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Ceremony from 1A

Perhaps the highest profile event of the weekend was the floating of wreaths to honor the fallen on the Siuslaw River Monday afternoon.

Hundreds turned out for the ceremony, which was organized by Florence VFW Chapter 3232 and American Legion Post 59, and held at Veteran's Memorial Park on Bay Street.

Jim Swant, an active member of VFW 3232, said the turnout for the wreath dedication was broad based.

"We had good representation of all the services there," Swant said. "The program at the park is mainly coordinated by our local American Legion post and they get other service organizations involved. They also contact local vets to let them know how they can participate."

There were a number of wreaths that were dedicated to

specific individuals that had died while serving. The ceremony acknowledged each name.

Then, the wreaths were turned over to members of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River to be released on the Siuslaw River.

The Coast Guard slowly and respectfully motored to the center of the river and stood at attention and saluted before gently releasing wreaths into the water.

A veteran played "Taps" while those on shore stood at attention.

Another tribute to veterans took place on Saturday morning at the Pacific Sunset Cemetery on Highway 126.

One of the new aspects of this event was the participation of local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the distribution and placement of crosses and flags on the final resting places of approximately 500 veterans.

According to Swant, groups

have considered the inclusion of scouts into Memorial Day ceremonies for some time, but this was the first year that the cross placement was held on Saturday, when school was not in session.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the response we got from the young people, with about 20 of them showing up to help," Swant said. "This is the first year we have done this and we are going to try to continue this in the future."

"We want to involve the youth in our community so they can learn about the flag

and service and why it is important to remember the sacrifices that others have made so they can be free. It is kind of a real life history lesson for them. They responded in a great way, by helping out and learning what it means to serve and sacrifice for this great country of ours."

The holiday that we have come to know as Memorial Day has been around in one form or another since 1886. The current incarnation of this day of national observance was ratified by Congress in



Florence Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion annually plan the Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park. The area also honors veterans by placing flags and crosses at gravesites. This year, Florence Boy and Cub Scouts assisted with the solemn service.



1967 and officially became a national holiday when it took effect in 1971.

Memorial Day, held the last Monday in May, recognizes those who have given their life in service to their country. Veterans Day, Nov. 11, honors

all veterans who have served or are currently serving the country in the military.

Fire from 1A

Langborg commented on the excellent support SVFR received from its sister agencies in the suppression effort and highlighted their contributions to getting the blaze under control.

"At 7 p.m., the situation

was stable enough for SVFR to withdraw and we turned the entire incident over to ODF," he said.

The blaze involved approximately 20 acres, but Langborg said the fires were adequately suppressed and there were no injuries sustained or damage to structures or equipment.

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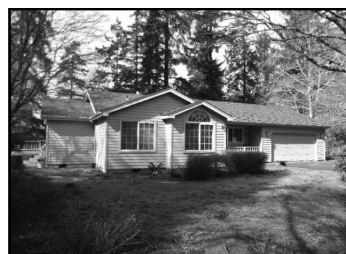
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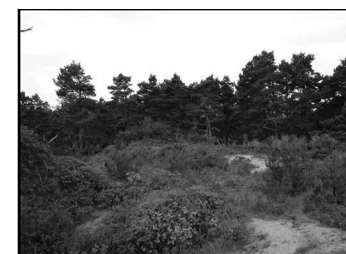
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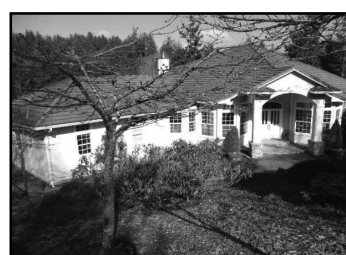
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