



The buck stops here

Rather than culling Dunes City deer population, ODFW urges residents to stop feeding them

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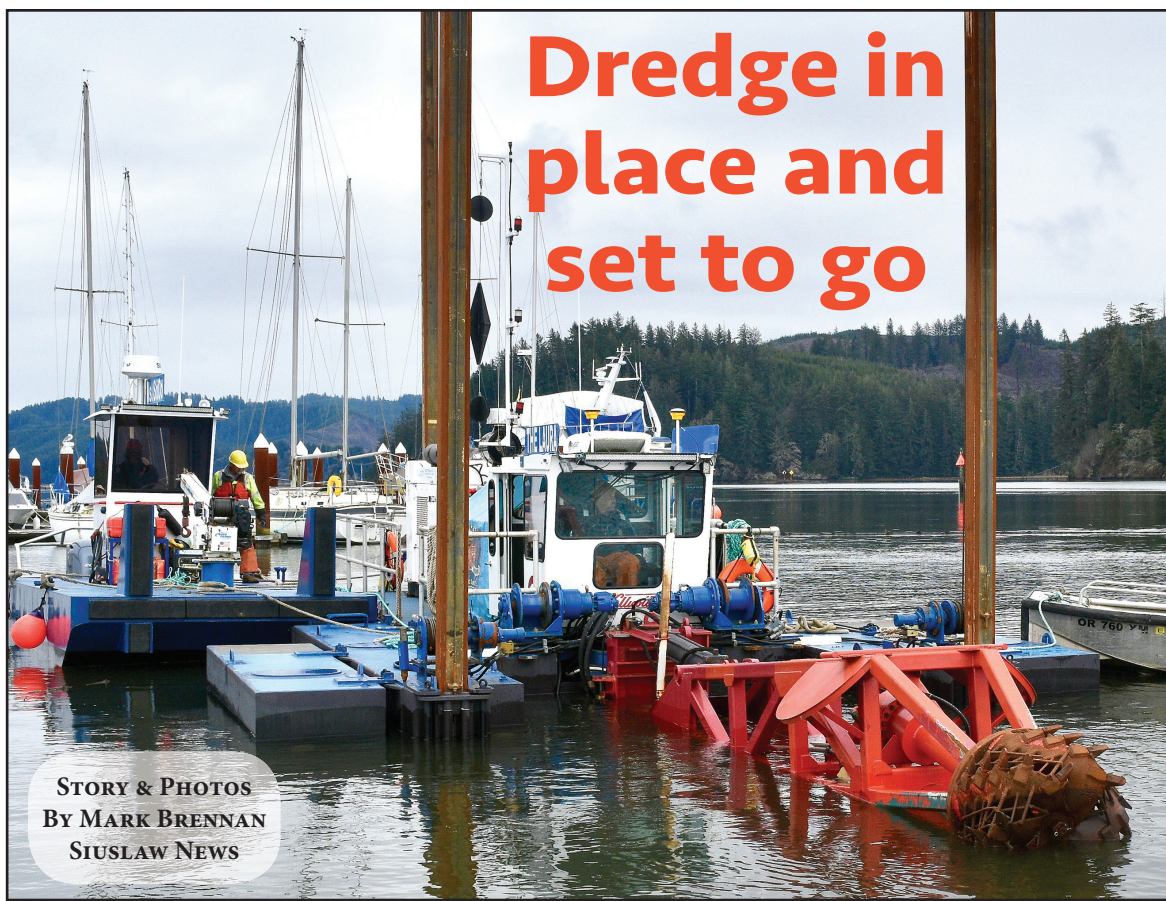
The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) spoke at Dunes City Wednesday night to discuss the findings of the recent deer population count the department conducted in December. The purpose of the count was to help the city to determine whether or not there was an overpopulation of deer in the city, and what needed to be done to help alleviate the issue.

