

Community News



District holds retirement reception for Angal



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Staff, administrators and school employees gathered at Siuslaw Middle School Friday to honor retiring Siuslaw School District Superintendent Ethel Angal (inset). She will retire at the end of this school year, June 30, after serving as superintendent for two years. Incoming superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said, “We are going to miss Ethel here in the district. She has done an excellent job of putting staff together to make sure we are moving forward in a positive direction for the kids in our community.” Grzeskowiak will take over the position July 1. Siuslaw School Board Chairwoman Tammy Butler said, “Ethel has been a source of strength and clarity to the district at a time when the district was in need of clear direction. She will leave a legacy of cohesiveness amongst the administrative staff and district as a whole.”

Oregon Coast Military Museum seeks public input for future

The Oregon Coast Military Museum, which opened July 4, 2015, is approaching its first anniversary, and the board of directors is working on a strategic plan to take the organization into its next phase. To do that, it is seeking the public’s input on how it would like to see the museum move forward. “The Florence community has shown tremendous support for this effort for the last six years, allowing us to get the initial museum created and open,” said museum board president Wayne Sharpe. “Now it’s time for us to determine where we want to go from here: stay small and static as we are now to some degree, or do we expand, which would allow us to display more of the artifacts we’ve collected from our supporters over that time?” “Do we change our mission or keep it on task to honor our veterans by educating our public?” “Since the museum effort began back in 2009, we have accumulated an enormous amount of military artifacts

such as weaponry, uniforms, personal items from veterans and their families,” said executive director Cal Applebee. “We need to determine how we can continue to collect and preserve that heritage, which means we may have to expand the physical facility. “To help us determine that, we have begun a Strategic Planning process but really want to get the input of our community and supporters.” Interested community mem-

bers can visit the museum website, www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com, and download a simple survey to provide thoughts and ideas. Input can also be emailed directly to Applebee at cal97439@gmail.com, or mailed to the museum at P.O. Box 2040, Florence 97439. The target date for submitting input to the museum is June 30, which will allow the board to incorporate that information into its planning meet-

ing in mid-July. “This museum really came about because of the veteran population in this community, and it is really important to us that we continue to value the input of those community members,” said Sharpe. The museum, 2145 Kingwood Street in Florence, is open to the public Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.



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