

Fatality from 1A

Sanford's body was transported to RiverBend Hospital and is currently under examination by the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office.

Fisher said that Brown, who received no injuries and is cooperating with the investigation, is not suspected of any wrong doing.

Sanford, whose driver's license listed her as a Eugene resident, was believed to be living in Florence with family and was the mother of four young children.

Highway 101 was reduced to one lane of traffic for approximately two



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Heather Marie Sanford

hours while OSP Troopers conducted the investigation.

OSP was also assisted on scene by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Incident Response.

Festival from 1A

songs that Stewart is looking forward to playing, according to long time bandmate and writing collaborator, Dave Nachmanoff.

"Because I have learned all of Al's songs, we had an opportunity to revisit some of the tunes that hadn't been featured in more recent years," Nachmanoff said. "I think at this point we can actually do three or four full shows and never play the same song twice. And while Al usually comes into the gig with a set list in mind, often times we'll just throw it out and go with the flow."

Sunday's schedule — the Gospel Gumbo Gathering — is a bit lighter with perform-

ances by Billy Jones, members of local choirs and the University of Oregon's 13 member a capella group, On the Rocks.

The WMF also features a two-day Artisan Fair on Jan. 12 and 13.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will have a wide array of artistic styles and genres represented at the fair. Artisans will have work available for purchase from 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"When you support the local artist community, you are supporting and respecting all of our creative freedom," said Florence artist Gigi Lassan, who will be showing some of her work at the fair. "As Pablo Picasso said, 'The purpose of art is washing the

dust of daily life off our soul.' Art is something that truly nurtures the human spirit. It takes a lot of hard work and talent to create art."

There will be artist demonstrations, tastings and fine art, including beadwork, wirework, jewelry, pottery, garden art, fiber arts, quilting, painting, skin care products and much more.

In addition, Brandborg Winery and Ninkasi Brewing will be "exclusive pourers" during the fair.

There is also a local fundraising element to this year's festival, as the Friends of the Florence Events Center will be selling single slices of pie, with a cup of coffee, on Saturday and Sunday for \$3.50.

Cusack is pleased with the

community response to the revamped focus of the WMF and wants to thank the community for the supporting this year's event.

"The Winter Music Festival Committee has spent eight months preparing for this event, and we are incredibly grateful for the support of our many sponsors and the fantastic administrative staff at the Florence Event Center. We are hoping the resulting influx of weekend visitors will produce a boom for the hotels, restaurants and retail stores at a traditionally slow time of year."

For more information on the WMF, call the event center at 541-997-1994, stop by 715 Quince St. or visit www.eventcenter.org or www.wintermusicfestival.org.

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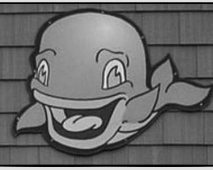
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Died December 2017
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Principal from 1A

The ceremony honoring Whitmore was held during a break from classes and there were hundreds of students in attendance.

A presentation discussed

From left, Gina Castro-Brandt, Barbara Whitmore and Principal Kerri Tatum were present at a ceremony honoring former Siuslaw High School principal Richard Whitmore on Tuesday.

Whitmore's contributions to the district, and Grzeskowiak commented on the lasting impressions the man made on the many students he touched over the years.

"In my time with the district, there is no one here that has ever had anything to say other than to relate the highest praise and respect for Richard Whitmore," Grzeskowiak said. "He was a man of honor and integrity that valued education and deeply cared about the students and community of Florence."



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**Pioneer Museum awarded grant
for Rhody Days history booklet**

Lane County Cultural Coalition recently awarded a \$1,700 grant to the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum to assist in producing a Rhododendron Festival Booklet.

The booklet is the idea of several of the museum's research library volunteers and will document the annual festival's history. Volunteers have gathered photographs and written copy, worked on

layout and are using the museum's pioneer publication format.

The booklet, set to be available at this year's Rhododendron Festival, will enhance the visibility of this long-running event and give people an understanding of how and why this tradition got started.

For more information, call the museum's research library at 541-997-7884.

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For more information, visit these websites:

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Emergency Room Visits

Emergency room visits are on the rise in the United States, but not all such visits are necessary. The National Center for Health Statistics estimates that ER visits rose more than 28 percent between 1995 and 2008 and are continuing to increase.

Many argue that a large portion of these visits can be avoided and are caused by lack of access to other providers. One study by the American Action Forum estimates that waste in the healthcare system attributed to unnecessary ER visits totals \$14 billion annually.

WORK SAFE AND SMART

Emergency rooms report 18 percent more traffic in May through August than any other times during the year, according to Blue Cross Blue Shield. More people are participating in outdoor activities during this time period, leading to more injuries and medical emergencies. Some of the most common issues related to working outside are related to dealing with the summer heat. Overdoing it in hot, humid conditions can quickly lead to heat stroke or dehydration, so it is imperative to take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water while you're working outside. Doing so can help keep emergency rooms a little less busy during their peak time of activity.

LEARN FIRST AID

If you're interested in being better equipped to deal with emergency situations involving those around you, then taking up an American Red Cross training is a great option. The Red Cross offers first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) certification courses that could make a big difference in your ability to save someone's life in a crisis. The training could come in handy in many different environments, including the workplace, school, home and wilderness. Visit www.redcross.org/ take-a-class to find out more about the organization's offerings.

MORE EMERGENCY ROOM NUMBERS

- The following statistics come from the 2010 Medical Care Survey by National Hospital Ambulatory:
- Number of visits: 129.8 million.
 - Number of injury-related visits: 37.9 million.
 - Number of visits per 100 people: 42.8.
 - Percent of visits with patient seen in fewer than 15 minutes: 25.1 percent.
 - Percent of visits resulting in hospital admission: 13.3 percent.
 - Percent of visits resulting in transfer to a different (psychiatric or other) hospital: 2.1 percent.



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