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Middle school, City Lights team up to encourage 'Screenager' conversation

Award-winning documentary aims to spark dialogue about growing up in the age of smartphones & social media

In the time since it first appeared in 2007, the iPhone has found its way into the hands of 95 percent of children born between 1995 and 2012 — a generation that does not remember a time before the internet. In that relatively short span, the smartphone has managed to become an integral part of teenagers' daily lives, impacting them during what experts agree is a crucial time of social and mental development.

As principal of Siuslaw Middle School, Andy Marohl says he has seen first-hand the increasing need for communities to have a dialogue about what it's like for students living in the digital age, and providing them with an understanding of what it means to be good "digital citizens."

"The devices have become part of our lives and are powerful tools that can do a lot of good," says Marohl.

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Port considers commercial vessel designations

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The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners met Wednesday for its monthly meeting. Two items discussed will impact recreational and commercial anglers that dock on a long-term basis at the port.

The first of these was the end result of a review to determine the appropriate wording to be included in contracts with potential renters.

The commissioners voted unanimously to accept staff recommendations to change the definition of a "commercial vessel" for the purposes of clarifying rental rates for long term slip rentals. The resolution, 9-19-18a, was passed with the intent of increasing lost revenue due to a misuse of designation. It amends a prior resolution, 3-15-17a.

Previously to this week, any vessel that was over 50 years old was allowed to claim a cost decrease as a "commercial" vessel primarily because it was considered an historical craft.

These old vessels were then eligible to receive a reduced rental rate for their moorage slip.

This presented problems as some older vessels were rarely if ever used for the purpose of commercial fishing.

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SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE

Ceremonies honor POW/MIA National Recognition Day

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Florence-area groups came together yesterday to acknowledge POW/MIA National Recognition Day. On Friday morning, members of Florence Elks Lodge #1858 held a ceremony to acknowledge prisoners of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) personnel and the sacrifices made by servicemen and their families when a loved one is lost in an overseas conflict. At 2 p.m., veterans' groups American Legion Post 59, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 and The Band of Brothers held a ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence. POW/MIA recognition is observed on the third Friday in September each year. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that U.S. Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.



FEMA holds Coastal Floodplain Map forum

Federal agency works with Florence, Lane County & Oregon to mitigate flood hazards

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The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is to reduce loss of life and damage to property, and to protect American institutions from all hazards. One element of this over-arching strategy is to lead and support areas in danger of flooding in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

At stake is money, economic development, future prosperity and, most importantly, lives.

Dozens of property owners, developers and real estate investors attended a FEMA presentation Tuesday at the Florence Events Center to receive the latest information on the agency's work with local and county employees to update the area's coastal floodplain maps.

The presentation given was primarily to roll out the results from the federal government's Risk Mapping, Assessments and Planning (MAP) Program. The program is designed to include new information in order to update all maps and property that include low-lying areas at risk for flooding.

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FEMA, state, county and city representatives discuss changes to Florence's floodplain maps at a forum on Sept. 18.

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