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U.S. COAST GUARD STATION SIUSLAW RIVER

FLORENCE BECOMES COAST GUARD CITY TODAY

Designation ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at Florence Events Center

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
Siuslaw News

During the Aug. 7 Florence City Council meeting, Mayor Joe Henry proclaimed Aug. 16 as Florence Coast Guard City Day.

As he began reading the proclamation, Henry thanked the “brave personnel” of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.

“This is a really exciting day for the City of Florence,” Henry said. “I’m very proud and humbled by all the attention we’ve gotten and the support of our local Coast Guard station, not just for this recognition but for the things they do on our river and miles of coastline.”

The Coast Guard and City of Florence are holding a Coast Guard City Designation Celebration today at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a formal presentation at 11 a.m.

The community is invited. Afterward, Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, 4255 Coast Guard Road, is hosting an open house from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Community members are invited to park at the events center and shuttle to the station.

The Coast Guard City designation comes after more than a year



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U.S. Coast Guard Master Chief Tim Tregoning (second from right) accepts a proclamation from Florence Mayor Joe Henry last week declaring Florence a Coast Guard City. The Coast Guard and the city will have a designation celebration today, Aug. 16, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by an open house at Station Siuslaw River until 4 p.m.

of work by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 members, volunteers, Western Lane Emergency Operations Group, the City of Florence and Oregon Coast Military Museum.

During the celebration, Rear Admiral David Throop, com-

mander of Coast Guard District 13, will speak.

“Over the past 100 years, the community has rallied around and accepted the men and women of the Coast Guard as their own,” Throop said. “The support of communities like Florence is

essential in helping our crews and families to be ready at all times. We are happy to be able to highlight these local efforts by designating Florence a Coast Guard City.”

See CITY 7A

Police aid in search for missing Dallas, Ore., woman

Heather Davison came to area Saturday and disappeared

BY MARK BRENNAN
Siuslaw News

Florence Police Department is currently assisting the Dallas, Ore., Police Department with an investigation into the disappearance of 37-year-old Heather Mounce Davison on Aug. 12.

Davison has been missing since midday on Saturday and is believed to have traveled to Florence earlier that day, on her own, before she disappeared.

Dallas Police reported that Davison had been seen at her home in Dallas on Saturday morning.

Davison’s car was located Saturday afternoon, just north of Florence at milepost 180 on Highway 101, by members of the Oregon State Police.

Davison’s cell phone was located about 400 feet from her empty automobile.

Family members filed a missing persons report with the Dallas Police Department on Saturday, prompting the agency to initiate and lead the investigation into Davison’s disappearance.

Florence Police Department Commander John Pitcher said the search for the missing woman is ongoing and generating some possible leads.



Heather Mounce Davison

See MISSING 7A

ATV accident claims life of Mapleton teen

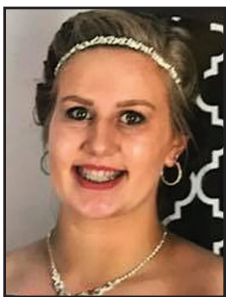
BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Students and residents in the Mapleton area are mourning the loss of another young resident following the third fatal ATV accident since May.

On Saturday morning just after 10 a.m., 16-year-old Haley Wells was riding on an ATV with a family member along a Bureau of Land Management road just off of Rice Road in Mapleton when Wells was thrown from the vehicle and over an embankment.

Wells, whose helmet came loose during the fall, was brought up from the embankment but was not breathing. Family members administered CPR until first responders from Mapleton Fire and Rescue arrived, but Wells never regained consciousness.

See ACCIDENT 7A



Haley Wells

Sides of the same coin

The Brower brothers prepare rare treasures for the 20th annual Florence Coin Show at the FEC

“I just spent \$25,000 and another \$16,000 with a lady today and went broke,”

BY JARED ANDERSON
Siuslaw News

George Brower laughed as he looks at trays upon trays of coins, stacked one on top of the other. “But I got some surprises, some special prizes.”

George and his brother Harold have a trove of special prizes in the musty corridors of Brower Stamp & Coin, an establishment they’ve run since 1983.

Looking at their unassuming building on the corner of Rhododendron Drive and Highway 101, one could be forgiven for not knowing the treasures hidden inside.

Many of those treasures will be on display at the 20th annual Florence Coin Show, running Aug. 19 and 20 at the Florence Events Center (FEC). In fact, it’s the second longest running show at the FEC, just a few months shy of the Home and Garden Show.

George helped start the coin show with Dennis Hankins.

“When they were talking about building the FEC, people were trying to come up with ideas for it. I volunteered without thinking,” he said.

Twenty years later, it’s still going strong.

The seminal coin show is considered by most numismatics — the official term for coin collectors — to be in the top three Oregon has to offer.

At least, that’s what George humbly said.

Harold was a bit more boastful, saying, “We’re the best.”

After many years, George sold his stake in the coin show to his longtime friend and fellow numismatic Terry Woodward, but he’s still heavily involved.

The three men showed off some of the types of coins that make the annual event, and the hobby, so special.



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(From left) Terry Woodward, Harold Brower and George Brower show off their coins and a rare sheet of National Bank notes from Durango, Colo.

For instance, they have one of the first quarters ever made, minted in 1796. Small potatoes, though; the quality is shoddy and it’s only worth \$6,000.

The crème de la crème right now is a long sheet of six uncut \$10 National Bank Notes from the Burns National Bank of Durango, Colo. The big deal? Printed numbers one through six.

See COINS 7A

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.

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

4255 Coast Guard Road, Florence | 541-997-3631

AT A GLANCE: U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River was completed in 1917. The first officer in charge, Capt. Theodore Roberge, was appointed ‘Keeper’ of the station on Dec. 14, 1917. A full crew of five men from Florence and three men from other local towns was active by 1918.

Over the years, the station has protected the Siuslaw River bar as a U.S. Lifesaving Service,

as an outpost and as a full station. Now, Station Siuslaw River serves as one of seven lifeboat stations in Oregon whose primary mission is to provide search and rescue to commercial mariners, recreational boaters and surfers.

The Coast Guard and its auxiliary also escort fishing vessels across the bar and enforce boating regulations, among other important work.



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An early crew shows some of the original features of Station Siuslaw River.

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