

OPB, FRAA celebrate new art installation



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Members of Oregon Pacific Bank (OPB) and Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) presents a check to artist Colleen Goodwin-Chronister (fifth from left) after the installation of her art at OPB.

Oregon Pacific Bank (OPB), in collaboration with the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), is thrilled to announce the installation of "Positively Florence" by Colleen Goodwin-Chronister in the bank's Florence branch at 1355 Highway 101.

The triptych painted on canvas depicts three scenes of Florence's Historic Old Town and has been purchased by the bank as a permanent installation.

Goodwin-Chronister is a local Florence artist who specializes in contemporary realism with highly detailed oil paintings. She has earned prestigious awards in juried shows throughout the country and is equally at ease creating paint-

ings in her studio as well as large-scale exterior murals.

This project was the result of a "Call to Artists" facilitated by FRAA in partnership with OPB back in May of this year. The judges from FRAA selected the finalists from all entries submitted and representatives from OPB decided the overall winner.

The chosen work was completed and installed on the Aug. 8 deadline.

"Working in partnership with FRAA was fantastic," says Ellen Huntingdon, Marketing Coordinator at Oregon Pacific Bank, who originally contacted FRAA and oversaw the project. "The entire process from start to finish was well organized and

extremely professional.

"I would highly recommend contacting FRAA for assistance if there is any interest in adding quality local artwork to your place of business."

Huntingdon also said she was very impressed with Goodwin-Chronister, who was able to "...perfectly render the exact design from her submitted proposal on a large scale in a timely and professional manner," Huntingdon says. "We are already hearing positive feedback from clients and staff, and

are thrilled to own such a beautiful and unique piece of work."

The community is invited to stop by Oregon Pacific Bank's Florence branch any time to view the artwork.

The branch is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Contact Oregon Pacific Bank at 541-997-7121 or the Florence Regional Arts Alliance at 541-997-4435 for more information.

New applicants being accepted for LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded utility assistance program designed to help low income households deal with increase heating costs that come during the winter months.

Some LIHEAP funds were not spent this past season.

Therefore, Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) is accepting new applicants for the program until Aug. 31.

Those who have not received LIHEAP funds since Nov. 1, 2015, are eligible to apply.

For more information, contact SOS at 541-997-2816.

ODOT summer road construction continues

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues several road projects on highways in western Lane County. To view road conditions before a trip, go to www.tripcheck.com.

ODOT is paving the 17 miles from Cooks Chasm to Sutton Creek on Highway 101, mileposts 167 to 184. Crews are also adjusting and replacing guardrails. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and pilot car and daytime delays of up to 20 minutes are expected. The job is scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

The Siuslaw River Bridge Cathodic Protection Project continues, mileposts 190 to 191 on Highway 101. ODOT crews are making repairs to the existing concrete and reinforcement, giving a new protective coating to the bridge, adding seismic restraints,

replacing the rail and improving pedestrian access. This project will be completed in March 2019.

Single lane closures will be used for materials transfers, bridge rail and other roadwork on the approaches to the bridge. Delays may be up to 20 minutes but will normally be five minutes or less. The job is to be completed by the end of March 2019.

On Highway 126, ODOT is replacing a bridge membrane just west of Veneta. The project, from Torrence Road to Cornerstone Drive, mileposts 40 to 47, will include seven miles of paving, adjusting guardrails and bridgework. This will mostly be done with nightwork Sundays through Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., with intermittent lane closures. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2016.

Siuslaw School District announces 2016-17 registration for students

Siuslaw School District has announced registration days and first-day information for students attending the 2016-17 school year.

• Siuslaw Elementary School Registration: All Grades, Aug. 16-18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Siuslaw Middle School Registration: All Grades, Aug. 17-19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Aug. 22-26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Siuslaw High School Registration: All Grades, Aug. 17-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Note: These two days are also photo and locker assignment days.

First day of school for all grades is Sept. 7, except for Kindergarten, (Sept. 12) and seventh and eighth grade, (Sept. 8).

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