

Mayor Henry to speak at next City Club meeting

On Friday, Feb. 3, the City Club of Florence will hold its regular meeting, with Florence Mayor Joe Henry giving a city update titled: "The Year in Review and the Year to Come."

Henry was recently sworn in for his second term as Mayor of the City of Florence.

During his first term in office, he was able to lead the city in building a foundation for a change in leadership and cul-

ture, allowing Florence to form a "can-do" attitude that has permeated through the organization.

The talk will discuss how these changes came about, and what is next in keeping the city moving forward.

City Club meets at the Ocean Dunes Golf Links Club House, off Munsel Lake Road.

Lunch orders are taken after 11 a.m. and served from 11:30 to noon.

The program will be from noon to 1 p.m., with an optional Q&A for the last 10 minutes.

Pre-Super Bowl Bingo Bash to benefit Project Graduation

Tickets are on sale and going quickly for the 2017 Project Graduation's "Pre-Super Bowl Bingo Bash" event, which will be held this Saturday at Three Rivers Casino Event Center on the night before the Super Bowl.

Project Graduation has gathered more than \$5,000 worth of prizes including a week at Las Vegas, an Apple watch, Beaver tickets, a shopping spree, a Sun River Getaway, golf membership, dinner gift certificates from

local restaurants, spa packages, Doggie Day Care packages, Fit Bits and much more. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include two bingo cards good for 15 games.

Dinner platters hosted and donated by Hole in the Wall BBQ Restaurant will be available for \$5.

Tickets are on sale at the casino cage at Three Rivers or by calling Michelle Rose at 541-999-0401.

All ages are welcome.

TUNING UP



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

New members of the Community Choir were welcomed to the first rehearsal of the season on Jan. 23 at the Cross Roads Church at 1380 10th Street. The Choir is open to anyone who likes to sing. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and anyone interested in finding out more information is invited to attend the next rehearsal.

Nicaragua, county roads, more on today's 'Our Town'

A local family's odyssey to provide physical and spiritual assistance to residents of Nicaragua will highlight the Feb. 1 and 2 editions of KCST Coast Radio's "Our Town," the monthly audio news magazine about and for the Florence area.

Dustin and Angie Herring returned from a trip to Nicaragua last spring and said they felt empty when they walked into their home. They had just spent four weeks

working with people in that country who often didn't have clean water.

They and their four children spent an exhilarating month helping out and they wanted to experience more of that.

So, after several weeks of thought and prayer, they decided to sell their home and most of their belongings, and pack up Nolan, Ryder, Parker and Brielle to move back permanently.

The result is a nonprofit organization called Water and Life International.

The Herrings will talk about that on Our Town.

Other conversations during the broadcast will include one with Steve Templin, an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) project manager.

He'll talk about the progress of a four-year project to replace the railings on the Highway 101 bridge over the Siuslaw River and install a special anti-corrosion coating to the structure.

Another Highway 101-related project is the Florence Revision program currently championed by the Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA). Joshua Greene is a Florence City Councilor and the current chair of FURA. He'll give Our Town an update on a projected facelift for what may be a state highway through the middle of Florence, which also happens to be the main street of our community.

Jennifer Bitterman is the Public Affairs manager for a company called Livanta, which has embarked on a project with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help improve the quality of care for Medicare patients. She'll talk about how seniors can get assistance in making care decisions.

Ron Green, president and

CEO of Oregon Pacific Bank, will talk about efforts to establish a scholarship in the name of Marteen Wick that will be presented annually to the Florence Future First Citizen.

Wick, a longtime area resident, was on the board of directors for OPB. She passed away last year after a lengthy, chronic illness and friends raised \$2,500 to present to last year's Future First Citizen.

They've also raised more than \$10,000 towards an endowment to ensure the continued award, but need about \$50,000 more.

One other segment on Our Town this month features a South African Geologist. Chris Landau has been using the technique of dowsing to find geologic fractures beneath the surface in order to help find water.

Landau says he doesn't guarantee you'll find water using his methods; only that you'll be able to locate the right geologic circumstances that will likely provide it.

He teaches classes on the subject.

Our Town airs each month on the first Wednesday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. on KCST, FM 106.9.

It then reairs the next morning from 10 a.m. to noon on KCFM, AM1250/FM 104/1.

The show is hosted and produced by Coast Radio News Director Bob Sneddon.

CROW 'Death by Dessert' fundraiser targets sweet tooth

On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Three Rivers Casino Resort Showroom, things are going to get sinfully sweet as local bakers, restaurants, caterers and purveyors of delicious treats vie for recognition and prizes at CROW's first annual "Death by Dessert" fundraiser.

Sweethearts and singles are both encouraged to tickle their tastebuds at this Valentine's Day weekend party. Guests will be invited to try samples of a large variety of decadently wonderful sweets and treats and then vote for their favorites, kick up their heels a bit to the Rat Pack stylings of "Buck and A Quarter Band" and participate in a fantastic Silent Auction and Wine Pull.

And, all of this will be happening while attendees are supporting a truly great cause — local youth in the arts.

Last year's CROW fundraiser was nearly sold out, so it is best to reserve your tickets early. Pre-sale tickets are \$22 each, or \$40 for a couple. At the door tickets are \$25 each, and \$45 for a couple, upon availability.

Tickets include a large variety of dessert samples including cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and "unique" desserts, live music, the opportunity to pull a fancy bottle of wine and to bid on the amazing baskets, prizes and desserts up for grabs.

The Death by Dessert theme goes hand-in-hand with CROW's production of "The Addams Family," a darkly comic musical.

To reserve your ticket for Death by Dessert or to get involved, visit crowkids.com or contact Melanie Heard at 541-999-8641 or crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com.

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