

Budget from 1A

“That is an outstanding accomplishment,” Henry added. The Budget Committee

included chairman Bob Forsythe, Hugh Guinn, Leonard Larson, Joel Marks, Sally Wantz and the Florence City Council. The budget is available at ci.florence.or.us.

WindFest from 1A

Activities will run Friday and Saturday, with some Sunday events planned. In addition, the Port of Siuslaw Campground and RV Park is running a special promotion. “Visitors to the port campground will receive one-half off your last night’s stay at the campground or RV park when you mention WindFest at registration,” Leskin said.

All events are free and open to the public. A suggested donation to the evening concerts is two cans of food for the Florence Food Bank. To find a calendar of events, visit the Port of Siuslaw website www.portofsiuslaw.com, or see the port’s Facebook page. The Florence boardwalk is located at the corners of Bay and Nopal streets. For more information, call 541-997-3040.

Preparations begin for Festival of Books

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with preliminary events on Friday to compliment the book festival.

The event is presented by the Friends of the FEC and the FFOB Planning committee.

Though the festival is more than three months away, the planning committee is already hard at work.

Committee members will be led by chairwoman Meg Spencer and founders of the festival, Connie Bradley and Judy Fleagle.

Now in its sixth year, the book fair continues to be a popular gathering for authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free event to meet the authors and have their books signed.

The book fair continues to adapt and grow each year to enhance the literacy event.

On Friday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m., a panel of authors will speak on the topic “My First Book: The Process of Idea to Print.”

Different authors will discuss their unique journey of the first book and how it made its way to a printed publication.

The event will take place in



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Florence Festival of Books planning committee members: (from left, sitting) Karen Nichols, Judy Fleagle, Connie Bradley and Kevin Mittge; (from left, standing) Bonnie MacDuffee, Jennifer Connor and chairwoman Meg Spencer. (Not pictured is Ellen Traylor.)

the Florence Events Center theater and is free to attend.

At 7 p.m. that evening, suspense thriller author Phillip Margolin will be the featured keynote speaker for the festival.

Margolin has written 19 novels, many of them New York Times bestsellers, including the recent “Woman with a Gun,” “Worthy Brown’s Daughter,” “Sleight of Hand”

and the “Washington Trilogy.”

Each displays a unique, compelling insider’s view of criminal behavior, which comes from his long background as a criminal defense attorney who has handled 30 murder cases.

Winner of the Distinguished Northwest Writer Award, Margolin lives in Portland, Ore.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or

\$10 at the door for the conversation with Phillip Margolin.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books will start Wednesday, June 15, through the festival website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

For more information, contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994 or email Meg Spencer at meg@siuslawlibrary.org.

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Rehabilitation began in January 2016 and included updating the water, waste and electrical systems, as well as

the restroom.

The project also removed invasive vegetation, paved all campsite spurs and created a campsite compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The campground will reopen under the jurisdiction of Lane County Parks.

The grand opening will feature brief remarks from West Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich and representa-

tives of the USFS, Oregon State Parks, Siuslaw Watershed Council, Save Archie and the Mapleton School District.

Bozievich said, “I am pleased to have played a small part in the re-opening of Archie Knowles Campground. The credit goes to Lane County Parks staff, the staff of the Siuslaw National Forest and, most of all, to the community members who would not let this gem of a park stay closed.”

The public is invited to the grand opening.

Parking is limited and guests are asked to park at Camp Lane (15761 Highway 126, about 5.4 miles east of Archie Knowles). Shuttle service will be provided to and from the event.

The campground was named for Archie Knowles, a former forest service ranger who was the child of early area settlers Albert and Lillian Knowles.

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Jacket from 1A

Four generations of the family still live in the area, with a history of 160 years near Siltcoos Lake, Westlake, North Beach and North Fork.

Schuster also contacted the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 (VFW) to see if veterans would be interested in presenting the completed jacket to Gordon’s family.

VFW Commander Paul Gargis and member Tony Cavarno helped gather area veterans before the presentation at Florence Elks Lodge #1858 on June 6.

“We suggested that Marines should be the ones returning it,” Cavarno said. “So what

better place than to have a bunch of military guys here seeing a World War II hero and Purple Heart recipient’s family getting his uniform back?”

Adeline, Gordon’s daughter Jerlyn Landwehr, her daughters Kaye Wheeler and Brooke Stonelake and Stonelake’s daughters Emylie and Rylie attended a ceremony during the VFW meeting with around 50 Florence-area “Band of Brothers” veterans.

“It’s nice to have all of us here, since we’re his blood,” Brooke said.

Cavarno thanked Schuster and Angie’s Alterations for restoring the jacket.

Not all military heirlooms can be restored. For those who wish to retire American flags, there are Flag Day activities on Tuesday, June 14.

The Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., will hold a Flag Day Ceremony on Tuesday at 1 p.m. for the public. Jim Barrett will present on the history of America’s flags.

VFW’s honor guard will carry the flags, presented by Gargis. At 4 p.m., American Legion and the VFW will sponsor the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1202 Bay St., next to the River House Inn.

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, Boy Scout Troops 777 and 721, Cub Scout Pack 777, Girl Scout Troop 20068, Daughters of the American Revolution and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue will participate in the ceremonial burning of the flags.

There will be bleachers for seating, but people can bring additional chairs.

WOOF ON THE STREET

Why are you participating in Bark for Life?

Tru, Lady Charlie and Miss Ellie are supporting American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Bark for Life today at Miller Park until 2 p.m.

“Working with Tru is a large part of my life, and we could not pass up this wonderful privilege. Bark for Life is a perfect way for us to help A.C.S. Relay for Life. With Tru’s trick dog talents, I believed we could bring an added energy to this fun and worthwhile event.”
—CHERYL PINNOCK AND TRU (PICTURED)

“Bark for Life is another wonderful way to spend quality time with my beloved Charlie. Bark activities provide stimulation for dogs and help strengthen our bond (if that is possible). We also get to socialize with our four-legged and two-legged friends, while fundraising for A.C.S. It is simply ‘pawvalous!’”
—DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE AND LADY CHARLEMAGNE (PICTURED)

“I believe in Relay for Life and Bark for Life because many of my family, friends, loved ones and four-legged friends, have been touched by this dreadful disease. We need to support organizations who help people as they are going through treatments, as well as funding to help find a cure.”
—PAM HENRY AND MISS ELLIE (PICTURED)

Special thanks to Deborah Heldt Cordone for submitting this “Word on the Street.” **DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed above are solely those of the contributors.**

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