

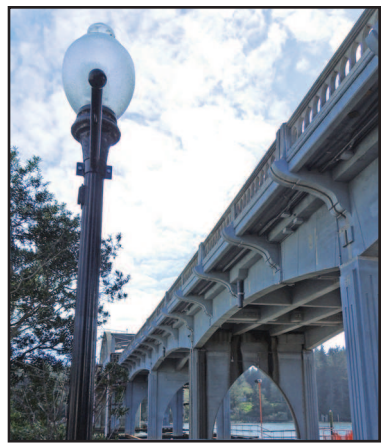
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DeFazio to hold town hall April 17

Meeting to begin at 11 a.m. at the Florence Events Center

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U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio will hold a town hall meeting at the Florence Events Center Monday, April 17, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DeFazio said, "Since the November election, I've received more calls, emails, and letters than ever before from Oregonians wanting to be engaged in the political process."

"Most people I'm hearing from have deep concerns about the actions of the Trump administration and the long-lasting impacts of the decisions being made."

DeFazio recently cosponsored bills to fund port dredging and to establish universal health-care.

On April 5, DeFazio and fellow U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) introduced H.R. 1908, the Investing in America: Unlocking the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act.

The bill, if passed, will provide more than \$18 billion over the next decade, a 29 percent increase in investment, and will enable the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge all federal commercial harbors to their constructed widths and depths.

The Port of Siuslaw has constantly struggled to receive adequate funds for dredging the five-mile stretch of the Siuslaw River, from the mouth to the Siuslaw River Bridge.

On March 29, DeFazio announced his support for H.R. 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, which would establish a privately delivered, publicly financed universal health care system.

Residents are encouraged to participate, ask questions and offer comments during the April 17 town hall.

"Hearing from you will ensure that we have a thorough community dialogue," DeFazio said.



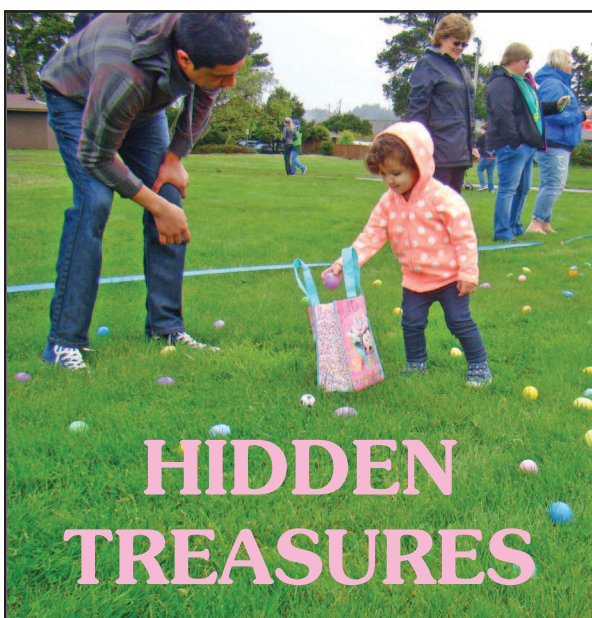
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JUMPSTART YOUR HEALTH

3-day Community Health Fair emphasizes healthy lifestyle changes



Florence's annual Community Health Fair returned this year with a new name: Jumpstart your Health, held April 7 to 9 at Florence Events Center. "We believe those who attend seeking a way to improve their health will find the jumpstart they need to make either the subtle or significant changes," said event coordinator Linda Lydick. The three-day event focused on healthy lifestyle choices while offering information, presentations from health professionals and a free, fresh and healthy lunch each day of the event. Topics included cardio-respiratory, dietary, mental, emotional and spiritual health, and Sunday featured a 5K fun run and walk. The annual fair is presented by the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church and underwritten by the Korando Dental Group.



HIDDEN TREASURES

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Club sponsors Easter Egg Hunt at Miller Park on Saturday

The annual Florence Community Easter Egg Hunt, featuring 4,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and special prizes, will be held Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. in the open area at Miller Park. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all children ages 1 to 10 years old. Siuslaw High School Interact Club, with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Florence, sponsors the event each year. The Interact Club has members from freshman to seniors participating in this free, fun, community event. Don't be late, as the Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. and participants usually find all the eggs quickly.

SOS decides on leadership for the future

Interim Director Bob Teeter has accepted the position on a permanent basis

BY MARK BRENNAN
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One of Florence's most active social service organizations has decided on the person that will lead it into the future.

Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS), 1576 12th St. in Florence, has named Interim Director Bob Teeter to the position on a permanent basis. Teeter has been the acting director since the beginning of the year and the retirement of his predecessor, David Weigan.

"I have been here for about seven years, so I feel comfortable with the responsibilities that go with the position," Teeter said. "Dave did a great job while he was here and I learned a lot working with him, so I feel that I can step right in



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Siuslaw Outreach Services' new director, Bob Teeter, worked at the organization as housing coordinator and interim director.

and continue to serve our clients moving forward."

The services provided by SOS are more extensive than community members may realize.

SOS assists not only women

and victims of domestic violence, but also veterans, families in transition, the homeless and the mentally challenged.

Teeter said the need for the support SOS provides is meaningful to the community.

"We are still collating numbers from 2016, but in 2015 we served more than 2,900 individuals, so obviously there is a need for our services," Teeter said.

Moreover, while the funding for this years programs has been secured, there is no guarantee that current levels of funding will continue in the future.

"There is always uncertainty with any transition. But the Trump Administration has proposed cutting off all funding to some of the programs that support our work," Teeter said. "One of the programs pays the salary of a staff member and that would dramatically impact our ability to serve our clients."

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