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Phillip Margolin at the Florence Events Center Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

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Ms. Nicani returns to sea after running aground

Florence-based tuna boat re-floated after 2 days aground on North Jetty Beach



PHOTOS BY JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS

Ms. Nicani, a 50-foot commercial fishing vessel based out of Florence and Newport, ran aground on Heceta Beach, near the Siuslaw River North Jetty, early Saturday morning. Tow lines were laid out on the beach before the successful refloating on Monday afternoon.

The sight of a large fishing boat grounded on the beach drew spectators to Heceta Beach near the Siuslaw River North Jetty over the weekend.

The 50-foot commercial fishing vessel Ms. Nicani ran aground early Saturday morning at Heceta Beach between the North Jetty and Driftwood Shores Resort, while returning to Florence after tuna fishing.

The vessel, owned by Florence resident Terry Duman, ran aground just after 2 a.m., Sept. 17.

According to Duman, the vessel departed Newport on Monday, Sept. 12, and fished for tuna approximately 25 miles off shore from Sept. 13 through Sept 16.

The two crewmembers, Capt. Nick Wells and deckhand William Gates from Florence were uninjured.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector North Bend received the initial report about 2:15 a.m. Coast Guard personnel from Station Siuslaw River responded with a shore party to assess to situation.

U.S. Coast Guard Sr. Chief Boatswains Mate Tim Tregoning said, "The Coast Guard assisted the crew in setting a stern anchor to make sure the boat would not be pushed farther up onto the beach."

The Coast guard reported no visible signs of pollution when they did an aerial reconnaissance with an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station North



By JACK DAVIS Siuslaw News

Bend on Saturday.

Later Saturday, the vessel's diesel fuel and tuna were successfully offloaded at low tide.

"On Sunday, they tried to back the vessel out themselves," Tregoning said. "We stood by with boats off shore. They were not able to back out so we called it a day,"

Duman contacted Northwest Marine Services in Coos Bay who used an ocean going tugboat to re-float the Ms. Nicani during Monday afternoon's 7.3 foot high tide.

After being re-floated, the Ms. Nicani was towed to Winchester Bay where it is under-

going repairs.

Duman said he expects repairs to be completed and the boat back in service within a week.

"The cause of the grounding is currently under investigation," Tregoning said. "Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River does search and rescue and law enforcement. We don't do commercial vessel inspections or investigations. Experts from outside the area will conduct the investigation."

According to Duman, the Ms. Nicani fishes tuna out of Florence and Dungeness crab out of Newport.

Clear Lake home destroyed in fire

Siuslaw Valley firefighters respond to fourth area fire in one week

By CHANTELLE MEYER Siuslaw News

On Saturday, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue responded to last week's fourth large-scale fire in the area, this time on Clear Lake Road.

Fire Marshal Sean Barrett said the fire began Sept. 17 in the garage at 83990 Clear Lake Road. Owner Mike DeRego was home at the time and reported it to dispatch at 4:42 p.m.

Siuslaw Valley brought 18 firefighters, four engines, three water tenders and three support vehicles to the blaze.

"It took us about one hour to control the fire and 4-1/2 hours to extinguish it completely," Barrett said.

The firefighters remained at the site until 10:11 p.m.

"The fire was detected in its later stages, not allowing us to save it," Barrett said. "The structure and contents were a total loss, estimated at \$250,000."

No injuries were reported and the property was insured.

Barrett said the probable cause was electrical.

Three other fires took place earlier in the week on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

At that time, Barrett said fire danger will continue until there is a larger change in the weather.

"Absolutely be on alert. The danger will not pass until we have two weeks of rain to soak the ground and raise the moisture level. Things are still really dry," he said.



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A home at 83990 Clear Lake Road was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday. Community members should be alert for fire danger until the weather changes.

'The book was better'

By CHANTELLE MEYER Siuslaw News

"The whole point of Florence Festival of Books is to celebrate the written word," said event organizer Judy Fleege.

That especially means printed books — hundreds of them — that will be on display for purchase and signing at the sixth annual Festival of Books this Friday and Saturday at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Friday, Sept. 23, holds two events. The first, an Author's Panel from 3 to 4:30 p.m., will allow Northwest writers to talk about "The Path: Idea to Book." This will include e-book author Janet Wellington, who will provide information on self-publishing online.

"The e-book author will contribute a lot, because she's successful at what she's doing and other people may consider doing their books digit-

ally," Fleege said.

Friday's second event is the Keynote Presentation by author Phillip Margolin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available for the presentation, \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. All the other weekend activities are free to attend.

The book festival committee has been trying to get Margolin for two years.

"Phillip is just a down-home, nice guy," Fleege said. "I was very impressed with him, and I've

read his books, so I suggested him. It took a couple years of planning to make sure we got him. Now, it's going to be hard to top that for next year."

Florence Festival of Books' main day is Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seventy authors and 10 publishers from Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California and Washington will have tables full of their books.

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