

GENERAL NEWS

PeaceHealth seeks Patient Advisory Council members

The local Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is still looking for community members who have the time and desire to work with staff at the PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center to assure a patient- and family-friendly hospital experience.

The informational meeting held March 10 resulted in recruiting up to six retired members of the Florence community. What the PFAC lacks at this time are the younger members of the community.

It is critical that the PFAC have young adults, age 18 through middle-aged, who can address health care experi-

ences from their vantage point.

That includes young families with newborns and those with teenagers or older children. Those are important voices and the PFAC needs them on board.

The next PFAC meeting will be Thursday, April 14, at the PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center conference room C, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center CEO Rick Yecny will be the special guest and speaker.

To request attendance or more information, call Janis Finley at 541-902-6074 or Bob Horney at 541-997-6626.

Appreciating our library



CHANTELLE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

Supporters of Siuslaw Public Library attended Florence City Council's meeting on Monday night to hear Mayor Joe Henry proclaim next week, April 10 to 16, National Library Week. "I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you, libraries transform," Henry said. Library Director Meg Spencer accepted the award.

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IRS phone scams continue to be serious threat

Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service announced recently.

The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams, including in the Florence area, as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. Taxpayers are reminded to guard against all sorts of con games that arise during any filing season.

"Taxpayers across the nation face a deluge of these aggressive phone scams. Don't be fooled by callers pretending to be from the IRS in an attempt to steal your money," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "We continue to say, 'If you are surprised to be hearing from us, then you're not hearing from us.'"

"There are many variations. The caller may threaten you with arrest or court action to trick you into making a payment," Koskinen added. "Some schemes may say you're entitled to a huge refund. These all add up to trouble. Some simple tips can help protect you."

Many of these con games peak during filing season as people prepare their tax returns or hire someone to do so.

Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via a phishing email.

Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:
- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the call. Use its "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page or call 800-366-4484.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:

- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you.

Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just at tax time.

For more information, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov.

Scholarship awarded to SHS senior

Truth In Recruiting, a program of Community Alliance of Lane County, has announced the Siuslaw High School winner of a \$500 Peace Scholarship.

The 2016 winner is Holly Hicks, who will receive the award at the May 26 award night at the high school.

These Peace Scholarships are supported by donations from individuals and organizations in Western Lane County and from Community Alliance of Lane County, as a way to promote alternatives to military enlistment and support youth who have a commitment to peace and social justice.

For more information, contact Carol Van Houten at 541-485-1755, or email her at ckvanhouten@comcast.net, or visit www.calclane.org.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

APRIL 8 - 14	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14
BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE PG-13 151 MIN - Final Week	12:30 PM 6:00 PM	12:30 PM 6:00 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM
BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF... 3D PG-13 151 MIN - Super Hero	3:30 PM 9:00 PM	3:30 PM 9:00 PM	3:40 PM	3:40 PM	3:40 PM	3:40 PM	3:40 PM
HELLO, MY NAME IS DORIS R 95 MIN - Comedy/Drama When Doris Miller (Sally Field) meets John Fremont (Max Greenfield), her company's hip new art director, sparks fly—at least for Doris. "As the goofily endearing Doris, Field is perfect. She makes this movie work."	12:50 PM 3:10 PM 5:40 PM 8:00 PM	11:00 AM 1:45 PM 4:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:30 PM	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM	3:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM	1:00 PM 3:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM	1:00 PM 3:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM	1:00 PM 3:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2 PG-13 94 MIN - Comedy Features all original cast members. "A sequel...as rich, syrupy, sweet and satisfying as a tray of homemade baklava." Chicago Sun-Times	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 5:50 PM 8:10 PM	11:10 AM 1:20 PM 3:30 PM 5:40 PM 7:50 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 5:30 PM 7:40 PM
THE BOSS R 99 MIN - Comedy Melissa McCarthy headlines as a titan of industry who is sent to prison after she's caught for insider trading. When she emerges ready to rebrand herself as America's latest sweetheart, not everyone is so quick to forgive and forget.	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:40 PM 3:15 PM 6:50 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 5:40 PM 7:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 5:40 PM 7:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 5:40 PM 7:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 5:40 PM 7:55 PM
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student							
BOLSHOI BALLET: TAMING OF THE SHREW NR 125 MIN "Fresh, gorgeous choreography, innovative staging, pitch-perfect sets and costumes, a great score, a narrative with genuine comedy and wit, and best of all two ferocious, flawless performances from its leads."	Performing Arts Prices	11:00 AM					
BBC: MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (1971) 120 MIN FREE! Celebrating 400 Years of the Bard. Made in 1971 with an all-star cast including Lynn Redgrave, Edward Fox, Robert Stephens, Ronnie Barker and Michael Gambon	Admission Is FREE			12:30 PM			

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