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Siuslaw Bond Advisory Committee begins outreach efforts

Community members invited to take new survey

By MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw School District Board of Directors is in the final stages of preparing to ask residents to authorize the district to borrow almost \$109 million to refurbish all three schools. The request came after more than a year of research, discussion and analysis.

The measure will be on the ballot November, and the effort to convince the public of the need for the money is now fully underway.

Siuslaw School Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak summed up the reasons for the requested funding earlier this year: "The total amount the board will be sending to voters in November for bond approval is for projects at all three school sites across the district. The goal is to reset the clock on major deferred maintenance projects and expenses while bringing all facilities up to current codes and providing students a modern learning environment that reflects current best practices in education to prepare students for their futures."

The effort to convince voters of the need for the bond passage is now in the hands of an advisory committee that will provide relevant information to individuals and interested groups.

Kim Erickson is one of the point people for the committee. She encourages anyone that is curious to know the specifics of the plan to contact her for more information.

"Currently, various community members are working to reach out to as many individuals and organizations and groups in town to present information on the Siuslaw School Bond that will be on the ballot in November," Erickson said. "We would like to encourage any individual or organization to let us know if they would like for us to present the information to them. We would also like to encourage all community members to attend one of the presentations that will be given."

The Siuslaw School District Bond Advisory Committee meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at either the district office or the high school. The meetings are open for anyone to attend.

Grzeskowiak is prohibited by law from publicly advocating for passage of the upcoming bond measure, but is allowed to provide facts pertaining to the bond.

"All of this really started with the technical evaluation of the buildings last year. Having a team of professional engineers go through and evaluate all facilities from top to bottom, including all sub-systems, gave us much more information than in past efforts," Grzeskowiak said.

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STORY & PHOTOS
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Clear Lake Blueberry Farm is open again this year, offering pints of you-pick berries fresh from its 500+ blueberry bushes.

Clear Lake Blueberry Farm has new owners, lots of berries

Healthy lifestyle choices are proving to be an important element in the movement to extend and enhance an individual's quality of life. There is a growing body of scientific evidence that affirms the advice of generations of parents: eat your fruits and vegetables.

This is particularly true when the fruits and vegetables are in season and at peak ripeness.

This advice becomes simple to follow in the Siuslaw region at this time of year, as the variety and

abundance of local farms is readily available at regional farmers markets and at more traditional grocery stores.

One of the most potent fruits in terms of its purported and documented benefits is the humble blueberry.

Fortunately, the revitalized Clear Lake Blueberry Farm, 84173 Clear Lake Road in Dunes City, has hundreds of bushes that are loaded with ripe delicious berries, waiting to be picked.

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Possible brewpub coming to Florence

Boathouse Brewing Company reviewing plans to establish an Old Town location

By JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) awarded a predevelopment service grant of up to \$20,000 this week to Boathouse Brewing Company, which is exploring the establishment of a brewpub in Florence. The brewpub has a target locale of Historic Old Town, specifically the Port of Siuslaw and its boardwalk area.

Boathouse Brewing's owners believe the project would help with the revitalization of the city, create a community gathering place and bring employment and tourism opportunities to Florence.

The enterprise is in an exploratory stage as of now, with the outcome still in flux.

"We can't say we're moving forward at this time," said Jon Thompson, co-partner of Boathouse. "We have so much due diligence to do and there's so many challenges with a business like this. It's not a done deal by any means."

Thompson stated that if it were up to the company, they would not be going public with the idea at this time, instead waiting until the project was certain to move forward.

"We were concerned about how many people would get excited

about it," he said. "Quite frankly, if we don't do this project for 10 years, we will be asked how that project is coming along. So, we've been a little reluctant to do much in public."

Boathouse is looking at a number of sites to house the brewpub, though its preference is in Old Town.

The first site would be the Port of Siuslaw's blue building, located on Harbor Street next to the marina, formerly known as the Vintage Blue Warehouse Estate Sales. It's possible the building could house the actual brewery as well as a restaurant. The pub would face south, with windows creating

a view of the river, the marina and the planned estuary trail.

On the east side of the restaurant, a glass garage door could be built that could be opened during the summer months, creating an opportunity for outdoor seating.

During the winter months, a fireplace could be built to create a warm and inviting environment for locals.

The pub would be family friendly — "where you could bring kids and families," co-partner Rick Yecny said.

The north side of the building would house the brewery itself.

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