Along beaches, there is safety in numbers

Visitors and residents to local beaches may have noticed large, neon-green numbered signs on the beach. Those numbered signs were installed by Oregon State Parks to help visitors convey their location in the event of an emergency.

Over the past several years, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has installed more than 400 of the numbered signs as part of a significant beach safety program. They are located along the Oregon coast at both public and private beach access points from the most northern sign at Fort Stevens State Park all the way south to Crissey Field State Recreation Site near the California border.

Ocean Shores Specialist Callum Stevenson, involved in the project for Oregon State Parks, states the physical portion of the project was completed over the past several months with the final signs installed between Coos Bay to just north of Florence.

Some beach accesses took longer to gain permission for installation, so they were not



DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE PHOTOS

Beach signs like these at the North Jetty offer visitors important safety information, correlated with numbered beach signs (far right).

necessarily installed in linear order along the coast.

However, they are numbered in linear order north to south. Stevenson indicates sign coor-

dinates have been provided to Law Enforcement, 911 services and the Forest Service and have been useful to those agencies.



He was recently contacted by Coast Guard helicopter operations to gain coordinates and use as them as easily sighted landmarks. They are still in the process of checking and rechecking GPS coordinates of every sign before releasing a final map to the public.

The beach sign numbers also coordinate with numbers on the State Parks dangers/prohibited activities signs located at access point entrances. Beach goers, ATVers and boaters should be aware of the signs and take note of numbers as they travel past them, before an emergency occurs.

-Contributed by Coast Guard Auxiliarist Deborah Heldt Cordone.

'Cool at the Coast' raffle winners announced

Harris, Robert Ybarra and Charles Acevedo, one of the "no-name" golf teams at the Florence Rotary's "Cool at the Coast" golf tournament held Aug. 6, won the drawing on hole #15 sponsored by Oregon Coast Military Museum.

Each won a family membership worth \$80 each.

"We really enjoyed visiting with each and every one of

Brandon Hepner, Piper those who stopped by and visited with us," said museum director Cal Applebee, "particularly those who tried their hand at the soft-grenade toss into the steel helmet."

> For those who didn't win the raffle, they are invited to visit the OCMM website at www.oregoncoastmilitary museum.com and select a membership level honoring veterans.

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Sixteenth annual lighthouse photo contest underway

NEWPORT — The Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses (FOYL) is sponsoring the 16th annual Lighthouse Photo Contest. The contest is open to all amateur photographers.

Employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of those employed by the BLM or FOYL are not eligible to participate.

All photos must be taken in or from the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area or the Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site.

Photos taken from vantage points outside these areas that show one of these areas are also eligible.

Any photos taken from unmanned drones will not be eligible.

Photos should be submitted in two ways: Matted prints, no glass or frames. Minimum size is a 5" x 7" photo with a 6" x 8" mat, and the maximum matted size is 16" x 20."

Photos also need to be submitted in digital format using either .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .tif format, no files larger than 10 MB please.

Photos can be mailed to: 750 Lighthouse Dr., Ste. 7, Newport, OR, 97365, or delivered by hand to the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area's Interpretive Store.

Digital copies can also be emailed to foyl@yaquinalights .org.

All photos must have been taken since Jan. 1, 2016. All entries must be submitted by the end of the day on Sept. 23. Judging will take place the last week of September, with the winners being notified by

or on Sept. 30.

All entries will then be on exhibit in the Yaquina Head Interpretive Center, in the Yaquina Room, during the month of October.

All photos entered become the property of Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses.

Prizes will be given in three divisions: "representational," "digital creativity" and "youth."

The winners in the adult categories will receive a \$50 gift certificate, with a \$100 gift certificate for Best of Show.

For the Youth category, there will be a \$25 gift certificate, with a \$50 gift certificate awarded to Youth Best of Show; all gift certificates are redeemable for merchandise in the Yaquina Head Interpretive Store.

Judging criteria include, but aren't limited to, emotional impact, composition, lighting, color, contrast, perspective, technical quality, overall presentation, surface appearance and clarity of image.

For more information, visit yaquinalights.org, email Amy at foyl@yaquina lights.org, call 541-574-3129 or stop by the Interpretive Store at the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.

Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses is a nonprofit organization proud to support restoration of Newport's lighthouses, preservation of cultural history and interpretive programming for public lands.



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4th Annual FLORENCE

Annual Habitat BeachWalk set for Sept. 10

Florence Habitat for Humanity's annual community event, the 2016 BeachWalk will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The beach walk starts at the North Jetty and continues to the Driftwood Shores, then back to the North Jetty.

Part of the fun will include snacks and refreshments for people and dogs, and entertainment. In addition, any walker raising \$100 or more will be given a Habitat T-shirt.

All are welcome to partici-

pate, including leashed dogs. Join the walk and celebrate Habitat for Humanity's mission to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

Come have a great time with freinds and neighbors while making a difference in the community. Doggie bandanas will be available for an additional donation.

Every dollar raised goes toward the purchase of materials and supplies for building houses in Florence.

Habitat works with carefully

selected families to give them a hand up, not a handout. A family buying a Habitat house is required to participate in the building process by giving 300 to 500 hours of sweat equity work and entering into a 30year, zero-interest mortgage.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Habitat projects can stop in the Habitat office, 2004 Highway 101 (in the Grocery Outlet shopping center), for a brochure form or donation envelope, or call 541-902-9227.







The fee to participate is \$20. An ad for the Community Wide Garage Sale with a map of all participating sales will be published in the Siuslaw News on September 7th and 10th. Because of print deadlines, the registration deadline is 5pm August 30 2016.

You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Please post signs only on private property with the owner's consent. Posting signs on City utility poles, street or signal light poles, and median strips is against the municipal code.

Additional maps will be available at the Florence Visitors Center and the Siuslaw News.

Email

Saturday 9/10

Phone

Sunday 9/11 Times:

Address

Name

Subdivision name (if any) ____

Dates (CIRCLE): Friday 9/9

15-word description:

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Date, times and address are included. Additional words over 15 are \$0.50 each.

Bring form and payment to 148 Maple St in Historic Old Town or mail to Siuslaw News PO Box 10, Florence, OR 97439 Call 541-902-3526 Online www.florencechamber.com Deadline is August 30th at 5pm to be included on the map.

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