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CATHY DIETZ RETIRES

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Lane County releases Special Election results

Official final results will be certified June 7

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The final vote totals for Lane County's May 18, 2021, Special Election will be officially certified and posted on June 7. However, preliminary totals are now available according to Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart.

"The most recent totals were posted on May 20. One reason for the delay is we have results coming from other counties and there also remain a small number of ballots which have signature issues or situations which require voter input, and these voters have until June 1 to respond to election official inquiries and concerns," Betschart said. "The

final results of the Special Election must be certified by June 7, so any ballot signatures which have been challenged have until June 1 to correct those ballots."

As of May 20, the Lane County voting totals were as follows:

Mapleton School District #32

Director Position 1
Andrea Milbrett — 214

Write-in — 5

Total: 219

Mapleton School District #32

Director Position 2
Mizu Burruss — 239

Write-in — 3

Total — 242

Mapleton School District #32

Director Position 4
Marilyn Fox — 239

Write-in — 5

Total 244

Siuslaw School District #97J

Director Position 2
John M Barnett — 2,942

Write-in — 49

Total — 2,991

Siuslaw School District #97J

Director Position 4
Maureen Miltenberger — 2,345

Brian Lacouture — 2,134

Write-in — 7

Total — 4,486

Siuslaw School District #97J

Director Position 6
Jesse Chapman — 854

Larry Martindale — 1,526

Kady Sneddon — 2,205

Write-in — 6

Total — 4,591

Mapleton Fire Department

Director Position 1
Ronald G. Thompson — 107

Write-in — 3

Total — 110

Mapleton Fire Department

Director Position 4
Write-in — 14

Total — 14

Mapleton Fire Department

Director Position 5
Diana Scoville — 100

Write-in — 2

Total — 102

Mapleton Water District

Commissioner Position 1
Bryan Moore — 62

Write-in — 8

Total — 70

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Rhody auction nets growing returns



(From left) ARS members Bill Hennig, Host Mike Bones, Day Farrald and Sam Spayd who donated the space for the successful auction which raised nearly \$2,000.

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The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society held a fundraiser at a hangar at the Florence Municipal Airport last Tuesday evening to raise money for the popular club.

The local ARS group takes pride in showcasing the unofficial symbol of the city and participates in numerous ways during the year to highlight the iconic shrub.

Mike Bones was the auctioneer and the avuncular Master Gardener took good advantage of an airplane hangar donated for the event by pilot and retired Air Force veteran Sam Spayd.

The event was limited to those with vaccines or were willing to wear masks and maintain social distancing and the tone of the sale was decidedly upbeat.

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More than 100 donations of plants and flowers were made as part of last week's auction held by the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, held at an airplane hangar belonging to Sam Spayd.

July Fourth fireworks may ignite at a later date

"Based on the most current pandemic-related guidelines from Governor Kate Brown, and the need to plan far ahead for big events like our annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, we are unable to produce our fireworks show and its associated events," said Bettina Hannigan, president and CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. "Thankfully, our contracts with the fireworks technicians, and the Port of Siuslaw for the launch site, are in place for next year.

"But," she quickly added, "due to the gracious flexibility of these and other partners, we may — and I emphasize *may* — be able to reschedule them later this year."

Since March of 2020, chambers of commerce and other organizations locally and across the state have taken major economic hits from canceling annual community events. Some are even canceling events through the end of this year.

"We waited as long as we could to make this decision in hopes of hosting this fun day of traditional family events and fireworks," Hannigan said. "But given the timeline to put this event together — with the producers of the pie- and watermelon-eating contests and the providers of the bounce houses, music and fireworks — there is no way to plan for it with total certainty."

Hannigan added that, currently, the Chamber is in the wait-and-see stage with all the planning that goes into moving the fireworks and related events to another weekend, possibly later this summer or early fall.

"We are doing all we can to save this year's Wine and Chowder Trails held on Columbus Day weekend. Stay tuned," she added.

Hannigan said that even though many restrictions have been — and are continuing to be — lifted on mask-wearing and social gatherings, the chamber must put the health of the community and of visitors first.

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