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Resolutions and wishes for the coming year

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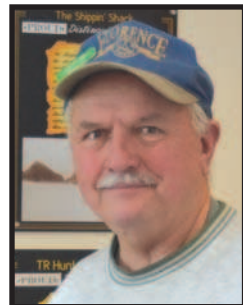
Erin Reynolds Florence City Manager

“My wish for the New Year is that 2017 may be a year full of life lived intentionally giving priority to my God, family, friends and work as city manager. I will be committed to running the best city operation possible so that Florence continues to be the wonderful community that we call home; spending quality time with family and friends; exercising more; spending time outside enjoying God’s creation and reading a few good books along the way.”



Joe Henry Florence Mayor

“My hope for 2017 is to maintain our focus on the action items still in progress from our 2016 work plan while looking ahead to the new challenges and opportunities for growth in our community. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous New Year.”



Mike Chapman Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer

“I really try to look at myself and see how I can improve. Can I be more helpful to others? Have I treated my friends and neighbors in the way I would like to be treated? How can I make a difference in the lives of the people closest to me? Those are the things I try to focus on as I move into the New Year. I think if everyone did that we would be a lot better off.”



Steven Leskin Port of Siuslaw General Manager

“I don’t pray for world peace. I pray for inner peace, the peace that comes from knowing I have lived consistent with my values, that I have worked hard and that I have done my best in all things. I pray for the inner peace which comes from forgiveness. I pray for the peace that accompanies acceptance. I pray for the peace which comes from my relationships, and making my amends when I am wrong. I pray for the inner peace which comes when I embrace people and ideas which are different from me. I hope through these things that I can make the world and my community a little better place.”



Matt House Western Lane Operations Manager

“My aspirations and promise to the district residents is that we continue to provide the highest quality medical care and to fulfill our mission statement every day of the year. Wishing everyone a very happy and safe year ahead.”

SIUSLAW RIVER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



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Siuslaw River Bridge repairs will continue into 2019. Construction crews are currently working on Span No. 8 of the bridge, making use of a barge as a staging area.



Oregon Department of Transportation reduces construction days for next week

Siuslaw River Bridge is currently undergoing two upgrades: zinc impress cathodic protection and earthquake retrofitting that will extend its life expectancy for decades into the future. The bridge is also being made handicap accessible.

The four-year project, scheduled for completion sometime in 2019, has run into delays caused by steel that was discovered in the bridge’s concrete spans.

Oregon Department of Transportation representative Angela Beers-Seydel said, “The project is moving much more slowly than

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Venus visible at dusk in Florence

Bright light on horizon is planetary visitor

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Siuslaw News received reports this week from readers detailing a sighting of an unusual lighted object visible in the area of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw on the Siuslaw River.

According to Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Shawn Marshall, the planet Venus is the culprit.

“We received two calls last night about this and we walked outside and checked it out and it’s the planet Venus. At this time of year and with these atmospheric conditions it creates just the right conditions for Venus to be visible at our location,” Marshall said Thursday.

The website EarthSky states that Venus will be particularly bright and visible this month for an hour or two after sunset, depending on the viewer’s location, and Jupiter will be unusually visible an hour or so before sunrise for the next month.

Historic 1930s movie posters resurface in Florence

Disney’s “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” most notable among find

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What started out as a routine remodel turned into an unexpected history lesson for local realtor Pat Sapp.

“We have been renovating a property on Harbor Street,” she said. “It’s a major remodel, and our contractor was working on an interior wall and came across some posters in the wall that had apparently been used as insulation.”

The posters were from various films released in 1937 and 1938 and from a traveling vaudeville show performing at the “new” Florence theater.



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Various promotional posters from the 1930s were recently found during a remodel of a home on Harbor Street.

Perhaps the most interesting of the posters is from the Disney film, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.”

Originally released in 1938, Snow White has remained one of the most respected and honored films ever released. The film is the first full-length animated feature created by Disney or any one else. The American Film Institute has ranked “Snow White” as the greatest American animated film of all time in addition to being declared one of America’s 100 greatest films.

Sapp contacted City Lights Cinemas owner Michael Falter, who expressed

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