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PeaceHealth Medical Group welcomes Dr. Amir Jalilian to our experienced team of family medicine physicians.

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**PRESENTS KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Teresa Rhyne**  
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**Florence Events Center**  
**Friday, September 26th**  
6:00 p.m. Meet & Greet  
7:00 p.m. Presentation  
Book Signing to Follow  
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## DC reopens septic ordinance discussions

DUNES CITY — The Dunes City Planning Commission is asking residents to comment on whether changes should be made to the current ordinance (No. 203) governing septic system maintenance.

The commission will hear comments during its regular meeting beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce St. in Westlake. This is the meeting to attend to get opinions on the record.

The commission had appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee last summer to assess the ordinance by collecting community input and to make recommendations about changes to consider. After five weeks, the CAC suspended its operations, saying the city was not providing correct information for them to work with. The group was officially disbanded by the commission earlier this month, the chairman, George Burke, explaining that the CAC needed only the ordinance, which was provided to the members.

The council directed Burke to collect public comments before or at the next planning commission meeting, which is today. The Siuslaw News received the press release on Monday, inviting the public to respond. The deadline for commenting is today, Sept. 24.

Ordinance No. 203, which was adopted in 2010, can be viewed online by visiting the Dunes City website at [www.dunescity.com/ordinances](http://www.dunescity.com/ordinances). Printed copies may be obtained from City Hall Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Citizens are also invited to submit comments in writing. Written comments must be received at Dunes City Hall by 4 p.m.

Comments can be delivered to City Hall at the address above. Citizens may also submit comments via email to [planning@dunescityor.com](mailto:planning@dunescityor.com) noting Ordinance No. 203 in the subject line.

The comments will help inform whether Dunes City Council should consider changing the way in which it regulates septic systems, and if so, the kinds of changes that should be proposed.

Additional public comment will be accepted if specific changes are formally considered by the Planning Commission or City Council.

## Book festival features 70-plus authors, many local

Among the more than 70 authors participating in the Florence Festival of Books, 17 live in this area. Stop by the Florence Events Center, Saturday, Sept. 27, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., to meet a local author who just might happen to be a neighbor.

Bob Jackson, artist and author who writes a column for Siuslaw News, will have his three books, "I Was No Hero," about his time in the military and especially on the U.S.S. Indianapolis; "Hells Hole and Battle Beach: The Westlake Story," about growing up in Westlake; and "For Love of a Car," about the world-famous Harrah Car Collection and filled with his drawings.

James Heintz wrote "Apple Box Boy: Slices of Life," about growing up in the years after World War II in Washington's Yakima Valley, and "How Did You Find Me?" about his mother's struggles with Alzheimer's disease and how it affected the whole family.

Judy Fleagle, co-chairwoman of the festival, has a new book, "Around Florence," to go with her two well-received bridge books, "Crossings: McCullough's Coastal Bridges" and "Crossings Guide to Oregon's Coastal Spans."

Festival sponsors include the Siuslaw News, Siuslaw Bank, Florence Regional Arts Alliance, On Your Feet with a Splash, Sea Lion Caves, Pacific Publishing, Port Hole Publications, Coastal Writers, Siuslaw Public Library, Ladies of Elks, Harriet and Dick Smith, Ron Hogeland and Nancy Archer, and Shelley and Lynn Taylor.

Don't miss this annual gathering of publishers and writers. For more information, contact the Florence Events Center by calling 541-997-1994 or visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

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## 25th ANNIVERSARY: PEACEHEALTH PEACE HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER \$5M EXPANSION PLANNED TO START NEXT YEAR



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The medical center's open house and anniversary celebration included opportunities to meet new doctors and attend health education seminars, have a treat from BJ's, listen to historic interviews broadcast by Coast Radio, meet volunteers, and enjoy activities for children, such as face painting and the teddy bear clinic.

BY JACK DAVIS  
Siuslaw News

During its 25th anniversary open house Saturday, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center announced plans for a \$5 million expansion of its emergency department (ED) beginning in early 2015.

The ED expansion is part of a \$10 million upgrade that included a new \$5.2 million central utility plant and generator.

The expansion will double the size of the current ED to more than 7,500 square feet, and includes six private treatment rooms, two trauma rooms, a centralized nurse station and a secure treatment room for potentially violent patients.

A tele-management system for people with stroke or cardiac arrest will also be part of the new ED.

The medical center's director of development, Michele Douglass, explained, "We can actually be electronically hooked up with PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Eugene. The emergency room doctors here will be talking directly with the surgeon in RiverBend while they are prepping for surgery. It takes 45 minutes to one hour off the surgery prep time once the patient arrives at RiverBend."

The expansion had been a part of the hospital's master plan project since 2005. Then, in January 2012, hurricane-force

winds caused Peace Harbor to lose electricity, and for the first time it had to rely solely on backup generator power. It was not sufficient.

"While we were on emergency power, a man was brought in with a broken neck," Douglass said. "We had to shift backup generator power from surgery to imaging to be able to give him a CAT scan. That told us we needed to address the lack of adequate backup emergency power."

The current ED was built in 1989, the same time the hospital was built. It was designed to treat 2,500 patients per year. In 2013, the ED treated 8,800 people.

"Our CEO Rick Yecny came up with a business plan to put the two projects together as one," Douglass said, "because we couldn't do the emergency department expansion without the increased power supply."

The proposal Yecny made to the PeaceHealth board of directors was to divide the total \$10 million project. He proposed PeaceHealth cover the \$5.2 million cost of the central utility plant, which was at the end of its useful life; then Peace Harbor would raise the \$5 million necessary to build the new ED.

The central utility plant project was completed in April 2014, and according to Yecny, the new power system included a generator that can service the entire hospital. When fired up, the generator ran at about 35 percent of capacity.

"The entire system is good for

another 25 years," Yecny said.

The ED expansion will be done in phases so the emergency facilities can be used during construction.

Over the past two years, more than \$4 million of the \$5 million project has been secured, with

most of the money coming from local donors, according to Kay King, chairwoman of the ED expansion Save a Life campaign.

"We have doubled the previous record for private money

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## Team seeks '1 more million'



The PULSE team is heading up the campaign to raise money to expand the PeaceHealth emergency department. The team includes, back row, Woody Woodbury, Annette Foglio, Steve Galbraith, Dr. Willie Foster and Ken Henderson; front row, Kay King, Michele Douglass and Melissa Phillips. Sheldon Meyer, not pictured, is also a member of the team. (courtesy photo)

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center celebrated its 25th anniversary with the community on Saturday. Hospital tours, teddy bear clinics and ambulance tours afforded the opportunity for visitors to get a personal look at the Florence area hospital.

With the tours and delicious BJ's ice cream cones came the announcement of the \$5 million Emergency Department

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