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Early deadlines for Memorial Day

Siuslaw News will join other area businesses by being closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Deadlines for the following Wednesday's issue, May 31, will be advanced to accommodate the shortened work week. All display advertising and legal publication deadlines move to noon Thursday, May 25. By-the-word classified deadlines advance to 5 p.m. Friday, May 26. Deadline for news articles and press releases is noon Thursday.

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110TH ANNUAL RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL



ALWAYS READY TO RHODY

Florence carries on tradition with 110th Rhody Days celebration

**RHODY FEST
COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM
INSIDE**

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Florence's 110th annual Rhododendron Festival wrapped up Sunday after a season of being "Always Ready to Rhody!" This year's festival theme borrowed from U.S. Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus — Always Ready" and honored Station Siuslaw River.

Rhody Days officially ran May 19 to 21, but Davis Shows Northwest's Amusement Carnival opened the festival May 17 at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot. The Davis family's carnival has been coming to Florence since 1950.

Then, on May 18, the Rhododendron Court crowned Siuslaw High School seniors Claire Waggoner and Benjamin



Cahoon as the 2017 Queen Rhododendron and King of the Coast.

The festival really kicked off for the weekend with events and activities at Three Rivers Casino Resort, Florence Events Center and Historic Old Town Florence.

According to Rich Colton, director of consumer marketing at Three Rivers, 245 motorcycles participated in various Let It Ride motorcycle events at the casino on Friday and Saturday, and more than 500 people attended the show.

"Our Rebel Rally Poker Run raised \$4,800 for veterans and the Let It Ride Bike Show brought in \$2,300 for St. Jude's," Colton said.

People showed their bikes on the casino floor and outside — and many parked their wheels along Bay Street throughout the weekend.

See **RHODY 7A**

AMBULANCE

ATV crash claims life

Local woman dies in Deadwood area recreational vehicle accident

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Area resident Sara Smith, 26, died in a single vehicle ATV accident Sunday in the Deadwood area.

Oregon State Police (OSP) Public Information Officer Sergeant Jeff Proulx said in a statement, "At approximately 4:15 p.m. on May 21, OSP responded to the Mapleton Valley Fire Department after hearing on the radio of a woman being transported by a friend to the fire department with serious injuries."

Medical personnel and OSP performed CPR on the female, identified as Smith, before she was transported to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, where she died of her injuries.

Western Lane Ambulance District also responded.

The preliminary OSP investigation determined that Smith was riding an ATV by herself in the Deadwood area and, for an unknown reason, crashed.

OSP is continuing the investigation to determine the cause and location of the crash.

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Popular broadcaster passes away at 89

Harley Youngblood's distinctive voice, warm personality informed, entertained

BY MARK BRENNAN
Siuslaw News

Long time local Coast Radio broadcaster Harley Youngblood passed away May 22 at the age of 89.

Youngblood was one of Coast Radio's most popular and recognizable on-air personalities.

Youngblood had a passion for radio and a lifelong history working in broadcasting beginning in Portland in the late 1940s.

Initially starting out as a DJ, Youngblood went on to become music director at KISN Radio and eventually spent time working as an on-air personality in



Harley Youngblood

See **RADIO 7A**

Tenacious owner seeks \$2,989 repayment from port

Port agrees to sell surplus riverfront property to City of Florence

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

The saga of the 40-foot sailboat Tenacious continued during the May 17 Port of Siuslaw Commission meeting, even though the vessel is no longer moored at the port.

Tenacious owner Gordon Owen presented commissioners with an invoice for \$2,989 he claims is the amount the port overcharged him for moorage fees.

During the April port meeting, Commission President Ron Caputo agreed to let

Owen submit the invoice for commissioners to review.

At that meeting, Caputo said, "If you have a complaint, and I think you do have a valid complaint, if you want to write something up and put down a dollar figure that you think you were cheated out of, send it to the port and I will be happy to look that over."

After handing the invoice to Caputo, Owen said, "I feel that the lien that was filed against my boat was done illegally."

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