

# GENERAL NEWS

## Annual 'Tree of Giving' to begin blooming Nov. 27

The 17th annual "Tree of Giving" is returning to Siuslaw Glass & Mirror starting Monday, Nov. 27. Stop in for some holiday cheer and select an ornament from the tree. Each ornament represents specific needs of a high school teen in need of necessities. Gifts must be brought to Siuslaw Glass & Mirror no later than Dec. 13 to be distributed before Christmas break. Stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate and some cookies while helping make the season a little brighter for a high school teen in the community. Siuslaw Glass & Mirror is located at 1780 Kingwood St.

## Kiwanis to host free Community Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 23

The community is invited to the Kiwanis of Florence's annual Florence Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23. The dinner will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, located at 1686 12th St. Cash donations will be accepted but aren't required, along with donations of dry or canned food for Florence Food Share. Free transportation within the city limits will be provided by River Cities Taxi by calling 541-997-8520. Volunteers are still needed. To help, call Pam at 541-999-4883.

## Siuslaw News features editor receives Rotary honor Rotarian Paula Becker named Chantelle Meyer as Paul Harris Fellow recipient

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Siuslaw News Features Editor Chantelle Meyer was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow recognition on Tuesday, Nov. 14, by the Rotary Club of Florence.

Rotarian Paula Becker gave the award to Meyer during the Tuesday Rotary meeting, saying, "I've always hated conversations that start, 'When I was your age.' But when I was her age, I was doing the same thing Chantelle was doing. And although I'm certainly not doing that now, I do know what it takes to be a reporter and to be honest."

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000.

The recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to the world. Other notable figures to receive the recognition include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former Russian President Boris Yeltsin and U.S. astronaut James Lovell.

"Looking around for a Paul Harris Award, we always go off of (Rotary's) guiding principles: Is it the truth and is it fair to all concerned," Becker said. "And if a reporter can live by those two standards, I think it will be always excellent. I'm really proud to give Chantelle this award at this time."

Meyer began as an intern for Siuslaw News in 2014, until officially becoming the news-



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Rotarian Paula Becker (right) gives Chantelle Meyer the Paul Harris Fellow recognition at the Rotary Club of Florence luncheon on Nov. 14.

paper's city reporter in January 2015.

Her first assignment, a co-byline with then editor Ryan Cronk, was covering CROW as it sought to move into its permanent building. She's been volunteering with CROW ever since.

Meyer's first official story covered Erin Reynolds being selected as Florence's new city manager.

"I enjoy that I started at the same time as the city manager and current city council," Meyer said. "I like working with them as a group and being on the same page as their projects."

Since then, she's been the main reporter for the city council, following its progress as a "City in Motion."

She also enjoys that she is on

a first-name basis with area officials.

"Last year, I was in Old Town with my family getting ready for the holiday light festival, and Mayor Joe Henry saw me and gave me a big hug," Meyer said. "People in a larger town don't get to have that."

In September 2016, Meyer became the features editor for the Siuslaw News.

She holds a BA in English with a minor in communications from Concordia University in Portland, Ore., and an MFA in children's literature from Roanoke University in Virginia.

"I couldn't be happier for Chantelle," Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson said. "I think she is a great example of commitment and integrity in journalism and we're very lucky to

have her. "We're very proud of her and happy that she was recognized with such a fitting honor from Rotary and Paula."

Siuslaw News Publisher Jenna Bartlett, herself a Rotarian, said, "Although she's a Kiwanian, Chantelle catches the spirit of Rotary in many ways. She is a remarkable woman and her community spirit and dedication to her work is inspiring."

"I am honored and humbled that Paula thought to nominate me for this award," Meyer said. "Sometimes, I only see all the ways that I fail or fall short, so this is a great reminder of what I strive to achieve in my job and personal life."

"I will continue to work at being worthy of being a Paul Harris Fellow."

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## Florence named among top 20 finalists for online series feature

Florence has been selected as one of the top 20 towns nationwide to possibly be featured in Season 3 of "Small Business Revolution - Main Street." This is an online series that focuses on transforming downtowns and is streamed online and on Hulu.

If selected, Florence would be awarded \$500,000 for a downtown makeover and be featured in an eight-part series on [www.smallbusinessrevolution.org](http://www.smallbusinessrevolution.org).

