

# Siuslaw Pioneer Museum seeks asset protection

Del Phelps, a lifelong Florence resident, descendant of Siuslaw region pioneers, local real estate developer and broker and avid volunteer, has a fear.

"An orange glow shows from the window. Soon, it radiates out another. And another. Before the neighbors can call 911 the entire library wing of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is engulfed in a roaring inferno spreading unimpeded into the main building.

"The fire department arrives in time to evacuate the block and save...almost nothing," explains Phelps. "That is my biggest fear right now."

Among his many ventures, Phelps currently serves as Siuslaw Pioneer Museum board president. Local history, and the preservation of it, is his passion.

"Can you imagine a fire, taking nearly every artifact, exhibit, and our extensive research library? That which is not incinerated would wash away in the stream of the hardworking firefighter's hose. Every precious exhibit. The items gifted to us by direct pioneer family descendants. The memories from our own long lives. Our community's collective history ... gone," he muses.

It doesn't have to happen. Phelps and the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Board of Directors have secured



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**Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St., holds thousands of artifacts.**

a quote for a fire suppression system to install throughout both buildings and the porch area for \$41,000. That will cover all labor and material for the installation inside the building, within normal specifications.

According to Phelps, to get the water from a city main on Second Street to the building, install a fire department hook up, purchase and to install the automated equipment needed to make the system functional is another \$25,000.

"That adds up to a basic investment of \$66,000," Phelps explains. "However, as with many large, contracted projects, additional money may be needed for city, state and/or county permits, and the possibility of cost overruns if we delay. That's why the board thinks it

is prudent to budget \$80,000 for an immediate Artifact Preservation Initiative."

Naturally, the question arises: "If a fire occurs, won't you lose all of the artifacts from water damage anyway?"

Phelps says, "No. When a fire starts, with this system installed, only the sprinkler head at the fire's starting location will open and spray water. That water keeps the fire small until the fire department can arrive on site to secure and mop up. This will be a brilliant solution because insurance will not, cannot, replace the community's irreplaceable, one-of-a-kind artifacts."

The museum is currently applying for grants, but grants are not guaranteed. The best way to fight their fears is to get community support.

"Grant providers like to see that we have community support and will often match what we raise for such an essential priority," he said. "Waiting to raise the funds to do the sprinklers is, if you'll pardon the expression, 'playing with fire.' We invite the community to get behind this Artifact Preservation Initiative to help protect and preserve these priceless treasures."

To learn more about the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, its exhibits, hours, admission or more, visit SiuslawPioneerMuseum.com or call 541-997-7884.

# Dunes City honors lives of former volunteers

On Saturday, Aug. 21, from noon to 3 p.m., Dunes City will be holding a Celebration of Life for the numerous volunteers and former officials that have passed in the last few years.

Food will be served for as long as supplies last.

"Individuals being honored include Rebecca Ruede, Bob Petersdorf, John Scott, John Stead, Marilyn Miller, Suzie Navetta, Bob Chuzas, Nor-

man Martin, Judy Martin, Darlene Beckman, Ron Tucker, Barry Sommer, Jimmy Hart, Bob Herbner, Sally Hilden, Ken Platt and Richard Anderson — and any others I have inadvertently omitted," said Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills.

The event takes place at Dunes City Hall, 2877 Spruce St. in Westlake. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

# Last Resort Players hold auditions for cast of 2

Last Resort Players is proud to announce auditions for a very special fall musical, "John & Jen."

Music Theater International calls "John & Jen" a "truly original musical that honors brothers and sisters, as well as parents and children, set against the background of a changing America between 1950 and 1990."

The show brims with intelligence, wit and beautiful melodies with a cast of only two people.

This show is a vehicle for two strong singer actors.

Last Resort Players is looking for a man and a woman with a stage age of 20 to 45. The vocal range for "John" is Ab2 to C5. The vocal range for "Jen" is F3 to F5.

Auditions will be held at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, at the

corner of Highway 101 and Heceta Beach Road, Friday, Aug. 27, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 28, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

"We pride ourselves on providing a welcoming and inclusive environment, and encourage both new and experienced talent to audition," said LRP Board President Jim Wellington, who will direct the show.

Last Resort Players founder Annie Schmidt will be assistant director.

Rehearsals will begin Sept. 7 and the show will open at City Lights Cinema on Thursday, Nov. 4, for a two-weekend run.

For further information, contact Wellington at jwell@charter.net, or visit with Last Resort Players in person at the Florence Events Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Aug. 25.

