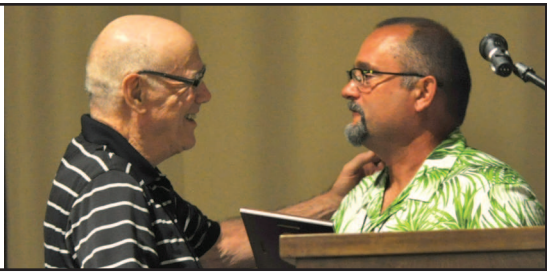


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BRONCO BASH



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Almost 250 Ford Broncos attended the 2016 Northwest Bronco Roundup at Three Rivers Casino Resort earlier this month, from Aug. 10 through 14. The group not only showed off their classic rides around town, but also raised more than 4,660 pounds of canned food for Florence Food Share. The annual event is sponsored in part by the casino. At left, the 2016 Best of Show winner.

POLICE

Multiple fires at Business Center set intentionally

Bomb Squad also called to second suspicious incident on 12th Street

By CHANTELE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Florence Police responded to two smoke-related incidents on 12th Street yesterday, one involving a commercial structure fire and the other forcing the local Elks Lodge to evacuate due to a suspicious container.

Dispatch sent firefighters to the Florence Business Center, 1525 12th St., around 6:40 a.m. Tuesday after an early morning custodian called in to report that there was smoke showing and that the sprinkler system was activated. Firefighters arrived within five minutes to see smoke and water flowing from one sprinkler head, but no fire was found.

"Firefighters checked for fire and if it extended into enclosed areas," Fire Marshal Sean Barrett said. "The sprinkler system did its job and extinguished the fires."

Florence Police Department also responded to the scene.

See FIRES 7A



PHOTO BY SEAN BARRETT/SVFR

A series of fires set inside the Florence Business Center affected a dozen offices in the building's west wing. A sprinkler system helped extinguish the flames.

Port receives update on riverbank erosion repair

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners met at the Mapleton schools library last week to hear a progress report on proposed erosion repairs to the campground from Port Manager Steven Leskin.

According to Leskin, defined areas of governmental authority have caused some confusion as to which federal agencies will oversee the repairs.

The problem originated last December when torrential rains and flooding washed away large sections of the riverbank along the port's RV

campground "C" section.

"Usually the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be in charge of a project like this, but the money is coming from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), so FEMA is the lead," Leskin explained at the Aug. 17 meeting. "Rather than the Corps using nationwide stan-

dards for their permitting, it is going to be a FEMA standard."

Normally this would not be a problem for the port, but FEMA does not have the necessary permitting authority for this type of project, according to Leskin.

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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.

Thor's Well

Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, Yachats | 541-547-3289

AT A GLANCE: Thor's Well is located about two miles south of Yachats at Cape Perpetua, near the base of Cook's Chasm, along Highway 101.

This natural phenomenon appears to be a huge bottomless sinkhole that drains all the water the Pacific Ocean can throw at it. It is most spectacular during high tides or storms when large



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waves crash onto the rocks and rush into the hole causing breathtaking water-spouts, before draining back into the hole.

In reality, the hole is estimated to be about 20 feet deep and channels water back out to sea. Visitors are cautioned to not get too close because anyone falling in would most likely not survive.

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