

GENERAL NEWS

Port to hold meeting, work session Feb. 21

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, the Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will hold a work session at 6 p.m. and their regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Port conference room, located at 100 Harbor St. in Florence.

The work session will include a presentation by Dave Harlen with Business Oregon.

The regular meeting will include an update on the Erosion Repair Project and a resolution for an appropriations transfer.

Work sessions and regular

meetings are open to the public.

Following the regular meeting, the commissioners will meet in executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions, and per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to review port manager applications.

Meeting packets will be posted at www.portofsiuslaw.com 48 hours before the meeting.

For more information, call 541-997-3426.

Volunteers get treated for Valentine's Day



COURTESY PHOTOS

PaceHealth Volunteers celebrated Valentine's Day early on Feb. 9 at the Bridgeport Market in Historic Old Town Florence. Wine tasting, food and chocolate were enjoyed by all in attendance. This is an annual fundraiser for the organization and the event was sold out. Over \$800 was raised and tickets were limited to 40 people. Peace Harbor Hospital cafeteria staff provided most of the food and desserts. Bridgeport Market owner Jay Cable and the staff provided and served wine and cheese. The event was organized by Joan Kerrebrock and Gail Petty, both past presidents of the volunteers. Due to its success, there are plans to hold this event again next February.

Saturday, March 10
Florence Events Center
Begins at 5
Dinner at 6:30
Live Auction at 7:30

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Rotary celebrates a world filled with possibility, raising funds for scholarships for Florence area youth and other community projects.

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New pilot program taps paramedic for home visits

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center and Western Lane Ambulance District have partnered to pilot a new program aimed at preventing hospital readmissions by enhancing in-home care.

Launched Jan. 2, the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program provides non-emergency EMS visits to patients in their homes following hospitalization or an Emergency Department visit. A 911 call to EMS frequently results in transport to an emergency room, even when the patient may not require that complex and costly a level of care — and if EMS does not transport the patient, they are not reimbursed for the expense of ambulance activation.

The new collaboration dedicates an ambulance unit and a

trained paramedic to provide immediate, non-emergency follow-up home visits for patients identified as having high potential for calling emergency services.

Working with Peace Harbor community health worker Heather Hammond, paramedic Chris Martin meets daily with discharge planners and makes every effort to visit the patients while they're still in the hospital to explain how he can help with their post-discharge care.

In addition to providing follow-up evaluations, Martin also serves as a connection with other health and social services, making sure patients understand how to access food and transportation resources and other community services.

In rural areas like Western Lane County, community paramedics can help fill gaps in local healthcare delivery related to primary care provider shortages and long travel times to the nearest hospital or clinic.

An experienced program manager, Martin is gathering metrics to measure the success of

each of the pilot program's four goals:

- Reducing hospital readmission rates
- Reducing ED visits
- Reducing non-transport (when an ambulance is dispatched but the patient is not brought to the hospital)
- Reducing the percentage of patients seen at Peace Harbor for discharge follow-up

The program hit the ground running in its first week, when Martin provided immediate post-discharge visits and triage to 12 patients who had been referred to Home Health Care.

Kathy Murphy, RN, CHPN, manager of Home Care Services, is pleased that the program will help her staff identify patients who would benefit from home care sooner than might otherwise occur.

Matt House, EMS operations chief for Western Lane Ambulance, said the program is already proving beneficial to the community.

"The Mobile Integrated Healthcare position was designed to bridge gaps in

healthcare needs for the community," House said. "To have such a positive outcome, before the program technically even started speaks volumes for potential future success stories."

Based in Vancouver, Wash., PeaceHealth is a nonprofit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center has been recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

Since opening its doors in 1989, Peace Harbor has provided a level of patient care in advanced imaging and technology that surpasses most other rural facilities.

Visit online at PeaceHealth.org.

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FEBRUARY 16 - 22	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22
THE 15:17 TO PARIS PG-13 94 MIN - From Clint Eastwood "Mr. Eastwood, who has long favored a lean, functional directing style, practices an economy here that makes some of his earlier movies look positively baroque." New York Times	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:20 PM 9:15 PM	10:50 AM 1:45 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM 9:15 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 5:50 PM 8:45 PM	12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
BLACK PANTHER - Marvel's Latest & Greatest! PG-13 145 MIN - Best reviewed superhero film of all-time-97% on Rotten Tomatoes. "Say this about Black Panther, which raises movie escapism very near the level of art: You've never seen anything like it in your life." Rolling Stone	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 6:10 PM 8:30 PM	10:45 AM 12:30 PM 3:35 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM	12:00 PM 2:40 PM 5:40 PM 8:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
HOSTILES R 127 MIN - "Westerns can be a tough nut to crack, but <i>Hostiles</i> may be the finest example of the genre since <i>Unforgiven</i> ." EW	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM 9:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:20 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 5:40 PM 8:30 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
PHANTOM THREAD - 6 Oscar Noms! R 130 MIN - See Daniel Day Lewis's last role	3:15 PM	5:45 PM	2:45 PM 3:30 PM	3:30 PM	12:40 PM	3:10 PM	3:30 PM
THE SHAPE OF WATER - 13 Oscar Noms! R 123 MIN - "A wonder to behold. Magical, thrilling and romantic to the core." LA Times	6:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	12:40 PM
THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI - 9 Oscar Noms! R 115 MIN - "Funny, brutal and breathtakingly beautiful." 5/5 Stars - Empire	12:40 PM 8:40 PM	3:45 PM 8:30 PM	12:10 PM 8:10 PM	12:40 PM	6:30 PM	12:40 PM	6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22
BOLSHOI BALLET: ROMEO AND JULIET NR 185 MIN - Ratmansky's fresh retelling	ENCORE!	11:00 AM					
DOLORES - Florence ORganizes Presents 95 MIN - Brilliant portrait of unsung heroine	ENCORE!		3:20 PM				
MATTHEW BOURNE'S CINDERELLA NR 180 MIN - Full of 'visual magic'						6:00 PM	

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

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 23
Rain	Rain	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers	Rain
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