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Nov. 6 General Election

Grier challenges
McKeown for
District 9 seat

By Mark Brennan
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The race to represent Oregon House of Representatives District Nine is a contest between incumbent Democrat Caddie McKeown and Republican challenger Teri Grier.

McKeown has represented the district since 2012 and Grier has no prior experience as an elected official, working most recently as an instructor at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

The two candidates have provided the Siuslaw News with responses to questions to clarify their priorities if elected on Nov. 6, 2018.

Question 1: Why are you interested in serving as the representative for Oregon House District Nine?

Grier: I'm running because I don't think our needs and issues have been well represented in Salem by our current representative. We need someone who will vote for our issues and sponsor legislation that our coastal communities need, not someone who is beholden to their party leadership or the interests of Portland.

McKeown: I'm seeking reelection as your state representative to make sure the South Coast

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Thrilling

seasonal events

Spooky season got started this week with Coast Radio's annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway and CROW Flight Dance Team's flash mob dances to the song "Thriller." Flight will perform again at CROW's Quarantine Haunted House, which runs Oct. 27, 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101. There will be a special, less scary Family Night on Monday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. Other Halloween and Harvest Parties are taking place in the community. A complete list is available at TheSiuslawNews.com.

WLEOG updates agreements with partner agencies

City of Florence
prepares
for hazards

By Chantelle Meyer
Siuslaw News

While residents and organizations across the state participated in The Great Oregon Shake-out this month, Western Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG) has been updating its rules of procedure, clarifying its objectives and reviewing its inter-governmental agreements (IGA)

with partner organizations. On Monday, WLEOG Board Chair Megan Messmer, who is also the City of Florence project manager, brought an updated IGA before the Florence City Council for approval.

Messmer said that WLEOG has been working for several months

to create updates, a process it hasn't done since 2014.

"As it went through this process, WLEOG updated its mission statement," Messmer said. "It encompasses what we're doing: 'To educate, promote and implement actions to eliminate or reduce

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'Chaos' in the community

The politicization of Florence's city council election: Part II

By Jared Anderson & Ned Hickson
Siuslaw News

"This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the council's attention any item otherwise not listed on the agenda," City of Florence Mayor Joe Henry said during a public meeting held last Tuesday. The audience at the meeting was large, filled mostly with supporters of council candidate Geraldine Lucio. Lucio, accompanied by an entourage of supporters, watched as three speakers from the public spoke on her behalf.

"As an active volunteer in the community, and a small business owner, I rarely feel the need to

address the council, but I think this is important tonight," said Terry Tomeny. "I, like many other, in our friendly community, was very encouraged to see a smart young woman like Geraldine Lucio step up to serve on the council. She brings exactly what the council needs. Most importantly, she brings a non-partisan approach. She's not pushing either a conservative or a liberal agenda. She's not an officer in a local partisan or political organization. Her only goal is to fairly do what's important to the people of this community. And if you want to know what's important to the community, just go down on Bay Street and cut hair for a couple of days."

Lucio is the owner of Old Town

Barbershop, located in Old Town Florence.

"After declining to participate in a totally uncoordinated forum, that she and many others did not consider non-partisan, she has been subjected to ongoing harassment or bullying, whatever you want to call it," Tomeny continued. "Much of it being done, unbelievably, by sitting members of the city council in an attempt to convince her to withdraw her name. She was harassed verbally by a sitting city council member. She was then sent an extremely inappropriate email by another city council member."

The second incident involved Councilor Joshua Greene, who went to Lucio's place of business to inquire about her readiness

for the time and commitment involved in becoming a sitting councilor.

Tomeny was referring to two incidents that occurred the following week. One, when Councilor Susy Lacer sent an email from her personal email account to Lucio, questioning her unwillingness to speak in a public forum debate with other candidates and suggesting that she should drop out of the race.

While Greene characterized the meeting as cordial, ending in a friendly embrace, Tomeny is the person on record to characterize the visit as verbal harassment.

Lucio, who was in attendance at the meeting, did not give her account of the incident.

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