

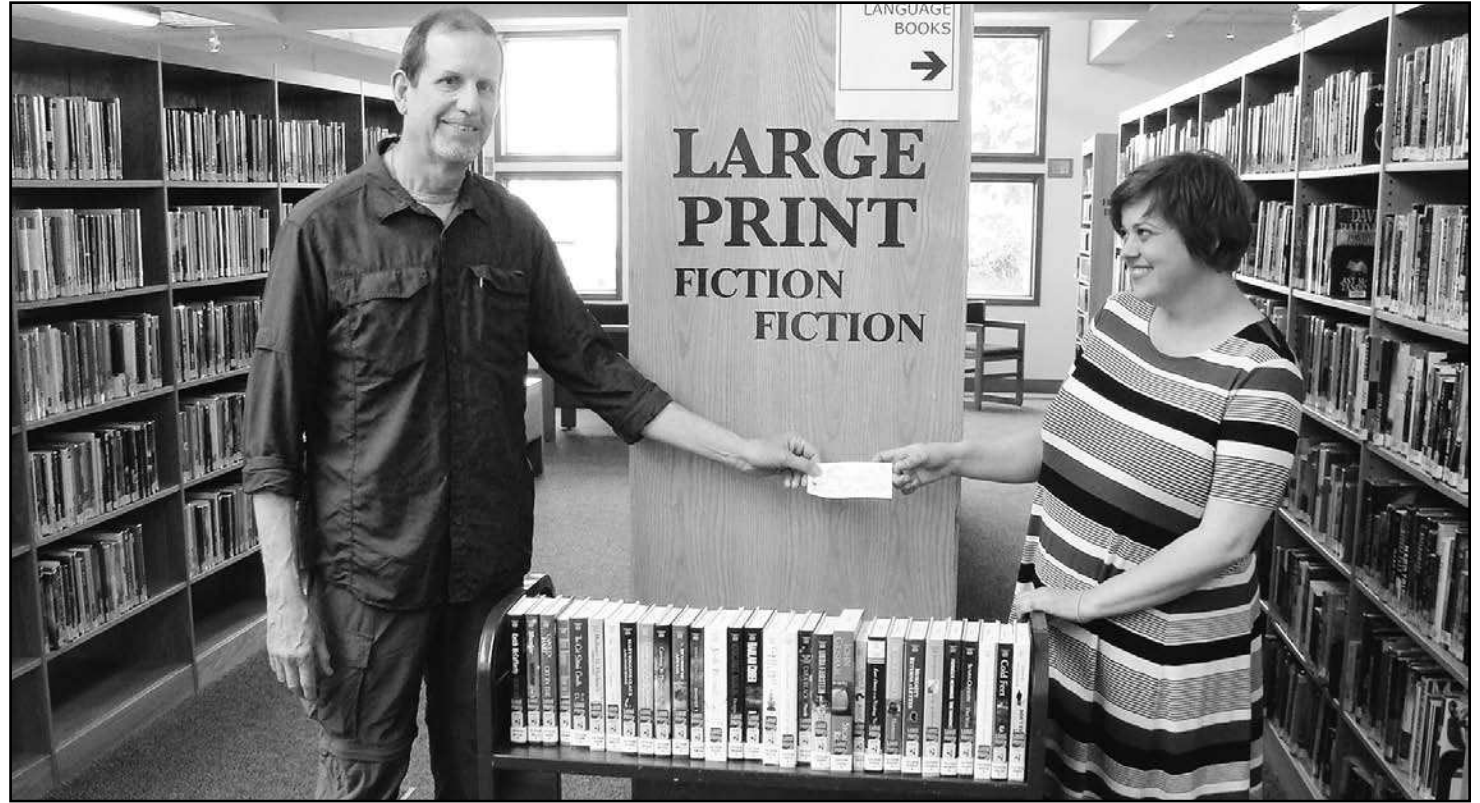
GENERAL NEWS

Burgers, hot dogs on sale during Rhody Days

This month's Oregon Coast Humane Society, formerly known as Florence Area Humane Society, barbecue fundraiser coincides with Rhody Days and will be sharing the parking lot with the Car Show 'n Shine car show at Grovery Outlet's parking lot, 2066 Highway 101. Serving times are from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Breakfast items will include biscuits and gravy, sausage biscuits or homemade gourmet scones for \$3. Hot dogs and hamburgers

