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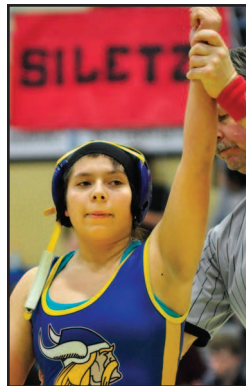
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New wave for Women's March



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Inspired by the national Women's March on Saturday, Jan. 19, Florence residents held their own "Women's Wave" to promote local and regional initiatives to support civil rights and a variety of causes. Joined by State Rep. Caddy McKeown (right) and women in iconic costumes, the Florence march featured creative signs, positive messages and diversity.
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U.S. federal shutdown continues to impact Oregonians

Additional services end as funding ceases for multiple departments

By MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

As of press time on Tuesday, Jan. 22, there has been no change in the status of the partial government shutdown impacting more than 800,000 Federal employees as it enters its 33rd day.

Local efforts from veterans' groups and community members to assist U.S. Coast Guard members of Station Siuslaw River and their families have generated more than \$10,000 in cash donations. Additionally, organizations such as Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) and Florence Food Share are prepared to respond to requests for aid, although at this time they have reportedly had few

additional requests. Depending on the agency they work for and whether they are deemed operationally "critical," some federal workers have been compelled to return to work without pay until the shutdown is ended. Many of these agencies provide important services to members of the Siuslaw region. The change of status for some of these federal employees, transitioned from furloughed status to working without pay, is shifting in part due to the seasonal requirements of the IRS, as well as increased safety concerns in areas where the federal government has oversight responsibilities. These include the author-

ity to approve the distribution of food, the release of new consumer products and drugs, and the protection of America's 95,473-mile coastline by the Coast Guard. There is also growing concern regarding the identification of potentially dangerous people traveling through security areas monitored by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staff, many of whom have been furloughed while the rest work without pay. This problem could potentially increase as the rate of no-shows or sick calls made by TSA employees has risen from slightly more than 3 percent last January, to more than 10 percent on the same dates so far this January.

The list of federal departments and agencies defunded is extensive and many voters are unaware of the extent to which their lives will be more noticeably impacted as the shutdown extends into its second month. Departments currently unfunded include Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, Interior, Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development. The shutdown also affects the pay for agents of the FBI, the Federal Prison System and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, all of which have Oregon-based employees. President Donald Trump has maintained his refusal to consider funding any legisla-

tive effort, even those crafted in a traditional bi-partisan fashion, to re-open the agencies affected by the shutdown until both houses of Congress agree to authorize his request for a \$5.7 billion expenditure for a future "border wall." Newly seated Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi of California, and her Senate counterpart New York Senator Chuck Schumer, have reiterated their opposition to the wall, refusing to consider the president's latest budget proposal for the border wall and choosing instead to push for more technologically-based solutions.
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Melissa and Tim Moffett and their two older daughters greeted 2019 with the arrival of Carter Lynn Moffett on Jan. 17.

JANUARY'S BABY

First baby of the New Year born at Peace Harbor

On Jan. 17, 2019, Florence welcomed its first newborn baby of the year with the birth of Carter Lynn Moffett. Weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and 18 inches in height, the little girl was born at 3:32 p.m. at PeaceHealth Peace Medical Center. Carter Lynn is the third girl for Mapleton residents Melissa and Tim Moffett, who have had the odd habit of naming all of their children after presidents. Carter Lynn was named after President Jimmy Carter. "I had never heard of a girl named Roosevelt," Melissa said of the couple's first child. "If it was a girl, she could go by 'Rosie.'" Playing on the theme, they had planned

on naming their second child Lincoln if it was a boy, but she turned out to be a girl. "We thought Lincoln could work as a girl's name, so we went with it," Melissa said. But by the time Carter came around, the presidential theme stuck. "We thought, 'Oh no, now we have a presidential theme, so we have to find a president,'" the couple said. Taking the name of Lynn from a family member, Melissa and Tim felt that Carter could be the perfect name. PeaceHealth Peace Harbor's OB/GYN team includes Drs. Yvonne Sculley, Jacqueline Serrano and Justine Parker. For more information, visit www.peacehealth.org/ or www.facebook.com/PeaceHarbor/.



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