

Florence man cited for bear parts

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Hong-Shiou "Tony" Chiou, of Florence, was cited by Oregon State Police earlier this month after he tried to board a flight to Taiwan with bear paws in his luggage at the Eugene Airport.

A regional representative from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said, "It was more of a customs issue. (Bear paws) aren't really a prohibited item for us. They're just gross."

TSA agents discovered bear paws wrapped in grocery bags and bear gall in Chiou's luggage on March 3. The rep said TSA could have pursued the case, but passed it off to OSP Fish and Wildlife Division.

Chiou did not provide OSP troopers with a valid hunting

tag and did not say whether the bear parts were hunted by himself or provided by other hunters.

According to a search warrant obtained by OSP, he cooperated with police and signed consent for them to search his barn on Highway 126 and his Florence home on Eighth Street, where OSP found bear heads, hides and meat.

Chiou was not taken into custody, according to police, but more citations may be pending.

Additional charges against Chiou could include unlawful take of wildlife and unlawful possession of game mammal parts without being properly tagged or without written transfer records.

It is illegal to kill bears without a tag or license in Oregon.

IN BRIEF

Soroptimists selling roses to benefit local students

Tickets for the annual Soroptimist Rose Sale are available now through April 20, 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.

Flukes to strum tomorrow

Florence Ukulele Club (The Flukes) will meet Sunday, March 29, from 3 to 4 p.m., for a song circle in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Meetings are open to ukulele players of all levels and anyone interested in learning more about the club, as well as any-

one who just wants to listen or sing along.

Beginners meet first from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email janetwellington@charter.net

FACC Scholarship deadline is April 1

Scholarship applications are now available for the Florence Area Community Coalition Scholarship. Seniors from Siuslaw or Mapleton high schools are invited to apply for the \$500 scholarship to be awarded at the FACC Community Volunteer Recognition Event at the Florence Events Center on April 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The scholarship can be used for two-year or four-year institutions of higher education or technical schools.

Applications are available at both high schools and are due April 1.

City manager to speak at FACC

New City Manager Erin Reynolds will speak at the Florence Area Community Coalition meeting Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Library.

Reynolds will talk about goals for the city and her new role.

The public is invited.

Florence Dems meeting hosts Stiles

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room.

Guest speaker will be Sharon Stiles, Lane Community College Board of Education.

Everyone is welcome.

Rhody Society early flower show set

The Siuslaw Early Rhododendron Show will be April 11 and 12. In addition to exhibiting flowers, rhododendrons and azaleas will be for sale.

The exhibit will include azaleas, rhododendrons and Bonsai. The show is free and open to the public. Times will

be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The exhibit will be at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

For more information, call 541-997-3082 or visit www.siuslawars.org.

Colorado Picnic returns in July

The third semi-annual Colorado Picnic is being planned for Sunday, July 19, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Woahink Lake picnic meeting place on Canary road

Bring a dish to share and your favorite Colorado stories.

Anyone with a Colorado connection is invited.

For more information, call Donna Dobson at 541-997-7383.

SHS Class of 1975 planning reunion

Siuslaw High School Class of 1975's 40th reunion will be Saturday, Aug. 15.

There will be a potluck lunch at the boat ramp area between the second and third bridge at noon. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. at Pier Point Inn. It will be buffet style.

For more information, contact Bill Libby at brncos.7@live.com.

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Planning from 1A

"This project continues to move us forward to keep us in a good position to deliver great health care," Yecny added.

"This is the culmination of a master plan that was started in the mid-2000s. ... We challenged the community to come up with a significant amount in contributions toward this project, \$5 million. PeaceHealth has approved moving ahead with the plan. We're this close to being at \$5 million in support from the community on this project. It's just huge," he said.

Planning department staff gave the representatives a list of conditions, including parking, bicycle access, lighting, landscaping, vision clearance and the moving of utilities that could be in the way of construction, which the applicants countered and then agreed to.

Siuslaw School District

applied for a conditional use and design review permit to install a modular complex to be used for kindergarten facilities at Siuslaw Elementary School. The modular building will be 84 by 64 feet and will consist of five classrooms and two bathrooms.

"There are basically five specific elements that conditional use permits get judged against," said Planning Director Wendy Farley-Campbell. "They deal with compatibility with surrounding uses, traffic to and from the site, size of the development, ... overall community impact and adequacy for utility services."

Staff recommended approving the modular building to serve as the kindergarten facilities for the school district. Planning Commission voted to approve the conditional use permit.

Siuslaw School District Superintendent Ethel Angal said, "I just wanted to thank the city and the Planning Department for all the hard work that they've put in on this. It's a big deal for us and we're excited to have room for our kids."

Florence Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Agendas and minutes are available online at www.ci.florence.or.us.

Auction from 1A

"If you won this bid, you could choose any item in the live auction," McMullen said. "This year the winner picked the seven-day trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, including airfare. Reedsport Machine Fabrication donated that auction item."

Rotary President Sadie Ward was the auction's master of ceremonies.

In addition to Rotary members, volunteers, including Rotary high school Interact members, Rhody Court princesses, the U.S. Coast Guard and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, helped to keep the event running smoothly.

"The Rotary auction started in the early '60s," McMullen said. "That first year they raised \$300 or \$400. Back then it was a big deal."

This year continued the tradition of the Rotary auction being a "big deal."

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