



Director from 1A

familiarizing themselves with the various elements of the organization and the best way to utilize them for each client. "SOS is a multi-faceted non profit, mostly dealing with social services and those types of agencies, so one part of it is involved with domestic violence and sexual assault and another part is education," Mealer said. "We have classes in the high schools teaching students basic life skills, like how to maintain a checking account or how to go about renting a place to live."

Both Teeter and Mealer mentioned that SOS has been at the forefront of local efforts to combat domestic violence, forestall homelessness, empower women and assist the physically and mentally challenged.

And they both point out that SOS has a remarkable track record of perseverance and commitment.

It also has a verifiable record of success that is substantive and meaningful, especially to the thousands of people that its staff helps each year. According to both men, the person that is selected to lead SOS into the future has many areas of responsibility.

The person will have to organize and lead the staff and the volunteers that comprise the majority of the support team. He or she must be familiar with state and federal laws and regulations and the entities that support SOS's work and must be able to work with local leaders and affiliated agencies to accomplish much of the organization's mission.

It's quite a list of responsibilities and challenges that the new director must face and address on a regular basis, with little time for on the job training.

Individuals wishing to apply for the position of executive director of SOS can find the relevant information at www.florenceSOS.org.

Applications are due by Monday, Jan. 30.

Vets Memorial Wall gets new panel

The Veterans Memorial Park Commission (VMPC) is constructing an additional panel to the Veterans Memorial Wall, located in the Veterans Memorial Park on west Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence.

The additional panel will be the same height and width as Panel A. This new panel will allow the VMPC to place an additional 253 memorial paver bricks to the Veterans Memorial Wall complex.

A paver brick, honoring a veteran only, can be obtained with a donation of \$75 per brick. A submitted inscription for a brick can consist of no more than three (3) lines with a maximum of 20 characters and spaces on each line.

Inscriptions must pertain to the veteran being honored and must follow the format as used on the paver bricks of the previous panels.

Due to limited space, word abbreviations must be used whenever possible. All wording, etc. on a paver brick will be finalized by the VMPC. All paver bricks for the new panel must be requested prior to the VMPC placing any paver brick on the new Wall panel.

Forms will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office, located on Highway

101, and must be returned to the VMPC via the U.S. Postal Service.

Send applications to: VMPC, P.O. Box 1093, Florence, OR, 97439.

Application turn-ins to the Chamber office or to an individual will not be accepted.

Payment must be by check or money order only, and must be included with the submitted application and made payable to "Veterans Memorial Park Commission" or to "VMPC."

Applications must include a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, or orders showing proof of military service.

The veteran must have served honorably or be serving on active duty. Only the first 253 applications received will be accepted.

Applications received after this total has been reached, will be returned to sender.

Due to Pacific Northwest weather conditions, the VMPC expects completion



The Veterans Memorial Wall on Bay Street draws veterans and community members together.

of the new panel sometime in late Spring or mid-Summer of 2017.

An announcement will be made at the time.

In addition, individuals or businesses wishing to purchase a donor tile in the flagpole area may still do so. Tiles are available for a donation of \$500 each. These tiles are not for honoring individual veterans but for paying respects to military groups, units within the different service branches, etc.

See samples already in place at the flagpole area for guidance.



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Snow from 1A

No extensive power outages were reported.

A weather advisory for Lane County calls for an ice storm this weekend that could be as bad as the one that hit the Eugene area in December.

Florence area temperatures are predicted to remain above freezing, but travelers should use caution traveling east from Florence.

Higher elevations could be more severely impacted.

Prepare from 1A

to protect your property and vehicles

- Be ready to help neighbors clear their driveways from downed trees and limbs
- Stay away from downed power lines; do not drive over or around them
- Plan ahead of time where you and your pets can stay in the event of a long-term power outage or other reason to leave your home
- Please check on elderly, disabled and families with young children who may need a helping hand.
- Consider the weather when planning travel routes; staying off the roads helps to keep clean-up crews safe and efficient while keeping you safe, too.

Bleachers from 1A

will go where, which plumbing and siding needs to be replaced and which parts of the roof most need to be replaced," O'Mara said. "And we are working closely with our construction manager, general contractor and our architectural firm to make these decisions in a timely manner."

O'Mara is enthusiastic about the changes.

As the work progresses, she and the committee also want to make the best use of the materials that are being removed and upgraded.

"We recycled all the metal in the old bleachers and we did keep the old bleacher wood," she said. "We are planning on incorporating some of it into the school as well as offering some for sale. There are a lot of alumni interested in the bleacher wood."

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