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7th annual Power of Florence energizes entire community

The Power of Florence was on full display on Saturday, July 15. This brainchild of 17-year-old Kaylee Graham has grown from a small group of caring youngsters trying to help their neighbors to a citywide service event that engages hundreds in projects designed to improve the quality of life for all in Florence.

“It was an amazing day,” Shannon Graham, Kaylee’s mother, said. “The weather couldn’t have been more perfect. At least 2,000 individuals were out working together to raise money for nonprofits and other causes, sharing and learning about nonprofits, donat-



ing items to help with needs in our community and working together to make a difference for our community.” The seventh installment of the popular com-

The seventh annual Power of Florence on July 15 begins with the Power Walk through Historic Old Town Florence. Hundreds of residents of all ages participated in volunteer efforts, fundraising and networking in locations throughout town.

community oriented event began at 7 a.m. Saturday morning with a free pancake breakfast at the United Methodist Church.

Volunteers working on service projects later in the day and other hungry community members started out the morning with a full plate of pancakes, eggs and sausages, all washed down with strong coffee and orange juice.

Many morning diners then took part in the “Power Walk,” which signaled the official start of the day’s festivities.

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Florence officially one of 24 Coast Guard Cities

BY NED HICKSON
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On Aug. 16, Florence will officially join Newport and Astoria in receiving the official designation as a Coast Guard City, becoming one of only three cities in Oregon — and only the 24th such city in the nation.

Not to mention the smallest. The designation coincides with the 100-year anniversary of Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, which was first established Dec. 14, 1917, when Capt. Theodore Roberge from the Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment was

appointed as the “Keeper” of Station Siuslaw River.

Three months later, in March 1918, the station was expanded to a full crew of five men from Florence and three men from other area towns.

“Over the past 100 years, the community has rallied around and accepted the men and women of the Coast Guard as their own,” said Rear Adm. David Throop, commander of the 13th District of the Coast Guard. “The support of communities like Florence is essential in helping our crews and

See **CITY 6A**

Jack Davis replaces Chuck Trent at Boys & Girls Club

Western Lane club leaders discuss story, future

Chuck Trent and Jack Davis are storytellers. Not the tall-tale dime-store fictions that litter supermarket tabloids, they believe, but the real stories, the ones that change lives.

And now they have one of their biggest stories to tell.

Trent, who for the last year has helped turn the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County from financial ruin to solvency, is stepping down from his position as executive director.

Davis, who over the past three years has explored the struggles and triumphs of this region as a reporter for the Siuslaw News, will assume the role of executive director.



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(From left) Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County student Chloe Aaron, new club director Jack Davis, new board member Chuck Trent, student Gracy Immel and Teen Director Tracy Aaron prepare for the club’s new future.

On July 17, the first full day of a month-long transition that puts Davis in the director’s chair, the two sat down to discuss their hopes and concerns for the future.

See **B&G CLUB 5A**

COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

SPECIAL FEATURE: This summer we are highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. New locations will be featured each month.

Whale Watching in July

Boiler Bay State Park, Depoe Bay | www.acsonline.org

AT A GLANCE: The most frequently observed cetaceans along the Oregon coast are gray whales. While common times to watch are during the annual migrations, whales can actually be seen year-round in Depoe Bay.

The Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society is hosting its sixth Summer Whale Watch Weekend on July 29 and 30 at Boiler Bay State Park in Depoe Bay. Volunteers and certified natural-

ists will be on hand from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. each day as people watch for whales and other wildlife.

This event is free, open to the public and for all ages.

This family-friendly, eco-friendly, shore-based whale watch allows people to observe the whales in their natural habitat without causing disturbance.

The American Cetacean Society is the oldest whale conservation organization in the world. The mis-



Depoe Bay whale watching is to protect whales, dolphins, porpoises and their habitats through public education, research grants and conservation actions.

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