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Appreciating our local Coast Guard

City, Military Museum staff unite veteran groups to plan formal dinner

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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The City of Florence and Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM) have banded together representatives from many of the area's veteran organizations to help plan the Oct. 7 U.S. Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner at the Florence Events Center.

"We have entertainment lined up and the meal all selected," said Cal Applebee, executive director of OCMM.

Florence decided to host the dinner to show support for the 99 years the Coast Guard has been part of the community at Station Siuslaw River.

"What's really been nice about this is that all the veteran organizations have come together over this committee. They are really pulling together to do this," Applebee said.

The planning committee is made up of many of the veteran organizations in the community, including American Legion Post 59, American Legion Auxiliary, Coastal Women Veterans, Daughters of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 and its auxiliary and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

In addition, the City of Florence, Port of Siuslaw and Station Siuslaw River also serve on the committee.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry said, "I'm extremely proud of the group that has come together. These meetings are some of the best I go to. Everyone has a task and gets it done. It's coming along great."

Henry's task was to arrange sponsors for the event. Sponsorships of \$500 would help pay for the active duty Coast Guard members and their significant others to attend the dinner free of charge.

"I aimed to get 10, and I already have 11 sponsors," Henry said. "We might even get more to support our Coast Guard."

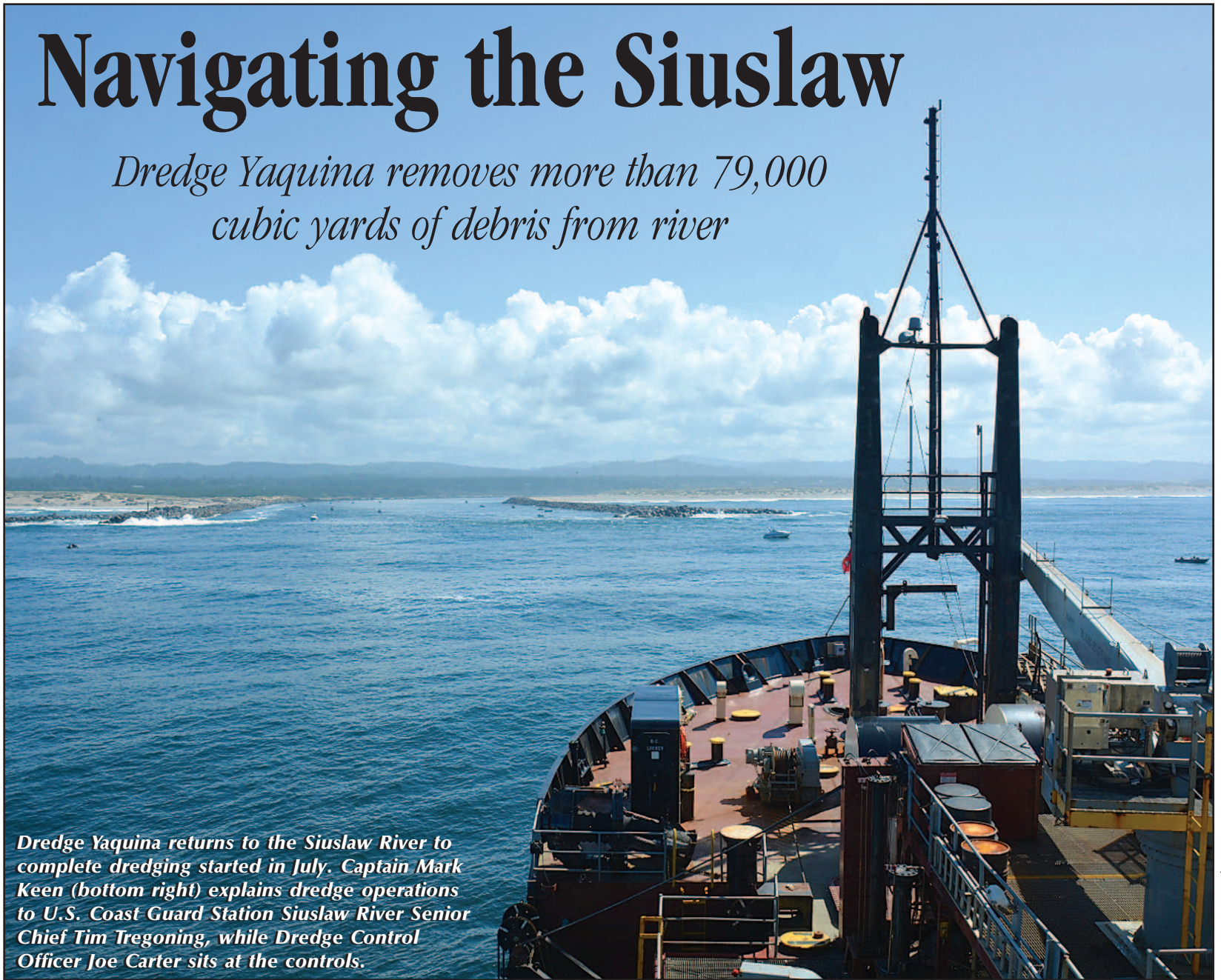
Applebee said that Coast Guard "brass" will be in attendance, as well as officials and dignitaries. Attire for the event is "Uniform of the Day" for Coast Guard personnel, and evening dress attire is encouraged for other attendees.

