

GENERAL NEWS

Learn about Florence retirement resources

On Friday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., in partnership with Lane Community College (LCC), Front Desk Florence will introduce available resources in the community and discuss the many events, activities and opportunities in and around the area that can contribute to an

optimal retirement.

Whether a longtime resident or new to Florence, this workshop is for everyone.

Pre-registration for this free workshop is required through LCC, 3149 Oak St., or call 541-997-8444 to register.

There are no fees, tuition or costs to attend.

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Cold weather shelter flags signal when open



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Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter volunteers Laureen MacDonald, Kate King, Linda Castro and Jan Hirsch display new shelter flags to be flown during inclement weather to announce that the shelter is open. The flags will be posted at the shelter van pickup locations around Florence, including Fred Meyer, Safeway, Siuslaw Public Library and south of Siuslaw River Bridge. Two larger flags will be placed in front of the Masonic Lodge, the shelter's home base, located south of Florence at 84910 Highway 101. Flag poles were provided by Kiwanis Club of Florence.

Port president releases State of the Port report

New funding sources top priority for Port of Siuslaw

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

According to the State of the Port report, issued by Port of

Siuslaw commission President Ron Caputo, commissioners met Jan. 8 to review the port's five-year strategic business plan and establish priorities for the next three years.

In addition, one of the top priorities set by the commission this year is to seek new funding sources to help reduce existing port debt and establish a reserve fund for future work projects.

Caputo reported that expansion and improvements made to the RV Park would help keep the park operating near

capacity during the summer and fall months, making the park a strong income source for the port.

Another priority set by the commission is the addition of a new restroom at the east section of the park.

The report stated the port would continue to work with state and federal delegations, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard to keep the Siuslaw River channel open and push for needed repairs to the jetties.

The commissioners, accord-

ing to the report, will continue to support the local commercial fishing fleet and attract more boats and fish-related businesses to the commercial boat basin in Old Town. The commissioners also will continue to support all other fishing-related enterprises in the port district, including fishing charters, sports fishing and kayakers.

Caputo ended the report with assurances that the port will continue to work with local businesses and governmental agencies to create new opportunities for increased economic development.

'Our Town' photo exhibit complements play

During March, the Last Resort Players' theatrical production of "Our Town" will be in collaboration with the Florence Events Center galleries.

Works by local photographers and artists capturing "Life in Our Town" will be exhibited.

Entries will either follow

the themes of the play – everyday living, love and marriage and the reality of death – or will focus on our own town of Florence.

The glass case will also offer 3-D artwork.

LRP's "Our Town" will be presented on March 20 and 21 at 7 p.m., and 22 at 2 p.m.

It will be repeated on March

27 and 28 at 7 p.m., and March 29, at 2 p.m.

The three-act play has two intermissions, and the audiences will be able to enhance their theatrical experience by visiting Gallery One in the FEC during intermissions to reflect on the artwork and its relation to the play.

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 1	MARCH 2	MARCH 3
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy with showers or Two	Cloudy with a little Rain	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Occasional Rain Early	A couple of Showers
54°F 45°F	54°F 46°F	53°F 41°F	55°F 39°F	55°F 41°F	53°F 42°F	51°F 28°F

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1. Q: How often should hoses and belts be changed?
A: Check belts and hoses for signs of wear like cracks, pilling or fraying. Check the tension and the clamps as well.

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