

GENERAL NEWS

Fall 2015 kindergarten registration April 20-30

Kindergarten registration for fall 2015 within the Siuslaw School District will be April 20-30, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day at Siuslaw Elementary School. Enrollees must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2015. Parents should bring proof of age and an immunization record. No child will be admitted or allowed to attend school in the fall without proof of age and immunizations.

Soroptimists donate to Emergency Dept.

Through a generous donation from Soroptimist of Florence member Julita Fong, the local club was able to fulfill its pledge of \$5,000 in its entirety to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor's "Leave A Legacy, Save A Life" campaign, helping in the fundraising drive for the renovation of the hospital's Emergency Department.

Soroptimist of Florence supports the community in many ways; they were also supporters of the hospital when it was built in 1989.

Other support from the Soroptimist of Florence includes: Florence Area Community Coalition, Florence Pregnancy Center, Florence Senior Nutrition, Future First Citizen, Girls Scouts, Health Fair, Siuslaw Girls Volleyball Club, Triangle Park Maintenance and Five Scholarships.

The scholarships alone total \$5,700.

The club organizes and coordinates with other clubs in Florence to provide the annual Christmas Food and Toy Baskets in December.



COURTESY PHOTO

Soroptimist members display a check signifying the donation of \$5,000 to go toward PeaceHealth's renovation of its emergency department facilities.

Currently, the Soroptimist of Florence Club is in its annual fundraising drive with the rose sale.

This is the event which helps to fund the scholarships given to young women in Florence for education.

To purchase roses, see any Soroptimist member or call Jo Hine at 541-991-9289.

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Hosts needed for exchange students, chaperones

The 4-H International Programs are seeking host families, with two programs now open for applications.

Applicants do not need to have previous or current 4-H involvement.

The summer program involves hosting a Japanese student, ages 12 to 16, for four weeks, July 26 through Aug. 22.

The 4-H International also seeks hosts for the Japanese chaperones. Such host families do not need to have children in the home.

The Year-long program involves hosting a student from Japan, South Korea or a nation in Eurasia. Host families can be without children or with children of different ages than the delegates.

Summer program youth delegates are matched by age and interest with families applying to host them.

American families must have a child within two years of the hosted youth's age and of the same gender.

No specific activities need to be planned; these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends and improve their English.

The year-long program focuses on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others and engaged citizenship.

Families hosting an international student do not have to have children at all, or can have children that are of any age.

This is because the expectation is that the delegate will be actively involved in school, extracurricular activities and sports, as well as area service projects.

The 4-H provides a network of support for families, including a local Lane County Coordinator and state coordinator.

International students are highly selected, have strong English language skills, and have very high standards to qualify.

Consider how much you and your family will gain from opening your home and your lives to the international community in this way. All applicants will complete either online or paper applications which include a background check among other information.

Contact Lane County Coordinator Lauren Hesse by email at stang-hesse@msn.com or call 541-268-6943. You can also call the Oregon 4-H International Program Office at 541-737-1303.

Read more about the programs at www.oregon.4h.org or www.gonstate.edu/4h-world-citizen-ship-project-international-exchange-programs.

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Lisa's Avant Gardener Tips of the Week



- Let spring flowering bulb foliage die off naturally for food for next year's bulbs
- Plant cool weather vegetable seeds: carrots, spinach, radishes
- Top dress your lilacs and daphne with lime for even better blooms next year
- Top dress your beds with bark after weeding to prevent new weeds

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Annual Free Shred Day at OPB April 18

Oregon Pacific Bank will be holding its eighth annual Free Shred Day on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the truck is full.

Trucks will be set up to accept confidential paper materials to be shredded onsite in the Florence Branch parking lot, 1355 Highway 101.

The event is free and open to everyone in the local community. Businesses can bring confidential materials for shredding during the last hour of the event. Remember that once the shred truck is full, Oregon Pacific Bank will be unable to

accept any more confidential documents.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of Free Shred Day as a way for individuals to protect themselves from identity theft and correctly dispose of paper waste.

After all paper documents have been shredded they are taken to be recycled, allowing for a safe and responsible way to dispose of confidential paper materials.

The Free Shred Day event will be staffed by Oregon Pacific Bank employee volunteers, friends and family members.

Many of these volunteers are also part of Oregon Pacific Bank's Relay For Life team, "Banking on Life," and will be helping out with a car wash onsite during the Free Shred Day event to raise money for Relay For Life in support of the American Cancer Society's efforts in cancer research, advocacy and support services.

For more information about the upcoming Shred Day event, call Oregon Pacific Bank at 541-997-7121 or visit www.opbc.com.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
APRIL 8	APRIL 9	APRIL 10	APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13	APRIL 14
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