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Ladies of Elks send cookies to U.S. troops

The Ladies of Elks' Touch of Home Committee of the Florence Lodge No. 1858 sent packages to a soldier recipient and his troops Jan. 14.

The members of the Ladies of Elks made 410 dozen cookies, as well as packaged snack-size bag of trail mix, nuts, licorice and other consumables that can be tucked into the pockets of the soldier's Cargo-style pants so they can have nutritional snacks while out on patrol.

It is costly to send these packages, and the Ladies of Elks acknowledged those who shared in the expense: Mary Kjaer, LOE member; the Florence Veterans group known as the Band of Brothers; Bill Smales and several other LOE and Elk members.



COURTESY PHOTO
LOE members pack the cookies and other treats (from left) Laura Matheny, Pat Smith, Marianne Palassou, Jan Naylor, Shirley Hornback and, sitting, Kathy Price and Linda Kowalski.

IN BRIEF

Artist Q and A at KB Gallery

Kenneth B Gallery opens its doors Sunday, Feb. 15, for a Question and Answer session with featured artist JoAnn Chartier, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Chartier will discuss her life as an artist, acrylic and oil painting techniques, and the creative process.

Admission is free.

For more information, contact SK Lindsey at 541-999-5875.

LCC closed for Presidents Day

Lane Community College will be closed for the President's Day holiday Monday, Feb. 16.

Classes will not be held and services will not be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

Find help at Diabetes Support Group

The Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. in the conference room at the Siuslaw Public Library.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month for education and sharing.

For more information, call 541-902-6059.

Us TOO prostate cancer support

The next meeting of the Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Education/Support Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Kozy Kitchen Restaurant, from noon to 1 p.m.

This is an excellent source of prostate cancer information with Urologist Dr. Doug Hoff and prostate cancer survivors in attendance.

Port of Siuslaw to discuss moorage fees

The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will hold its February regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Port office, located at 100 Harbor St. in Florence.

Port meetings are open to the public.

This meeting will include a public hearing to discuss changing rates for moorage and campground fees.

For more information, contact the port office at 541-997-3426.

Van Fans to host card game party Feb. 18

The Van Fans card game party is Feb. 18, at the Florence Events Center. Ticket prices are \$15 with our without a card game, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

To reserve a spot at a favorite game table, call Toni Young at 541-997-3893.

Library board to host regular meeting

The Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will meet Friday, Febr. 20, at 1:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, located at 1460 Ninth Street, for a regular meeting of the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors.

A complete agenda is available online at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Bowl for the Cure at Holiday Bowl Feb. 21

Bowl at Holiday Bowl on Saturday Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m., and play three games for \$10 — with \$5 going to cancer research for a cure. Get friends together for a fun time and help the American Cancer Society.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Bowl and the Central Oregon Coast Bowling Association.

Last Resort Players to host auditions Feb. 28

Auditions for the June performance of "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" are being held Feb. 28 and March 1, beginning at 2 p.m., on the main stage of the Florence Events Center.

All rolls are for adults.

In this riotous play, an eclectic group of six mid-pubescent (played by adults) vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime.

While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home life, the "tweens" spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words hoping to never hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

Six spellers enter, one speller leaves.

Those planning to audition should bring sheet music or an accompaniment track, a headshot and resume.

More information is available at www.lastresortplayers.org, or by contacting Paula Burnette at 541-997-4092.

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