

GENERAL NEWS

Chamber Noon Forum looks at tourism industry

Did you know that the state of Oregon receives over \$11 billion in tourism revenue annually? Tourism is the second highest revenue generator in the state, and is neck and neck with agriculture. Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is going to help area businesses get their bite of those tourism funds. Travel Lane County CEO and President Kari Westlund and Vice President of Tourism Marketing Natalie Inouye will share how every business in the region can ensure they get their bite at the \$11 billion that comes

into Oregon every year through travel, entertainment, hospitality and destination marketing. "It's time to think out of the box and build your business," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "This event is open to the public, so come out and make new connections and see how partnering with the chamber is partnering with success." The Chamber Noon Forum is held at Best Western Pier Point Inn on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 11:45 a.m. Rancher's Pie will be available for lunch for \$14.

Register soon for booth at the FEC Indoor Yard Sale

The Indoor Yard Sale is coming to the Florence Events Center on Feb. 24. Starting Monday, Jan. 22, at 8:30 a.m., applications to be part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center's annual indoor sale will be available for nonprofit groups and individuals who wish to rent a booth space to display their goods.

Single booths and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 and there are discounts for nonprofit groups. For more information on purchasing a booth, come in to the Florence Events Center office at 715 Quince St. or contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994.

Florence Community Suppers continue through December

For anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week, a group of area churches, including St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence United Methodist Church, will continue hosting weekly suppers for the community. There is no cost, but donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted — but

not required. Come for a meal, no strings attached, Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. • Jan. 10: At New Life Lutheran Church, 21st and Spruce streets. • Jan. 17: At the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St. • Jan. 24: At the United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets. • Jan. 31: At the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

SIUSLAW STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR SOS



Last month, 40 students from Siuslaw High School pulled into Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) in two school buses full of food for 14 needy families. The project was led by SHS Principal Kerri Tatum and her son, Casey, along with members of various PRIDE classes as SHS. The project raised nearly 1,000 pounds of food to provide families served by SOS who are experiencing severe financial hardship with a traditional holiday dinner.

Florence functions move to FEC, Public Works

As City Hall undergoes a remodel, staff moves to new locations

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On Jan. 8, the four remaining members of the Florence City Council met for the first time at Florence Events Center (FEC). The council will meet at the event center for most of 2018 as Florence City Hall undergoes renovations. Florence Mayor Joe Henry welcomed the council, city staff and those in attendance to the new year. "This is a tough act to follow after our 'Main Street' event the other night. There were an estimated 600 to 650 people here at the FEC. It set the stage and a really positive tone for our 2018. We're just really proud of our community," Henry said.

"Small Business Revolution — Main Street" TV team visited Florence Jan. 3 to 4 as a potential town for its third season. On Jan. 3, FEC held hundreds of people in a reception led by Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Revitalization Team and the City of Florence. During the council meeting, city staff gave updates on the City Hall Remodel and Expansion Project, which will displace city services. At the Public Works Facility, 2675 Kingwood St., community members can find utility billing and finance; business and liquor licenses; community development; building; planning; and code enforcement. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Some

services will also be located at Florence Justice Center, but most community services will be through the Public Works Facility. In addition, the city will hold most meetings at the FEC, including city council, planning commission, Florence Urban Renewal Agency, city committees and other meetings as planned. City Manager Erin Reynolds thanked the FEC staff for its use of technology and setting up the space, including a dais for the councilors, microphones, two projection screens and room for staff, press and the public. "This is where we'll be meeting for most of the next year," she said, before directing attention to the city's calendar on its website. "Because we are going to be temporary-

ly in different locations, this website feature will be very important if you are wanting to attend city council meetings, other committee meetings ... and city functions. Each of these meetings is hyperlinked with a map and directions." City Recorder Kelli Weese added that council meetings will no longer be available "live," though recordings of the meetings will be available a few days later on the city's Vimeo website. Florence City Council is currently one member short, as Councilor George Lyddon resigned at the end of December. Council applications are due this Friday, Jan. 12, by 5 p.m. For more information about the City of Florence's 2018 plans, visit ci.florence.or.us.

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New Outdoor Gallery program seeks artists to apply

The Florence Public Art Committee's new program, "Art Exposed — Dynamic Public Art," provides a creative outlet for artists to display their work, and artists are encouraged to submit unique pieces that demonstrate extraordinary creativity. Five locations have been selected by the committee and are in Historic Old Town Florence along Bay Street.

Art displayed in this program must be available for sale to the public. Initial art displayed will be installed for a period of two years and each artist will be provided a stipend for the installation of \$500. All artwork must be the original design and artwork of the entrant and suitable for viewing by all ages.

All artists over 18 years old are eligible. Artists can register for free by visiting callforentry.org. For additional information, contact Florence City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, Feb. 25.

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

JANUARY 12 - 18	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THU 18
DARKEST HOUR - Golden Globe Winner! PG-13 114 MIN - "The resulting performance is unlike anything Gary Oldman (as Churchill) has previously delivered... the master actor rejects mere mimicry, constructing from the ground up a full-bodied and impressively nuanced version of the historical figure." Variety	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE PG-13 119 MIN - Stars Duane Johnson "In the end, the filmmakers have given us one of the most fun movie-going experiences I've had this yea." Chicago Sun-Times	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
PADDINGTON 2 PG 103 MIN - "Every bit as enchanting as the first, perhaps even more so... a pure delight, as sweet and sharp as, well, marmalade, really. Should be prescribed as an antidote to anyone who finds the madness of the modern world a bit wearing." Empire	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:30 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:20 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:20 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:20 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:20 PM
THE POST - Steven Spielberg Returns PG-13 116 MIN - Stars Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks "This is a love letter to journalistic bravery and to the First Amendment, and it is the best movie about newspapers since 'All the President's Men.'" Chicago Sun-Times	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:00 PM* 6:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THU 18
THE POST: SPECIAL EVENT - Co-author of the Pentagon Papers, Mel Gurtov, will be at City Lights for a Q&A and an introduction by Ned Hickson! 3pm, 1/14 ONLY			3:00 PM				
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: FOLLIES 180 MIN - ENCORE! Sondheim's showbiz stunner returns in breathtaking style						6:00 PM	

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
JANUARY 10	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 16
Shows	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Showers	Showers
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