

Port from 1A

"We are still working at getting the costs down for pulling the buildings down, but in the end, we are pretty confident that replacing the dry storage with camping will provide the same amount of revenue."

Dina McClure said all the dry storage tenants would receive a 60-day notice.

"We have been talking about this for a while, so (the tenants) are well aware," she said.

Leskin said he would have a proposal to the commission on how to move forward at the Jan. 30 work session.

During the manager's report, Leskin said that recent storms had washed away as much as another foot of embankment along C-Row in the campground and that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other agency repair approvals should happen soon.

President from 1A

These are qualities Greene believes will serve their classmates well during the rest of the school year.

"It is my goal to give students with leadership skills the opportunity at a young age to develop these skills," she said. "What we practice at a young age can make a lifelong impression, setting in motion a direction for the future."

Greene said she feels that the process the students went through was a learning experience on a number of levels. It was not just about familiarizing themselves with the election process or with the issues that were discussed. It also required thinking about what was important to them as individuals and then articulating those thoughts.

The ability to consider differing



Siuslaw Elementary School staff, parents and students take the Pledge of Allegiance Friday.

ideas and thoughts on a particular subject is sometimes challenging for young people.

"I hope that all of my students will gain confidence in their ability to make a difference in the world, now and as adults," Greene said. "I want them to discuss real-world problems and develop positive attitudes towards solving them."

Grace was given the Oath of Office by a former third-grade president, Siuslaw High School 11th-Grade Class President Kyle King, who spoke briefly on the importance his election had in his life.

Other students spoke during the ceremony about what democracy meant to them and their community.

Grace then gave a short acceptance speech detailing the class's accomplishments to this point in the year and her plans for the class during the remainder of the year. The conclusion to her speech was both insightful and inspiring.

"Our classroom is a democracy. Every voice counts, and we can vote."

The students in Dolly Greene's class aren't the only ones to come away from this process with a life lesson.

"I have learned that when students are given the opportunity to enact real-life scenarios through role playing in the classroom, they grow in a way that is deep and meaningful," said Greene. "Providing these opportunities is demanding, but critical for the development of the child."

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Chaplain from 1A

Murphy has expanded his volunteer position to help personnel at Western Lane Ambulance District and the Florence Police Department as well.

As a chaplain, Murphy sees his role as helping not only the victims and their families, but also the firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police personnel who deal with emergencies and death on a regular basis.

"I'm basically taking care of people — taking care of the fire department, the people who work in the office. I work with Western Lane Ambulance. I'm basically their chaplain too. Whenever there are calls, I go with them. On real bad calls, I will check with the police dispatcher to make sure they are OK," Murphy said.

they think I killed them?"

"I explain that the police have to come and do their report. After the report, they have to get a hold of the medical examiner and the medical examiner will determine if they want to release the body or take the body to Eugene to have it looked at. Then they will call the funeral home. I try to stay through this whole process."



This can be especially daunting for people living outside city limits.

According to Murphy, it can take up to two hours for the Lane County Sheriff's Office to respond from Eugene.

Murphy is on call 24-7 to assist the fire department, ambulance or police regardless of the incident.

Langborg said, "It is important to us, because that allows us to focus on what we need to focus on without worrying about a family member or bystanders."

Death calls, whether from accidents, natural causes or violence, is one of the most challenging aspects of Murphy's job.

"Over the years, I have made myself available for what ever needed to be done," Murphy said. "A lot of it is going out on death calls, being with the family until they are comfortable. Most of the time I stay until the funeral home comes to remove the body.

"I see one of my key functions as being an information person for them.

"I explain, 'Your loved-one has died and since it wasn't witnessed, the police are going to have to come.' Sometimes people panic and think, 'Am I going to be investigated? Do

"I want to be on scene, but I don't want to be seen," Murphy said. "I want to be in the background. If they need me, I want to be there."

SVFR Recruiting and Retention Officer Pete Warren said, "I'm trying to find a replacement or two, or three, to fill the shoes of the best chaplain you could have. It's going to be really hard."

Warren said the Tuesday meeting will be informal and sandwiches and refreshments will be served. He encourages anyone interested in the chaplain position to attend.

Murphy will also be on hand to share job duties and experiences, and to answer questions.

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