# CROW holds Holly Jolly Follies Specialty Act auditions Sept. 25

The Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) will hold open auditions for limited solo, duet and specialty act spaces in the 2021 Holly Jolly Follies, which will be performed Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at the Florence Events Center. This audition is for those who wish to be considered for a special performance slot, such as vocal soloists, dance

group, variety act, etc.

Please note, to perform only in the ensemble, you do not need to audition. All are welcome to join the general cast of the Follies.

Participants just need to attend the first all-cast meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101.

Specialty Act Auditions will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts.

"Please mark your calendar, and begin working on your Follies piece that you'd like to share. We'd love to see what you can offer us!"

CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard said. "You must show us the exact

piece you are proposing for the show. It does not need to be 100% finished, but enough to show us what you have in mind."

The best length for each piece is less than three minutes. If applicable, bring music on a device such as an iPod, Phone or MP3 player.

Email crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com any questions or go to crowkids.com.

# WEEK #5 WINNERS

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**TOP 5 Women**



ARLENE BIRON 1.68%



LORI COFFINDAFFER 1.61%



LINDA GOALDER 1.40%



GUADALUPE GALVAN 1.18%



LINDA HARKLERODE 1.15%

**TOP 5 Men**



JERRY WHITING 4.06%



AL ROJAS 1.51%



BRAD HANSCOM 0.96%



DUSTIN WILLIAMS 0.84%



JAMES MCKINNEY 0.79%

Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Season %Lost
<b>WOMEN'S RESULTS</b>		
Arlene Biron	1.68%	8.68%
Lori Coffindaffer	1.61%	6.68%
Linda Goalder	1.40%	3.98%
Guadalupe Galvan	1.18%	4.11%
Linda Harklerode	1.15%	4.24%
Betty Scarbrough	1.09%	6.63%
Katherine Hemmens	1.03%	4.94%
Linda Crowell	0.71%	4.68%
Nancy Robison	0.46%	3.16%
Alyssa Cargill	0.00%	2.52%

Debbie Haring	0.00%	4.20%
Jolene Alcorn	0.00%	1.08%
Linda Adcox	0.00%	2.55%
Linda Knudtson	0.00%	1.29%
Margaret Free	0.00%	0.38%
Sue James	-0.10%	3.92%
Jo Beaudreau	-0.11%	-2.07%
Coo Clarkson	-0.59%	3.93%
Cassandra Burns	-0.82%	2.55%

<b>MEN'S RESULTS</b>		
Jerry Whiting	4.06%	5.00%
Al Rojas	1.51%	7.19%
Brad Hanscom	0.96%	5.06%
Dustin Williams	0.84%	7.10%
James McKinney	0.79%	4.29%
Brad Koehn	0.51%	5.03%
David Crowell	0.00%	0.34%
Dirk Anderson	0.00%	7.00%
Jim Hecker	0.00%	2.74%

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## 14-WEEK CONTEST

July 17 - October 20, 2021

\*Weigh in each week at the Siuslaw News 148 Maple Street, Florence, each Wednesday, 7:30a.m.-5:30p.m.

\*Weekly leaders in each category (male & female) will be pictured in the Saturday edition of the Siuslaw News.

\*Look Good - Feel Good!

Contestants understand that participation in the contest may involve inherent risks, dangers and hazards, which many occur without warning, or be due to lack of conditioning, carelessness, and other unforeseen, unidentified, or unexpected perils inherent in physical activities or weight loss programs. Contestants understand that oversight of the contest by the Siuslaw News or any other sponsors does not and cannot, guarantee their safety. Contestants understand that they should not participate in the contest if they have any health conditions affecting their ability to participate. Contestants have signed release forms to certify they are fully aware of, and expressly assume these and all other risks involved in participating in the contest, and to grant to the Siuslaw News and all contest sponsors and their respective assignees, the absolute right and permission to use their name, address, photograph and/or likeness in any and all advertising, trade, or promotion. Contestants have weighed in at the first contest weigh-in on July 17, 2021 and will weigh-in every Wednesday through October 20, 2021 at the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple Street, 7:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**TOTAL POUNDS LOST TO DATE**

# 204+

## Diet Tip #5

"Living on the coast has many advantages, one major perk is the abundant and delicious seafood available. Some seafood including salmon, oysters and trout are rich sources of omega-3 fatty acid. Omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to reduce triglycerides and blood pressure and maintain heart health."

~Stephanie Shiu, MPH, RD Inpatient Dietitian at Peace Harbor Medical Center

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