

Volunteers sought for 'No One Dies Alone' program

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center is seeking caring men and women who are interested in providing a reassuring presence at the bedside of imminently dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

Primary responsibilities include sitting with patients, playing provided recorded music and reading or praying silently.

Volunteers are on call at the time of their choosing; shifts

are from two to four hours long.

The training will take place at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, 400 Ninth St., on May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Prospective volunteers must be a current PeaceHealth employee or must enroll at Peace Harbor as a volunteer.

For information or to enroll, contact Joanie Schmidt by May 1 at 541-902-6709, or email her at jschmidt2@peacehealth.org.

Washington Federal to celebrate anniversary

Washington Federal is celebrating 100 years of serving local communities. To commemorate the historic occasion, the Florence bank branch is inviting area businesses and residents to join the team for a Centennial Celebration on April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank, located at 620 Highway 101.

The branch will provide cake and refreshments and the celebration will feature a drawing. All residents are invited to participate in this complimentary, celebratory event.

"We're excited to celebrate Washington Federal's first 100 years in banking with our Florence neighbors.

This event is our chance to say 'thank you' to the commu-

nity for their support and trust," said Arika McGallian. "Throughout changing economies, Washington Federal has been committed to offering sound and safe banking. My team and I are honored to help continue to make Florence a great place to live and do business."

For more information on this event contact Washington Federal Savings at 541-997-8206.

Community Business After Hours April 20

Siuslaw Vision 2025 is hosting a Celebration on Thursday, April 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Florence Center of Lane Community College.

The Celebration is a collaborative Business After Hours event with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

A brief program from 6 to 6:30 p.m. will feature updates on Siuslaw Vision projects. The public is invited and welcome to this community open house.

Lane Community College is located at 3149 Oak Street, in Florence; refreshments will be provided by Chef Kelsey Terry of Homegrown.

"Siuslaw Vision 2025 is enVisioning Spring, and it's time to celebrate," said Jo Beaudreau, Vision Keepers co-chair. "It's been a year since the Vision was unveiled last April and we want to let the community know the awesome progress that's been made."

The 30 minute program scheduled as part of the open house will feature members of the Vision Advisory Committee: Bettina Hannigan, Mike Webb, Rick Yecny, and Joshua Greene; along with members of the Vision Keepers steering committee: Meg Spencer and Russ Pierson.

"This ten year regional Vision project is working on multiple fronts," said Vision Keepers co-chair, Colleen Keane. "We'll be presenting updates on several of the Vision action items, including the Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development, the new Community Paramedics program, ReVision Florence, and the latest in Education."

The program will also include a brief history of the Siuslaw Vision 2025 effort, which had its origins in the Pathways project.

Full Spectrum and Siuslaw Broadband to merge

Siuslaw Broadband and Full Spectrum Computers will be joining forces and offering the central Oregon coast and surrounding areas a full-service technology company for homes and businesses.

"We've worked together for many years indirectly and directly on a number of projects, and the outcome has always been great," said Robbie Wright, owner of Siuslaw Broadband.

John Murphey of Coast Insurance said, "We have worked with Siuslaw Broadband and Full Spectrum Computers for several years.

We are excited about the two businesses joining forces. Our business is dependent on our computers and Internet service," Murphey stated.

"When either are not working, we are not working either. We have been more than satisfied with their service. In fact, we are so satisfied we are moving to a VoIP phone system through them. We will continue to recommend their services, Murphey added"

"For the immediate future, everything will stay the same for both companies and our customers," said Neil Ecker of Full Spectrum Computers.

"Over the coming months, we'll start to integrate our billing and customer management systems together and my crystal ball tells me we'll have a few new exciting offerings to announce shortly."

Ecker noted that the merger will bring Florence the only ISP to ever win (or even be nominated for) the Excellence in Customer Service award from the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and the 2016 and 2017 Reader's Choice award from the Siuslaw News for Computer Help and Repair.

"2017 is going to be a great

year for technology in Florence and we're looking forward to be a driving factor in it," said Ecker.

For more information, contact Robbie Wright at robbie@siuslawbroadband.com or visit Siuslaw Broadband at 625 Highway 101 #181 in Florence, or call 541-902-5101.

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