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One of his most important accomplishments as chief was his involvement in the process that led to the creation of the Siuslaw Valley Fire Protection District. He was determined to provide better fire protection for area residents and worked closely with current Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) Budget Committee member and retired Operations Chief Marvin Tipler to integrate the city and rural fire services that were operating separately in the 1980s.

"Skip was in the city fire department and I joined the rural department in 1981," Tipler said. "We were two different departments and we did a lot of things differently. SVFR Board member John Carnahan and I were both in the

rural fire department and we worked with Skip because he ran the jaws of life for the city, so John and I started going to city fire drills. That's when I really got to work with and get to know Skip."

Passenger and Tipler continued to advance in the ranks of their respective departments, forging a friendship over the years that was primarily driven by their shared interest in improving fire safety for their fellow firefighters and the community.

The idea of merging the two departments was initially considered impossible, due mostly to the competitive nature of the individuals in both departments. Passenger was determined to make the merger a reality.

Eventually, Florence City Council approved the measure

to merge after Passenger's testimony and proceeded down a path that is similar to the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) being formed today between SVFR and Western Lane Ambulance District.

"Skip became my assistant chief and I was the assistant chief at the rural department. We did some purchasing together for both of our departments and worked really well together," Tipler said. "He continued working on merging the two departments until the city council approved the merger. We continued working together and had a great relationship until he retired."

The example that Passenger set for those he worked with is something that Charleston Fire Chief Michael "Mick" Sneddon remembers as a young fire fighter.

"I grew up around Skip and the Passenger family around the fire station. Skip was very active with the fire department from many years," said Sneddon. "He was part of the fireman's muster team in the late 1970s and early 1980s with the Florence Fire Department with Engine 3."

Both Tipler and Sneddon agree that Passenger was deeply committed to the protection and safety of the residents under his care.

"Skip was completely dedicated to his job and to protecting this community. His first priority was always to safeguard and secure the people of Florence," Tipler said.

A celebration of Passenger's life will be held Friday, June 22, at 2 p.m., at Musgrove Family Mortuary/West Lawn Memorial Park in Eugene.



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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

Tuesdays
Yoga for Pain Management & Easeful Body
Sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Free and drop-ins welcome
Lane Community College Florence Center

Florence Farmers Market
3 to 7 p.m.
Open to public
Kingwood and Bay streets

Wednesdays
Points of Grace Community Acupuncture
Experience relief from pain and stress
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Donations appreciated
1845 Highway 126

Weekly
Yoga at the Yachats Commons
Therapeutic — Tuesday 9:30 to 11 a.m.
& Friday 8 to 9:30 a.m.; gym
Vinyasa Flow for beginners/intermediate — Thursday 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Room 8
Bikram-Ease — Tuesday 4:20 to 6 p.m.; Room 8
541-47-4139 and altruh444@gmail.com

Weekdays from June 19 to Aug. 17
Summer Meal Program
Free to youth 18 and under; no questions asked
Breakfast: 8 to 8:30 a.m., Siuslaw elementary and high schools
Lunch:
Elementary: 11:30 to 11:55 a.m.
Miller Park: Noon to 12:15 p.m.
Siuslaw Public Library: 12:20 to 12:35 p.m.
High school: 12:40 to 12:55 p.m.

June 16
Yard Debris Disposal Days
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Disposal costs vary
Kingwood and 27th streets
ci.florence.or.us

Oregon Coast Military Museum's 2nd annual Jeep Junction Show & Shine
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Open to public
Johnston Motor Company

"Game On!" Vacation Bible School Registration Tailgate Party
Noon to 2 p.m.
Open to public
First Baptist Church, 1935 25th St

"Ghosts in the Kelp: Sea Otters in Oregon"
With author Bob Bailey
1 to 2 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Boys and Girls Club Eighth-Grade Graduation Dance
5 p.m.
Open to eighth-grade students
Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County, 1501 Airport Road

"A Nice Family Gathering"
Presented by Last Resort Players
7 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Jesse Mead
7 to 11 p.m.
Open to public 21+
Blue Bills Sports Bar at Three Rivers

June 17
"A Nice Family Gathering"
Presented by Last Resort Players
2 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

June 18
Arts and Craft Supplies Sale 2018
4 to 7 p.m.
Open to public
FRAA Art Center

Soroptimist Community Event
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Open to public to meet local Soroptimist members
87218 Munsel Lake Road

June 19
Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support Group
With Dr. Roger McKimmy
Noon to 1 p.m.
Open to public
Ichiban Restaurant
541-999-4239

Florence Green Movie: "Revenge of the Electric Car"
Sponsored by Central Lincoln PUD
Hosted by Siuslaw News and Coast Radio
1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
Open to public
City Lights Cinemas

Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group
2 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Caregiver Support Group
6 p.m.

Open to public
Spruce Point Assisted Living

June 20
Governor's Marketplace
The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Affirmative Action
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Herbal Provings & Musings
6 to 7:30 p.m.
\$10 admission; bring your own mug
Rose & Crown Apothecary
1845 Highway 126 Suite H
RSVP at 541-902-8860

June 21
Reptile Man
Children's Summer Reading Program
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Open to youth and families
Siuslaw Public Library

Peace Harbor Volunteer Luncheon & Installation of Officers
11:30 a.m.
Lunch purchase required
Florence Events Center
RSVP to womangolfer7@gmail.com

Windermere Real Estate Business After Hours
Florence Area Chamber of Commerce
4 to 6 p.m.
Windermere Real Estate - Florence
1625 12th St.

June 22
Aging in Place Forum: "A Plan for the Future"
Hosted by Florence Area Community Coalition
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to public
Florence Events Center

Olem Alves and Inner Limits
7 to 11 p.m.
Open to public 21+
Blue Bills Sports Bar at Three Rivers
Casino Resort

June 23
Kiwanis Golf Tournament
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration required
Ocean Dunes Golf Links

Writers on the River "Writing to Heal Your Life"
10 a.m. to noon
FRAA Art Center
CJReditor@gmail.com, 541-708-2120

Copa Cabana Beach Soccer Tournament
All Day
800-422-5091
Driftwood Shores

Trails Locals Love
Hosted by Vision Quest
1 to 2:30 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library
RiverCal.org

Olem Alves and Inner Limits
7 to 11 p.m.
Open to public 21+
Blue Bills Sports Bar at Three Rivers
Casino Resort

Visit rivercal.org for more calendar events.

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