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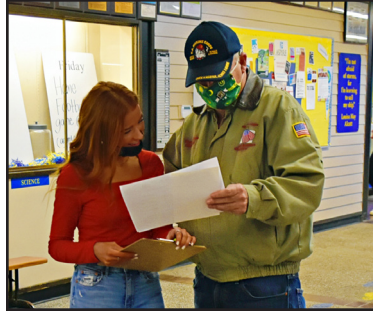
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'Recognizing those who came before us to ensure our freedom'

Siuslaw High School honors local veterans with assembly



The Siuslaw High School Leadership class coordinated a Veterans Assembly Wednesday to recognize and thank U.S. military veterans. Approximately 40 veterans attended.

STORY & PHOTOS
BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw High School honored area veterans on Wednesday morning with a student and staff assembly to recognize the service and sacrifices of those who served the U.S. in all branches of the military.

Local veterans and former military members from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232, American Legion Post 59 and Disabled American Veterans Post 23 gathered at the high school before the 9 a.m. ceremony to discuss other veteran related activities which were scheduled to take place on Veterans Day.

Siuslaw Principal Mike Har-

klerode greeted the former service personnel, thanking them for attending. He also reinforced the need for masking during the event.

When the assembly began, Siuslaw students rose and greeted with applause the entrance of the two dozen or so veterans who attended. The veterans took their seats.

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Armendariz, Lacouture selected to fill open positions

Siuslaw School Board holds November meeting

BY ZAC BURTT
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw School District Board of Directors met on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Siuslaw Middle School commons. One of the tasks was to select candidates to fill vacancies on the board caused by the September resignation of Director Guy Rosinbaum, Position 1, and the October resignation of Director Dennis King, Position 5. King's resignation was accepted during Wednesday's meeting.

School board members, consisting of Chair Bob Sneddon and directors Maureen Miltenberger, Kady Sneddon and Dianna Pimlott, were in attendance in person and Director John Barnett joined

via Zoom. Additional staff and members of the public also attended in person, with masks and social distancing required.

Siuslaw School District has discussed the vacancies and how to fill the positions since September. On Oct. 26, the board met with and interviewed eight candidates to fill those positions: Frank Armendariz, Clare Kurth, Brian Lacouture, Robin Mendolia, Debbie Pasternak, Edgar Rodriguez, Stephanie



Frank Armendariz



Brian Lacouture

Spradling and Jason Wood.

At this week's meeting, the directors had a choice to fill one or both recently vacant positions, and after some discussion, the board voted unanimously to fill both positions.

Chair Sneddon proposed that each director decide on a ranked list of their top three candidates. When the director's lists were tallied, five candidates appeared within the director's top three:

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Owners to rebuild Dairy Queen

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Fire Marshall Tony Miller has released a brief update on an August fire which completely destroyed the Dairy Queen located at 125 Highway 101.

"The Dairy Queen fire was listed as accidental, with the cause electrical. It started in the storage room and not in the kitchen, and the owner plans to rebuild in the same location," Miller stated.

The building has been demolished in preparation for new construction.

Siuslaw Valley responded to a call about the fire on Aug. 18 at 1:30 a.m.

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Weather conditions call for awareness of potential hazards

Oregon's Office of Emergency Management advises residents to be aware — and prepared — for potential hazards due to heavy rains forecast this week across the state.

According to the National Weather Service, expected rainfall amounts through Friday may cause potential flooding of creeks and rivers in northwest Oregon, especially along the coastal terrain and Cascades. Rain amounts may be high enough to cause flooding.

Heavy rain can trigger debris

flows and landslides in steep terrain, and the risk is higher in wildfire burn areas.

Debris flows are rapidly moving, extremely destructive landslides. They can contain boulders and logs transported in a fast-moving soil and water slurry down steep hillsides and through narrow canyons. They can easily travel a mile or more. A debris flow moves faster than a person can run. People, structures and roads located below steep slopes in canyons and near the mouths

of canyons may be at serious risk.

The public can remain safe using basic preparedness actions, including staying informed, being aware of surroundings, having a plan for emergencies and being prepared with an emergency kit.

Stay informed

- Monitor the weather forecast for watches, warnings or advisories at www.weather.gov.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts at oralert.gov.

- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

Drive with caution

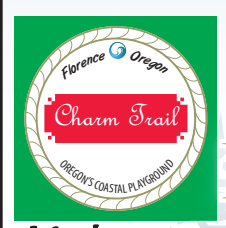
- Be aware of the latest road conditions before driving by checking tripcheck.com.
- Be alert when driving; embankments along roadsides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.
- Turn on lights, increase following distance and slow down.

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