

Business from 1A

Dolin has been working with area partners along the coast, in Lane County and statewide to leverage resources. From Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN), South Coast Development Council (SCDC), Lane Workforce Partnership and many more organizations, he and the city are building connections to promote coastal economic sustainability and growth.

His connection to SCDC encouraged one Coos Bay business to choose Florence for its second

retail location.

Canard Labs, 175 Nopal St., is a new transplant for Old Town Florence, and the connection grew "organically," said Dolin.

Co-owner Clay Rasley runs the Florence location of Canard Labs while his wife Tanya produces handmade soaps, candles and other products at the main location in Coos Bay.

"We've been looking for a small town on the coast to expand our business," Rasley said. "We had our eyes on a few different coastal towns, and this one made sense geographically. Every time we came here, we loved it. We loved the food, we loved the shopping, we loved the area — trails, camp-

ing, all that stuff. It just made sense."

Dolin had spoken with SCDC Economic Development Specialist Shaun Gibbs about the vacant storefront on Nopal Street. When the Rasleys approached SCDC, everything clicked.

"We were so impressed with the time Jesse and Shaun took to show us around, not just the spot but the town. It just sealed everything for us. We knew it was the right place. We knew this was where we wanted to be," Rasley said.

The sentiment is echoed by another new business in Old Town, Manna, 1297 Bay St., which is a combination apothecary, jewelry store and studio for young couple Zak and Whitney Shelhamer.

"Beyond the charm of old town, the grand geographic appeal and the sweet artisan body, there is a warmth that resides here that is quite tangible and different from surrounding areas. The people that make up Florence are a kind and hospitable people," Whitney said.

She added that the community shows a high level of service that helped the couple establish their business and feel at home.

"Hospitality and excellence have always been foundational to our work," Shelhamer said. "Thus, Florence was the fit and home we felt called into."

For Dolin, creating opportunities for young people to return to the coast is one of his motivators in encouraging business.

"Florence really does care about this community," he said. "This is a unique town, where everyone does feel connected and wants to be a part of the city being as vibrant as possible. It is a place where a healthy business and a healthy lifestyle can go hand in hand."

The recent new and expanded businesses are one component. Continued and new partnerships are another.

Witte said, "Now, having worked with so many local contractors and seeing how much they cared to be involved and get this project done right, has made me feel a lot more part of the community. I'm happy and proud to be a member of the community."



PHOTO BY JESSE DOLIN
Maria and Klaus Witte show Gov. Kate Brown (right) the new Top Hydraulics facility during the governor's visit in March.

With economic development, each success leads on to more progress.

"You see construction going on around town. It's not just road construction, but buildings and things happening and new business. It's exciting, this momentum," Maria said.

For more information, visit ci.florence.or.us.

2017

SALUTE IN REMEMBRANCE

MEMORIAL WEEKEND IN REEDSPORT

Parade, War Memorial Service, 'Meet and Greet a Veteran', Veteran's Dinner, Patriotic Concert, and Cemetery Service

SUNDAY MAY 28TH

1:30 pm MEMORIAL PARADE

3:00 pm MEMORIAL CEREMONY Hahn Park War Memorial

4:00 pm VETERAN'S MEET & GREET Lobby of Pacific Auditorium

VETERAN'S DINNER Presbyterian Church next door

7:00 pm PATRIOTIC CONCERT Pacific Auditorium

★

Memorial Day
MONDAY
MAY 29TH

10:00 am

VFW & American Legion

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

at the Masonic Cemetery

HONOR OUR VETS

MAY 28TH & 29TH

Upgrades from 1A

also to those projects that can be undertaken with the additional funding.

"Now we have some additional funds so we can revisit some of the projects that we were wanting to do that became an alternate, or what we call a "value-added" item. So the bond steering committee will be getting together to see which of our value-added items we can now do," she said.

One of the projects that O'Mara hopes to see improved would be a major addition to the space that can be used for student instruction.

"Now the south wing of the building can be included in our

upgrades, so that building will be getting a new roof and it will be seismically sound," she said.

State Sen. Ted Ferrioli reiterated the importance of safe schools.

"Communities need to prepare by making sure schools have been seismically retrofitted so they won't 'pancake' during a large quake. These buildings must survive, not only to protect children, but so they'll be available to serve as emergency operations centers, field hospitals, rendezvous points for families and places where community response can be coordinated," Ferrioli stated.

While receiving the seismic grants from the state will allow for major infrastructure improvements, O'Mara is confident the

impact to students in the district will be minimal.

