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Dunes City contemplates IGA for animal services

Possible agreement with Lane County brings up issues of animal enforcement, city sovereignty

In Wednesday's Dunes City Council meeting, the council discussed the possibility of entering into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Lane County Animal Services Enforcement Services. The agreement would require Lane County to provide "limited" enforcement services, including court appearances and prosecution, for animal control related issues. The issues would be responded to in order of priority, covering animal bites, animals endangering public safety, injured animals and neglect/abuse to animals. Currently, the city has no mechanisms to regulate animal control events.

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Port of Siuslaw receives \$837,000 for dredging

DeFazio, Wyden and Merkley sponsor bill to provide funding for Oregon's small ports

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw River is the repository for water runoff from an area of approximately 775 square miles of the Central Oregon Coast Range, beginning in Cottage Grove 110 miles away, and continuing west and northwest until it meets the Pacific Ocean.

The effect of Pacific Ocean tides, technically known as the head of tides, is felt 26 miles upriver. This means that water flows inland from more than 100 miles away to the river and ocean water travels 26 miles upstream during tidal changes.

These movements of large amounts of water collect and bring all types of debris into the Siuslaw River. Most of the debris is comprised of wood, leaves and dirt from the forest. The majority of these materials settle on the river bottom and eventually make their way to the

estuary in and around the Port of Siuslaw.

This accumulation is continual and eventually creates a navigational concern for recreational and commercial fishing launching from the port docks.

The problem of silt accumulation is highlighted when the situation at the North Jetty is considered. The accumulation levels of debris at the jetty is more dramatic and can have a significant negative impact on boaters trying to get to the open ocean, often making it impossible for larger boats cross the bar.

This situation can usually be dealt with by dredging the river bottom with equipment designed to operate in watery conditions, digging up and physically removing the river waste from the water. This process, while effective, is expensive.

The Port of Siuslaw is responsible for maintaining clear egress to and from the docks and slips at



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(From left) Engineer Jack Akin and Port of Siuslaw Manager Dave Huntington set out in the Tie One On to conduct a bathymetric survey of the Siuslaw River floor.

the port. It recently received good news that will make the navigation of the waterways to and from the ocean easier to use and safer.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio is the ranking member of the House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and has been fighting to obtain funds for ports along the Oregon coast.

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Welcome to the neighborhood



First Florence National Night Out unites community at Miller Park

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
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On the 35th annual National Night Out in the U.S., an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, the City of Florence joined the festivities for its first annual event. Florence's National Night Out was held at Miller Park on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

"I loved the opportunity to show our community our fire department, police department, Tribal Police, Oregon State Police and more," said Florence Police Department Executive Administrative Assistant Jamie Gorder. "This was a time where your kids could really run around at the park and you could let your supervision fall a little bit, because every first responder was there. Your

kids were safe. And it was really neat to see that."

Gorder estimated that more than 2,500 people attended the event, filled with inflatable slides, bounce houses and games, as well as activities sponsored by area community groups.

The event served more than 800 hamburgers and 1,200 hot dogs.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry helped

man the barbecue, a Kingsford four-person charcoal grill.

"The turnout was fantastic," he said. "I want to add my thanks to each and every one who participated, volunteered, contributed and those who just showed up for burgers and hot dogs. What a success."

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