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Both were able to give speeches thanking the community for the honor and talking about the decisions that keep them uplifting others and giving back.

In the State of the Chamber, Hannigan spoke about Zoom meetings, being at the table at important meetings and reaching out to Florence area businesses to connect them to important resources.

"We have revitalized existing and developed new relationships with fellow stakeholders including the city, county and state, along with our tourism partners. These relationships shared moments of hopelessness and frustration along with

the joys of achievement. We worked together to lift one another up with encouragement, compassion and a few Kleenex," she said.

Her presentation continued, "We developed COVID-safe events to promote shopping locally and to capture as many tourism dollars as we could. As a point of reference, our lodging tax revenues were up over 15% from pre-COVID. Those visitors came and renewed their passion for the coast and spent their hard-earned dollars here which helped our community stay strong even in an economic disaster. Our community survived and thrived, and we'll hear some of those stories tonight."

Those stories were re-

vealed as members of the chamber board presented the nominees and winners in the following categories.

The nominees for Grace Under Fire (Customer Service) were: Banner Bank, City of Florence Staff, Darlings Marina & RV Resort and Off Bay Street Bistro. The award went to Darling's Marina & RV Resort.

The nominees for Pivot Forward (Adaptability) were: Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate, City Lights Cinemas, Florence Farmer's Market, Oregon RAIN and the Siuslaw News. The award went to City Lights Cinema.

The nominees for Brave New Business (Successful Start-Up During the Pandemic) were: Boba Flo,

Coffee-Stained Creations, Professional Massage Therapy and Serene Abundance Studio. The award went to Boba Flo.

The nominees for Young Entrepreneur included: Jeremy Austen - Auentationis, DJ Reynolds - Novelli's, Jennifer Brandenberger - US Bead Warehouse and Kristen Goodman - Wildflower Montessori School. The award went to Kristen Goodman of the Wildflower Montessori School.

The nominees for Community Impact were: CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops), Florence Habitat for Humanity, Oregon Coast Humane Society and Siuslaw Vision. The award went to Florence Habitat for Humanity.

The nominees for Safeguarding One Another included: City of Florence, Northwest Memory Care and Three Rivers Casino Resort. The award went to Three Rivers Casino Resort.

The nominees for Helping Hearts were: Christmas in June Program - Sam Spayd, Florence Dental Clinic, and the Soup Brigade/Good Deed Project. The award went to the Soup Brigade/Good Deed Project.

The nominees for Stu Johnston Business of The Year included: Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County, Coastal Fitness, Homegrown Public House & Brewery and Oregon Pacific Bank. The award went to the Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County.

The Phoenix Rising award, selected by the Chamber's board of directors, went to Oregon Pacific Bank for their determina-



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The Phoenix Rising Award of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Siuslaw Awards went to Oregon Pacific Bank.

tion to do above and beyond normal to serve their customers and support their organizations.

The Unsung Heroes award went to the entire frontline service community. That trophy will live at the Florence Visitors Center in honor of all who risked their wellbeing to take care of the community during the pandemic.

In addition, outgoing Chamber Board Chair Neil Ecker presented Hannigan with the Wind Beneath our Wings award for her dedication in supporting the Florence area and its businesses throughout the pandemic.

The 2021-2022 all-volunteer board officers and members of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce are: Chairperson Bonnie Welch, TR Hunter Real Estate; Chairperson Elect Al Rojas, Oregon Pacific Bank; Past Chairperson Neil Ecker, Hyak; Treasurer Brittany Hornung, Buckwald & Hornung CPAs, PC; Secretary Shauna Robbers, Oregon Coast Humane Society; Jo Beaudreau, Beaux-Arts Fine Art Materials & Gallery; Rich Colton, Three Rivers Casino Resort; Angela Nelson, Fred Meyer; Jason Hawkins, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor; Steve Shrews-

bury, Best Western Pier Point Inn; Tess Yahyazadeh, Banner Bank; plus employee Bettina Hannigan, Chamber President and CEO.

Hannigan concluded her State of the Chamber by saying, "As the Chamber worked through the pandemic to support our entire community, we shared resources funded by chamber members to help each other and other businesses and organizations that are not supporting members. We did this because we care about our community. This year's Siuslaw Awards are different than our traditional event in the same way. We've opened up nominations to non-chamber entities and celebrate rising from the pandemic's flames together...catalyzing opportunity, (working) together to convene leaders and influencers, and diligently championing a thriving community. Your chamber is an organization purposed to support business and economic stability."

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FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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87738 Hwy 101 at Heceta Beach Road RUAUU? All are welcome to explore the answer. Until it is safe to meet in person, Sunday Worship Services are available 24/7 on our website: www.florenceuuf.org

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FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

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NEW LIFE LUTHERAN E.L.C.A.

21st & Spruce Streets—997-8113 Pastor Jim Abbott, All are welcome. Sunday in-person worship service@ 10:30. Also available to you on website www.florencenewlifelutheran.org.

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