hot-off-the-grill will also be available. Hamburgers cost \$4, hot dogs and Polish dogs are \$3; cheese is .50 cents. Cold drinks are \$1 and include a variety of soft drinks plus bottled water. Also featured are other homemade pastries by humane society volunteers. This event raises money to help provide care for the cats and dogs awaiting their forever home at the humane society. Grocery Outlet owner Woody Woodbury sponsors this event.

Library gift adds 54 large-print books



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Jim Grano hands Siuslaw Public Library Director Meg Spencer a check for \$270. Grano gave the money to the library on behalf of himself and his two brothers in honor of their 89-year-old mother, Spruce Point resident Jane Borrás. The brothers donated the money to purchase 54 fiction and nonfiction large-print books in their mother's name. "We were able to purchase the books for just \$5 each. It was a wonderful coincidence of timing," said Spencer. According to Grano, each brother agreed to give \$90 in honor of their mother's 90th birthday in June.

Mayor proclaims Safe Boating Week May 21-27

On May 16, City of Florence Mayor Joe Henry presented U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief BMCS Tim Tregoning with a city proclamation for Safe Boating Week in May.

The annual campaign kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day with National Safe Boating Week and continues throughout the year. Several Coast Guard members attended the presentation at city hall.

Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, the Port of Siuslaw and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue wish to help ensure the public



PHOTO BY ROBERT STEELE

Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds and Mayor Joe Henry (wearing life jackets) stand with local Coast Guard and auxiliary members at Monday's city council meeting.

has a safe, secure and enjoyable recreational boating experience this season. While enjoying the Siuslaw River, Pacific Ocean, local lakes and other nearby recreational waterways, boaters (including the paddle craft community) are encouraged to always wear their appropriate life jacket and understand navigation rules.

In the State of Oregon, all boaters who operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower are required to take an approved boating safety course and carry a boater education card onboard. A variety of paddling education courses are also available in Lane County.

Port of Siuslaw Manager Steven Leskin reminds boaters, "The river is for everyone and it is responsible

to follow boating etiquette." Paddle sports, which include kayaks, canoes and paddle boarders, is a quickly growing activity. Leskin requests that "motorized vessels respect paddlers and give them a wide berth and reduced wake."

To help the public embrace the wearing of life jackets and safe boating, there are two events this month:

May 20: Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. A fun way to heighten awareness of different life jacket styles and demonstrate their comfort and versatility by wearing them to work. Participants can take a picture of themselves wearing their life jacket while at work and post it to Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River's Facebook page.

May 21: Life Jacket World

Record Day. Thousands of people from around the world will attempt to set the world record for the most life jackets worn in one day. Station Siuslaw River invites people to participate in this event at the Coast Guard Station off Rhododendron Drive. This Saturday, from 9 to 9:30 a.m., you may come to the station with your life jacket, sign a form as a participant and have your photo taken. To be part of breaking the world record, you must be present during that time period.

For more information about either event or to have your photo taken at work wearing a life jacket, contact Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCG Auxiliary Public Affairs staff officer, at 541-991-9300.

—By Deborah Heldt Cordone

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Dave's Weekly Garden Tip

"Bamboo Dave" Sedlacek

- Lightly cultivate around new vegetable starts to incorporate nutrients into the soil and inhibit new weed growth
- Start foliage fertilizing summer flowers; water first then water again with a water-soluble fertilizer
- Plant basil seeds and move tomatoes outside to a hot, sunny space

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