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NVB President Dan Rupert said he feels like the group's yearly trip to Florence is one of the highlights on the NVB calendar.

"Our club has been doing this for a few years now and it's a lot of fun. We had around 240 folks pre-registered, and we had people showing up that haven't registered. I've already talked to a few of them and I think we will end up with about 250 vehicles."

Not only have the members of the NVB returned to Florence for nearly a decade, they have so enjoyed their time here that they have gone above and beyond what most visitors do when visiting: they contribute to a local social support group. The beneficiary of this generosity for the past few summers has been Florence Food Share.

"Each year, we have an event at the Three Rivers Casino and as part of our 'Show and Shine' we do a big food drive," Rupert said. "We have a raffle and the only way to get tickets is to bring food donations to the Show and Shine. At a certain point, it becomes a competition to see who can bring in more than the next guy."

Food security remains a serious concern for portions of the local community. The need for donations at Florence Food Share is always high and the contributions made this year were important additions to the summer choices available to clients.

Colin Morgan is the operations manager for Flor-

ence Food Share and he said clients of the organization will greatly appreciate the efforts made by the members of the NVB.

"This year's Northwest Vintage Bronco Club's Round Up food drive was an overwhelming success. Florence Food Share received over 8,600 hundred pounds of food to help feed the hungry families and individuals in Western Lane County," Morgan said. "On behalf of our clients, Florence Food Share would like to send our utmost thanks to the Bronco club."

According to Rupert, the great reception the Bronco group has received over the years has drawn his members closer to the



PHOTO BY COLIN MORGAN/FLORENCE FOOD SHARE

Members of Northwest Bronco Round Up donated 8,617 pounds of food to Florence Food Share after the group's Show and Shine on Aug. 17.

Florence community, and this is one way they feel they can repay the hospitality.

"It's just the people. Everybody here is friendly and everyone out here gets it. Maybe it's just the Bronco family, but this is a way

we can give back to the community. We are coming here, and we are kind of invading Florence, and I am sure we irritate some people, but it's nice to give to the food share and it's really nice to hear how much it helps," he said.

"To a lot of people here, this is a really big deal. It's about wanting to give back and help where we can."

For more information about the Broncos, visit northwestbroncoroundup.com and Northwest Vintage Broncos on Facebook.

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56476 Highway 126, of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, while on the second day the conference moves to the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

This year's theme is "Infrastructure Investments: A Collaborative Approach."

According to State Sen. Arnie Roblan's website, "Our focus this year is on the health and safety of our

rural and coastal — Infrastructure Investments. Our Collaborative Approach — must and will be an ongoing effort, that we all take with us when we leave and continue in service to Oregon and our communities."

Coastal Caucus members will share information about their 2019 legislative efforts to streamline, modernize and maintain the state's infrastructure. These include but are not limited to: promoting housing and seismic resiliency; developing renewable energy and education; creating better systems to fund water infrastructure; and preparing rural communities for challenges accompanying the shifting energy landscape.

As part of rural-coast initiative to work collaboratively to generate economic growth, the Coastal Caucus will once again feature informative panel discussions, concurrent sessions, with a great lineup of keynote speakers. The opening session at the casino will include plenary

sessions, debates and networking opportunities. The day will conclude with a Taste of the Oregon Coast event at the Florence Events Center.

Speakers throughout the event include U.S. senators and representatives, Oregon senators and representatives, coastal county commissioners, state leaders, tribal representatives, local politicians and many more.

The keynote speakers and industry leaders will engage in discussions and share their expertise, knowledge and leadership on the issues that are significant to coastal communities and stakeholders.

This year's featured panel discussions are "Systemic Housing Challenges or Underproduction? Connecting Infrastructure to Affordable Housing" and "Hindsight is 20/20: Changing the Climate of the Carbon Reduction Conversation." Additional panel discussions include:

- Connecting infrastructure to affordable housing

through public/private investments;

- Water quality and availability issues through infrastructure construction projects;

- Enhancing and expanding telecommunication and rural broadband infrastructure;

- Oregon's P-20 education governance infrastructure to achieve equity and maximum impact and utility;

- Perspectives on how to work effectively with Oregon's Tribal Governments

- Developing an infrastructure framework for seismic resilience of coastal structures.

- HB 2020: Changing the Climate of the Carbon Reduction Conversation.

During the Taste of the Oregon Coast, summit attendees will get a taste of the best seafood and local flavors from the Oregon Coast, along with tastings from renowned wineries, breweries and distilleries.

For further information, visit [www.oregonlegislature.gov/roblan/Pages/coastalcaucus.aspx](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/roblan/Pages/coastalcaucus.aspx).

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