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CRACKIN' CRAB

HUNDREDS ATTEND FOURTH ANNUAL CRAB CRACK BENEFITING FLORENCE FOOD SHARE



PHOTOS BY CHANTELE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

More than 400 people attended Florence Food Share's sold-out fourth annual Crab Crack at Florence Events Center on Feb. 7. Thirty volunteers prepared 825 pounds of crab, 625 slices of bread, 100 pounds of cole slaw, 40 pounds of melted butter, 36 pounds of pasta, 15 gallons of pasta sauce and five gallons of cocktail sauce. BJ's Ice Cream Parlor also provided 400 cannolis. Norma Barton, executive director of Florence Food Share, said, "It was a great event. It was the most we've ever raised. We also already have a waiting list for next year's event."



Western Lane Ambulance manager dies

Henry Hanf served local district for 18 years

BY SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

Henry Hanf, district manager of Western Lane Ambulance (WLA) since 1997, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 2:30 a.m. Hanf, 74, had been ill in previous weeks.



Henry Hanf

Albert Kreitz, paramedic and WLA public information officer, said, "Henry has served in an outstanding fashion. He was well-liked and respected by all members of the ambulance district."

Hanf was a resident of Florence for the last 18 years. He had 40 years of experience in fire departments and emergency medical services. He previously served the Harrisburg Fire Department as chief.

Hanf also worked for the Oregon State Fire Marshal Office.

"He came to us with valuable experience. He brought education and experience to assist us," Kreitz said.

Hanf also served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years, including two years in Vietnam and one year as a drill sergeant.

"He proudly served," Kreitz said.

Chamber earns tourism grant from county

Funds to be used for expanding ad campaign to new metro markets

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced that it has received grant funds of \$5,000 from Lane County to continue the Uncurbed Adventures marketing campaign it started last spring.

Last year, according to Executive Director Cal Applebee, the chamber received a \$20,000 matching grant from the Lane County Transient Room Tax (TRT) to create and launch the Uncurbed Adventures marketing campaign, created by Eugene advertising agency Celeste Daniels Advertising and Design.

The TRT is a tax on motel and hotel room charges throughout Lane County. Its revenue is used to promote tourism in the county.

Although the funds from the TRT decreased from last year, Applebee said the money would still be used to expand the promotion into new markets this year. Due to Lane County grant restrictions, the chamber could only request up to half the amount they received last year. The chamber applied for a \$10,000 grant, but received \$5,000.

"Because they have many more grant applicants than funds, they only awarded us \$5,000," Applebee said. "This year we are matching it with \$1,000 from the chamber, \$1,000 from Apex Helicopter and \$500 from C and M Stables."

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MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR ROLLS UP

Twilight Learning Center's bus program sends students on weekly field trips

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Children participating in Siuslaw Elementary School's Twilight Learning Center after school get a little bit of mystery included in their weekly schedule. Once a week, about a dozen students travel on a Magical Mystery Bus Tour. This is besides the usual homework, meal and enrichment activities provided by Twilight.

Jim Grano, a semi-retired volunteer with a bus certification, said, "I proposed that once a week I take 13 students, because that's what fits in the activity bus with one other adult, on a trip every Wednesday. The idea is students sign up on Monday, not knowing where they're going."

Hence the "mystery" for the students.

Students in grades three to five sign up Monday or Tuesday for the Wednesday field



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Seven students from Twilight Learning Center join Petty Officer Alan Veach at the U.S. Coast Guard Siuslaw River Station during a field trip Feb. 4.

trip, which takes around two hours.

"We try to make the trips hands on as much as possible," Grano said. "Which is, I'm finding out, easier for them after a full day of school than it is for them to listen to different people giving them information."

After the trip, students complete a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) response and eat dinner with the rest of the Twilight students.

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