

## Port announces contest to name floating commode

The Port of Siuslaw will hold a competition to name its new floating restroom.

The new vessel was delivered to the port at the beginning of May.

It will go into the water the week of July 5. It will stay in use through the fishing season and come out of the water after Labor Day.

The vessel is 24 feet long, 11.5 feet wide and has a 1,000 gallon holding capacity.

Two pilings were driven to hold the vessel in place. There are 25 of these boats in Oregon.

The vessel is supplied by a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board.

The naming contest is open to any person 18 years of age or older. To submit an entry, email or call the port with your suggested name, your name and your phone

number.

Entries need to be suitable for a public facility. There is no limit to the number of times a person may enter.

Rude, graphic or otherwise inappropriate names will not be considered.

Port staff and commissioners may enter, but are ineligible for the prize.

Spouse's names, even if appropriate, are not recommended.

The winner will be picked and announced on July 4, by Port Commission President Ron Caputo.

The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift certificate to ICM restaurant.

Suggested names can be emailed to port@portofsiuslaw.com, or by calling 541 997 3040.

For more information, contact Steven Leskin at 541-997-3246.

## Oregon Dunes DAR installs new board members

Oregon Dunes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) installed officers for the 2016-2018 term on May 27.

New officers are: Erica Westphal, Regent; Ruth Blattner, Vice Regent; Jo Hine, secretary; Merilee Mulvey, treasurer; Jacquie Beveridge, chaplain; Karen Childs, Registrar; Sharon Waite, historian and Mary Gill, librarian.

These new officers assumed the duties of their offices after the installation ceremony conducted by State Regent Cynthia Parnell from Gleneden Beach, Ore.

Though this chapter is only eight years old, Daughters of the American Revolution is celebrating 125 years at this year's Continental Congress in Washington, DC.

The first chapter in Oregon was organized in Portland in 1896.

Oregon Dunes chapter supports the Oregon Coast Military Museum and facilitated the grant for the Remembrance Garden.

Members support the local



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The newest members of the DAR board are sworn in during the May 27 meeting.

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River and participate in local events, such as the annual Constitution Week Display in September; Veterans Day Parade; Flag Retirement Ceremony; and the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony.

This month, the chapter was delighted to present its fourth

scholarship to a local student who is pursuing a biology degree at the University of Oregon.

In support of the Guinness World Record attempt to send the most letters to military personnel collected in one month, Florence elementary school and sixth-grade students sub-

mitted more than 300 letters in May.

Women interested in the DAR can contact Karen Childs at 541-997-7154, to attend a meeting as a guest.

To learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit the national website at www.dar.org.

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## Hoagland Properties nabs more TripAdvisor awards

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel website, announced that Florence's River House Inn and Old Town Inn each received a TripAdvisor "Certificate of Excellence."

This makes five in a row for The Old Town Inn and six for The River House Inn.

The Certificate of Excellence honors hospitality businesses that have consistently received strong praise and ratings from travelers.

This recognition helps travelers identify and book properties that regularly deliver great service. The award accounts for the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travelers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period.

To qualify, both local inns had to maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, meet a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

"The quality and quantity of



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The River House Inn along the Siuslaw River in Old Town Florence

our reviews demonstrates the commitment of our staff and management to offer a sparkling clean, exquisitely maintained property with a friendly and helpful staff who are knowledgeable about all the fun things to do in and around Florence," said Craig Sanders, Hoagland Properties president. "Attention to detail and the dedicated work

of an enthusiastic housekeeping staff make the difference."

TripAdvisor lets travelers post photos, comments and ratings about their experiences. Typical customer comments about The River House Inn and The Old Town Inn include: "A gem on the Oregon Coast," "immaculate rooms," "best stay and value in Florence," "fantastic rooms in great location" and "wonderful, clean, economical and outstanding."

"We have the best guests in world," said Sanders. "They're here to have a good time, and our staff do everything they can

to work as much fun into their stay as possible.

"For example, they'll print maps, menus and tide charts; make restaurant reservations; coordinate dune buggy, horseback, airplane rides or organize golf foursomes."

"The staff holds competitions for cleanest rooms, quickest turn-arounds, and is rewarded for positive comment cards," Sanders added.

For more information on the two inns, visit [www.old-town-inn.com](http://www.old-town-inn.com) or [www.riverhouseflorence.com](http://www.riverhouseflorence.com).

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