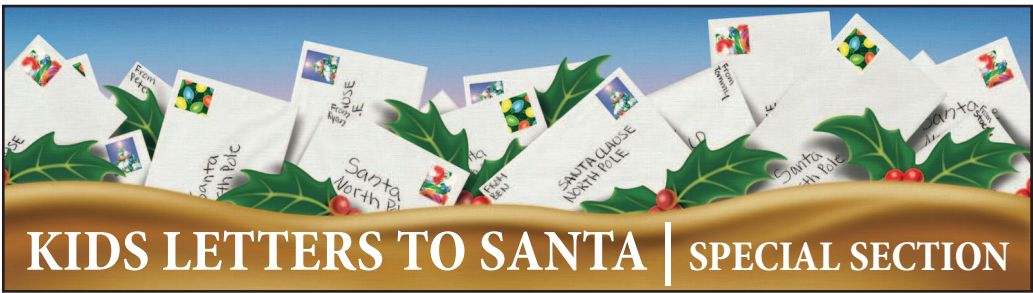


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Oregon Dunes DAR Chapter Regent Erica Westphal (left) awards Jacquie Beveridge with the Honorary Past Regent pin. Beveridge is active in several community groups in Florence.

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Links to History

How Jacquie Beveridge's work with DAR and other organizations connects people to their past

By CHANTELE MEYER
SIUSLAW NEWS

It's hard for Jacquie Beveridge to meet a stranger. Known for making connections — whether through an online social media group she moderates, by volunteering for a number of local groups or offering up a friendly hello — she knows almost everyone in town. Within a few minutes, she can connect people with a person, group or resource, or draw on her own background in a variety of fields. The same is true

when she and her husband Larry travel out of the area on one of their many cruises to see the world. “As you can tell I’m an extrovert,” Beveridge said. “Connecting with people is so important, I think, because so many don’t have somebody to connect with.” Get her talking about one of her activities, and she seamlessly weaves in details about her other groups and their missions. Several of them link together under a common purpose, such as genealogical connections, area heritage, education and patriotism. As such, the Oregon Dunes Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored Beveridge for her past and current work in the chapter. “Jacquie’s ethics, courtesy, good manners and common sense — her warmth and welcome — brought myself and many others into the chapter,” said Chapter Regent Erica

Westphal. “She has served in many capacities and positions in our chapter as well as at the state level. She is the backbone of this chapter ... and she works hard to share our message with the community and beyond.” According to Westphal, a past DAR regent may be elected by chapter members to be an Honorary Past Regent of the chapter. Her actions must have increased the health and effectiveness of the chapter in

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SVFR/WLAD take next step in finding permanent chief

By MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Interim Fire Chief Steve Abel’s presentation of a recommended job description for his successor was the highlight of a Wednesday meeting of the board of directors for both Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD). The meeting took place at SVFR Station 1 on Highway 101 and directors made important decisions on a number of subjects that effect both organizations. Abel and representatives from SVFR and WLAD are working to find a permanent replacement for

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Rods ‘N Rhodies set to roll down new road

By JARED ANDERSON
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“I remember cruising main street,” Gary Cargill said. “Of course, that was high school. We’d cruise every Friday and Saturday night. It didn’t matter what you had. You would take your parents’ car out. Park in front of Dairy Queen or somewhere like that. There was always that one guy you may have envied, who maybe had a ‘57 Chevy all hopped up. Those were the days. I’d love to get back to them. I’m sure the police

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Winning art entry



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A graphic illustration of the proposed mural design, pending final modifications and approval, by the artist team of Marino-Heidel Studios of Portland (above); the current PUD building at Quince and Highway 1012 as it currently appears (inset).

Mural design team for PUD building chosen

Local public art projects are moving forward through Public Art Committee, City

By MARK BRENNAN
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The next step in the effort to increase the number and type of public art displays in Florence has been taken by the City of Florence and the Florence Public Art Committee (PAC). In a meeting held at the Florence

Events Center (FEC) on Dec. 10, members of the committee met to select the artist to be commissioned to fill the long empty space on the Central Lincoln Public Utility District (PUD) building. The east side of the structure is the “canvas” the PAC wanted to fill, as it is one of the first buildings people see when they cross into city limits from

Highway 126. The committee wanted a striking series of images that could be immediately recognized as qualities of the lifestyle and cultural touchstones of the city to greet visitors as they arrived in town. Harlen Springer, PAC chairman, is one of the driving forces behind the push to increase art accessibility, for creators and viewers, of pub-

lic art in town. Springer is confident that the process used to select the artist awarded the commission for the PUD project was designed to allow for individual artistic choices and an end result that will bring the “Wow” factor to the eastern wall of the PUD.

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