#### IN BRIEF

#### **Dems host Stiles**

Florence Democratic Club will meet today, April 4, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room. Guest speaker will be Sharon Stiles of the Lane Community College Board of Education.

Everyone is welcome.

#### **Lutherans** present Easter egg hunt

New Life Lutheran of Florence, at 21st and Spruce streets, will have a festive Easter egg hunt for Sunday's school youth after the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service.

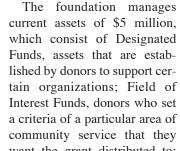
For more information, contact Pastor Lori Blake at 541-997-8113.

#### Ready to quit smoking?

The American Lung Association's "Freedom From Smoking" program provides options, resources and support to quit smoking.

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center is starting its next smoking cessation series Monday, April 6, from 5 to 7

Contact Karl Logan at 541-902-6300 ext. 5635 for more information or to register for this class.



from 1A

**Grants** 

The complete list of 2015 Grant recipients WLCF

- Bright Beginnings Pre-K, social studies, for growth and
- Mattress" musical: \$2,000
- DanceAbility International, DanceAbility in Florence: \$1.500
- Deadwood Creek Services, Inc. Clerestory window restoration: \$5,000
- Pioneer Deadwood Cemetery, Deadwood Cemetery records: \$2,680
- STEP Egg to Fry program: \$5,400

This year's Western Lane Community Foundation grant recipients

• Florence Area Humane Society (two grants), metal storage unit: \$2,500; and computer replacements: \$2,600

- Florence Evangelical Church, summer camp scholarships: \$750
- Florence Food Share, generator: \$9,700
- Florence Regional Arts Alliance, public outdoor art: \$2,500
- Florence Senior Center Inc., Senior Center addition: \$1.500
- Friends of the Florence Events Center, Florence Festival of Books website:
- Helping Hands Coalition, voucher program: \$6,500
- Mapleton School District Mimio boards for kindergarten:

(two grants), documentary education movies: \$1,000; picnic tables, \$1,000

- Parenting Now!, parent/ child memory book: \$350
- PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, Light Up A Life fundraiser: \$1,000
- Seacoast Entertainment, youth access to the performing arts: \$1,000
- Siuslaw Elementary School (eight grants), fourth/fifth Reading Club: Easi-Speak \$230; USB recorder: \$350; Reading Club: \$500; Math Reads: \$560; under-the-desk pedals: \$575; third grade student planners: \$671; projector, Easi-Speak USB, talk board: \$1,050;

- Siuslaw High School (two grants), student Atlases of the World: \$312; video production class: \$2,500
- Siuslaw High School ASPIRE: \$900
- Siuslaw Public Library, ASQ-3 Station: \$620
- Siuslaw School District 97J (four grants), Siuslaw Salmon/Watershed raincoats: \$365; instruments/curriculum music K-5: \$413; MATE ROV Program: \$2,700; Lego Robotics Program: \$6,500
- Siuslaw Watershed Council, kayak trips: \$800
- Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, Morris Moorhead Grant payment for museum building, \$20,000.

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#### Child

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Sunday, April 26, has been designated National Blue Sunday and, according to Anderson, many Florence-area churches have agreed to address the topic of child abuse

"Neighbors need to look to neighbors," Anderson said. "Offer your hand, because you might have a parenting strategy, you might have a skill that the other person doesn't have. That could be the difference between their children staying and getting the help they need. Maybe it is the stress of not having a job, or not being able to get to Food Share, which creates this whole umbrella of Lynn Anderson at 541-997horrible things that happen to

our children.

"Look to your right and left. If it doesn't feel right, offer a helping hand. Be a community person."

For more information, call

Film

from 1A

"Finding these discs reintroduced me to a bygone era, when watching films at home wasn't taken for granted," Sisson said. "You have to flip the disc part way through, like

He said the forced intermissions are "more rewarding than annoying. Watching 'Star

Wars' on CED provides me with a sense of being transported to 1978."

According to Sisson, Radio Corporation of America (RCA) brought radio into the homes of Americans, sold millions of records and introduced the world to commercial televi-

"When RCA unveiled the SelectaVision VideoDisc system," Sisson explained, "nobody expected these discs would earn the distinction of being the last physical media conceived, designed and produced in the United States. When this format was introduced, watching a favorite

movie at home remained a magical experience. Their rise and fall is part of the story of 'The Last American Media.'

"We're talking about the birth of mass communications, the shift to a global economy, the love and preservation of cinema, and our continually changing media culture," Sisson added.

Sisson's previous directorial works include music videos, commercials, short narrative films, web-based media, short documentaries and live concert performances. He said nostalgia isn't the only reason he is making a documentary about a dead format.

"It's all about connecting with people. I want to remind viewers of a time when sharing

interactions," he said. Siuslaw High School alumni Omar Alaniz will join Sisson as assistant and partner for "The Last American Media."

The film will be shot on location in museums, archives, homes, record stores and thrift shops across the country. Sisson will shoot with a Canon 7d in addition to Super 8, iPhones and GoPro cameras. He is using Kickstarter to crowd-fund the project. If the film is successfully funded. Sisson expects to deliver the final cut before October.

To learn more about the film project, contact Sean Sisson at lastamericanmedia@gmail

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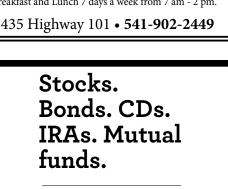
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When making a plan, or in the case of an emergency, people should not forget to include their pets.

oxygen and resuscitation equipment for dogs allowed the firefighters and WLAD paramedics to resuscitate the dog on scene.

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.com, or call 541-999-5990.

**Fire** 

from 1A

While the exact cause is under investigation, the fire began in the kitchen and appeared to originate with the stove. The occupants had left the premises only 15 minutes before firefighters reached the scene.

According to Barrett, there was little fire damage to the rest of the house, but extensive heat and smoke damage to the home and contents totals \$180,000. Barrett said, "Fires, with

the right fuel and heat source,

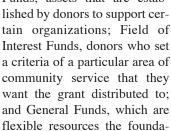
can create devastating dam-

age in a very short period of time. Kitchen fires, especially cooking fires, are the leading cause of fires we respond to and in the nation. It is vital to remember to never leave cooking unattended or leave anything on the stove when not in use." The Red Cross advocates emergency preparedness: get

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