



SOUNDS PROMISING

Family Promise of Lincoln County will hold its first A Taste of Art and Wine event on Sunday, March 8, in Lincoln City, offering guests the chance to enjoy a few luxuries while raising funds to help homeless families.

The event, running from 4 to 6 pm at the Beach Club Events Center, will include a wine tasting, appetizers and a silent auction of art items donated by local artists, including some from Taft 7-12 students. Already donated are pieces including an encaustic painted in tinted beeswax, a quilted wall hanging, locally made jewelry and a fun pottery piece.

Tickets are \$20 and include a commemorative Family Promise wine glass donated by Waddell and Reed. The tickets can be purchased online by searching for "A Taste of Art and Wine" at Eventbrite.com or from many board members and Family Promise staff.

Proceeds from the event will help Family Promise assist in getting homeless families back on their feet and living independently in their own

homes. More than 80 percent of the Family Promise graduate families are still living independently and successfully a year after leaving the program.

"Even though we have been operating for five years successfully, funding has been a little difficult this year so we are hoping for a great turnout," said Executive Director Elizabeth Reyes. "There are still plenty of families and especially kids who need our help and we need financial help to do that."

Family Promise of Lincoln County is a nonprofit that provides shelter, meals and comprehensive assistance to homeless and low-income families with children in Lincoln County while they seek to achieve sustainable independent living. This is achieved through a collaborative community effort and based on a proven successful national model that partners with local congregations and social service agencies to provide practical and effective services. For more information, call Family Promise at 541-614-0964.



A party with the luau factor

Delicious Hawaiian food, live music and dancing will be on offer this Sunday, March 1, as the parents of the Taft High School Class of 2020 host a community luau to raise funds for grad night.

Held in the Taft High Commons, the evening will start at 5 pm with a Hawaiian feast from Oceans Apart Catering. Michael Dane and friends will perform Hawaiian music with guitar, steel guitar, drums and vocals, accompanied by guest hula dancers and drummers.

A fun and delicious dessert dash will feature a wide variety of tasty treats, sponsored by My Petite Sweet and other donors.

Meanwhile, a silent auction will give guests the chance to snag items like massage certificates, sweatshirts, glass floats and even a leaf blower.

And three choice prizes are up for grabs in the Grad Night Fundraiser Raffles. Win a \$500 gift certificate from Meredith Lodging, with tickets just \$20 each. Or, try your luck in the raffle drawing for a Stihl chainsaw MS250 — those tickets are \$10 each. Can't decide? Try the 50/50 general raffle, with tickets \$2 each or three for \$5. The winner will receive half of the cash proceeds, or one of several other valuable prizes.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the annual drug- and alcohol-free grad night party.

Luau tickets, \$20 each, and raffle tickets are available online at <https://taftseniorparentgroup2020.square.site> or from any member of the Senior Parent Group.

For details, contact Niki Price at 541-921-2006.

Wool you be there?

Newport Public Library's Wild Family Wednesday is inviting kids from kindergarten through fifth grade to Spin a Yarn this Wednesday, March 4.

Kids accompanied by a parent or guardian will get to create yarn crafts such as pom-poms, God's eye, tassels and more to take home. All supplies are provided. Library staff will also be on hand to recommend a picture book, new fiction book or other reading material to check out.

Wild Family Wednesday will run from 2:45 to 4:30 pm in the McEntee Room at the library, 35 NW Nye Street.

For more information, call 541-265-2153.



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