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## SIUSLAW AWARDS

# SHINING BRIGHT



First Citizen Gayle Waiss (left) & Future First Citizen Hannah Bartlett

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## 9th annual event honors Florence-area citizens, businesses



Stu Johnston Business of the Year Gary Foglio Trucking



Hoagland Properties



City of Florence



Cal Applebee & Jenna Bartlett



Kiwanis Club



Oregon Pacific Bank

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cal Applebee welcomed community members to the ninth annual Siuslaw Business Awards at the Florence Events Center on Jan. 20. The event honored the 14 businesses nominated for six prestigious awards and eight people nominated for the Florence First Citizen and Future First Citizen awards.

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Chamber Board President Jenna Bartlett began the event with a list of the community's accomplishments in 2015. At the end of Bartlett's speech, Mike Rose, Lisa Walter-Sedlacek and Cindy Wobbe joined her on stage.

"Cal Applebee has been the voice and the face of the chamber for several years, and I think we can all agree that he's done an admirable job representing us to the outside community," Wobbe said. "You could really be the winner of any of these awards this evening, and we thank you for that."

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# Angal announces plans for retirement

Siuslaw School District superintendent Ethel Angal will not extend contract

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Ethel Angal will end a 42-year career in education when she retires as Siuslaw School District Superintendent on June 30. Angal has held the position since 2014.



Ethel Angal

She was appointed interim superintendent by the school board on June 11, 2014, after the board placed then superintendent Shawn Wiencek on administrative leave. Wiencek was subsequently terminated by the board and Angal was offered a two-year contract on Sept. 10, 2014.

Angal has been with the district since 2009, when she was chosen to be its special education director. She held that job for five years before being offered the superintendent position.

"My biggest challenge was learning all the unknown parts of the job," Angal said. "When you go for your superintendent's credentials, they teach you about budgets and about human resources. But one of the biggest challenges is the political part."

Angal, 65, was planning on retiring at the end of the 2014-15 school year, before she received the superintendent offer.

"I feel like I have had wonderful support from the staff, the administrative team and from the school board," Angal said. "I was ready to retire before they offered me this position. I'm so glad I didn't. I'm struggling with leaving because I've loved it so and I feel like we are in such a good place."

"I feel like our district is more or less united in purpose, from the educational assistant and support staff all the way to the school board. That's not typical. The district has a strong school board right now that uniformly supports the administration and the teaching staff," she added.

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# Moment of glory

Local filmmaker launches campaign to fund new film series

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Sean Sisson is a local artist and filmmaker who is working to "place Florence on the map" of the film world. His most recent project involves expanding his 3-minute award-winning short film "Glorious" into an episode in a new film noir series. "Glorious" first premiered on

screen at the Eugene Film Society's third annual 72 Hour Horror Film Competition last October. When the film won second place in the juried competition and first place in the audience vote, Sisson had to decide what to do next. "I just wanted to tell the story," Sisson said. Winning the Eugene film competition will allow him to enter an expanded version of "Glorious" into

a future competition. "I thought it would be kind of a waste to just make a 15-minute piece," Sisson said. "If I'm going to go through that effort, I really want to do it right." Sisson decided to not only create one 15-minute film, but to develop a seven-episode series called "The Fabulist's 7."

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Sean Sisson began a fundraising campaign last week at City Lights Cinemas to expand his award-winning short film "Glorious" into a series featuring the Florence area.