The original timeline for completion of the upgrades has been pushed back to allow for engineers to properly inspect the areas that are now slated for upgrades using the new funds provided by the state.

"Elementary construction will begin June 16 and will continue through the summer with a target date set for completion of Nov. 1. The high school construction will now be starting in December during Christmas break. This is due to the need for engineering studies to be done to determine the specifics of how the upgrade can best be accomplished," O'Mara said.

Election from 1A

Two seats being vacated on the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue board were won by Ned Hickson and Ron Green. Both received approximately 53 percent of the vote. Hickson's and Green's opponents, Crystal Farnsworth and Marvin Tipler, both received 47

percent of the vote.

Voters returned Mark Tilton, Susy Lacer and Michael Falter to their three seats on the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors.

Countywide, voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Lane County Jail and Youth Services Levy Renewal by a vote of 50,349 yes votes to 18,619 no.

Florence Police Chief Tom Turner said, "It is a great continuation of the effort we started in 2013 to keep enough (jail) beds open for a community our size."

"Any time we have a felon or circuit court case, we can house them at the county jail. It is nothing short of a godsend. Once they are housed there, they are out of this community and that is better for everyone. It is nice to have the alternative."

John Simington, Mizu Burruss and Marilyn Fox all ran unopposed and were elected to the Mapleton School District Board of Directors.

Kathy Gurlach and Diana Scoville were elected to the Mapleton Fire Department Board of Directors. Both ran unopposed.

Four unopposed candidates — Matt Grassauer, Herb Harry, Harold Duval and David Green — were elected to the Swisshome-Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

Unopposed Wade Williams was elected to the Mapleton Water District Commission.

According to the Lane County website, of the 246,368 registered voters in Lane County, only 62,246 ballots (25.26 percent) were recorded as of 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16.

From Baby to Graduate

(it seemed like just a few short years)

8th Grade, High School or College

~ Grad's Name ~

School: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parents: _____

Grandparents: _____

Coming Saturday, June 7th

"Baby to Graduate Review"

Deadline is Friday, June 2nd

Now is the time to reserve your graduates a spot in this special section just for them.

Just bring in or mail, with the coupon below, your graduate's favorite baby picture along with a current picture to be published side by side on June 7th.

What a special way to show off that graduate that you are so proud of!

Please attach a self-addressed envelope for picture return.

Enclose Check for

\$35.00

and mail to

"Baby to Graduate Review"

Siuslaw News

P.O. Box 10

Florence, OR 97439

Or stop by our office at 148 Maple St. in Old Town Florence

Grad's Name: _____

School: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parents: _____

Grandparents: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Now Open!

Northwest Reflections
memory care services

there's no place like home

5292 Harvard Avenue, Florence OR 97439

Tours Daily

For more information call:
541.997.5002

Or email:
melinda@nwreflections.com

- 🌲 Nurse Practitioner Owned and operated
- 🌲 Secured Environment
- 🌲 Resident Centered Medical Care

nwreflections.com

shoppe™

Keep it local.

BEST FOR HEARING

Get a **FREE** no-obligation **HEARING CONSULTATION & EVALUATION**

Expires 05/31/17

(541) 997-8866

2285 Highway 101 - Florence

Cross Road

Assembly of God

We invite you to join us for **Sunday Services, 9am and 11am.**

First time visitor coupon for a free espresso drink.

Corner of 10th & Maple
541-997-3533

Denture Services, Inc

OFFERING FREE Consultations

William Foster, LD

(541) 997-6054

524 Laurel Street - Florence

(coupon required)

J. Johnson Tree Service

Call Josh Johnson for a no cost estimate.

541-999-7989

CCB#155790

SHIPPIN' SHACK

SHRED UP TO 10 LBS - RECEIVE \$2 OFF

SHRED OVER 10 LBS - RECEIVE \$3 OFF

Expires 05-31-17

541-997-5888

625 Hwy. 101 • Florence

Swanson's Pest Management

Get Ready for Spring

FREE Inspections

Inspect-Correct-Protect

Sustained Pest Management solutions for your home and businesses.

541-997-4027 • 800-622-8993

www.swansonpm.com

CCB#79884

WALLY'S

Septic Tank Pumping

\$25.00 off Pumping or \$10.00 off a Service Call

Call Today to Schedule an appointment

Call 541-997-8885

Payment must be made at the time of service to receive discount. Excludes payment made with Credit Card. Coupon expires - May 31, 2017

Siuslaw News

+

shoppe™

Keep it local.

www.shoppelocal.biz