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# 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Here is a look at the Florence area's major events of 2014 as recorded through the news stories and photographs that made the pages of the Siuslaw News, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014.

## JANUARY

### Tsunami data released

Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries releases tsunami model data for entire Oregon coast. Model can assist with site-specific evaluations of tsunami risk.

### First Citizens announced

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce announces Erik Tanikawa as First Citizen for 2013. Kylie Brandt was announced as 2013's Future First Citizen.

### Barbara Miller succumbs to cancer

Barbara "Barb" Ann Miller, 65, passed away Jan. 2, 2014,

after a 14-year-long battle with cancer. She will be remembered as a teacher and for her work with the City of Florence until her retirement in 2010 as city recorder.

### Tail-wagging good time

Bark for Life is announced as a new event in Miller Park, allowing dog owners to actively participate with their canine companions while raising funds for a good cause, the American Cancer Society.

### This old house

Edwin K Bed and Breakfast building in Old Town turns 100 years old this year. It was originally a 1914 Sears Craftsman home offered for sale by Sears, Roebuck and Co. The B&B is owned by Marv and Laurie VandeStreek.

## FEBRUARY

### Archie's last stand

Community voices opinions on Archie Knowles Campground on Highway 126. The campground has been closed since 2011

pending much needed repairs to its water system.

### Hail to the chief

Florence native Lynn Lamm returns to once again oversee the Florence Police Department as its interim chief. Lamm accepted the position at the request of City Manager Jacque Betz upon the retirement of Ray Gutierrez as of Jan. 1.

### Preparing for the future

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center unveils its completed central utility plant. At a cost of \$5 million, the project increases space to provide new energy-efficient equipment.

### Fraud-Ville rocks Florence

Three Rivers Casino and Hotel hosts the annual Fraud-Ville fundraiser in which various "bands" lip sync to their favorite songs dressed in appropriate rocking attire. This year, the event managed to raise almost \$17,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County.

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## Council assembles for new terms in Dunes City



PHOTO BY THERESA BAER/SIUSLAW NEWS

It was all familiar faces at Thursday's Dunes City Council meeting, where re-elected officials were sworn in. Mayor Rebecca Ruede and Councilors Sheldon Meyer and Duke Wells took the oath of office for another term. Kenneth Platt, who was elected as a write-in candidate in November, was not present at the meeting. Councilor Jamie Mills was re-elected as council president. From left to right are Meyer, Wells, Maurice Sanders, Ruede, Mills and Ed Scarberry.

## Chamber announces First Citizen nominations

BY THERESA BAER  
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The names of three prominent and longtime Florence residents have been announced as candidates for the annual First Citizen Award.

First Citizen Awards have been a tradition for decades. The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce now hosts the event, which has become part of a yearly banquet and ceremony known as the Siuslaw Awards.

Phil Brubaker, Bonnie MacDuffee and Cindy Wobbe have been nominated for the 2014 award.

A panel of judges will review the submitted applications and the winner will be named Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Siuslaw Awards ceremony at the Florence Events Center.

Brubaker has worked as a civic volunteer since 1995. He served



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four terms as mayor and on many club and government committees and boards, including the chamber of commerce, Lane Council of Governments, Oregon Mayors Association, Rotary, Front Desk Florence and Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation.

Brubaker was a driving force behind the construction of the senior center and the local hospital as well as a current campaign to expand its emergency department,

and other major fundraising efforts.

In his nomination, a Rotary Club spokeswoman stated, "Phil's volunteer service and

leadership in the Florence community spans more than 20 calendar years, and his combined years of service for all organizations totals over 90 years. ... Phil's qualities of leadership and inspiration that support this nomination are vigor, vision, preparedness, determination and performance under pressure."

Bonnie MacDuffee has also been nominated for the prestigious First

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