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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) dredge vessel Yaquina began work last Friday at the mouth of the Siuslaw River to conduct advanced maintenance dredging to clear the waterway. The 200-foot-long suction hopper dredger worked through the weekend and plans to return in September. "This has been an unusual year in that we did not see a lot of shoaling at the entrance," COE Coastal Project Manager Kate Groth said. "If we get late summer shoaling, we can address it in September." Port of Siuslaw lobbies every year to receive federal funds to pay for the dredging.

Teen Center facility expands

Boys and Girls Club to move daycare building onto 15th Street property

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County has announced plans to move the former Quality Child Care of Florence building onto the Teen Center property within the next several months.

The 2,688-square-foot building, which will be renamed in memory of longtime Boys and Girls Club patron Nan Osbon, will add some needed space to help the club cope with the Teen Center's sudden rise in popularity.

Club Executive Director Chuck Trent said, "Given the growth trend we are seeing, especially with all the fifth graders coming in to the Teen Center, I think we will start the school year with over 50 students, compared to nine last year when we reopened the Teen Center."

According to Trent, the Osbon building will house the administrative offices and a new high school after-school campus. The current Teen Center will house the middle school program and an expanded kitchen facility.

The existing Teen Center is 2,800 square feet. The new addition will make the entire complex more than 5,400 square feet. The elementary program will continue to operate out of Siuslaw Elementary School.

Trent said the Teen Center parking area would be paved before the Osbon building is moved onto the property. In addition, a security system with outdoor lighting and indoor and outdoor security cameras will be installed.

"We have the funds to do the project from private donations," Trent said. "We are currently working with the city on the planning process."

Board member Michael Pierson said the club has an architect working on the site plan and that it should be ready by Monday, Aug. 1.

"As we continue to grow the club's membership, one of the challenges I have

Siuslaw News wins 4 ONPA awards

By CHANTELE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Florence's local newspaper, Siuslaw News, took home four awards last Friday in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) 2016 Better Newspaper Contest.

Editorial staff placed in several categories in the multi-issue weeklies circulation group for editions published in 2015.

Publisher John Bartlett said, "I'm proud of the whole editorial team for their hard work and dedication to providing the best, local news to the Florence area."

Awards were announced during the annual ONPA Convention held July 21 to 22 at the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton.

Siuslaw News won first place for Best Sports

Photo for Sports Editor Ned Hickson's "Flying Lesson," Aug. 1, 2015. The image depicts a sandboarder midair on the dunes.

Hickson also won second place for Best Sports Story for "Double Dribble," Nov. 28, 2015, about Mapleton High School basketball coaches Jesika and Will Crook.

Besides covering local sports, Hickson writes a weekly syndicated humor column for the paper. He won second place for Best Local Column for three of his submissions: "Turning 49," Aug. 5, 2015; "Shaking Shiloh's Hand," Nov. 25, 2015; and "My Intuition on Tuition," Dec. 16, 2015.

This photo of a sandboarder won first place for Best Sports Photo.



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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.

PAWN Trail

North Fork Road, Florence | 541-563-8400

AT A GLANCE: The PAWN Trail, located 17 miles up North Fork Road east of Florence off Highway 126, is an acronym for the four families — the Pooles, Akerleys, Worthingtons and Nolands — who established a post office on the upper North Fork Siuslaw River in the early 1900s.

Set within 10 acres of old-growth forest, the hiking trail begins with a log-trimmed bridge spanning a small creek that eventually empties into the North Fork. An enormous sheet of basalt rock surrounded by piles of shanks marks where the Forest Service gathered rock for road building in the 1960s.

Towering Douglas fir trees extend over the trail,



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with the oldest standing upwards of 250 feet high. A valid recreation pass is required at the trailhead.

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