

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY BIG SUCCESS



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Siuslaw Elementary School's sixth annual Bike to School day on May 27 saw a record 127 kindergarten and elementary school students ride their bicycles to school. Many parents accompanied the children on bikes.

Rescue from 1A



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Dana Gagliardi

Gagliardi was coming ashore with one of the two boys, when he was met by Santiago, who had just saved the other boy.

When Gagliardi turned to go back for the other boy, Santiago quickly informed him that the other boy was safe ashore.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector North Bend also received a call about the boys at 4:25 p.m. from a reporting source on the beach.

An MH-65 Dolphin Helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station North Bend and two 47-foot Motor Life Boat crews from Station Siuslaw River were launched in response, but both boys had been safely returned to shore before they arrived on scene.

Sector watchstanders were informed by 4:45 p.m. that both boys were returned to shore and transferred to EMS.

Gagliardi, who is originally from Haverhill, Mass., enlisted in the Coast Guard at the end of September 2015, and reported to Station Siuslaw River on Dec. 4, 2015.

City Club to discuss family history

Kevin Mittge, adult services librarian at Siuslaw Public Library, will discuss the current state of genealogy at the Florence City Club meeting Friday, June 3, at noon at

Driftwood Shores, 88416 First Ave. Lunch is available prior to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mittge will share stories from his own family research and local history projects.



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Drill from 1A

The full-scale exercise will include actors, an active command center and communication across police, fire and other emergency response radio frequencies.

Florence Police Lt. John Pitcher said, "We're going to test all of our initial response."

This will include eliminating the threat, securing the facility, aiding with care, transporting injured and alerting the media. Training will center around Siuslaw Middle School, but will also include the elementary and high schools. Florence Public Works will guide traffic away from the area.

"We understand that it's going to take everyone to be prepared for something like

this. It's key for our public to know that we're planning. We hope an event like this never happens, but we are preparing anyway," Messmer said.

The exercise is being conducted in collaboration with the City of Florence, Florence Police Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Police Department, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, Life Flight and REACH Air Medical Services.

"We work together quite a bit," Pitcher said. "We back each other up. This is another chance to work together and train."

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