RUTH M. BASS: the sleek, graceful design and her constant doodling

BRIAN BLOSS: the Greek legend Thalassa, with the life of the ocean flowing from her hair

BENJAMIN CAHOON: impressionistic realism, the ecosystems of Oregon

CHRISTINE CALDWELL DAVIS: playing with paint, bringing a unique vision to life

ISABELLA CASTLE: to grow organically

ROSY CLARK: vibrant color

JANE CONNELLEY: fascination with sea lions, pure light and constant inspiration of the ocean

COLLEEN GOODWIN-CHRONISTER: movement in performance, color harmonies, dramatic flair

MATT HAWK: a song about girls being strong and becoming pirates, inspiring others to find their vision

EILEEN HEARNE: sea lions on the Newport Bay front, the fun and easy going feel of the Oregon coast

RON HILDENBRAND: passion for wildlife

MARSHA HORNER: quirky family traditions and iconic views of the coast

ELLEN HUNTINGDON: wanderlust, appreciation for the natural world

KARLYNN KEPPO: storytelling, fantasy, butterflies, sunsets and complimentary colors

KASSY KEPPO: to tell a story with whimsy

JULIE LARSON: abstract and conceptual artist doing a traditional style of painting

KATIE MILLER: Poseidon's horses and how the crashing waves and spray off the ocean becomes the powerful motion of galloping horses

JUDY MURPHY: joy and the spark of imagination brought to life in characters full of life and full of love

KIM PICKELL: her students, beauty of this place and friends like family

FRANCES ROGERS: waves, water, bubbles and Florence's signature bloom, the Rhododendron

TERRY WOODALL: pinniped and wildlife studies, sculptural art based on wild nature





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