

GENERAL NEWS

Siuslaw schools perform Choir Palooza at FEC

Siuslaw Choir Palooza will hit the Florence Events Center stage on Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Siuslaw middle and high school choir students are getting ready for the big show, which will feature all the choirs in a performance.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations to the choir fund for concert expenses will be accepted.

Siuslaw middle and high schools choir director Debra Young will lead the students in fun "palooza" songs.

Come out and hear the district's talented students sing from their hearts.



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Hannah Rasmussen, Elizabeth Norton (back row), Cameron Kentta (middle), Sabrina Marsh and Jasmine Vasquez (front)

Museum director receives special recognition

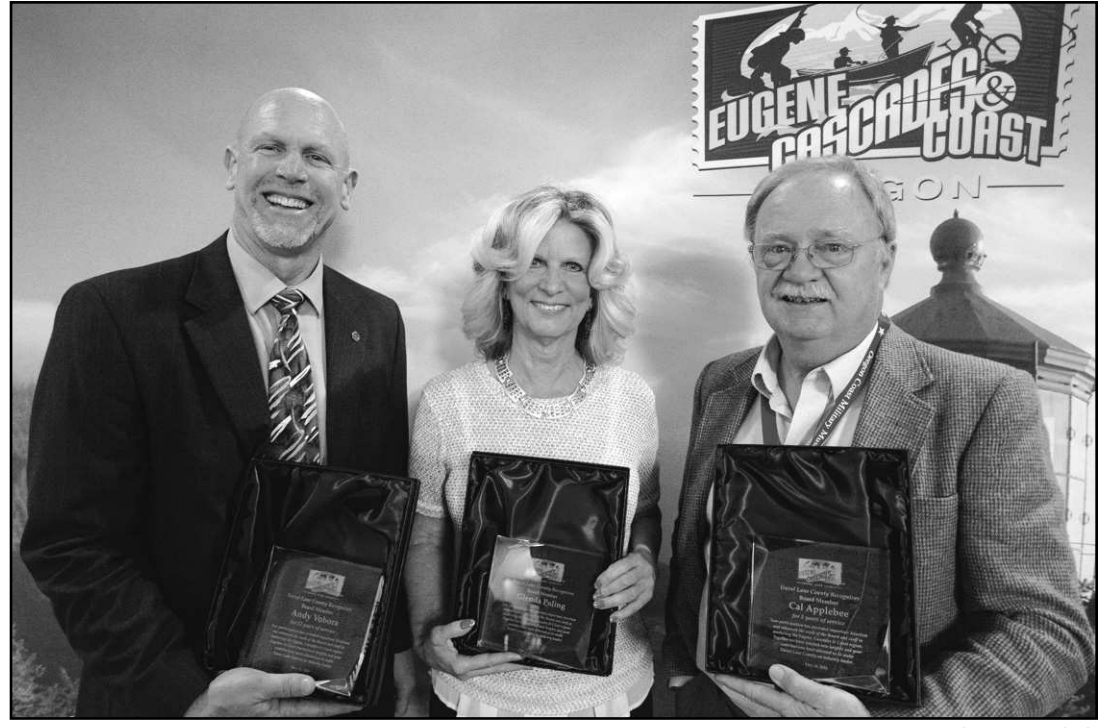
Florence resident Cal Applebee was one of three past board members of Travel Lane County recognized for their past service at the organization's 2016 Visitor Industry Celebration luncheon held May 6.

Past board members Andy Vobora and Glenda Polling were also recognized for their service in "...providing important direction and enhanced the work of the board and staff in marketing the Eugene, Cascades and coast region."

Applebee served on the board of the regional destination marketing organization while he served as executive director of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, from which he retired at the end of February.

Applebee was named executive director of the Oregon Coast Military Museum effective May 1,

"This is precisely why we wanted to bring Cal on as our executive director," said Museum Board president Wayne Sharpe. "He is well known in the tourism industry and will bring focus and expo-



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From left: Andy Vobora, Glenda Polling and Cal Applebee

sure to our museum. He has already hit the streets with our new rack cards at various locations within the county and the coast and has begun a new strategic planning process for where we want to go in the future."

Applebee said, "There are a

lot of things we need to accomplish as we approach our first anniversary. Folks can watch our website for ways to participate in our strategic planning as we value their input.

"And we're always looking for volunteers to man the museum as well," Applebee

added.

The museum is located at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, and is open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

Working toward 'A Greener Florence'

City awards Lofy Construction, Florence Food Share, others with annual award

By CHANTELE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Florence City Council and the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) selected four applicants for this year's Greener Florence certificates. Of the four, Lofy Construction and Florence Food Share will each receive an inscription on the Greener Florence plaques.

Planning Director Wendy Farley-Campbell presented EMAC's recommendation for the awards at the city council meeting May 16. Mayor Joe Henry handed out the awards.

"This is the sixth year of the Greener Florence Award Program, which likes to recognize business and community service organizations for their efforts in making Florence a greener community," Farley-Campbell said.

City Councilor Susy Lacer said, "Great job everyone!"

EMAC created "A Greener Florence" in April 2010 to learn about and recognize the efforts taken by Florence-area businesses and organizations to reduce their impact on the environment.

The Greener Florence Awards apply to both businesses and organizations that reduce the amount of waste going into the waste stream; reuse or contribute to the reuse of materials; recycle materials; compost waste material; performs community education; and contribute to the environment in other ways.

Florence received one business nomination, Lofy Construction, and three community organization nomi-

nations: Florence Food Share, Florence Area Humane Society Thrift Store and the Siuslaw Genealogical Society.

All the nominees were awarded Greener Florence certificates.

"A perpetual plaque recognizes the best overall applications," said the city council's packet.

Lofy Construction's name will go on the Greener Florence Business Award and Florence Food Share will receive an inscription on the Greener Florence Community Service Award.

Both plaques will be on display at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101.

"The business reduces impact on the stormwater system by sweeping driveways," Farley-Campbell said of Lofy Construction. "They are also committed to not using any chemicals in their cleaning processes and pressure washing."

Darryl Detar, who applied for Lofy Construction, said, "On all remodels we remove items that can be reused and bring them to places such as Habitat for Humanity or the humane society for resale."

The company also reuses lumber whenever possible,

recycles cardboard and concrete debris and sends vegetation debris to Sand Ranch for composting.

Florence Food Share composts food, recycles many materials and has switched to more sustainable systems.

"They have composted over 100 pounds of food waste per month, which is quite a bit, and do water conservation through a system of drip irrigation and a water catchment system for rainwater," Farley-Campbell said.

Florence Food Share has also created partnerships with Fred Meyer, Safeway and Grocery Outlet to create the Fresh Alliance Program to utilize products at or past the "sell by" or "best by" date, a process that allows consumable goods to be distributed and not go to waste.

The Siuslaw Genealogical Society has a recycle program that collects small electronic equipment at various locations and events around town. These items are sent to sustainable resource nonprofits.

The Oregon Coast Humane Society, formerly Florence Area Humane Society, Thrift Store recycles containers and keeps donated items out of the landfill.

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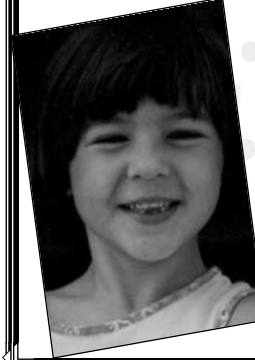
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