

**Marina** from 1A

During one of these inspections, Mill identified a problem with a dock that had started to list towards shore. Upon close examination, he found that small logs from the river had bypassed the booms that are supposed to block debris and had become lodged under the dock.

"We are here on B Dock, and as you can see it is probably off by ten degrees to the horizontal," Mill said. "So you could tie up your boat, but getting off your boat safely is another question. It's possible that you could actually end up in the river."

Mill is quite familiar with the marina, as he has been the OMC's designated point man to deal with the problems that have arisen. He is also a local resident, so he is familiar with the needs of the port. His experience informs his inspections and provides background for need-

ed maintenance.

OMC's current work at the marina is primarily focused on repair and removal of unsafe equipment.

The most difficult task will be the removal of a tall metal ladder that is attached to the back deck of ICM Restaurant. It is a rusty reminder that the building once served a much different purpose.

Mill said, "The ladder was put here and used when the building was a fish processing plant. Now it's a patio for a seafood restaurant, with a guardrail in front of it. The ladder has deteriorated so badly that you can't use it. It's really a ladder that goes nowhere."

OMC and the port stepped forward to deal with the potential for accident preemptively.

Mill's next challenging repair will be the submersion and flotation of an air tank that should level the unbalanced orientation of Dock B. This repair will require the submersion of the tank and



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**Brien Mill works to remove rusted material at the Port of Siuslaw. His current projects will last through the week.**

filling it with air once it is properly placed.

Port of Siuslaw Manager Steven Leskin estimated the cost of the projects would not exceed \$21,000.

"The funds to do the projects will come from the port's facilities budget. It is part of our normal maintenance program," he said.

OMC's work should be completed by Feb. 11, and should not interfere with normal port operations.

**Trail** from 1A

"We don't want that kind of liability," Wells continued. "I wouldn't want anyone who lives here, or who comes here on vacation, to have a day of kayaking end in tragedy."

Historically, the Oregon State Marine Board and the Oregon State Police have ensured the river was navigable and safe for recreational users.

"However, about three years ago, they were denied access to the property where the dam is located, which rendered it almost impossible to remove snags and fallen trees," said Duke. "As far as the Oregon State Police are concerned, the river trail was closed three years ago."

As instructed by the City Council, City Administrator Jamie Mills has contacted the new owner of the dam and surrounding land to discuss options.

"They have received the city's letter and we have talked about options. But no formal decisions have been made," said

Mills. "They have agreed to cooperate and allow the state in to clean out the river again. I also hope they will recognize the value in keeping the portage and will accept the city's offer to transfer the ownership of the portage to them."

Until such time as the river is cleared and Dunes City's ownership of the portage terminated, councilors have decided that signage associated with the Siltcoos River Trail will be marked with a red "closed" sign.

Other goals established by the Dunes City Council include pursuing the creation and installation of a bike and hiking trail that connects the North Beach (Clear Lake Road) area of Dunes City with the Westlake area; taking action toward finalizing surface water right permits; encouraging councilors to work harder to talk to citizens about what the citizens would like to see in the future for Dunes City; and negotiating a contract for the Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon.

A full list of the 2017 goals can be found on the Dunes City website at dunescity.com.

**Registration** from 1A

"The Department of Corrections uses a sex offender risk assessment to classify sex offenders according to the following levels:

(1) A level 1 sex offender presents the lowest risk of re-offending and requires a limit-

ed range of notification.

(2) A level 2 sex offender presents a moderate risk of re-offending and requires a moderate range of notification.

(3) A level 3 sex offender presents the highest risk of re-offending and requires the widest range of notification."

The level 3 classification replaces the official "pred-

atory" designation.

Pitcher said the registration of out-of-state sex offenders that move to Oregon is complicated because each state has its own interpretations of what constitutes a "predatory" sex offender.

"Different states may use different criteria and different verbiage for what they call a sex offender or predatory sex

offender," Pitcher said.

He added, "In the state of Oregon, our state parole board has to designate what level an individual is at. That is what the OSP Sex Offender Registration Program uses to indicate whether there is a community notification on the website that the person is a predatory level 3."

Pitcher also said he spoke with the program registration manager, Jeff Clabaugh.

Pitcher said, "He did a deeper

search that was available through the OSP website and found some names (in the Florence area) that could be rated at a level 3, but because of certain things within their criteria, they do not rate that designation on the OSP website and for community notification."

In addition, Pitcher said some of the local names that were registered with the state had not yet received a classification by the parole board.

"Most of the names on the list

don't require the supervision of a level 3 predator. Most of the names were listed as 'unsupervised.' That means they do not require any type of supervision," he said.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office does not maintain sex offender registration files.

For more information about the registration program, go to [www.oregon.gov/OSP/SOR](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SOR) or call the OSP sex offender registration unit at 503-934-1258.

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**Arrest** from 1A

threatened them, demanding that they take him somewhere or he would harm them. He wanted to steal their car. He started a fight. Then he grabbed a female and did the same thing. He made threats and tried to take her car."

According to Pitcher, Florence police arrived and took Trennon into custody.

Trennon was held at the

Florence Justice Center until LCSO, who had been pursuing him from Mapleton, arrived and transported him to the Lane County Jail.

Florence police charged Smith with two counts of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, unlawful entry into motor vehicle, first degree criminal mischief, two counts of third degree robbery and three counts of menacing.

In addition, LCSO has charged Smith with three counts of robbery.



Trennon Ray Smith

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