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Siuslaw News is joining other area businesses by being closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22. Advertisements and news items should be submitted as soon as possible next week to accommodate early deadlines. All news articles and press releases must be submitted by Monday, Nov. 20, at noon, for both the Wednesday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 24, issues. The deadline for display advertising in the Nov. 24 paper is Wednesday, Nov. 21, at noon. Line classifieds and legal notices for Saturday are due by Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Fire destroys home on Arago Street

One man displaced after unoccupied second-floor unit catches fire



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The second floor of a duplex on Arago Street caught fire Nov. 14. Siuslaw Valley firefighters suppressed the fire while Western Lane paramedics made sure the resident of the lower unit was unharmed.

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) responded Wednesday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. to a house fire at 4558 Arago Street, just off of Rhododendron Drive near Heceta Beach Road. Though the two-story duplex was partially destroyed in the fire, the end result might have been much worse if not for the barking of a neighbor's dog. George Roach, the resident of the bottom half of the building that burned, was awakened and evacuated by next-door neighbor Rachel (who requested only her first name be used) after her dog's persistent barking drew her attention to the fire.

"I just thought there was a raccoon in the yard or something," Rachel said of her dog's barking, which eventually prompted her to look away from the television to go to the window, where she saw flames rolling from the upstairs window next door. She then ran to the burning building to make sure Roach was out of the structure before returning home to call 911. Crews from SVFR and Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) arrived a short time later.

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Salty remains Mapleton mascot

After public survey, Mapleton School Board elects to keep high school gym floor mascot

The Mapleton School Board voted unanimously Wednesday to uphold a community vote to keep Salty the Sailor as the school district mascot. The decision follows weeks of public deliberation on the mascot's future.

"We appreciate the engagement of the community and their willingness to provide their input throughout the process," said Board Chair Mizu Burruss.

The vote ended with 188 community votes in favor of Salty versus 96 to replace the decades-old mascot with an "M" logo.

Salty the Sailor has been a part of the Mapleton High School gym's center design since the 1970s when it was painted by local artist John Gay.

Elsewhere, the mascot appears on the school district website and on the boys' locker room door. Salty's female counterpart, Sally, appears on the girls' locker room door.

The prospect of changing mascots was raised by the school board in October in response to the gym floor's upcoming resurfacing. As part of ongoing bond-funded renovations to Mapleton's schools, the gym is slated to receive its upgrade in December, which prompted school officials to question whether it was time for a new design.

The board solicited ideas from the community, asking that submissions fit into categories of a new mascot, symbol, a letter or a combination of the three.

Among guidelines for designs, the board requested that "all submissions exhibit equity to all potential team participants," and that they include a description of how the design incorporates that equity.

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Helping the people of Northern California

Deadwood family gathers donations for victims of deadly Camp Fire

In response to the recent devastating fires in California, Deadwood resident Shannon Fritz has been busily collecting goods to bring down to the affected areas in hopes of bringing some comfort to those who lost homes and possessions in the deadly Camp Fire blaze. The fire has left 63 dead, 631 missing and decimated the town of Paradise, among others. It is the deadliest wildfire in California history.

"I can't imagine the devastation and horror they're going through, to be honest," Fritz said. "That's just horrific, to lose everything. It's phenomenally devastating. The devastation is horrible."

Fritz, who grew up in Grass Valley, Calif., knows the tight-knit communities in Northern California well, a place where "everybody is going to help everybody else out," she said.

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Veteran's Park Plaque stolen on Veterans Day

Local veterans contemplate steps to replace bronze memorial marker

BY MARK BRENNAN
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Florence is usually a very veteran friendly town. Sunday's Veterans Day Parade brought together active and retired members from all five services on a beautiful sunny day, with service flags flying as they marched through Historic Old Town Florence to the applause of thousands of fellow citizens along the parade route.

However, there was one dark cloud in the sky on this bright Veterans Day, according to local veteran Tony Cavarno.

"Somebody stole the brass plaque from Veteran's Memorial Park! I can't believe that someone would stoop that low and on Veterans Day no less," he said.

Cavarno got a call from a fellow veteran early in the day on Sunday, Nov. 11.

"He told me the plaque was missing. At first, I thought maybe it had fallen down, but when I went and looked at the spot where it had been, I was pretty sure it had been taken," he added.

Cavarno has filed a police report concerning the theft, but the prospect of recovering the stolen plaque is dim — which is particularly troubling to the vet as he has been involved with the park since its inception.

Cavarno is a member of Florence Elks Lodge #1858, a member of the "Band of Brothers" group of veterans and a leader in the extended community of veterans and ex-military members who make up a large percentage of the population of Florence. He is also one of the members of a group of veterans that meets at Old Town Coffee to informally share stories and reminiscences from their days



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Local veteran Tony Cavarno shows where a bronze plaque was removed from the Veteran's Memorial Wall in Florence last weekend.

in the service. establishing a permanent location

This is the group that first met in Florence for the recognition of veterans. with the Florence city manager almost 15 years ago to work towards

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