

# GENERAL NEWS

## Port seeks to fill three open Commissioner seats

The Port of Siuslaw announces there will be three Port Commissioner positions on the ballot for the May 16, 2017 Special District Election. The positions are available for the usual four-year term. Those terms will begin July 1, 2017, and end June 30, 2021.

Port of Siuslaw Commissioners are required to be registered voters who are residents of the port district. The district covers approximately 700 square miles of the Siuslaw River watershed, including the communities of Florence, Dunes City and Mapleton.

The watershed extends upriver to Walton, Lorane and Blachly.

The Port of Siuslaw is a special district, authorized in 1909 under Oregon law, ORS Chapter 777.

Persons interested in filing

to be on the ballot for any of the open Commission seats need to file with Lane County Elections no earlier than Feb. 6, and no later than 5 p.m. on March 16. The Candidate Manual and forms are available on the Oregon Secretary of State's website.

Interested candidates can file with Lane County Elections by either paying a \$10 fee or by circulating a petition to collect signatures and submitting signatures to the county for verification. The Lane County Election office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Questions regarding the position of Port Commissioner may be directed to the port office, 100 Harbor St., Florence, or call 541-997-3426 or port@portofsiuslaw.com.

## Annual VFW 'Voice of Democracy' banquet held

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States, Department of Oregon, held its annual "Voice of Democracy" banquet Jan. 28, at the Shiloh Inn Suites at the Portland Airport.

Attending were 13 district state winners of its audio/essay contest and more than 300 members of the VFW and Auxiliary, along with family members of the winners.

Honored guests included Past VFW National Commanders-in-Chief Richard Eubank and John Stroud; VFW Inspector General Harold J. Roesch; National 17th Auxiliary Council Member Mary Stroud; and the Patriot's Pen Essay contest state winner Maria L. Burns, sponsored by Post 1440, St. Helens.

Those attending the banquet included Florence Post 3232 officers, District 9 commander Dennis R. Marsh; District 9 Auxiliary President Debby Fawver, and Jennifer and Dan Waggoner, parents of district winner Claire Waggoner of Florence.

Masters of Ceremonies for the event were John and Valorie Wrinkle of Redmond, Department and Auxiliary Voice of Democracy chairpersons. The subject theme of this year's contest was "My Responsibility to America."

Preceding the event, the VFW provided the district winners with a tour of the OMSI facilities in Portland.

Mackyle "Mac" Little from District 10 was announced as the state winner and was awarded \$2,500 by the VFW Department of Oregon and Auxiliary for his efforts. He will also receive a free return



COURTESY PHOTO

Second place state winner Claire Waggoner (second from left) with Florence VFW Post 3232 officers (from left): Ken Smith, Tom Benedict, Bob Brown and Post Commander Paul Gargis after the VFW Voice of Democracy banquet.

flight and stay in Washington, D.C. when he competes in the VFW National finals for the \$30,000 first-place scholarship.

"Mac" will also automatically receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship from the National VFW just for being selected as the Oregon state winner.

Claire Waggoner, from District 9, took second place and was awarded \$1,600 by the VFW Department of Oregon and Auxiliary.

A senior at Siuslaw High School in Florence, and originally sponsored by Florence Post 3232, Waggoner represented VFW Posts from Reedsport, Florence, Waldport, Newport, Toledo and Siletz at the District 9 winner in the state level of competition.

The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay contest is an annual contest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary.

More than 40,000 students in grades 9 through 12 compete nationwide for education scholarships worth over \$2.1 million each year.

One lucky student in March, will win a scholarship worth \$30,000 that will be sent directly to his/her school of choice which can be a university, college, technical or trade school.

The theme for the 2017-2018 Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay contest is: "American History: Our Hope for the Future."

Students eligible for this contest must be U.S. citizens and in grades nine through 12

during the 2017-18 school year. Home-schooled students are also eligible and welcomed to compete.

Entries will be due Nov. 1, 2017 to the local Florence VFW Post.

Application forms for this contest will be available shortly.

Students who will be in grades six through eight next year will be able to compete in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest. Its theme for 2017-18 is "America's Gift to My Generation."

It also has a deadline of Nov. 1 to Post 3232.

