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Construction along the C-Row camp sites at the Port of Siuslaw is nearly completed and should be ready for rental after next month's Fourth of July festivities.

Port now ready for fireworks

Completion of major upgrades for camp sites are on the fast track

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Fourth of July is 11 days away and the race to safely stage the much-anticipated holiday fireworks display is on. The fireworks component of the annual event was in jeopardy this year when the original plans to launch the fireworks from a barge on the river fell through. The Port of Siuslaw

stepped in with an offer to provide a legal, approved staging area for the display. This decision has impacted projects taking place at Port facilities by changing the original completion dates due to the need to divert personnel from their regular duties to finish the improvements as quickly as possible.

Port Manager David Huntington made the decision to offer space to the Chamber believing his

team would be able to complete the "C-Row" installation and also prepare the space needed to meet the city requirements for the legal, safe launching of the Fourth of July fireworks.

Huntington updated Port Commissioners on the progress of the renovations and the preparation for the Fourth of July festivities

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City Council approves Block Party street closure

The approval was just one of several agenda items approved

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The June 17 City Council Meeting covered a wide array of issues including approval of a street closure related to the 2019 Community Block Party, consideration and adoption of a resolution to amend the city budget and a request from City staff to renew an expiring service agreement with the Florence

Chamber of Commerce. The meeting opened with public comments from three individuals that reside in Florentine Estates. These residents were requesting the council to intercede on their behalf to limit estate sales within the Florentine property. The complaints centered around excessive traffic and noise associated with the estate sales and the possible interference with first responders the

sales might create in the case of an emergency.

Mayor Joe Henry, while acknowledging the concerns of the speakers, suggested the council was not the best entity to address the issue.

"Normally we don't respond [to public comments]. But I will provide a brief response. Number one,

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Learning about life untethered from electronics

Watershed Exploration Camp offers a view of nature through hands-on experience.

BY JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

Last week, the Siuslaw Watershed Council's (SWC) five-day Watershed Exploration Camp was held, teaching children throughout the region what the watershed has to offer — all beyond the hustle and bustle of main street and the allure of electronic devices. In a bid to get children outside and interested



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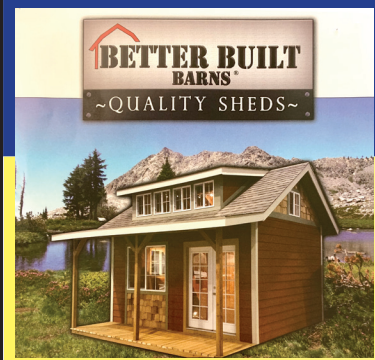
Devon, one of the participants in last week's Watershed Camp, shows off his "duck."

in the world surrounding them, the camp has been a chance for generations of Siuslaw children to learn and experience the traditions of the Siuslaw.

"We work on restoring

our watershed," SWC Executive Director Eli Tome told the campers about the council at the start of the camp. "That means projects helping salmon habitat and restoring the river. And we want to make sure we want to have fun doing it, so that's why we have camp — so you can actually go outside to show you what we do, and teach you

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