

Station Siuslaw River holds Coast Guard Advancement Ceremony

On the morning of Monday, May 4, Station Siuslaw River had three Advancement Ceremonies in front of crew, friends and family.

Zachary Rowan was advanced to Boatswain Mate First Class (BMI), Luc Pierce advanced to Boatswain Mate Second Class (BM2) and Chris Moxley advanced to Machinery Technician Second Class (MK2). It takes time and perseverance to obtain these goals.

BM1 Rowan from Port Angeles, has served in the Coast Guard for thirteen years, spending the past three stationed in Florence with his family. At Station Siuslaw River, he is a duty Surfman and Assistant Training Officer. Surfman is the highest qualification a Coxswain can achieve in the Coast Guard, operating under extreme weather and sea conditions.

BM1 Rowan also holds an Associate's Degree in aviation science and a license in aircraft me-

chanics.

MB2 Pierce, from Portland, has been in the Coast Guard for four years, with three of those spent at Station Siuslaw River. He became a Coxswain of the 47 ft. Motor Lifeboat after attending the National Motor Lifeboat School in Cape Disappointment.

BM2 Pierce holds an Associate's Degree as a wildlife technician.

MK2 Moxley, who hails from Riverside California, has also been in the Coast Guard for four years, with the past two-and-a-half years in Florence. His time at Station Siuslaw River soon comes to an end, as he will be going to his new duty-assignment by the end of June on the USCG Cutter MUNRO (WMSL 755), homeported in Alameda, Calif.

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Station Siuslaw River celebrated three advancements in May, including (from left): BM1 Zachary Rowan, BM2 Luc Pierce and MK2 Chris Moxley.

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Bishop Thornton to sign books at St. Andrews

Episcopal Bishop John Thornton, retired from the Diocese of Idaho, has published a fourth book titled "The Brooks Brothers Suit and Other Stories," and will be holding a signing at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 30, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The signing is open to the public and free to attend.

The book is a collection of nineteen short stories about persons he has known and events that occurred during the nearly

sixty years of his ministry.

The stories include his interview with mass-murderer Charles Manson on Death Row in San Quentin Prison in California, his acquaintance with Marsha Owen (aka, "Sally Stanford," the famous San Francisco madam), and his long and deep friendship with psychoanalyst and author Erik Erikson ("Childhood and Society," "Gandhi's Truth").

The stories are unique and can't be found in literature elsewhere.

Though out of the state much of the time, Bishop Thornton and his wife, Jan, have been Oregonians since 1981, living on a small farm east of Scio in the Willamette Valley.

Bishop Thornton is a dear friend of Father Frazer Crocker and was recently in Florence to conduct the celebration of life for Diana Crocker.

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FUUF looks at 'Every Little Moment'

On Sunday, June 23, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Richard Jones will give a multi-media presentation which revolves around the theme "Every Little Moment."

Jones says, "Every day we have the possibility of experiencing moments of beauty, compassion, humor, adventure and repose, to name a few. Once deposited in our memory bank, these moments can remain life enhancing and sustaining."

Jones' musical companions will be Deverne Pinnock on banjo, and Lou Invernon on flute and tenor sax

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