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The joining of administrative staff and chief officers from both groups has already occurred and the joint organization is now known as WLFEA. The expected integration of WLAD and SVFR is scheduled to continue, although there are some board members from both groups who are concerned with the loss of autonomy which could occur.

There has been another significant change in operations and the scheduling of firefighters and WLFEA officers, which Schick believes will be an additional benefit to district customers of both groups.

Monday through Friday daytime staffing with career firefighters to around-the-clock staffing with a combination of career, part-time and volunteer firefighters," the chief said. "This means the men and women of SVFR are getting to fires more quickly than in the past and, in some cases, they can begin medical care before their WLAD partners are on scene."

The cross training of first responders at WLAD is also progressing and WLFEA Operations Chief Matt House is hopeful that training will continue to improve the skill sets of employees from both organizations.

"We would like to have as many of our paramedics as pos-"SVFR just transitioned from sible go through fire training

SVFR career and volunteer firefighters on fire calls."

And while there is now a cersome shifts at SVFR, the goal is both organizations trained to both provide medical assistance at emergency scenes and also work as firefighters when need-

"Having a paramedic on scene quickly, whether from an engine or an ambulance, provides the best possible outcome for our trict boards and staff are constantly looking for additional

over the next year," House said. to provide better care and to be "Once certified, the WLAD more cost effective. That's really paramedics will be able to assist the entire purpose of forming WLFEA — increase service to our citizens without an increase in costs. This again illustrates tified paramedic available for that SVFR and WLAD are much stronger when working togethto have the first responders from er and I am very excited that our citizens are receiving an advanced level of care at no additional costs."

> first firefighter/paramedic, but Schick said he hopes to continue supporting firefighters who wish to certify at a higher level. SVFR provides an all-hazards

Griswold is the department's

patients," Schick said. "The dis- emergency response to 14,000 people over 100 square miles. WLAD provides emergency areas in which we can cooperate medical service to 17,500 people



Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue's **Colten Griswold**

over 980 square miles. Together, the agencies include full-time, part-time and volunteer personnel that respond to an average of 3,800 calls per year.

For more information, visit svfr.org and www.western laneambulance.com.

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This goal also includes Workforce Development, recruitment, training and partnerships.

Under housing, the CEDC will look at developing programs that support more "missing middle" housing in the city; hosting Builder's Forums for people to learn about residential code; creating a Florence Rental Housing Market Study; and more.

The committee's work in start working on their proa disk golf course.

At the close of the meeting, CEDC members added a short note to the Florence City Council regarding the work to of the CEDC is April 15, bebe done during the upcoming

"The CEDC is excited to ci.florence.or.us.

parks will be to complete a posed work plan projects with Parks Master Plan, which will the city council's approval. include an expansion to Gal- Though this list is comprehenlagher Park, the completion of sive of the committee's interthe Quince Street Estuary Trail ests and desires, the commit-Project and the installation of tee is open to new ideas from the city council and working together on future projects," members stated.

> The next scheduled meeting ginning at 4 p.m.

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between Lots 13 and 14 of the Sandpiper subdivision, addressed as 1499 and 1545 20th St.

This request has been the subject of previous discussions by the Planning Commission and the commissioners were familiar with the specifics of the request. After a brief correction to the actual address was requested by the applicant, the commission approved the vacation of the prop-

There were few comments made during the report section of the meeting, although Commissioner Brian Jagoe did ask that a timeline for the Planning Commission returning to Florence City Hall to conduct business be examined and a determination of a return date be decided upon.

The next regular session of the Florence Planning Commission is scheduled for April 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit ci. florence.or.us.

Library to reopen for browsing April 1

brary will begin offering browsing at its facilities on Thursday, April 1.

In Florence, Siuslaw Public Library will match its curbside pickup and drop-off hours, so Monday through Thursday, the hours will be from 11 a.m.

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inside the library. Appoint-

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accommodate play groups library proper. or meet-ups.

closed to the public.

way, though the carts will www.siuslawlibrary.info.

The Siuslaw Public Li- to 2 p.m. and on Fridays be required to wear masks not available and we cannot now be located inside the

For more information Restrooms will also be about the Siuslaw Public Library or its programs, The library will continue stop by 1460 Ninth St. in to offer curbside service for Florence or 88148 Rivthose who wish to pick up erview Ave. in Mapletheir library materials that ton after April 1, or visit

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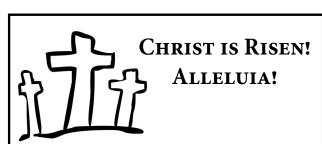
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