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Residents give back at Florence's annual day of service

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Hundreds of people reflected the "power of one" by joining the sixth annual Power of Florence on Saturday. Community members banded together to raise money for nonprofit groups, clean up parks, paint buildings, increase awareness on important issues and beautify Florence.

Founder Kaylee Graham, Mayor Joe Henry and Florence Police Chief Tom Turner started the event with the Power Walk through Old Town.

"I can't believe it's already the sixth year," Graham said. "We have 40 events lined up, and I know it's going to be great."

Graham and fellow Power of Florence leader Ava Glowacki led youth, city officials and community members on the walk.

"These girls exemplify what the Power of Florence is all about," Henry said.

Many events took place early Saturday, starting with the annual pancake breakfast at United Methodist Church and ending with the Party in the Parking Lot at Grocery Outlet, where many organizations gathered for their projects, fundraisers, sales, donation collections and more.

Groups also hosted work projects around Florence's parks, streets and businesses.

Graham said, "Every year it amazes me how this community comes together. Let's go make a difference!"



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Clockwise from top left: Florence Police Chief Tom Turner, Power of Florence founder Kaylee Graham and Mayor Joe Henry kick off the event Saturday; Cub Scouts and their families spruce up Veteran's Memorial Park; and participants take a Power Walk through Old Town. View more photos on Page 7A.

New Public Works building process enters next step

\$3.5M project's first phase to include maintenance building, office structure

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Florence City Council recently approved changes to the architectural services contract for the new

Public Works Operations Facility to allow simultaneous construction of an office building and the maintenance building.

On July 11, City of Florence Project Manager Megan Messmer

presented details on the 8,000-square-foot maintenance facility and 5,870-square-foot office building set to be built at 27th and Kingwood streets.

"In October we presented you with an architectural services contract for what we called at that point Phase I, which included the operations facility with a temporary office

solution," Messmer said. "However, we saw several cost savings areas — if we created the permanent office structure at the same time as the maintenance facility, we would save upwards of \$900,000."

Phase I initially called for moving the administrative department

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New Siuslaw superintendent outlines priorities

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New Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak took over this month from retiring superintendent Ethel Angal.

During his 20 years with the district, 46-year-old Grzeskowiak spent 10 years teaching high school, five years as athletic director, two years as assistant high school principal and three years as middle school principal.

"I've been a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, principal and now superintendent," he said. "That is an odd thing for someone to do, especially all in one school district."

Grzeskowiak sees two issues having priority for the coming school year: revamp the push for a new high school building and improve chronic absenteeism and its negative effect on graduation rates.



Andy Grzeskowiak

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Dunes City announces Volunteers of the Year

Council also refers city marijuana tax to voters and plans community expo

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During the July 14 Dunes City Council meeting, Mayor Rebecca Ruede recognized local residents Norman and Judy Martin as the 2016 Volunteers of the Year.

"The Martins have consistently shown their loyalty to the citizens of Dunes City," Ruede said. "Both have served on the planning commission, on numerous committees, and Judy served on the city council for a time."

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Dunes City 2016 Volunteer of the Year Judy Martin accepts a plaque honoring her and her husband Norman's volunteerism from Mayor Rebecca Ruede during the July 14 city council meeting.

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