

## Dawson to speak at museum about local civic history

On Friday, Oct. 27, beginning at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, Rand Dawson will tell the story of how and why the "Retrospective on Community Action" came together during the museum's Story Time.

Dawson's commitment to the community is well established. He is an activist whose great-grandfather, S. A. Dawson, was a member of the Oregon Senate in the 1880s. Dawson's most recent gift to the community is a display of the dedication this area has expressed to civic causes in a special exhibit called "Retrospective on Community Action."

This display is now housed in the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum archives.

"It was an election year, 2016, a time to celebrate local people who were addressing needs and issues that were important," said Dawson. With the help of a few friends, Dawson made some calls in search of material evidence of this great spirit that is so much a part of Florence — and people responded.

The materials poured in and "represented only a portion, a small portion, of the community engagement across all of these issues and needs," said Dawson. "It really reflects our community. Truthfully, we



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### Florence's MLK marchers in 2003.

wanted to hold a public party to re-enjoy these remarkable efforts and materials together since many friends are no

longer with us." The result was the October 2016 show at the Silver Lining. People involved in organiza-

tions and activities in the community offered photographs, articles and documents.

"Many efforts [that] sought to directly enrich local life were highlighted, such as library expansion, forming food or art cooperatives, music events, reduce addiction behaviors, or improve access to affordable housing, or student text books," Dawson said.

Many others addressed all levels of public policy concerns and were seen as controversial.

"This event reprised a rich swath of local history, allowing viewers to see or remember hundreds of events or efforts arising from their own neighbor's direct engagement in many aspects of community life," said Dawson.

To fill out his presentation Dawson has invited some of those "neighbors" to join him in telling this story of civic pride: Norma Barton, Pip Cole, Jeanne Kimball, Mark Chandler, Dave Bellemore, Craig McMicken, Dick Smith, Virginia Kelly, Jo Beaudreau, Mark Tilton, April Dumas, Joanna Henderson and Mary Shaw. This will be a rich and provocative evening of storytelling.

Come for a special look at this retrospective exhibit and hear from its creator and contributors at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St.

## USCG AUXILIARY TEACHES BOATING SAFETY COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is presenting an Oregon State Marine Board approved class to obtain a mandatory boater education card. The class will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Main Station, 2625 Highway 101.

In the State of Oregon, a boater education card is required for all persons operating any type of watercraft over 10 horsepower and youth 12 to 15 years old operating any type powerboat.

The cost for the class is \$15. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.



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To register, contact Rick Parsons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 541-463-1797.

## Nominate veterans to receive care packages from local TCC

Round Room LLC, the nation's largest Verizon Authorized Wireless Retailer, is now accepting nominations to recognize veterans at more than 500 of its TCC stores across the U.S. for the company's first-ever Veterans Rock campaign.

Among the participants is the Florence TCC store, 2775

Highway 101.

Through Oct. 27, local residents are invited to nominate veterans to receive care packages — valued at \$40 each — filled with books, puzzles, hygiene items and more.

Veterans who are chosen will be notified by Nov. 3, and can pick up their care packages between Nov. 6-10.

Overall, 2,500 veterans will receive care packages in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

"We're excited to launch Veterans Rock to recognize and give back to our veterans who are so deserving of these care packages," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room, parent company of TCC.

"This new initiative is

just a small token of our appreciation and gratitude for those who have served, and we look forward to putting a smile on their faces."

More information about the Veterans Rock campaign is available at [www.TCCRocks.com](http://www.TCCRocks.com).

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## In Honor of All Veterans

The staff at the Siuslaw News is preparing to publish the annual Veterans Day publication, which is a special supplement to the newspaper that is devoted to all military veterans who currently are Florence-area residents or have a connection to this area.

If you are interested in sharing your military background information in the annual tribute publication, or in updating information that we have published previously, please complete this form and submit it to the Siuslaw News. Service photographs are also welcome.

Submit forms and photos by email to [nhickson@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:nhickson@thesiuslawnews.com), by regular mail to Siuslaw News, Attn: Ned Hickson, P.O. Box 10, Florence, OR 97439; or drop off materials at the Siuslaw News office in Old Town, 148 Maple St.

If your profile was published in the 2016 Veterans tribute and you do not wish to make any changes to the profile, there is no need to resubmit this form or your military information.

Please be sure that all materials are carefully labeled with your name and phone number and are submitted by **October 27, 2017**.

Thank you for participating in this project to remember and honor our veterans.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Achieved (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Information (E.G., POW): \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your veterans information been published previously in the Siuslaw News Veterans Publication?  
 YES NO  
 Do we have your military photo(s) on file? YES NO  
 (Note: If you have submitted photos in the past, we will still have them on file.)

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