

# Local Coldwell Banker brokers honored

Five local realtors at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate brokers were recently honored for their 2014 production within the Coldwell Banker system.

Of the more than 87,000 Coldwell Banker associates worldwide, Chuck Gesik and Diana Hackett were awarded the International Sterling Society Award, placing them in the top 17 percent.

Peggy Bradley and Rick Cox were awarded the International Diamond Society Award, placing them in the top 11 percent. And for the second year in a row, Wanda Johnson received the coveted distinction of International President's Circle, placing her in the top 6 percent of Coldwell Banker Associates worldwide.

Andy Johnson, owner and principal broker of the local firm, said "In small town Florence, to have five of our brokers receive such coveted



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**Coldwell principal broker and owner Andy Johnson (far right) with Coast Real Estate realtors recently honored by the Coldwell Banker system (back row from left): Peggy Bradley, Diana Hackett and Rick Cox; (front row) Chuck Gesik and Wanda Johnson**

recognition in the Coldwell Banker system is truly a rare and extraordinary achieve-

ment. It is no doubt is a by-product of their tireless work ethic and an outstanding ability

to connect with people and serve their needs."

Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, one of Florence's longest-established local businesses, is located at 100 Hwy 101.

The 59-year-old local firm has been an affiliate of Coldwell Banker, the nation's premier real estate network, since 1999. With more than 3300 offices worldwide and 87,000 sales associates globally, Coldwell Banker Corporation is the world leader in luxury home sales and has consistently been an industry leader since its inception in 1906 in San Francisco, Calif.

Locally, Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate offers a global referral and marketing and online network among 3,000 offices worldwide, and a dominant local presence in the real estate market.

For more information, call 541-997-7777.

# 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 a program encouraging businesses in Old Town and the Antiques District to remain 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-chairwoman 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."

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

## IN BRIEF

### Soroptimists selling roses to benefit local students

Tickets for the annual Soroptimist Rose Sale are available now through March 25, for \$20 per dozen.

Delivery will be April 29. Proceeds fund the scholarships awarded to local students.

Roses can be delivered to the recipient at home or work.

Tickets can be purchased from any Soroptimist or by calling Jo Hine at 541-997-2233.

### Florence Area Dems to have special guest

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

Special guest will be Jack Lenox, chairman of the Native American Business Network. Everyone is welcome.

### Mapleton Lions to make pancakes

The Mapleton Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, March 8, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the Mapleton Lions Club, 88148 Riverview Drive in Mapleton.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

### Get help to end substance abuse

The Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse, SAPPASA, will meet Monday, March 9, at 3.30 p.m., in the Siuslaw Public Library.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

### PFLAG to present award-winning film

The Sundance Institute-sponsored multiple award-win-

ning documentary, "Out in the Silence," will be shown to the public Tuesday, March 10, in the sanctuary of Florence United Methodist Church, sponsored by PFLAG Florence.

The screening will follow brief introductions and organizational news at 6:30 p.m.

The film runs 58 minutes, and discussion will follow.

Florence United Methodist Church is located at 333 Kingwood Ave.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

### Coastal Women Vets luncheon March 13

The Coastal Women Veterans will have its monthly

luncheon Friday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m., at 1285 Restobar Restaurant, 1285 Bay Street in Old Town.

All women who have served in any branch of the military are invited as well as their spouses or caregivers. Space is limited so prior reservations are required.

For reservations, contact call Sharon Armstrong at 541-999-5094 or email her at sarmstrong@msn.com.

### LCC seeks volunteers for ESL program

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Lane Community College Florence Center is in need of volunteers.

On Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ESL needs one volunteer to help a student study for the citizenship test.

Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, a volunteer is needed to help mid-level ESL students with English conversation.

For more information, call the LCC Florence Center at 541-997-8444, ext. 4835.

### Poetry Group meets Wednesdays

Friends of Poetry meets every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 1451 Spruce St.

All are welcome. For more information, call 541-991-7556.

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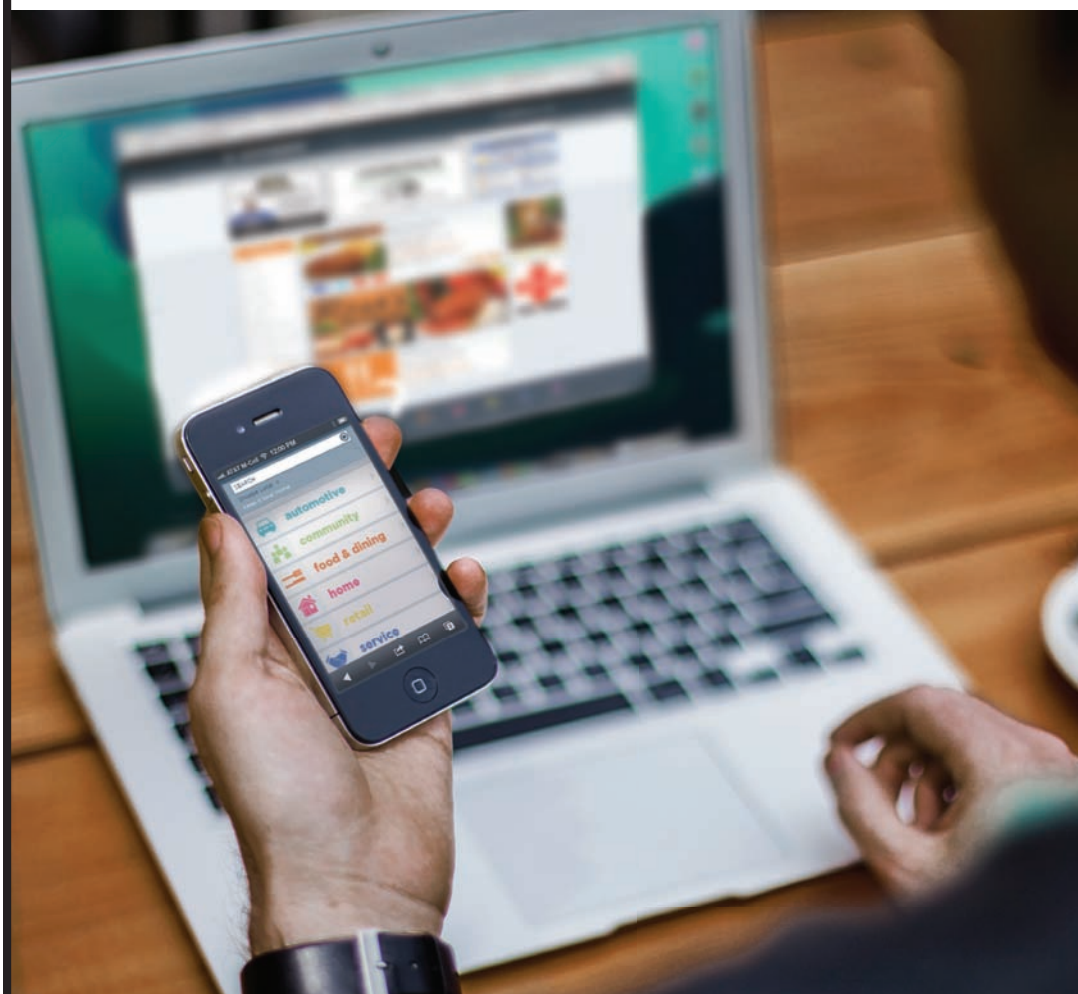
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