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Flooding from 1A

February has had more than 20 inches of rain, almost tripling the month's historical average rain-fall.

Miller said the constant rain has super-saturated the soil, bringing the water table up to the surface in several areas of Florence.

"Think of it as a sponge," Miller said. "The sponge is very full and until you have that relief, it won't take any more water. That is why we have that ponding effect."

Public works has set up a pump to discharge water from the flooded area into

Munsel Creek.

"There is one home that has a garage that water has gotten into. The pump has been running since Tuesday evening," Miller said.

He estimated the amount of water that needs to be pumped out is approximately 2.5 million gallons.

According to Miller, the pump is rated at 350 gallons per minute. It is currently pumping 250 gallons per minute. He estimates it will take about 120 hours to bring the water level down by one foot.

"It takes time, but nature is helping out. We have seen some weather improvement and the water level is receding," Miller said Thursday.

With additional snow and rain forecasted throughout the weekend, additional flooding could be likely.



Above, flooding extends east of Willow Loop from 16th Street to 18th Street and east toward Three Rivers Casino Resort. Right, Drainage lines run across Willow Loop to discharge water into Munsel Creek. Public Works crews plan to pump out 2.5 million gallons of water to relieve flooding.

Rights from 1A

Velinty said that in 1944, Henry Wallace, vice president to Franklin Delano Roosevelt from 1940 to 1944 wrote an essay on "What is a Fascist."

"I hope someone will volunteer to read his essay at the meeting because it will remind people about some of the similarities we are seeing today," she said.

The free event is open to the public.

Mapleton from 1A

teachers throughout the school year. Students that participate in the AVID program graduate at nearly a 99 percent rate, much higher than the state's current average of less than 75 percent.

Another important aspect of the AVID grant, according to O'Mara, is the opportunity to network with other schools facing challenges similar to their own.

"All of our teachers have received AVID training. Now our AVID Coordinator can network," O'Mara said. "And

they can gain insight into techniques and strategies that other school districts may have found to be successful in helping students to succeed, particularly students that may want to pursue technical or career training."

Nike has committed \$5 million to the dissemination of the AVID curriculum, which is intended to provide students and teachers with the skills necessary to succeed in whatever life path they may choose.

For more information, check out School Zone in today's edition of the Siuslaw News.

Attend grand opening of 'The Studios' Friday

The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design will hold a grand opening on Friday, March 3, at 5 p.m. at its location on First Street in Historic Old Town Florence.

Formerly Kenneth B. Gallery, The Studios continues to be a place for workshops, classes and art, especially owner Jayne Smoley's fused glass art pieces.

Resident artists Gigi Lissan, handmade jewelry, and Tamarah Phillips, oil painting, also showcase their art in the space. This month's guest artist is Shelley Roenspie.

"After working in glass for many years, I decided it is time to open a production studio for myself to supply the galleries and stores that carry my work," Smoley said. "One of my main focuses for this studio is to provide a creative outlet for people in Florence."

Smoley also continues to be

a member of Backstreet Gallery.

Join local community leaders, Chamber Ambassadors, artists, entrepreneurs and more at the ribbon cutting on Friday at 1458 First St.

"We have a lot of activities planned," Smoley said.

Beside the usual ribbon cutting activities — a reception with music and refreshments — The Studios is also unveiling The Giving Wall, a promotion for a new student internship program.

At the reception, guests will also hear about upcoming "paint and sip" and "fuse and sip" art nights, watch a demonstration about 3-D printing and hear Smoley's plans to develop The Studios into a destination art workshop for guest artists.

For more information, call 541-991-0110, visit jaynesmoleydesign.com or email studios.jsd@gmail.com.

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