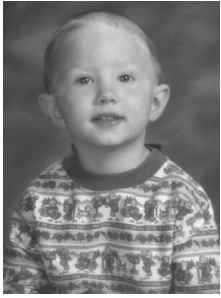


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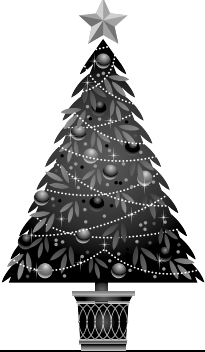


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FRAA announces new board members

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to unify and support the arts, has announced the election of three new board members whose terms begin January 2020.

They are Margaret Cedarleaf-Grey, Jerry Schneider and Nathan Pfaff. They will join current board members: Kristin Anderson, president; Andrew Nedder, vice-president; Bev Hildenbrand, secretary; John Leasure, treasurer; and Caroline Mesman,

Charles Draper and Meg Spencer.

Cedarleaf-Grey works at Oregon Pacific Bank as the Credit Services Officer in loans.

“I embraced the opportunity to be on the board of FRAA because I believe that the arts are a necessary expression of who we are and what we strive to be,” said Cedarleaf-Grey. “I want people, young, old and everywhere in between, to be able to access art in its many forms...”

Schneider is a versatile visual-arts professional with over 40 years of photographic and video-related experience. His expertise in traditional and digital still photography was honed at WDI-Walt Disney Imagineering throughout 18 years for a multitude of projects. The J. Paul Getty Museum benefited from his talents and experience in the design, creation and administration of the museum’s digital imaging lab.

Pfaff will be the first Youth

Representative on the board of directors, giving a valuable perspective. Pfaff is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. His main art form is Zentangle, and he has displayed on the FRAA Youth Wall as well as offered a Zentangle workshop.

“I really enjoy FRAA’s diversity in displaying art,” said Pfaff. “Joining FRAA is one of the best decisions I ever made art-wise, and I am proud to be a member.”

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working on designing the architectural aspects of the park, but he has more than a professional interest in the outcome. The design he unveiled to the council was much more elaborate than

the original concept, and Wood explained the changes as a natural extension of the grounds that were available for use.

“It’s a great open space for the community’s enjoyment that honors all men and women that have served this country in times of war and peace,” Wood said. “I am also here on behalf of my late great uncle, Air Force General Ben E. King, who enjoyed the many years of his retirement flying over the beautiful skies of Florence and within walking distance of the airport.”

Spayd then explained the Wood family had not only contributed time and energy to design the gateway but had also pledged \$25,000 to the estimated cost of building the memorial.

“The way we are going to fund this is through an organization called Deeds of Valor, DOV. We briefed the City Council in March of 2017 about our initial plans there and what we wanted to do with the memorial park. We changed the plans once we started working with the Woods family and I think you are really going to like the direction we are taking the park,” Spayd said. “We figure it’s going

to cost us about \$150,000 to \$175,000 to complete the project. The main reason we are coming to you today is we are working with Public Works on a grant from Oregon State Parks and Recreation and we are going to ask for \$75,000 from them and the application has to be in by February,” he said.

The request for support in completing the grant request was received positively by the council and Public Works Director Mike Miller was given the go-ahead to pursue the grant in consultation with DOV.

There were some more general topics discussed at the meeting, consisting primarily of a request from Miller for authorization of the purchase of a new Ford 4x4 pick-up truck, which he received, and the formal establishment of a Highway 101 Reimbursement District.

After a recap of the steps taken in determining the need for the special district, a public hearing was announced, which had no speakers, and the establishment of the district was approved.

City Planning Director Wendy Farley Campbell next brought Ordinance

No. 8, Series 2019 to the council and asked for the approval of an amendment to City Code that the Federal Emergency Management Agency requested be more aligned with the agency’s model code.

Campbell’s request was approved, as was the request from Sarah Moehrke, Community and Economic Development Assistant, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) at a cost of \$3,000. RDI will be providing consultation services and compiling business-related data for use when determining the future trends and current efforts in the local commercial sector.

City Manager Erin Reynolds’ yearly performance review was the last major item on the evening agenda, and she received positive feedback on her performance.

After a brief discussion led by Mayor Henry, who spoke very positively about Reynolds, the council approved a payment of just over \$4,000 to Reynolds PERS account, in lieu of a salary increase.

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6 at City Hall.



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