

Children's choir to perform with Community Chorus

The Siuslaw Children's Choir, composed of 26 third- to sixth-grade students, will be singing several Christmas songs as special guests in the Community Chorus of Florence concert, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., at the Florence Event Center.

They will be part of a larger program that will include Appalachian Winter, which is a 40-minute piece with a country flavor performed by the Community Chorus with accompaniment by a group of folk musicians.

Other guests will include the Intrada Bell Choir and the Flotones.

The Community Chorus will sing additional seasonal songs as well.

Co-directors for the concert will be Elise Arnold and Dr.



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The Siuslaw Children's Choir

Paul Guthmuller. The piano accompanist will be Johanna Bonisteel.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the Florence Event Center or by calling 541-997-1994. Children under age 18 will be admitted free.

Medicare open enrollment underway through Dec. 7

Through Monday, Dec. 7, Medicare recipients have an opportunity to review their coverage and, if needed, change their programs.

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Former Forest Service chief to discuss new memoir

The Siuslaw National Forest on the Oregon coast once saw some of the bitterest battles over old-growth logging in the Pacific Northwest.

But a shift towards ecological restoration, guided by the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan and innovative leadership, has made the Siuslaw a model for conflict-free management.

Jim Furnish, former Forest Supervisor on the Siuslaw, was an integral part of this leadership and transition.

Hear from Furnish, who will present excerpts from his new memoir, "Towards a Natural Forest: The Forest Service in Transition," which explores the tumultuous transition he experienced within the federal agency charged with balancing management on National Forests across the country.

Currently a consulting forester in the Washington D.C. area, Furnish has 34 years of experience in the US Forest Service, including as Deputy Chief of the agency.

Also featured is the film "Seeing the Forest" by filmmaker and journalist Alan Honick, which tells the story of how the Siuslaw National Forest became a pioneer in ecosystem restoration and innovative management; and how people from all sides have come together to create a sustainable future for the forest and the human community that depends on it.

Furnish will be joined by panelists Paul Engelmeyer with the Audubon Society, Chandra LeGue with Oregon Wild, and Dave Eisler of the Siuslaw Stewardship Group to

discuss the past, present, and future of management of public lands in the Siuslaw National Forest.

The event takes place Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., at City Lights Cinemas on Highway 101 in Florence.

The evening is by presented by the Siuslaw Watershed Council and Siuslaw Stewardship Group.

Admission is free.

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Terry, chef and owner of Homegrown Pub, and Pendergrass, Master Vintner of Tartan Wines, will come together to present a delicious night out.

Enjoy a four-course meal created with food sourced from local farms and foragers. Dinner includes oysters on the half shell, squash and truffle bisque, morel crusted Round Barn Beef fillet minion with truffles, potatoes Anna, and a flourless chocolate torte for dessert.

Each course will be paired with one of Pendergrass's delectable wines from Tartan, made with grapes sourced from the Northwest.

Tickets are for sale at Homegrown Pub, 294 Laurel St.

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