While Dunes City Council did not take official action at the end of the meeting, the general consensus was that while there were certain areas that did see an overpopulation of deer, an organized culling was not necessary. Instead, the city and its residents need to focus on preventing individuals from feeding the deer, which can create a whole host of problems.

"On Dec. 16, we conducted a survey in Dunes City," ODFW representative Jason Kirchner said. "We saw a total of 42 deer; 26 were doe, 8 were fawns. There was an average of about 30.8 fawns per 100 does. We saw eight bucks, with an average of 30.8 bucks per 100 does. That's a measurement we use for our management of deer."

ODFW traveled 13.2 miles for the deer count and found, overall, that Dunes City has a normal deer population with 3.2 deer per mile and an average of 30.8 bucks per 100 does. This runs mostly in line with the benchmark that ODFW has seen in the Siuslaw area, where the average is 25 bucks per 100 does and 3.0 deer per mile.

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STORY & PHOTOS
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Port of Siuslaw readies The Laura and Ms. SoCo for action

The Port of Siuslaw has been losing visits by mariners for both short stays and for long term rentals for the past few years — due in part to the inability to safely navigate vessels from the Pacific Ocean to the docks on the Siuslaw River.

The tide to and from the ocean has left hundreds of tons of mud, silt, and debris on the bottom of the Siuslaw River over the years, which

impedes many mid-size and larger vessels. These layers of debris have continued to pile up since the last time the port was dredged nearly a decade ago.

That situation should soon improve dramatically as the final preparations have been made to start to dredge the port's waterways. Last week, the major piece of equipment needed to improve nav-

igation in the channel, the dredge called The Laura, and its support tug Ms. SoCo, arrived from Coos Bay.

A crew from the Charleston Marina Complex has been prepping the area to be dredged and laying the pipes needed to remove the debris from the marina.

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Siuslaw Education Expo to bring together 60+ community organizations Feb. 29

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Leap Day may come just once every four years, but Siuslaw School District is making Feb. 29 even more special by hosting a region-wide event for families and organizations. The Siuslaw Education Expo, designed to showcase educational opportunities that exist for people of all ages in the

Siuslaw area, will take place on that Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Siuslaw High School (SHS), 2975 Oak St.

The idea for the expo was generated last year in a Siuslaw School District Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

"We were discussing ways to help bring the schools and the community closer together," said Bob Orr, who serves on the committee and

leads the ASPIRE program for both Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts. "This has been a very generous community in a lot of ways to the kids and schools, particularly in the form of scholarships, where our community is tremendously generous. ... We are always looking for ways to not only connect with but give back to the community."

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'Extending to the women of our nation the right of suffrage'

100th anniversary of Oregon women's right to vote

The U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919. Thirty-six state legislatures then had to ratify the amendment to place it in the federal constitution. Oregon became the 25th state to ratify the 19th Amendment on Jan. 14, 1920.

The text of the 19th Amendment reads: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Ben W. Olcott was the governor of Oregon at the time and had called a special session of the legislature to order on Jan. 12 to consider the passage of bills pertaining to workman's compensation, educational assistance for servicemembers, capital punishment and women's suffrage.

"It will be my pleasure to have forwarded to your honorable body for ratification the resolution of the Congress of the United

States of America, providing for an amendment to our federal constitution which will extend to the women of our nation the right of suffrage," Wolcott said. "This is a matter which I recommend to your early attention and I am certain you will not deem it presumptuous if I express the hope that you give your unanimous approval to the ratification of this amendment."

Women had been allowed to vote in Oregon elections beginning in 1912 but could not vote in national elections. Many of Oregon's male voters at the time continued to oppose giving women the right to vote for decades before passage.

Harvey W. Scott, the editor of *The Oregonian*, argued that women were less thoughtful than men and would vote recklessly. Scott also believed that it would be inappropriate for women to step outside of traditional roles as mothers and wives.

Scott once stated, "Woman's duties lie in the home; man's duties lie in the outer world."

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Suffragettes representing Oregon work to get the vote in 1912. (PHOTO COURTESY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

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