

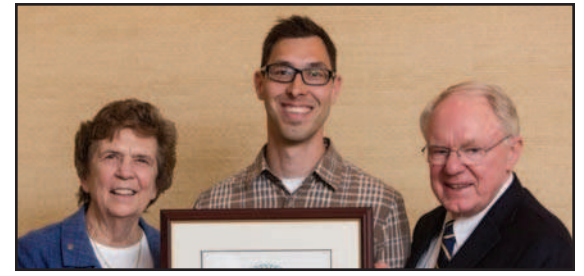
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DUNES CITY Siltcoos residents lose water for 3 days

Drought conditions, cracked pipe cause system to shut down

By JACK DAVIS
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South Coast Water District (SCWD), an affiliate of Oregon Water Services, made automated calls to about 80 residential Dunes City customers July 20 advising them to restrict water usage due to low water levels. The water system, which pulls from Siltcoos Lake, ran out of water Monday.

Water service, however, was restored two days later on July 27 after a leaking pipe was discovered and replaced and water trucked in from Florence was used to refill the system storage tank.

SCWD has struggled with providing water to the area due to drought-induced low water levels in the lake.

"The source of the problem is the condition of the water in Siltcoos Lake," said SCWD spokeswoman Brandi Prunty. "The lake is shallow. We have to pre-filter the water before it goes into our water plant because it has a lot of plant growth due to the temperatures and the current water levels."

Prunty added, "Because the lake hasn't been able to recover from the drought conditions, the temperature rises and plant growth accelerates. ... To keep our filters fresh and clean, we have to back-wash them, which takes a lot of water. It is a vicious cycle."

The company put out two automated calls to Dunes City customers, warning that water was running critically low in the storage tank and to only use water for personal and emergency purposes. On Monday, the system shut down and was no longer able to deliver water.

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SYMBOL OF SUPPORT



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Oregon Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution showed its support of Florence Police Department and other local law enforcement with the presentation of a Japanese maple tree on Thursday.

Chief Tom Turner (pictured at right) and Florence Mayor Joe Henry accepted the tree and helped DAR member Erica Westphal plant it at the Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood St.

"After current tragedies nationwide, and excellent police work locally, we are pleased to give a living symbol of our support, a growing sign of appreciation," Westphal said.

According to DAR, the maple tree symbolizes the delicate relationship of cultures and ethnicities in the United States. Placed to the south of the justice center's entrance, the tree is expected to reach 10 feet in height.

"It is our hope that this tree will symbolize to the Florence Police the support and respect of organizations and community members for your daily jobs as protectors of this community," Westphal said.

About 35 people, including members of other area agencies, attended the ceremony.



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Port to require insurance from moored vessels

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Port of Siuslaw board of commissioners has approved a resolution that demands all vessels moored in the port for more than 72 hours to show proof of insurance.

Port Manager Steven Leskin proposed the port require both commercial and recreational vessels provide proof of liability insurance coverage to protect the port from such incidents as oil spills, sinkings or collisions. The resolution also calls for

all resident vessels to add the port as an additional insured within 30 days of registration with the port.

"Most coastal ports have mandatory insurance and it looks like that is the direction ports are going," Leskin said. "Also, Oregon Public Ports

Association will start pushing this at the legislature as well."

The board voted to approve the resolution at its July 20 meeting.

Leskin said the port would not impose the insurance requirement on any vessel that has a current contract with the

port. But, when the contract expires, the port would make it a part of the new contract.

"We won't start enforcing it this season," he said. "If somebody already has a reservation for the upcoming

See **PORT 6A**



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Susie Voth sits at her desk at the Mapleton branch of the Siuslaw Public Library, where she worked for 13 years before retiring July 22.

One chapter closes

Longtime Mapleton branch librarian Susie Voth retires

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After 13 years checking out books, helping patrons and reviewing stories, Mapleton librarian Susie Voth has retired.

Siuslaw Public Library celebrated her retirement July 21 during its annual Mapleton Branch Open House at the library's location inside the Mapleton Lions Club.

Voth began working at the library in August 2003, after she and her husband Wesley moved to Mapleton from the Big Island of Hawaii. She worked one day a week in Mapleton and two days at the main library in Florence until a circulation position became available.

"I told my friends and family that I had my pinky toe in the door — not my entire foot," Voth said. "When I was hired into the Mapleton branch circulation position, I felt I finally had my dream job." See **LIBRARY 6A**

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