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## PORT MANAGER SEARCH STARTS OVER

**Commissioners could not reach consensus on three finalists for the job**

By JACK DAVIS  
Siuslaw News

Port of Siuslaw commissioners met in executive session Nov. 18 to select a new port manager from the three finalists they had chosen.

The process began in October with 10 people applying for the position. Six were selected to give PowerPoint

presentations and answer a series of questions posed by the commissioners. Three finalists were selected, one of which would be chosen to be the new port manager.

That was the plan.

In reality, the board could not agree on any of the three finalists. The consensus reached was: none of the above.

After the executive session, board president Ron Caputo said, "We have come to a consensus that we would like to have more applicants and we are going to open the application process again for another 30 days. Then we will go through review process again."

Commissioner Nancy Rickard made a motion to "go through the process of asking for applicants to begin, that it be publicized and that we review current applications that we have that were not previously opened."

Before the motion was seconded, commissioner Mike Buckwald cautioned the board that, "If we don't second this, we've got a mess."

Caputo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Terry Duman expressed his frustrations over not having reached a decision.

"I feel like by doing this, any time we come to an impasse on who we are going to choose as manager, we are going to come back to this same argument again. Let's go back out," Duman said. "We have board mem-

bers that aren't in agreement with each other over selections before we have even called for a vote on a manager and now we are going back out for new applications.

"I feel that if it comes back the same way next time and you don't have a general consensus, it will go back for applications again."

Caputo said, "Hopefully we will come up with someone we can have a consensus on. That is the plan."

See **PORT 8A**

## Ambulance, fire districts to share HR position

**Agreement helps streamline process, improve relationship between agencies**

By CHANTELE MEYER  
Siuslaw News

Officially starting Tuesday, Dec. 1, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) finance and human resources manager Julie Brown will split her time equally between SVFR and Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD).

The fire district and the ambulance district decided to share the human resource and finance position earlier this fall, when Fire Chief Jim Langborg said that he and WLAD Executive Director Brian Burright discussed ways "to improve relationships and create administrative and operational efficiencies between organizations."

One way the districts decided to do this was to fill WLAD's vacant office manager position part time with Brown's expertise.

Langborg and Burright looked at the following goals when making their decision: to save taxpayer money; find additional ways to create administrative efficiencies between the two districts; strengthen the relationship between the organizations; and reduce redundancies within both districts. Ultimately, they also hope to save staff time.

Langborg said, "We came up with something we could all agree with. We understand that both districts and boards could be concerned, since she is an employee of both districts, with making sure we get equal value."

See **DISTRICTS 8A**



### KETTLE KICK-OFF

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## BELLS WILL RING

**Community members gather Thursday to support the Red Kettle Campaign.**

**Salvation Army kicks off first year in Florence**

By CHANTELE MEYER  
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**The Salvation Army will soon bring holiday cheer to locations in Florence, starting Thanksgiving Day. Geraldine Lucio and Old Town Barbershop hosted the Salvation Army's Kettle Kick-off Thursday.**

Florence Mayor Joe Henry, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cal Applebee and Grocery Outlet owner Woody Woodbury joined local pilot Sam Spayd in supporting the effort to raise money for western Lane County.

Six locations in Florence will have kettles daily from Thursday, Nov. 26, to Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, including Fred Meyer, BiMart,

Grocery Outlet, Safeway and Old Town Barbershop on Bay Street.

Salvation Army volunteer coordinator Janet Snow and director of planned giving Bill Olson are working to get additional volunteers in the Florence area.

Call Snow at 559-289-3063 or Olson at 503-880-0680 to volunteer or for more information about the Red Kettle Campaign.

## CITY FINALIZES AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By CHANTELE MEYER  
Siuslaw News

Florence City Council approved an ordinance concerning residency requirements for the Airport Advisory Committee at its Nov. 16

meeting. Florence Mayor Joe Henry also named the members of the committee.

According to the staff report, "It became apparent that an expansion of the membership criteria for the committee was necessary to allow

for maximum community involvement and to fit the needs of the community members who wished to participate in the committee."

Now, the city code establishing the committee includes residency in the City of Florence, business

ownership in the city and/or airport hangar ownership. All members should also have a common interest in the economic vitality of the Florence Municipal Airport.

See **AIRPORT 8A**

### NOTICE EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK

Siuslaw News is joining other area businesses by being closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26.

Advertisements and news items should be submitted as soon as possible next week to accommodate early deadlines.

All news articles and press releases must be submitted by Monday, Nov. 23, at noon, for both the Wednesday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 28, issues.

The deadline for display advertising in the Nov. 28 paper is Tuesday, Nov. 24, at noon. Line classifieds and legal notices for Saturday are due by Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m.

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