

Homegrown Pub presents evening of food, ale pairs

Homegrown Public House has announced a one-of-a-kind collaborative pairing experience on the coast with Agrarian Ales to host an evening of creatively fresh food paired with many favorite farmhouse ales.

"This was a fun process for both of us, and we think we have come up with unique and inspiring pairings to saturate your pallet," says Jen Nelson of Homegrown.

Both Homegrown and Agrarian Ales believe in supporting local farms and producers. The menu will

reflect this belief.

Join them Monday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m. for this collaborative beer-pairing experience. A limited number of tickets are available at Homegrown, 294 Laurel St. in Florence.

Agrarian Ales, in Harrisburg near Eugene, is located on Crossroad Farms, where the owners produce ales made with a variety of hops and herbs grown using organic practices, combined with water from their aquifer and grains and other ingredients from neighboring farms.

FEC to host 'Artistic Visions' show through February

Original 2-D, 3-D and photography works from local artists will be on display during the Artistic Visions Awards Show through January at the FEC. This awards show is sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Event Center Gallery Committee, and will be on display from Tuesday, Jan. 5, through Monday, Feb. 1.

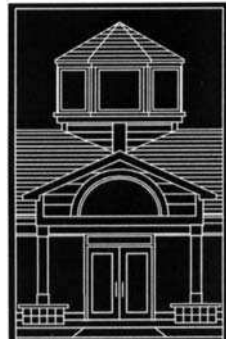
Three out-of-town judges were selected for this show,

each one respected in their field of expertise (2-D, 3-D, photography).

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded for first place in each category, along with honorable mention ribbons, with each artist allowed to submit up to three works of art.

A special artists reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Art Tour.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

The Mechanical

By Ian Tregillis

Book review by Susie Voth
What fun it is to travel back in time to 1926 and visit New France (the country now known as Canada), the Netherlands and France. "The Mechanical" is a blend of alternate history and steampunk genres.

The book is populated with a variety of mechanicals called Clakkers.

There are military mechanicals created for their strength and military capabilities.

Stemwinders, the rarest, most feared, and mysterious type of Clakkers, have four legs and four arms and do not communicate, but blindly follow orders.

Finally, the servitor-class mechanicals, the lowest of the Clakkers, built to serve their human masters, and ultimately the Rightful Monarch of the Dutch Empire, Queen Margreet.

Jax is a servitor Clakker. Through his thoughts and actions, the reader learns that Clakkers are not merely machines: they have desires.

However, any action on their desires is prevented by a "geas" or obligation set by a Clakkers' owner. Any attempt to delay the completion of geas is prevented

by pain. The longer a Clakker delays, the more severe the pain.

Jax heard rumors of rogue Clakkers, Clakkers that don't suffer the pain of geas, and don't follow orders. but have free-will.

One such rogue was captured and brought before Queen Margreet, who demanded he kneel before her. "No," said the Clakker to the queen. "I prefer not." The queen could not allow this Clakker to survive — however, in his final moments, when humans heard the clattering of fear, Clakkers heard something quite different — Clockmakers lie.

The audiobook is most excellently read by Chris Kayser. He was able to pronounce words specifically made-up for this book. That is quite a feat, particularly the names of the Clakkers such as Jalyksegethistrovantis (so much easier to just say Jaz).

Story Time at the library

Don't forget that our youngest patrons (with their parents) are invited and encouraged to attend exciting story times each Tuesday and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Gayle entertains with a variety of stories, followed by

fun crafts and games.

For more information, contact the library at 541-997-3132.

Holiday closures

The library in Florence will be closed at noon tomorrow, Dec. 24, while the Mapleton branch will not be open.

Both libraries will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25.

The Florence and Mapleton libraries will both close at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, and be closed on Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

The library would like to wish all our patrons a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Strategic Planning closure

The Siuslaw Public Library, both Florence and Mapleton branches, will be closed all day on Saturday, Jan. 9.

There will be a strategic planning retreat at the library that day, including a wide variety of community members all coming together to help plan the library's future.

Regular hours in Florence will resume the following day, Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m., while Mapleton will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at noon.

Us TOO Florence recognizes Dr. Hoff at lunch meeting

At the Dec. 15 meeting of the Us TOO Florence Lunch Bunch, Bob Horney, facilitator of Us TOO Florence, presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Doug Hoff for his nearly five years of meeting monthly with the group.

The certificate, signed by Horney and Tom Kirk, president and CEO of Us TOO International, was in recognition of Us TOO's sincere appreciation of the time, expertise and personal interest Dr. Hoff took in every person who attended the Us TOO Florence Lunch Bunch.

Every lunch with Dr. Hoff was like an hour's office visit in the clinic, helping men gain vital information about their prostate cancer journey.



PHOTO BY MARILYN BARBA

Us TOO Florence facilitator Bob Horney (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Doug Hoff for his nearly five years of meeting monthly with the group.

This was Dr. Hoff's final meeting with the Lunch Bunch. Starting in January, he will be providing urological services on a rotating basis with three other urologists at Oregon Urology Institute (OUI) to veterans seeking service at the new VA Clinic in Eugene.

Us TOO Florence regrets losing Dr. Hoff's camaraderie and compassionate care, but are pleased that the veterans will have access to his urological skills.

Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy will provide service to the Florence OUI Clinic in Dr. Hoff's place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Dr. Bryan Mehlhoff will continue to cover the second and fourth Tuesdays.



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'Stormy weather' through February at Backstreet

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., invites you to enjoy "stormy weather" January through February, when gallery membership will join together as they create their own "Stormy Weather" art piece.

Local singer songwriter Stephen McVay will bring his soulful violin into Backstreet's New Year's mix, along with his fine guitar.

He'll set the moods with his own beautiful songs and their sweet harmonies, as well as those of others we know and love so well.

Greet the New Year with the reception Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The gallery will be loaded with great food, unique art, live entertainment and the merriment in celebration of 2016.

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