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Lane County to reopen Archie Knowles Campground

Friday ceremony to recognize park's extensive renovations

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Lane County, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Oregon State Parks will host a grand opening ceremony on Friday, June 17, at 1 p.m. to mark the reopening of the Archie Knowles Campground and

Day Use Area.

The campground is located about 18 miles east of Florence on Highway 126.

The USFS closed the popular 4.5-acre campground in 2012 because it was deemed too expensive to renovate and maintain. The park infrastructure, including sep-

tic and water systems, had been deteriorating for years.

An \$84,976 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and a \$58,838 grant from the Siuslaw National Forest made the rehabilitation possible.

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A grand reopening ceremony for Archie Knowles Campground is set for June 17. The campground east of Mapleton has been closed since 2012 and will now be operated by Lane County Parks.



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Purple Heart recipient Gordon Landwehr's family (from left) Emylie, Brooke and Rylie Stonelake, Kaye Wheeler, Adeline Webb Landwehr and Jeryl Landwehr stand with Shane Schuster of Florence Dry Cleaning, who helped restore the veteran's World War II era jacket and hat.

RESTORING A MEMORY

Florence Dry Cleaning helps repair, clean World War II era jacket for veteran's family

Gordon Landwehr was 17 years old when he joined the U.S. Marines, and just 18 when he served in Okinawa, Japan, and received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained from 27 pieces of shrapnel. He passed away nearly a year ago, but his widow Adeline Webb Landwehr is working to keep his memory alive.

On May 13, Adeline, Gordon's second wife, brought the veteran's World War II dress jacket and cap to the newly opened Florence Dry Cleaning. "When I first looked at the jacket, I could see it was stained and some critters had chewed a few

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holes in it," Florence Dry Cleaning owner Shane Schuster said.

Despite the damage, he could tell the jacket was special.

"I showed the jacket to Angie Barrett (of Angie's Alterations), and she performed the patchwork and I worked on the cleaning — all free of charge," Schuster said.

Schuster works with Master Cleaners of Eugene, Ore., owned by Robert and Patricia Fullman, and they all agreed that this unique service should be free. Once repairs were complete, Schuster contacted members of the Landwehr family.

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Gordon Landwehr at age 17

Florence approves \$34.5M budget

City's fiscal year 2016-17 includes \$28M in spending, \$1.6M in reserve funds

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Florence City Council approved the fiscal year 2016-17 budget of \$34.5 million after a public hearing during the council meeting June 6.

City Manager Erin Renolds presented the budget message to the Budget Committee on May 2. The committee met May 9 and 10 and approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$34,507,953.

"This may be the largest budget that Florence has ever approved," said Mayor Joe Henry at Monday's meeting.

The budget is comprised of \$28,277,640 in spending — with \$11.5 million for capital projects, \$3.3 million for a new Public Works facility, \$1 million in water expansion projects, \$150,000 for potential remodels to City Hall and \$40,000 to fund safety services for at-risk situations — \$4,644,964 in contingency and \$1,585,348 in unappropriated/reserved ending fund balance.

Interim Finance Director Andy Parks presented Resolution No. 13, Series 2016, to the council, "a resolution adopting the 2016-2017 budget, making appropriations and imposing and categorizing ad valorem taxes."

"The resolution that is before you also approves levying the city's permanent tax rate of \$2.8610 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value and also approves a levy of \$155,300 for general obligation debt," Parks said.

The city councilors expressed their thanks for the process, ease of readability of the budget document and the time and work put in by city staff.

Councilor Joshua Greene said, "We spent a lot of time working on this in our work sessions, and I appreciate the effort that everyone has made."

"We are currently doing an exponential amount of work and accomplishing a lot more than we did with the same number of employees a few years back," Henry said.

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Port launches WindFest summer activities on boardwalk

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August along the boardwalk.

Port Manager Steven Leskin said, "Fridays and Saturdays, we will have kid stuff during the day, like science and fun activities.

Then we will have performances on Saturday nights with bands and beer and wine tasting on the boardwalk from 6 to 9 p.m."

According to Leskin, Windfest will host infor-

mational presentations from area experts on such topics as sea bird nesting, wave energy and marine biology.

Youth can also meet Smokey Bear, tour a U.S. Coast Guard boat and

experience traditional Native American culture.

"There is something for everyone," Leskin said. "Florence is beautiful, and windy, in the summer. There will be lots to do. The board-

walk setting is perfect for sampling a glass of wine from a local winery or enjoying live music on the river with the sun setting in the background."

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