

# GENERAL NEWS

## Bridge construction to continue overnight this week

Oregon Department of Transportation gives an update to the Siuslaw River Bridge Cathodic Protection Project work schedule for this week.

Crews will be working on the bridge from 4 p.m. until 3 a.m. beginning Jan. 3, through Friday, Jan. 6, at 3 a.m.

• Zinc application work will continue on Span 8 of the bridge between 4 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sand blasting will be done on Span 9 (North Arch) between 4:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. This work is done in the containment structure and is likely to be noisy. It is possible crews will be working in the water during this shift. Depending on how things progress, sand blasting may be done on Friday during the day. The

4:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. work may continue next week, if needed.

• Expect lane closures beginning at 8 a.m. each day on the bridge for various work activities.

• Work on replacing the rails also continues on the south side of the bridge. The southeast side is mostly complete. Most of the southwest pieces have been set in place, but the epoxy and concrete work finishing cannot be done until the temperature is over 40 degrees. Corner pieces will be completed last.

ODOT Public Information Officer Angela Beers Seydel said, "Thank you for your comments and questions — please keep them coming."

For more information, call Beers Seydel at 541-726-2442.

## COLD RAMPING UP THIS WEEK



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A ramp leading to the Port of Siuslaw docks behind ICM restaurant was closed to the public due to icy conditions on Sunday. Freezing temperatures and the potential for snow will continue this week, with today and tomorrow expected to bring the coldest temperatures. The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter will be open most of the week. It is located at the Presbyterian Church, 3996 N. Highway 101, just south of Bi-Mart.

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**Florence Rotary Club's**  
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25. Rotary sponsors a table at "Bras for a Cause" with \$600 donation towards Soroptimists' women's causes
26. Rotary members purchase table seats at "Bras for a Cause" for \$400 to raise funds for Soroptimists' women's causes
27. Rotary hosts Alvaro Molina from Bolivia for Inbound Student Exchange at Siuslaw High School
28. Rotary Interact Club installs a water bottle filler at the high school as a water project that helps to reduce plastic bottle waste and make clean water available
29. Rotary donates \$195.00 to the Siuslaw Elementary School to purchase tulip bulbs to plant during "Red Ribbon Week" which is alcohol and drug awareness week
30. Rotary recognizes Mapleton Middle School student Jeffrey Ramsey and High School student Kyle Doran as Students of the Quarter
31. Rotary recognizes Siuslaw Middle School student Camryn Rose and High School Student Claire Waggoner as Students of the Quarter

For more information Call President, Pat Riley: 541-991-6371  
[www.theflorencerotary.org](http://www.theflorencerotary.org)

## Revenue Department to hold tax refunds until February

SALEM — Oregon Department of Revenue officials have announced that no personal income tax refunds for the 2016 tax year will be issued until after Feb. 15, 2017.

The refund hold will allow data-matching of amounts claimed on returns to what employers report on Forms W-2 and 1099.

"Data-matching reduces potential refund fraud, and fraud is a problem we want to tackle from every direction we can," said Ken Ross, manager

of Revenue's anti-fraud efforts. "The IRS, Oregon, and other states are taking similar measures to prevent potential fraud, capitalizing on the requirement that employers submit W-2 and 1099 information by Jan. 31."

Ross referred to the IRS' announcement earlier this year that taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit won't see their federal refunds until after Feb. 15.

Revenue stops millions of dollars in fraudulent refunds

each year: In 2015, anti-fraud efforts stopped \$6.9 million in fraudulent refunds claimed on almost 4,000 different returns.

Fraudsters are known to submit fraudulent returns early, trying to go unnoticed among the many early filers requesting legitimate refunds.

Among returns filed before Feb. 15, approximately 90 percent request a refund.

"No one wants to hold up a taxpayer's legitimate refund, and taxpayers have been pretty understanding of the need to

combat fraud," Ross said. "We take very seriously our responsibility to make sure tax dollars go to the legitimate owners and not to fraudsters."

Visit [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) to get forms, check the status of your refund or make payments, call 503-378-4988 (or 800-356-4222 toll-free) or email [questions.dor@oregon.gov](mailto:questions.dor@oregon.gov) for more information.

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## Free plants available to water side landowners

River, creek, and lakeside landowners are eligible to receive free native plants. Trees planted along streams help reduce erosion, keep water cool for fish, and absorb CO2 and other pollutants.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council will once again provide free native plants for waterside (riparian) planting in

the Siuslaw Basin and Coastal Lakes Area.

Call the SWC office to receive a brochure with information on each plant or visit [siuslaw.org](http://siuslaw.org) and click on the Native Plant Distribution link.

The Distribution date is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. so place your order soon.

To place an order or for more information, call 541-268-3044, or email [nativeplants@siuslaw.org](mailto:nativeplants@siuslaw.org).

This project is made possible through a grant from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund (USFS) and private individual donations.

**CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS**

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

JANUARY 6 - 12	FRI 6	SAT 7	SUN 8	MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11	THU 12
<b>MANCHESTER BY THE SEA</b> R 137 MIN - Drama - "A film of surpassing beauty and heart...brims with candid, earnest, indefatigable life." One of 2016's BEST FILMS	12:35 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:10 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	12:35 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:35 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:35 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:35 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM
<b>NOCTURNAL ANIMALS</b> R 116 MIN - Amy Adams   Jake Gyllenhaal "The movie has two splendid actors working at the top of their game, and more than enough refined dramatic excitement to draw awards-season audiences hungry for a movie that's intelligent and sensual at the same time." Variety	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:50 PM	1:15 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:50 PM	11:50 AM 3:00 PM 5:35 PM 8:20 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 5:35 PM 8:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:20 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 9:10 PM
<b>ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY</b> PG-13 133 MIN - "With the smashing Jones giving us a female warrior to rank with the great ones and a cast that knows how to keep it real even in a sci-fi fantasy, Rogue One proves itself a Star Wars story worth telling." Rolling Stone	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:00 PM 2:30 PM 5:40 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM
<b>SING</b> PG 110 MIN - Animated Musical "One of the most impressive aspects about "Sing" is just how well the entire cast can, well, sing."	12:45 PM 3:25 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM	10:50 AM 3:45 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	2:05 PM 4:30 PM 7:00 PM	3:25 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM	12:45 PM 3:25 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM	12:45 PM 3:25 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM	3:25 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices   Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student							
<b>ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: ANASTASIA</b> 180 MIN - Encore!		11:00 AM					
<b>CURIOUS WORLD OF HIERONYMUS BOSCH</b> 90 MIN - Encore!			12:00 PM				
<b>SINGIN' IN THE RAIN</b> G 103 MIN - Our tribute to Debbie Reynolds			3:00 PM				
<b>ROYAL OPERA: LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN</b> 210 MIN - Brilliant singers are a highlight of this revival of Offenbach's opera						6:00 PM	
<b>SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY</b> 94 MIN - Gorgeous photography and incredible true stories about saving Earth's biodiversity							1:00 PM 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 10
Rain	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain
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