Chairwoman of the Downtown Revitalization

Team, Ellen Huntingdon of Oregon Pacific Bank, submitted an application for the series last fall.

"I am very proud that Florence has made it to the top 20 out of thousands of applicants," said Huntingdon.

On Sept. 28, Deluxe launched the second season of Small Business Revolution - Main Street, featuring the community of Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania and six businesses selected to receive the \$500,000 makeover.

The series, which airs on [www.smallbusinessrevolution.org](http://www.smallbusinessrevolution.org), Hulu and YouTube, features marketing and business expertise for small businesses in one small town. Host Amanda Brinkman, Deluxe's chief brand and communications officer, along with a host of marketing experts from

Deluxe, help struggling business owners find their path to success.

Between now and Dec. 4, the Florence Downtown Revitalization Team will be working with community leaders to provide Deluxe Corporation with additional information to help them narrow down their selections.

To further narrow down the selection, Deluxe Corporation is also looking for information about local businesses and non-profits to get a better feel of the community.

"We would like to encourage any and all business owners and nonprofit organizations to contact me," said Huntingdon.

After reviewing all the information, Deluxe Corporation will further narrow down the towns and determine the top 10 cities on Dec. 12. They will then send representatives to

visit the top 10 communities chosen in early January and spend roughly two days in each town.

After the visits, they will determine which towns will be eligible for final national voting in February of 2018.

"There are so many deserving towns that need this boost," Brinkman said. "Our team decided to announce 20 deserving communities so we can do a deeper dive into their structure and their needs before moving on to the next round."

"No matter what, each of these 20 would make a great winner for our contest."

To submit information about your business or nonprofit organization to be included, contact Huntingdon at [ellen.huntingdon@opbc.com](mailto:ellen.huntingdon@opbc.com) or call 541-902-1509 to complete a short survey.

### CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

\$9.50 | \$8.50 Sen/Student/Military | \$8 Matinees Before 2 | \$7.50 Child | \$6.50 Members | Performing Arts: \$19/\$15/\$10

NOVEMBER 17 - 23	FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23
<b>COCO</b> - A new instant classic from Pixar PG 128 MIN - "Pixar's latest original work and one of their very best, truly does transport you. The results are magical." Playlist					6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:00 PM 6:40 PM
<b>JANE</b> - Amazing, must-see footage of Goodall NR 90 MIN - "That rare documentary that works in equal measure for those who know a great deal about Jane Goodall and those people who don't... One of the best docs of 2017!" RogerEbert.com	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 5:50 PM 8:30 PM	11:00 AM 1:25 PM 3:40 PM 5:50 PM 8:40 PM	2:05 PM 4:10 PM 6:15 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM	12:40 PM 6:30 PM
<b>JUSTICE LEAGUE</b> PG-13 121 MIN - "Every member of the League is fantastic and it's tough to choose a favorite. It's a ton a fun, start to finish." Comic Book Now	1:00 PM 3:45 PM 6:30 PM 9:10 PM	10:40 AM 1:15 PM 3:55 PM 6:40 PM 9:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 7:00 PM
<b>MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS</b> PG-13 115 MIN - "The on-form cast rivals the star power of Sidney Lumet's 1974 ensemble, and a playful coda sets up a sequel. Might Poirot be pitching his wits against Avengers, Jedi and the Fast and the Furious family for years to come?"	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	1:05 PM 3:35 PM 6:05 PM 8:00 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM	12:10 PM 6:50 PM
<b>THOR: RAGNAROK</b> - Ends 11/22 PG-13 130 MIN - "In a world of portentous blockbusters getting ever darker, it's a joy to see one throwing on the disco lights." Time Out	12:30 PM 3:25 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:25 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM		HAPPY THANKS GIVING!

  

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23
<b>RAPHAEL: LORD OF THE ARTS</b> 90 MIN - Encore!		11:00 AM					
<b>FERRARI 312B</b> 90 MIN - The legendary 312B race car roars back to life in this thrilling documentary.			12:00 PM		6:30 PM		
<b>CANALETTO &amp; THE ART OF VENICE</b> 90 MIN - Painter's Series						6:00 PM	

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