

Chamber’s First Friday returns to Old Town

Florence First Friday returns to the streets of historic Old Town Florence starting Friday, March 6.

Produced by the Old Town Committee for the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, it is an effort to encourage businesses in Old Town and the Antiques District to commit to remaining open until 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month.

“Come to Historic Old Town and Antiques District to see what is happening on the street,” committee co-chair-

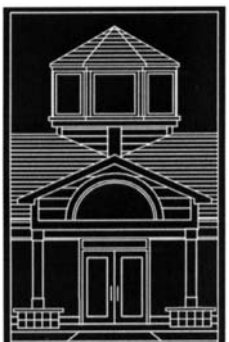
woman Jenna Bartlett said. “It could be wine tasting, special discounts or listening to some music while shopping.

“Whether you are celebrating TGIF or doing a little shopping after dinner, you will find it all here.”

Co-chairwoman Glenna Martin said, “We also want extended hours for our locals who may find parking more difficult during the day.”

Decorative window signs will identify those businesses who are committed to the effort.

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 Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus’

By Jen Bryant
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Book Review by Susie Voth

In 1787, when Peter Roget (pronounced roh-zhay) was just eight years old, he began his first notebook. He called it “Peter, Mark, Roget. His Book.” In it he wrote lists and from the lists he learned that words are powerful things and to use just the right word felt wonderful.

Roget’s Thesaurus is a household staple, like a cookbook, only for words. We’ve all used them to write English papers, to find the perfect word of love to send in a card to one we adore, to convey our sorrow at the death of a friend or loved one.

We trade in a 5-cent word for a \$5 word and it is easy because Peter Mark Roget spent his lifetime infatuated with words and lists of words

“The Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus” has been nominated for and/or won many prestigious awards. The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children is one of the awards received.

“The Right Word: Roget and

his Thesaurus” is also a Caldecott Honor Book for 2015. Melissa Sweet, the illustrator, used only word and lists found either in Roget’s notebooks or the first edition of Roget’s 1852 Thesaurus in the artwork for this book. She was able to use Roget’s original 1805 word book for her research.

This fabulous book is not just for children. People of all ages will find much to appreciate within its pages. It is more than a nice book; it is excellent, splendid, grand, stunning, and top-notch.

‘Owyhee River Journals’ with Bonnie Olin

Oregon author Bonnie Olin will present and discuss her new book, “The Owyhee River Journals,” at a program on Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m.

Join fellow adventurers in this vicarious journey through the spectacular and peaceful Owyhee River basin area of eastern Oregon.

Olin began exploring the Owyhee River area in the early 1990s with her soon-to-be husband, Mike Quigley. The couple’s initial exploration led to many more trips down the undeveloped, pristine Owyhee River

and through its striking canyons. These journeys are the subject of “The Owyhee River Journals.” The book includes photos of rarely seen landscapes taken by Mike Quigley during the adventuresome duo’s many journeys together.

Bonnie Olin will discuss their floats down the river, hikes through the canyons, and what impact these adventures had on her life

Free tax services

The most common question we’re getting at the library at this time of year is: Do you offer help with taxes?

The library doesn’t, but AARP does in the library’s Bromley Room.

The AARP tax service is available on Monday and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and runs through April 13.

This tax service is particularly important this year as the IRS, for the first time, will not be providing instruction booklets, just the three basic 1040 forms, which have not yet arrived at the library.

Oregon has not provided tax instruction booklets or forms to libraries for some years.



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Radio personality to speak at next DAR meeting

Wayne Sharpe, a morning show host on Florence’s KCST Radio, and a founding board member of the Oregon Coast Military Museum, will be speaking at the Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meeting on Friday, Feb. 27.

Sharpe will share the story of Desmond Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist conscientious objector who never carried a weapon in WWII. He was the first conscientious objector to be awarded a Medal of Honor for saving the lives of many soldiers while under fire by the



COURTESY PHOTO

KCST Radio’s Wayne Sharpe will discuss Medal of Honor recipient and conscientious objector Desmond Thomas Doss at the next DAR meeting.

enemy. “This story is very inspiring, quite fascinating and showcases the great spirit that soldiers can show under grave conditions of combat,” said Sharpe.

“Desmond Thomas Doss was one of only three conscientious objectors to ever be honored with the Medal of Honor.”

“Many women see membership in DAR as a way to honor their family history and preserve their family genealogy for future generations,” said National Society Daughters of the American Revolution president-general Lynn Forney Young. “Others see DAR as an organization of women who share their common interests and hobbies and a great place to make new friends.”

Those passionate about historic preservation, patriotism, or education may be eligible for membership.

For more information, contact Ellie Duree at 541-997-6613 to attend a meeting as a guest.

To learn more about DAR, visit www.dar.org.

Penalties to be assessed for filing incorrect E-tax information

Businesses must comply starting with 2014 returns

SALEM — Starting with the filing of 2014 returns this year, the Oregon Department of Revenue (ODR) will be assessing penalties for failing to file information returns electronically. Oregon requires businesses

filing any number of W2s or more than 10 1099s to file those electronically through iWire by March 31.

The penalty will be \$50 per return, with a maximum of \$2,500. If a business knowingly fails to file or knowingly files an incomplete, false, or misleading return, the penalty will be \$250 per return, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

All electronic filing must be done through iWire, a free, browser-based application available through the ODR website.

Many software vendors and payroll providers have updated their programs to support Oregon iWire. If your software does not support Oregon iWire, submit your file using the specifications provided on the ODR website.

Contact the iWire team by phone at 503-945-8127, during normal business hours, or by email at iwire.dor@oregon.gov.

Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; or call 1-800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email, questions.dor@oregon.gov.

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