

Guard from 1A

"Florence hardly ever sees soldiers," Creech said. "The feedback I received was that they would like to see more." He also said the CK served about 150 meals to the attendees and the public. In addition to the food distribution, the National Guard was also interested in connecting to the public and shar-

ing information in a non-emergency situation. Sharing information was also one of the main benefits of the exercise from the perspective of Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Jim Langborg. "One of the most valuable parts of the exercise is networking, it's always better to know who we are working with and what they bring to the table," he said.



National Guard members invite youth to explore the convoy vehicles at the FEC.

Retire from 1A

A Minnesotan by birth but an almost-lifetime Oregonian, Nordahl has spent 64 years in Florence. "I find it the most beautiful place to be," she said. She looks forward to more time with her husband Richard working on projects together. "Richard and I plan to enjoy time with our family and do some light traveling," Nordahl added. Over the years, she witnessed significant changes in technology used by print media. When she started, getting the product to press was a complicated process involving many steps: composition workers

used to draw advertisements on non-photo blue line sheets, for example, and paste the product together in a dark room, photographing the idea before negatives could get taken to the press plant in Coos Bay and plates could be burned. But composition turned digital, and she learned that on the job too, though she says it is "much easier." Together with the typesetter at the time, she spent one night learning the new system — and then helped put out a newspaper the next day. "The public couldn't really tell that we'd used new equipment," Nordahl said. Siuslaw News Editor Ned Hickson said, "Working with



The Siuslaw News staff gathers to congratulate Carolyn Nordahl on her retirement Friday.

Carolyn all these years has been a true pleasure, and part of the experience here at Siuslaw News that I will miss each day." As of her retirement,

Nordahl can still say she never missed a deadline. "I will be dedicating much of my time exploring the possibilities of what I can create next," she said.

RAIN from 1A

Cummings said all those things will help him mentor,

support and relate to the entrepreneurs he will be working with. "We decided that the coastal market needs a rigorous pro-

gram. David will be looking at revamping our pre-accelerator course since there are differing needs on the coast," Cummings said.

Reynolds, Florence City Recorder Kelli Weese, Lane Community College Florence Center Director Russ Pierson and Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Executive Director Caroline Bauman.

This might mean a longer course and more "homework" for coastal businesses, but also more opportunities for growth and networking. "The intention is that entrepreneurs will feel certain they have a market for their product — and possibly even be selling by the time the course is complete," Cummings said. RAIN had 40 applicants from all over the country. The hiring committee was made of Cummings, Green Energy Corporation's Dana Siebert, FertiLab Thinkubator's Shula Jaron, Florence City Manager Erin

"It was wonderful to have so many qualified applicants to choose from," Cummings said. The hiring committee narrowed the applicant pool down to 10 candidates, but only interviewed five. That is when they selected Youngentob. "What's also interesting, is that the other four finalists have all offered to stay involved and help as volunteers. This speaks highly of the work we're all doing to expand our entrepreneurial outreach and support on the Mid-Coast," Cummings said. Networking and partnership are a core part of RAIN. It has more than 30 partners in communities, cities, colleges, businesses and economic development programs. On Monday, Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA) awarded RAIN the Outstanding Collaborative Award in recognition of the work done to fuel the region's economy through an entrepreneurial ecosystem. "RAIN is honored to receive this award from OEDA," said RAIN Executive Director Jim Coonan. "It is rewarding and inspiring for our organization and its partners to be recognized for our successful contribution to growing our region's entrepreneurial culture. It truly takes a community to raise an entrepreneur and winning this award allows us to celebrate our many public and private partnerships." Cummings thanked the many funders and partners who helped make it possible to hire Youngentob. "Thank you all for believing in the power of entrepreneurship as a viable economic development tool," she said. Cummings will continue to work on the coast with RAIN's partners and as a mentor and support for Youngentob. "Coastal and rural outreach are the parts I love the most. You will definitely still see me," she said. For more information about RAIN, visit oregonrain.org. For more information on economic development and opportunities in Florence, go to florencebusiness.org.

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