

City Club to feature Siuslaw News editor in January

Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson will be the featured speaker at the City Club beginning at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Florence Golf Links, 1201 35th St. in Florence.

People are asked to note that City Club meetings for 2019 have been moved to the first Tuesday of each month.

A limited lunch is available for purchase prior to the meeting.

In addition to his duties as editor of the *Siuslaw News*, Hickson is also managing editor of *The Cottage Grove Sentinel*.

He has received journalism from both the Society of Professional Journalists and Oregon Newspaper



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Ned Hickson is editor of the Siuslaw News and managing editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Publishers Association for feature writing, editorials, photography, sports writing and for his nationally syndicated humor columnist.

He is also the author of

two books, "Humor at the Speed of Life" and "Pearls of Writing Wisdom: From 16 shucking years as a columnist."

He is currently working on his third book, an editor's diary titled "All the News That's Print to Fit."

Prior to launching his career in journalism at the *Siuslaw News*, Hickson was a corporate chef for 10 years in Dallas, Texas, and Atlanta, Ga., and Portland Ore.

He has deep roots in the Florence community and, among other activities, has served as a volunteer firefighter with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue from 2011 to 2016 before being elected to the SVFR Board

of Directors in November 2016.

Hickson said he believes in the importance of local newspapers providing information, chronicling history and encouraging dialogue that builds stronger communities.

He will be speaking about his 21 years of experiences at our local newspaper, the changes and impacts on journalism due to social media, and the important role of small-town papers throughout America.

For more information about City Club of Florence, visit www.cityclubof-florence.org.

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Applications now open for Lady of Elks scholarships

The Florence Ladies of Elks B.P.O.E. #1858 is now offering applications for scholarships and vocational training to any graduating senior from the local high schools of Siuslaw, Mapleton, Reedsport and Triangle Lake who plan to attend an accredited college, university or trade/vocational educational program.

This year, there is a new application format for Siuslaw and Mapleton. Students are advised to contact their counselor to complete the application

process. The new applications have been mailed out to Reedsport and Triangle Lake. Students are advised to contact their counselor to request the application packet.

The deadline for all applications is March 13, with awards to be announced in April.

Funds for the scholarships awarded by the Ladies of Elks are accumulated through fundraising projects held throughout the year.

First Friday Film Forums to begin Jan. 3 at FUUF

The Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) is joining with HopeDance Films, a local nonprofit, to offer the First Friday Film Forum at the FUUF Fellowship Hall, 87738 Highway 101 (at the corner of Heceta Beach Rd.)

Starting Friday, Jan 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., thought-provoking films will be screened every first Friday, with conversation encouraged afterward.

January's film will be "Planetary," an exploration

of the experience of seeing our beautiful Earth from afar.

Suggested donation is \$10 (no one will be refused for lack of funds) and refreshments will be on hand. To see the trailers of the films, visit www.HopeDance.org and click on the calendar. HopeDance films are also offered every Tuesday at the Cottage Theatre in Old Town Florence.

For more details, call Bob Banner at 805-235-1733.

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City announces 'Call for Artists' for Art Exposed

The City of Florence is inviting artists to submit their work to the Public Art Committee's (PAC) program, Art Exposed, a rotating outdoor art gallery.

The artwork will be on display throughout Florence's Historic Old Town district for a two-year period starting in the spring of 2020.

Art submitted must be available for sale to the public. Each art piece will be displayed for two years and each artist will be provided a stipend of \$1,000 for installation of the art. The City of Florence will be providing the bases for the art and may assist in installation. All artwork must be the original design and artwork of the entrant and suitable for viewing by all ages.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 24, 2020. Applications can be submitted through CaFE, an online database of national public art calls. Artists can register at www.callforentry.org. There is a \$25 fee per artist to submit work.

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