

## IN BRIEF

### Church on the Rock Boutique today

The Lace Boutique Sale hosted by Church of the Rock, 1750 18th St., will be today, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be handcrafted items and a bake sale.

The sale is a fundraiser for the COR Women's Ministry.

### Roblan to speak to Dems today

Florence Area Democratic Club will hold a business meeting today, May 2, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

At 3 p.m., everyone is invited to join the Town Hall in the Bromley Room with Sen. Arnie Roblan.

### Prayer service for quake victims Sunday

On Sunday, May 3, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Florence will hold a community prayer service for the victims of the earthquake that struck Nepal, India and China.

The service, weather allowing, will begin in the Labyrinth Garden behind the church at 2136 19th St.

### Community Chorus take stage Monday

May 3, at 2 p.m., the Community Chorus of Florence will present "Hooray for Hollywood" at the Florence Event Center.

The FloTones are special guests and the Siuslaw Child-

ren's Choir will debut.

In addition, scholarships will be presented to deserving students.

Call the FEC at 541-997-1994 for tickets, or visit the chorus website at [www.comcommunitychorusflorenceor.org](http://www.comcommunitychorusflorenceor.org).

### SSWCD board meets Monday

The Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, May 4, at the new district office, 1775 Laurel Place Ste #4, in Florence at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, email the district office at [siuswcd@gmail.com](mailto:siuswcd@gmail.com) or call 541-997-1272.

### Meet the chief May 5

The City of Florence invites everyone to meet Florence's new Police Chief Tom Turner at the Florence Events Center on Tuesday, May 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.

### Dan Clements to speak at Van Fans

On Wednesday, May 6, Dan Clements will speak at the Van Fans meeting, beginning at 11:45 a.m. at The Shorewood.

Everyone is welcome and lunch is served at noon for \$8.50.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

### LCC to host program on sustainability

The Lane Community

College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., invites the public to attend "Sustainability: Surviving and Thriving in a Changing World," presented by LCC faculty member Margaret Robertson, on Thursday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. Learn about the possibilities for a regenerative future in a healthy and sustainable world. Refreshments will be served.

### Coastal Women Vets luncheon May 8

The Coastal Woman Veterans monthly luncheon will be held at Jerry's Place, 88274 Rhododendron Drive, on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m.

All women veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP by calling 541-952-4951 or email [judithturk@kickmetopaul.com](mailto:judithturk@kickmetopaul.com).

### Toastmasters hold open house May 9

The Toastmasters club in Florence, Siuslaw Tale Spinners, will hold an open house on Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

The workshop "Set Powerful Goals That Motivate You" will be held as part of the Open House program.

The community is invited to attend and discover what the nonprofit Florence Toastmasters group is all about.

Light refreshments will be served.

### Dunes City Triathlon run, ride, swim

The annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon will be held May 9. Interested athletes can register at [www.oregondunes-triathlon.com](http://www.oregondunes-triathlon.com).

Anyone that is interested in volunteering for this one-day event can call Renee at Dunes City Hall 541-997-3338.

Pre-race announcements will begin at 7:45 a.m. The transition area will open at 6:30 a.m.

### Women's retreat in Mapleton May 9

The Mapleton Grange will host a one-day retreat by and for local women. "Spring Renewal for Women" will be held Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will focus on health and wellness for women ages 18 and older.

Tickets are available at Banner Bank, Real Food Co-op and at the door.

### Rosen to speak at PFLAG May 12

Danni/y Rosen, Oregon State Chair of GLSEN, will be the featured speaker May 12 at the PFLAG public meeting at Florence United Methodist Church, at Kingwood and Second streets.

GLSEN, the Gay-Lesbian-Straight Education Network, is a national organization providing education and advocacy in LGBT issues.

The meeting is free, open to everyone and begins at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Boardwalk Market re-opens May 16

The Florence Boardwalk Market's 2015 season kickoff is Saturday, May 16. The market is located adjacent to the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk at Bay and Nopal Streets.

Local and regional vendors sell produce, handmade crafts, pottery, baskets, Oregon-specialty products, gemstones, rocks and minerals, jewelry, plants, clothing, art, photography, blown glass, face painting and more.

Hours are Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The market runs weekends through Oct. 4.

### Learn secrets to growing rhodies

May is a great time to learn how to get your azaleas and rhododendrons to bloom well.

Come to the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society meeting Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

Experts will show how to care for older plants to produce prize-winning blooms and how to start new plants.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, for refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend.

Call 541-997-3082 for information or visit [www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org)

### FEC Performance Grant available

The Friends of the Florence

Events Center (FFEC) has announced performance grant applications will now be accepted from nonprofit performance groups that use the Florence Events Center.

Fund requests up to \$700 are to be used for an event rental during the 2015-2016 season.

The deadline for applications are due in the FEC office by June 1, 2015.

More information is available from the FEC website at [www.eventcenter.org/general/page/friends-fec-grant-application](http://www.eventcenter.org/general/page/friends-fec-grant-application).

### Real Food Co-op call to artists

Art and craft donations for a fundraiser for the Real Food Co-op are needed. The benefit will be held June 27 at the Kenneth B. Gallery.

All pieces need to be received by June 20.

If you are interested in donating, would like to help with the event, or have questions, contact Christine at [delgadochristinel@gmail.com](mailto:delgadochristinel@gmail.com) or call 206-369-6825.

### LCC seeks volunteers for ESL program

The English as a Second Language program at Lane Community College Florence is in need of volunteers on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings to help a student study for the citizenship test and with English conversation.

Call the LCC Florence Center at 541-997-8444 for more information.

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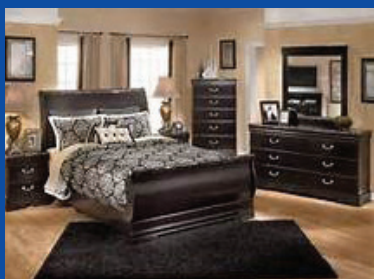
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