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Siuslaw Watershed Executive Director Dan Carpenter, Oregon State Parks representative Mark Cowan, Lane County Parks Division Manager Mike Russell, Save Archie community representative Kay King and West Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich help Billy Grable cut the ribbon June 17 to officially reopen Archie Knowles Campground. Operations and maintenance of the newly refurbished nine-site campground, located east of Mapleton, was recently transferred from the U.S. Forest Service to Lane County Parks. The Save Archie citizens group was instrumental in creating public awareness for the reopening of the park. Commissioner Bozievich said, "This reopening is a testament to the local folks that wouldn't let it die. It is about grass roots activism from the local community and a whole bunch of collaboration. That's why we are here reopening this park today."

Port may have buyers for two properties

Commissioners also approve \$1.4M operating budget

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

With the real estate market heating up, Port of Siuslaw commissioners focused on the potential sale of two port properties during their June 15 meeting.

According to Port Manager Steven Leskin, the old port office building, located at 1499 Bay St., and the 40-acre Pacific View Business Park off Kingwood Street, near the Florence Municipal Airport, have prospective buyers.

"We have a prospective purchaser who has expressed an interest in the Pacific View property," Leskin said. "He has been doing his due diligence for some time. I think he is a serious buyer."

Leskin reported that he has hired commercial property realtor John Brown from Eugene to represent the Pacific View property.

"The reason I selected him," Leskin said, "is because they specialize in commercial real estate and they have a lot of presence along the coast and a lot of listings in the Florence area. I am also expecting an appraisal back in a week or so, so that we can set a price with Mr. Brown."

The Pacific View parcel is currently zoned light industrial and deemed "shovel ready" by the State of Oregon.

The Bay Street property is currently occupied by Silver Sand Dollar art gallery and jewelry store, which signed a second three-year lease in May.

Also during the meeting, Port of Siuslaw commissioners voted to approve the 2016-17 operating budget of \$1,463,000.

During the May meeting, commissioners directed Leskin to evaluate the feasibility of the port acquiring a commercial

See **PORT 7A**

Military Museum looks to rewrite future

Executive director leads new strategy, opens survey

By CHANTELE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Although it focuses on the past and historical artifacts, Oregon Coast Military Museum is creating a new strategic plan to launch into the future.

"We're coming up on our one-year anniversary on July 4," Executive Director Cal Applebee said. "The board is convinced that it's time to do a new strategic plan that says where we want to go from here and what we want to do. We

have to create a game plan for what we want to display in the future."

The first step of that was hiring Applebee as the part-time director on May 1.

See **MUSEUM 7A**



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Oregon Coast Military Museum's new Executive Director Cal Applebee poses with the museum's mobile display, a blue 1946 CJ2A.

COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

SPECIAL FEATURE: This summer we are highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. New locations will be featured each month.

Siuslaw Interpretive Center

Bay Street, Florence | 541-997-3437

AT A GLANCE: After more than a decade in the making, the city's Siuslaw River Bridge Interpretive Center opened in 2013 and provides a scenic view of the historic bridge and river for both residents and visitors alike to enjoy while in Old Town Florence.

Located on Bay Street, the outdoor area includes tables and chairs, benches and interpretive signage offering a glimpse of the area's history and culture.

A rain garden with native vegetation surrounds the walkways that meander toward the river, ending at an observation deck perfect for



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a picturesque view of the 80-year-old bridge. The site was also named best "Curb Appeal" at this year's Siuslaw Business Awards.

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