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Community loses beloved, longtime firefighter

Harry Moore served the district for more than 40 years, training and inspiring others

BY MARK BRENNAN
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Florence native Harry Moore passed away on Nov. 18, 2017, after a long battle with cancer at the age of 64 years old.

Moore was a longtime member of the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue District, having served with distinction for more than 40 years.

He began his tenure as a volunteer officer in 1971 and served in numerous capacities at SVFR, retiring from paid duty in 2013.

Moore was a mentor and friend to many younger firefighters during this time, working with and training individuals who are now current members of SVFR — many in leadership positions.

One of those who had the opportunity to work closely with Moore is SVFR recruitment and Retention officer, Pete Warren.

“Harry was the guy who who made the department a better and safer place. He was that one guy whom everybody, not just a few, but all would either say out loud or think, ‘I better not screw up’ or ‘Harry will find



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Harry Moore retired as SVFR battallon chief in 2013

out,” Warren said, “Well, we all knew what that meant.

“Harry left our firefighter family way too soon and will always live in the hearts of our department.”

Many community members have had the good fortune to work with Moore over the

years, spending quality time with the friendly, outgoing man.

One of the individuals that had the opportunity to get to know the character and good intentions of Moore was former SVFR member and paid department captain Brian Jago, who spoke fondly of the man that he knew and considered a close friend.

“He gave his heart and soul to our community, first as a volunteer firefighter and then as the first career firefighter. Not only responding to

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New CAO at PHPH takes leadership reins

Jason Hawkins transitions into lead role as Ric Yecny prepares to step down

BY MARK BRENNAN
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PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center (PHPH) of Florence has installed a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Jason Hawkins recently arrived in town to take over leadership of the organization, as current CAO Rick Yecny will be retiring later in the year.

Hawkins has a long history of high profile administrative experience, most recently as CEO of Fulton County

“We can’t accomplish our mission just within the four walls of this hospital”

— New CAO Jason Hawkins

Medical Center, in McConnellsburg, Pa.

He was responsible for overall planning and operations of the hospital facility, physician recruitment, strategic planning and leadership development, and will have many of those same responsibilities at PHPH.

He and his wife DeAnn are enjoying the beginning of their time in Florence.

“So far our transition has been fantastic. My wife and I are renting a place in Old Town, so we have been able to go down to Bay Street and experience some of the wonderful dining available here,” Hawkins said.

“Rick has been introducing us to folks here and there, and we’ve been getting out and about and getting to know our new community. Everyone has been so nice. It’s been just great.”

There are strong similarities between the clients that Hawkins served and the facility he oversaw in Pennsylvania and his new assignment

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Giving Thanks



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Florence celebrated the spirit of giving this week as two organizations provided the area with free, community meals. On Thanksgiving, the Florence Kiwanis Foundation held its 8th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Elks Lodge, where over 200 dinners were served by scores of volunteers from the community. All of the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings were served, all free to the public. And on Sunday, Nov. 18, the Cross Road Assembly of God church held a community dinner at the Florence Events Center, which served more than 300 people for a nondenominational celebration and meal.

DUNES CITY COUNCIL VOTES IN NEW COUNCILOR

Susan Snow approved as City Councilor; Woahink Lake water rights discussed

BY JARED ANDERSON
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In a special session of the Dunes City Council on Tuesday, the council voted unanimously to appoint Dunes City resident Susan Snow as the new city councilor.

The position had opened months earlier with the passing of former mayor Rebecca Ruede. Then councilman Robert Forsythe stepped into the role of mayor, leaving a vacant seat on the council.

“Every single one of those resumés was impressive and any of those people could sit up here and do the job without a doubt,” Councilor Duke Wells said. “But I liked Susan Snow because her resumé was very impressive. What I really liked is the idea that she does live here. She hasn’t lived here for very long, but I like the idea of having fresh eyes. I think a fresh perception of what’s going on in Dunes City is a good thing. That was the main reason why I chose Susan.”

Snow comes to Dunes City after a long career in the U.S. Air Force.

Over the years, Snow has held numerous positions within the military branch, including Director of Operations for the Air Force Pentagon, where she was tasked with consolidating the space the service used in the facility. Her efforts led to the Air Force having the least footprint of any service at the Pentagon, saving the service millions of dollars.

She also worked as Deputy Inspector General, Inspections for the Air Force District of Washington, DC, overseeing all of the service’s inspection programs to include coordinating, monitoring and establishing program objectives. She was the gatekeeper for all inspections, evaluations, assessments and other inspection related visits.

In the 1980s, Snow worked a number of years for NASA, designing, constructing and testing prototype

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