—Submitted by Dennis Marsh, Cmdr, District 9, VFW

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### APPETIZER

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## City Lights to host film, discussion on 'fake news'

The terms "fake news" and "alternative facts" are relatively new to our vocabulary and express a lack of faith in both mainstream journalism and the unprecedented amount of information we now receive through countless media platforms.

Join Siuslaw News editor and award-winning columnist Ned Hickson and City Lights Cinemas education director Jared Anderson as they have a lively discussion about the issues of "fake news" and

"alternative facts" in relation to the classic film noir "Ace in the Hole," starring Kirk Douglas.

Made in 1951, Douglas plays a cynical, disgraced reporter who stops at nothing to try to regain a job at a major newspaper, eventually sacrificing his principles to manipulate a tragic situation into providing his "big story."

"You have to ask if the problems Douglas faces in the film are just as relevant — or maybe even more so — today," said Anderson. "We're going to explore that and other questions with Ned Hickson after

watching the film."

Hickson, who has been with Siuslaw News for 17 years as sports editor before being promoted to editor in September, said discussions like this on a local level with readers from the community that journalists serve are crucial in establishing the level of trust and communication intended by the First Amendment.

"Faith in journalism, especially on the national level, has been shaken in the wake of this past election — some of it intentional and divisive, and some of it as an unintended

consequence of today's need to get the story first outweighing the obligation to get it right.

"Democracy hinges on having informed citizens at every level. If we don't feel we can trust the information we're getting, it undermines our democracy as a whole."

The program will take place Sunday, Feb. 12, beginning at 3 p.m., at City Lights Cinemas, 1930, Highway 101, in the Griffith Theater.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, students and active military, or \$7 for children.

"Come see the film, participate in the discussion and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon," said Anderson.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 541-305-0014.



Ned Hickson

### CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

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

FEBRUARY 3 - 9	FRI 3	SAT 4	SUN 5	MON 6	TUE 7	WED 8	THU 9
<b>FIFTY SHADES DARKER - PREVIEW</b> R 115 MIN - The sexy sequel							7:10 PM 9:00 PM
<b>HIDDEN FIGURES - Best Picture Nominee</b> PG 127 MIN - FINAL WEEK "Watching Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe is pure pleasure...."	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM 9:20 PM	12:15 PM 3:10 PM 5:50 PM 8:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM
<b>LA LA LAND - 14 Academy Award Noms!</b> PG-13 126 MIN - "Audacious, retro, funny and heartfelt...the latest great musical for people who don't like musicals - and will slap a mile-wide smile across the most miserable of faces." Empire	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 5:40 PM 8:20 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	2:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM
<b>THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE - PREVIEW</b> PG 90 MIN - Bruce Wayne must not only deal with the criminals of Gotham City, but also the responsibility of raising a boy he adopted.							5:00 PM 8:40 PM
<b>THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE 3D</b>							6:30 PM
<b>LION - 6 Academy Award Noms!</b> PG-13 129 MIN - "A beautifully told, uplifting story of courage and determination." Chicago Sun-Times	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:05 PM 5:20 PM 8:05 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM
<b>MOONLIGHT - 8 Academy Award Noms!</b> R 110 MIN - A poetic masterpiece. "Ambitious in scope but precise in its execution, this deceptively small-scale character piece reverberates with compassion and insight."	1:00 PM 6:20 PM	2:05 PM 6:50 PM 9:15 PM	12:30 PM 5:50 PM	3:15 PM 8:00 PM	1:00 PM 9:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:20 PM	1:00 PM 6:20 PM
<b>MONSTER TRUCKS</b> PG 104 MIN - "Monster Trucks is a weird, wacky ride that's made better by its sense of good-natured, juvenile fun (for the most part)."	4:00 PM 9:00 PM	11:00 AM 4:30 PM	3:00 PM 8:15 PM	5:40 PM	3:40 PM	4:00 PM 9:00 PM	4:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student

<b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: NO MAN'S LAND</b> 150 MIN - Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart	ENCORE	11:00 AM					
<b>WAYNE'S WORLD 25TH ANNIVERSARY</b> PG-13 94 MIN	WITH	BONUS CONTENT			6:00 PM		

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 7	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10
Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain	Showers	Showers	Showers
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