

Russell photography on display

The Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique, 2217 Highway 101, is showing the photography of Richard Russell through September. The champagne and hors d'oeuvre artist's reception is today, Sept. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Russell's subject matters and portraits sing, speak and tell a complete story even though each photograph is unique and compelling in a personal way. During the past 40 years, his works have been shown up and down the West Coast, from Los Angeles to Seattle.



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School from 1A

Two backpacks will be given to each grade level from first through sixth grades. Each backpack contained grade-specific supplies. In addition to the backpacks, the Mo's team purchased hand sanitizers, three cases of copy paper and Clorox wipes. "We are leaving the decision as to who gets the backpacks up to the school administration," Williams said. Siuslaw Elementary School Principal Mike Harklerode said, "The continued support of schools from Mo's has been nothing but spectacular over the years. "From the bully prevention unit to the Bowls Against Bullies Night to the school supplies now, it has been fantastic and appreciated."



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Mo's Restaurant staff stop by Siuslaw Elementary School Sept. 3 to drop off more than \$1,200 worth of school supplies and backpacks. The money was collected by the restaurant throughout the summer as part of its Motivation for Kids Table program.

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Bridge from 1A

A former proposal required the installation of a solid containment, with crews pounding 180 pilings into the river floor, then constructing a work bridge. "So you won't hear the pounding of 180 piles," Little said. "It's not going to be a silent project by any stretch of the imagination — but the compressors and the motors that will be running will be muffled to about the same level as traffic." The structure is relatively easy to dismantle. Crews will move it to the south end of the bridge as they work. And, if weather conditions get rough, crews can disassemble the structure.

"This project is all about saving this historic bridge and preserving the integrity of the reinforcement bar within it," Little said. "We're repairing some of the damaged concrete, replacing the railing and making ADA ramps, possibly. It's a long process and will be a long project. We'll be working on the bridge for the next several years." The latest possible date of completion is February 2019. However, both ODOT and Hamilton Construction said that the project should not take that long. Little hopes that this work will allow the bridge to last another 20 years. "Our bridges are old and getting older. They're demanding more maintenance services, need more attention. ... This project is all about extending

the life of the bridge," Little said. "Your bridge is in fairly good shape. It doesn't have the corrosion that we've seen on other bridges," Stuart said. Hamilton Construction is based in Springfield. It first worked on the bridge in 2009, when crews upgraded the bridge's lift system. The crew for the current project should include up to 20 members, Stuart said. Hamilton crews will first repair and clean the surfaces of the bridge. Then, they will apply cathodic protection, which involves spraying a molten zinc coating on bridge surfaces. This will guard the metal and stone from coastal conditions. Hamilton will also replace the existing ornamental bridge rail in the same art deco style, replace the existing bearings and install seismic restrainers. "The cable restraints that we put in will help the bridge. They make it more resistant to earthquakes," said ODOT Project Manager Steve Templin. "They still allow the bridge to move for expansion and contraction, but they restrict the movement from seismic activity." The representatives from both ODOT and Hamilton said that they have worked through all the channels to make sure they have permits. There should be no impact to fish or wildlife during construction. "It's not going in without a lot of thought and care into the different ideas," Templin said. "We're looking at long-term impacts." ODOT has been planning this project for six years. "And it's now coming to fruition," Little said. Templin said, "I'm pretty happy about this project. We were involved in the project five years ago in 2009, and we're familiar with the site." For more information about the Siuslaw River Bridge project, go to www.siuslawbridge.com.

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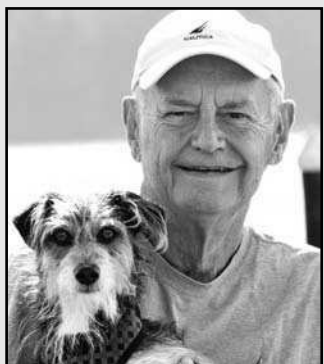
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—JIM FRANZ, 72, AND TOBY
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"The changing of the leaves and all the different fruits and vegetables that come with the fall season. Especially the apples for making apple sauce."
—KATHY FRANZ, 65, AND HONEY
BLACK BUTTE RANCH
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"The fall colors and trees. I do a lot of walking and looking. I like to come out here, too."
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Manager from 1A

He credited her leadership style in better interactions with staff, more involvement with the community and the overall tone of progress in the city. "I'm sure everyone in the community has seen the improvement, positive attitude and amount of work that is getting done by the city staff, and I think that's a reflection on her leadership," Henry said. According to the staff report, no salary changes were proposed during this evaluation. Follow Chantelle on Twitter @SNews_Chantelle. Email her at cmeyer@thesiuslawnews.com.



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