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ODOT and Hamilton Construction crews continue work on the Siuslaw River Bridge after moving floating platforms into place early last week.

Bridge from 1A

“ODOT is reinforcing cables and shear blocks to limit bridge movement, but these precautions will not protect the bridge in the event of a major event,” Johnson said. “The cost of

installing the complete seismic resilience package is extremely high, so this is a phased set of upgrades that will hopefully prevent the bridge from collapsing in a serious event.”

The completion of the Siuslaw River Bridge Protection was originally sched-

uled for March 2019, but Beers Seydel and Johnson feel the project’s completion date may now be as early as fall of 2018.

For more information, visit contractor Hamilton Construction at hamil.com/portfolio/us-101-siuslaw-river-bridge-cathodic-protection/.

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120 Maple Street
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Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-5pm

Classes, Workshops & Events

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour featuring Emily Rosinbaum

Saturday, January 13th, 3-5 pm
Emily is showing and selling her crystalized watercolor paintings during January and February at FRAA with a special reception during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.

Winter Artisan Fair

Held at the FEC, Friday, January 12th 1-7 pm & Saturday, January 13th 11 am - 5 pm
Join us, watch artisans at work and support and visit with your local artist friends.

Open Studio @ FRAA, Thursdays

No registration required. Drop-in, bring your materials, and create. All artistic mediums welcome.
Every Thursday, 1-4

Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics w/ Alissa Clark

Wednesdays, 3-5 pm & Thursdays, 6-8 pm
Open Lab Ceramics on Saturdays
Drop in, work at own pace. Sat 12-5 pm
All ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio. 180 Laurel Street. Call Alissa with questions: 503-857-5222

Next Art Change-Out Day

Monday, January 9th, 9-11 am
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to help keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

Writers on the River - Creative Writing Workshop with Catherine Rourke

2018 Annual Writers Boot Camp
Jump start your writing for the new year!
Sat., January 20, 2018 10 am - 12 noon
All writing levels and genres, \$20/ members, \$25/non-members. Contact: CJReditor@gmail.com, 541-708-2120

Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic

February 6th at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Painting with John Leasure

Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm
January 6, 12 and 27
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Oil Painting with Michael Wood

Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Contact: fmwood@msn.com for fees and more information.

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.

Fairness from 1A

“While there is still much work to be done to correct our nation’s injustices towards Native Americans, the passage of the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act is an encouraging move towards progress,” DeFazio said. “This legislation will finally grant the Coos, Cow Creek and Coquille Tribes the long-deserved opportunity to manage their own economic development and exercise their own authority over tribal lands.”

Walden also endorses the idea of increased sovereignty for Oregon’s tribal confederations.

“The passage of this bill is an important step for these three tribes. The Cow Creek and Coos tribes see a restoration of lands, and the Coquille will finally be able to manage their forest lands the same way as other tribes,” Walden said.

“This bill ensures these tribes can sustainably manage these lands to benefit the environment and local economy, creating jobs in their communities. I am proud to have worked alongside my colleagues to pass this long-overdue bill out of Congress, and look forward to the president signing it into law.”

Both Oregon senators were champions of the bill in the Senate, with Wyden providing the rationale for the transfer of land.

“While more can and must be done to rectify the injustices that tribes have long faced, passing this bill into law marks an important step forward in recognizing the sovereignty of western Oregon tribes,” Wyden said. “By returning land to both the Coos and Cow Creek tribes, and by putting the management of Coquille’s lands on equal footing with other tribal lands, this bill honors and respects each tribe’s

right to be economically self-sufficient and provide jobs and resources for their communities.”

Merkley was equally clear in his assessment and endorsement of the act.

“With the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act, we will enable tribes to enhance their self-determination and ability to restore ancestral lands, while creating greater economic opportunity,” Merkley said. “It’s long overdue, and I am thrilled this bill is heading to the president’s desk to be signed into law.”

The bill also requires the Department of the Interior to locate a similar amount of land in the public domain and reclassify that land as Oregon and California grant land.

According to legislative aides from the offices of Defazio and Wyden, they believe HR 1306 will in fact become law, avoiding a veto from the president.

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

SUBMIT ALL EVENTS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM

Jan. 6

Open Mic Night

9 to 11:15 p.m.
Open to public
Homegrown Public House

Jan. 8

Viking Basketball Spaghetti Dinner

To send the Siuslaw eighth-grade basketball team to camp
6 to 9 p.m.
\$10 per person for spaghetti
Pies to be auctioned
Homegrown Public House

Auditions for Disney’s “Tarzan”

6:30 p.m.
Open to youth
CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101
crowkids.com

Jan. 9

Us TOO Florence

Prostate Cancer Support Group with

Urologist Bryan Mehlhaff
5 to 7 p.m.
Open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
541-999-4239

Auditions for Disney’s “Tarzan”

6:30 p.m.
Open to youth
CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101
crowkids.com

Jan. 10

Florence Green Movie: “A Plastic Ocean”

12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Tickets required
City Lights Cinemas

Jan. 11

Chamber Noon Forum: “Get your bite out of 11 billion bucks”

Featuring Travel Lane County
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch available for \$14
Best Western Pier Point Inn

Jan. 12

Florence MS Support Group

For time and location, call Skip at 541-997-8205 or Lloyd at 541-999-1608

Coastal Women Veterans Luncheon

11:30 a.m.
Women veterans invited to attend
Clawson’s Wheelhouse
RSVP to Nancy Coughlan at 541-997-4403 or email at ncoughlan@aol.com

Winter Music Festival Artisan Fair

1 to 7 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Winter Music Festival Friday Night Throwdown

7 p.m. — Jeff Scroggins and Colorado
8 p.m. — Laurie Lewis and the Right

Hands
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Jan. 13

Winter Music Festival Supersession 16

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Winter Music Festival Artisan Fair

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour

3 to 5 p.m.
Open to public
Various locations in Historic Old Town Florence and Uptown 101
2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com

Winter Music Festival Headline Show

7 p.m. — John Craigie

8 p.m. — Al Stewart
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Justin Shandor — The Ultimate Elvis Concert

7 p.m.
Tickets required
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Jan. 13 and 14
Yachats Agate Festival
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
yachatsagatefestival.com/

Jan. 14

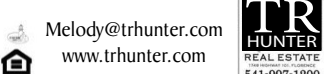
Winter Music Festival Gospel Gumbo Gathering

1 p.m. — Billy Jones and choir directed by Marty Adams
3 p.m. — On the Rocks, University of Oregon a capella group
Tickets required, includes lunch
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