

Community makes 447 dozen cookies for veterans



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On Dec. 18, Leo and Shirley Stapleton, their daughter Sheryl and grandsons Zackery and Cory delivered 447 dozen cookies (that's 5,364 cookies!) to the Veterans at the Roseburg VA Hospital, along with lap robes, jeans and various donated clothing items. The Ladies of Elks donated \$500, which Leo (center, with grandsons) used to purchase additional clothing that the Veterans requested. In addition, \$50 was donated in Leo's name because he does so much for the Veterans. Leo is a veteran and being able to make this delivery is near and dear to his heart. The cookies were made by the Ladies of Elks, the Rolling Elks, the Florence Quilt Guild, Band of Brothers, Elks Lodge members and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. An extra thank you to Shirley Stapleton who made 100 dozen of the 447 dozen cookies. The veterans really look forward to the cookies and clothing and are deeply appreciative of all that is done for them. We in turn thank them for their service to our country.

Siuslaw News editor to speak at City Club Jan. 5

The Friday, Jan. 5, meeting of the City Club of Florence will kick off its 2018 schedule of speakers in its new location in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.



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Ned Hickson

Siuslaw News editor-in-chief Ned Hickson will be the featured speaker, beginning at noon.

In addition to his duties as editor of the local newspaper, Hickson is an award-winning syndicated columnist with his weekly offerings of wit and humor appearing in dozens of newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

He has been awarded "Best Local Column" from both the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and the Society of Professional Journalists. He is also a published author of two books, "Humor at the Speed of Life" and "Pearls of Writing Wisdom: From 16 shucking years as a columnist."

Prior to launching his career in journalism at the Siuslaw News, Hickson was a corpo-

rate chef in Dallas, Texas and Atlanta, Ga.

He has deep roots in the Florence community and, among other activities, has served as a volunteer firefighter with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue from 2011 to 2017 before being elected to the SVFR Board of Directors in November 2016.

He has also portrayed "Elfis" twice in CROW's annual Holly Jolly Follies community Christmas show.

Hickson said he believes in the importance of local newspapers providing information, chronicling history and encouraging dialogue that builds stronger communities.

He will be talking about his 19 years of experiences at our local newspaper, as well as the role of small town papers throughout America.

The Siuslaw Public Library is located at 1460 Ninth St.

Please allow ample time for parking.

Oregon Coast Military Museum elects officers for 2018

The Oregon Coast Military Museum held its annual elections at the December board meeting, returning three current members to additional two-year terms and electing a new slate of officers.

Tim Sapp, Don Drozdenko and Joe Henry were re-elected, and long-serving board member Tom Benedict elected not to retain his position.

"Volunteering during the early years of the construction effort, Tom was elected to the

board in 2014," said out-going President Wayne Sharpe. "He has worked hard for the museum and will be missed on the board. "The success of the museum is directly connected to his leadership and the many hours of volunteerism he put in at the museum."

Sharpe remains on the board as past-president, with the election of new officers including President Gene Wobbe, Vice-President Jolene Medeiros, Secretary Jacque Beveridge

and Treasurer Joe Henry.

"Wayne Sharpe has been instrumental in the success of our museum effort from the very beginning," said Executive Director Cal Applebee. "It has been a pleasure as well as fun to work side by side with Wayne all these years, and I'm looking forward to his continued influence as past-president."

With the vacancy of Benedict's position, the board is seeking interested parties

who would like to join the effort to honor the veterans in our community.

Those interested can contact Applebee at 541-999-4175 for more information.

The museum is located at 2145 Kingwood St., and is open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit the museum website at www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

Rhody Society to meet to discuss hybridization

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society meets on Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by the program at 7 p.m. Speaker Jack Olsen from Fall Creek, Ore., will be presenting a digital program on Hybridizing.

Olsen will discuss how he chooses the correct parents, pollinating, collecting seed, sowing the seed and how to

grow them on to award winning flowering plants. This will be a very educational program and, knowing Olsen, it won't be boring.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101 in Florence, to learn the details of this interesting process.

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