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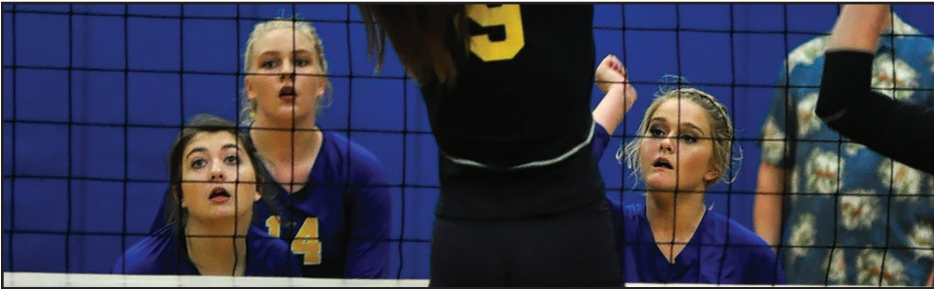
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OCHS hires new leadership team

New shelter manager, executive director begin work at humane society

By Mark Brennan
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The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) has taken a major step forward in the state-mandated recrafting of the organization's management team. This week, OCHS Board President Shauna Robbers announced the hiring of Shelter Manager Marina Lewis and the organization's first executive director, Bob Murray.

Robbers said the hirings directly address the main recommendations made by the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) at the end of last year after an extensive inquiry was made into the operating practices of the OCHS.

"These people are an answer to the board's prayers in getting competent people, as the DOJ had directed us, to help us staff and run the shelter, make changes and improvements and really get everything back on an even keel," Robbers said.

Murray has a lifetime of experience working with animals. His childhood was populated by the abandoned and neglected animals brought home by his father, a law enforcement officer for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Massachusetts.

"We had every manner of animal dropped off from the time I was four years old," Murray said. "Dogs, cats, birds, rats, aardvarks — everything. We even had fish living in our tub sometimes. We just held animals and took care of them until we could get them to the shelter in Boston, which was about 25 miles away."

Murray followed the lead provided by his father as he grew older, naturally gravitating towards a career focused on animal care. His affinity for lab-related animal work led him to the next step on his path to Florence.

"My dad also did all the inspections for the research centers in the area, and I started my career at the New England Primate Center. Three years later, I joined the army and was working with owl monkeys and all kinds of exotic species," he said. "The army has a strong veterinary program, it comes from the cavalry days, and I was a veterinary specialist. I supervised animal care teams taking care of primates, dogs, cats and that sort of thing."

His most recent job was a high-profile position working in a laboratory, spending much of his day with monkeys.

"From 1972 until 2017, I worked in the field and ultimately was called an animal facility manager. The last job I had was as one of two managers at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. Two of us cared for about 5,300 monkeys with the help of a lot of vet techs," Murray said.

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SHOW & SHINE



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Rods 'n Rhodies and the Florence Community-wide Garage Sale started yesterday with the Pre-Show Stand-Around at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot on Bay Street. Dozens of classic cars and hot rods came out to glisten in the sun while people registered for the show 'n shine. Activities continue all weekend in Historic Old Town Florence and all over town. For a map of the community's sales, see page A7.



Siuslaw finds funds for limited Twilight program

By Mark Brennan
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The Siuslaw School District has announced that funding needed to offer the Twilight After School Program for this semester has been obtained. However, the after-school classes will only be available to students at Siuslaw Elementary School.

The Twilight program, as well as the various classes and meals offered to Siuslaw students after school, was in jeopardy of disappearing completely last year. This was due to a decision made by the U.S. Department of Education to eliminate all financial support for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants. In addition, the district's application for a Federal Title IV Block Grant was rejected by the U.S. Department of Education.

In the past, Siuslaw had used funds from these two sources to offer the after-school programs to students at all grade levels.

Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said he was disappointed that a program that has helped hundreds of students over the past decade faced elimination.

"Over the last decade, the Twilight After School Program has become a program that

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Siuslaw Bridge construction project to finish this fall

Final phase of construction work begins Monday

Construction on the Siuslaw River Bridge Catholic Protection Project enters its final stage on Monday, Sept. 10, with a projected completion time of late October or early November.

Finishing months earlier than initially expected, final work done on the bridge will include replacing railing, extending sidewalk ramps and touching up the cathodic coating.

During this time, the speed limit around the site will be temporarily reduced for worker safety until construction is fully completed.

Beginning in spring of 2015, the protection project has included other improvements such as concrete repair and seismic upgrades.

Perhaps most evident among improvements has been its brighter coating, called cathodic protection. More than just a facelift, cathodic protection is a technique used to control corrosion and thus extend the life of bridges. Coastal bridges, especially, are exposed to high levels of salt, which can find its way through concrete and come in contact with the reinforced steel at its core. The resulting corrosion expands in the form of rust, forcing the concrete to crack and eventually break away, or spall.

Cathodic protection on the Siuslaw River Bridge uses zinc as an anode. When a low voltage direct current is run through the system, the reinforced steel can better resist the salt. The zinc acts



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Oregon Department of Transportation renews construction on the Siuslaw River Bridge on Sept. 10. The project should wrap up by the end of fall.

as a sacrificial barrier.

"It's officially designed to increase bridge life by about 20 years," said Ray Bottenberg, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Bridge Preservation Engineering Manager.

The Siuslaw River Bridge, completed in 1936, was constructed without the benefit of modern corrosion-fighting techniques. Only now has significant attention been paid to such matters.

Regardless, Bottenberg said the bridge has been resistant to corrosion despite its harsh coastal environment.

"The amount of corrosion that's happened is a relatively low percentage compared to many of the other bridges we've done," he said.

As part of the concrete repair process, workers hammer-sound the bridge, listening for dead spots where spalling might occur. After a professional assessment, compromised sections are replaced with new concrete in a spot-removal process.

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