

Genealogy Society heads to Pioneer Museum Sept. 18

Members of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum volunteer staff and the John Quay Heritage Players will inform and delight members of the Siuslaw Genealogy Society on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St.

The Genealogical Society is delighted that this meeting will be held at the museum instead of the usual location at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Museum Curator Pete Shoys, Sandy Zinn and other Library volunteers will speak about the Kyle Research Library division of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum. The library houses more than 1,200 books and research files on every subject of concern to Florence re-

searchers and pioneer descendants. The volunteers have also produced several booklets relating to area history and the early settlers, which are available at the museum.

The meeting will begin with re-enactments of scenes from the life of selected early settlers by several members of the John Quay Heritage Players, who have researched their characters to reveal realistic incidents from history.

You do not need to be a member of the genealogy society to attend.



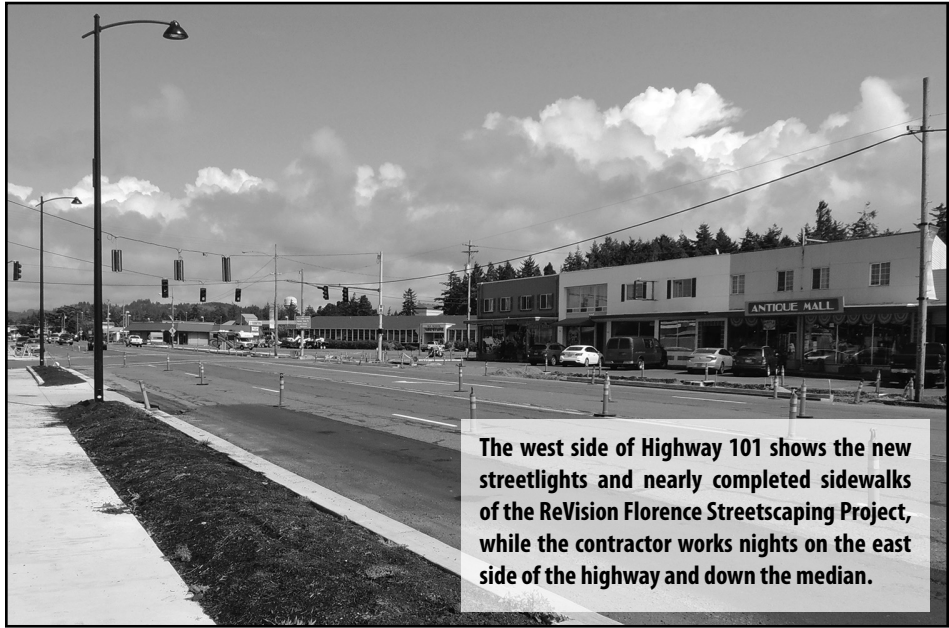
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Crews from the contractor Alex Hodge Construction will finish undergrounding the utilities on the east side of Highway 101 in the next weeks.

In addition, crews will be performing night work now through the end of the project, which plans to be completed in October.

“ReVision Florence construction is nearing completion,” wrote City Project Manager Megan Messmer on the ReVision Florence Streetscape Project Facebook page. “As we move towards the paving of Highway 101, the contractor will begin night work to finish up the curb and gutter construction.”

Side streets may continue to experience short-term closures as the contractor continues to



The west side of Highway 101 shows the new streetlights and nearly completed sidewalks of the ReVision Florence Streetscaping Project, while the contractor works nights on the east side of the highway and down the median.

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complete work.

“Please continue to use caution in the project area as crews are working on the shoulders and in the median until we start paving later this month,” Messmer said. “Thank you for your patience as

we work to complete the project.”

ReVision Florence is a streetscape project through the Florence Urban Renewal Agency, the City of Florence and the Oregon Department of Transportation to im-

prove the visual, pedestrian, gateway, and safety aspects of our Highway 101 and 126 corridors in Florence.

For more information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal/revision-Florence.

RHODIES *from page 1A*

“We have monthly meetings at the Presbyterian Church, and this next meeting is about rhododendron care,” Farrald said. “If someone is new to the area, or has no rhododendron experience, and likes the flowers and wants to know more about them, this is the meeting to come to.”

The beauty of the rhododendron is one reason for its ongoing popularity; another is its efficacy as an element in traditional medicine, primarily in Asia, where the leaves are used as an anti-inflammatory and poultice. The plant also has the distinction of being recognized and categorized by the father of modern taxonomy, Linnaeus, in his seminal work, “Species Plantarum,” published in 1753.

Oregon is one of the nation’s leading growers of rhododendrons for commercial use, providing the hardy plants for landscaping and ornamentation not only in state but also for use in Washington, Idaho and California.



Rhododendrons come in all shapes and sizes, many of which are on display each spring.

As for the Siuslaw Chapter of the Rhody Society, “We not only have monthly meetings, but we are involved in a number of different things,” Farrald said. “We maintain Gallagher Park — the Florence Garden Club takes care of the front area by the signs and we take care of all the rhodies in the park. We wish that

more people would utilize that park because we have some great rhodies there.”

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw. For more information, call Day Farrald at 541-590-3161.

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