

Missing from 1A

“Actually, we have been on the fringes of this investigation,” Pitcher said. “The Dallas Police Department took the original missing person call and the Oregon State Police were involved with the discovery and search of the vehicle, so we have been primarily assisting the lead agencies. We have received reports of possible sightings of the missing woman and we have followed up where possible, but so far we have been unable to confirm her whereabouts or to locate her.”

According to the Missing Persons Report, Davison is 5-foot-7 tall and weighs 170 pounds.

However, Davison’s family described her as being approximately 5-foot-3 and weighing 140 pounds.

She has straight black hair and brown eyes.

Family members on the “Help Us Find Heather” Facebook page wrote on Tuesday that Davison has two tattoos: an infinity sign on her left wrist and pink and blue footprints on her right foot.

Numerous posts on social media share details of Davison’s life, referring positively to her two high school age children and her recent marriage to Denton Davison. They had returned from their honeymoon just one day before her disappearance.

Amie Poole, a relative of Davison, spoke with

KMVT TV in Idaho, saying that Davison is a committed mother and her disappearance is completely unexpected.

“She’s my cousin. We grew up together, and she’s more like my sister. We know she wouldn’t have ever left her kids. As of right now, there are really no leads, there is nothing to go on,” Poole said. “We just need her home with her kids. They need her.”

Davison’s family and the police departments are hoping that members of the public come forward with information that will assist them in finding Davison.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Josh Calef of the Dallas Police Department at 503-831-3516 or the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.

City from 1A

According to Henry, the Coast Guard has taken command of the ceremony as a way to honor the Florence community.

“I am very humbled and honored for us to receive this designation,” Henry said. “A lot of people have worked hard to get that. (This designation) may not have any direct economic benefit to our city, but it recognizes a group of very dedicated people in our community.”

Master Chief Tim Tregoning, officer in charge of Station Siuslaw River, accepted the proclamation with members of the station.

“I definitely want to thank the community of Florence for including the Coast Guard within our community for the last 100 years, and continuing on even further,” he said. “This Coast Guard City recognition is not about recognizing us. It’s about recognizing everything the city does for the Coast Guard to make this a lasting partnership and friendship.”

“Thank you very much for making us friends, neighbors and



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Mayor Joe Henry shakes hands with Master Chief Tim Tregoning, cementing the friendship between Florence and the Coast Guard.

partners.” According to Henry, the planning committee for the event is also considering additional ways of supporting Station Siuslaw River, such as welcome baskets for new members and another military appreciation dinner for active-duty personnel and retired veterans.

Florence City Councilor Joshua Greene thanked Henry and the efforts of the volunteers who made the designation possible.

“I would like to commend you, because this was an idea you had. You pushed for it and you rallied for it, and now it’s come full circle. We benefit from your vision,” he said.

Henry answered, “There are a lot of things going on in our community that were somebody’s vision. We’ve just put them into motion. As they say, we are a ‘City in Motion.’”

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Coins from 1A

George pulled out the long sheet of bills encased in a clear plastic folder, his eyes gleaming as he ran his fingers across them. “Unique,” he said with awe.

In the past, the Federal Reserve would print sheets of six bills and send them to a bank, which would then cut them up and push them into circulation.

The bank president would usually keep number one for

themselves, framing it on their wall or giving it to family members. But the Durango bank never cut the hallowed sheet the Browsers own.

“Getting a note number one off a bank is highly collectible. A sheet like this is very scarce. There’s only one of those sheets out there,” Woodward said.

Although they are not sure who received the bills initially, George said the sheet came from the first female president of the Durango bank.

It’s not the only treasure the Browsers hold in their collection.

“The coins are intriguing because there’s always something new showing up,” said George. “I just bought two Chinese coins that were made 2,000 years before Christ. I also bought some ancient Roman coins.”

These treasures are best left hidden, at least for a little while, as they end up in the Brower safe.

“Someone might buy it,” George joked.

Most coins eventually do make their way out to a display case or to the Florence Coin Show. After all, the Browsers can’t afford to keep them all to themselves.

For them, it is a sense of pride to pass them on.

“I just hope I find someone who likes them as much as I do,” George said.

“Hopefully they’ll like them

a little bit more,” joked Woodward.

They do have to make a profit, but monetary gain really isn’t the Browsers’ end-game. They avoid the internet and try to stay away from mail. They prefer face to face. However, that has not shrunk their clientele.

“George has built up a reputation over the years,” Woodward explained. “People from all over the world come here on vacation, making sure they make a stop at the Browsers’.”

George also provides a financial service to those in need.

“This is going to sound strange, but the biggest service I render is not to my customers, but to the people who have decided they have something to liquidate. They need somebody here with knowledge and a fair price,” he said.

That knowledge takes years of study to accumulate.

Take the sheet of National Bank Notes. To get them, banks would have to issue a bond or gold currency to have their name on it. The bills were an attempt to bolster struggling banks, but they were scrapped when the Great Depression hit.

Currency split into three main sections: A United States Note, the now defunct “greenbacks;” Federal Reserve Notes, which is the main cash currency used today; and silver certificates.

It’s the silver certificates that really mattered.

In 1933, Roosevelt declared them illegal. In fact, you could get arrested if you tried to spend one.

“He was trying to get off the gold standard,” George explained. “He devalued it and that money is how he financed the Civilian Conservation Corps.”

If any of this sounds overly complex, it’s because it is. That’s the appeal for numismatics.

Add in thousands of years of trade in currency and the head spins. Once you go down that history rabbit hole, there’s no going back.

History, art and a financial investment in the future makes the collection of money so appealing.

And the Browsers will keep doing it until they die.

“I’m 73, my brother is 85, and we both feel like we’re going to work till we drop,” Harold said. “We work six days a week and this is very fulfilling.”

It’s a world the Browsers and Woodward hope that people will come and see at the Florence Coin Show, where visitors will receive one of 500 flattened pennies with a commemorative Florence stamp.

For the very first time, the organizers will also have a major grading service attend that can take rare coins and officially authenticate them. The grading is done off-site, but people get to save on postage at the show.

According to the Browsers and Woodward, there will be thousands of coins and paper money to browse, buy and trade, along with plenty of knowledgeable dealers at the 63 booths covering the FEC floor, 715 Quince St.

And, of course, the extraordinarily rare Durango sheet of National Bank Notes will make an appearance.

The show will run on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Accident from 1A

The exact cause of her death is still being determined by the county medical examiner, but head trauma is suspected to be the cause.

Wells was born in Florence but eventually moved to Mapleton, where she was a three-sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball and track and field for the Sailors.

Wells was to enter her junior year at Mapleton High School next month.

A celebration of Well’s life will be held at Mapleton High School beginning at 1 p.m. today. All family friends and members of the community are welcome to attend.

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