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DREDGE WORK

Navigating the Siuslaw

Dredge Yaquina removes more than 79,000 cubic yards of debris from river



Dredge Yaquina returns to the Siuslaw River to complete dredging started in July. Captain Mark Keen (bottom right) explains dredge operations to U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief Tim Tregoning, while Dredge Control Officer Joe Carter sits at the controls.



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For Siuslaw News

Dredge Yaquina, out of Portland, Ore., returned to finish dredging the Siuslaw River and bar entrance this past week, a job it began late July.

The Yaquina is one of two federally owned and operated dredges on the West Coast and it returns to the Oregon coast annually.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contributes to keeping waterways more navigable through dredging river bars and channels. Their mission is vital to keep channels open

for commercial and recreational mariners. In order to keep the bar passable and safer, the sediment accumulation is removed.

The 200-foot-long by 58-foot-wide Yaquina is a suction hopper dredge. According to Captain Mark Keen, who has worked aboard the vessel for the past 26

years, it is a self-contained vessel and operates 24 hours a day.

The dredge works with two arms dragging along the river bottom. As the vessel moves forward, it sucks up sand, sediment, gravel and other debris via the arms into

See **DREDGE 7A**

Fishing for a deal



CHANTELLE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

The fourth annual Citywide Garage Sale continues today and Sunday at many locations around Florence. Also this weekend, head to Old Town for the ninth annual Rods 'n' Rhodies Car Show.

HELPING HANDS SERVES HOT LUNCHESES AGAIN

Nonprofit partners with United Methodist Church for free lunch program

BY JACK DAVIS
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Helping Hands Coalition and Florence United Methodist Church have joined forces to offer free hot lunches Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church kitchen, 333 Kingwood St.

According to United Methodist Rev. Carol Thompson, the church has provided hot meals to homeless and food-unstable individuals Tuesdays and Thursdays for more than 22 years.

Helping Hands, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2011 to provide meals, clothing and services to homeless and people in need, lost its lease on the building located at 1339 Rhododendron Drive at the end of July and has been searching for another location.



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Florence United Methodist Church and Helping Hands Coalition are now offering free hot lunches, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to the homeless and others in need at the church kitchen, 333 Kingwood St.

Initially, the church agreed to have Helping Hands volunteers make and distribute sack lunches from the church's kitchen building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through August.

"Word on the street was that things were not moving quite as quickly with their locating a new facility, so I started conversations with

groups within the church to see if we could extend their time," Thompson said.

The coalition asked if it could use the church's kitchen area to prepare hot meals, instead of just sack lunches, and offered to lease the facilities.

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