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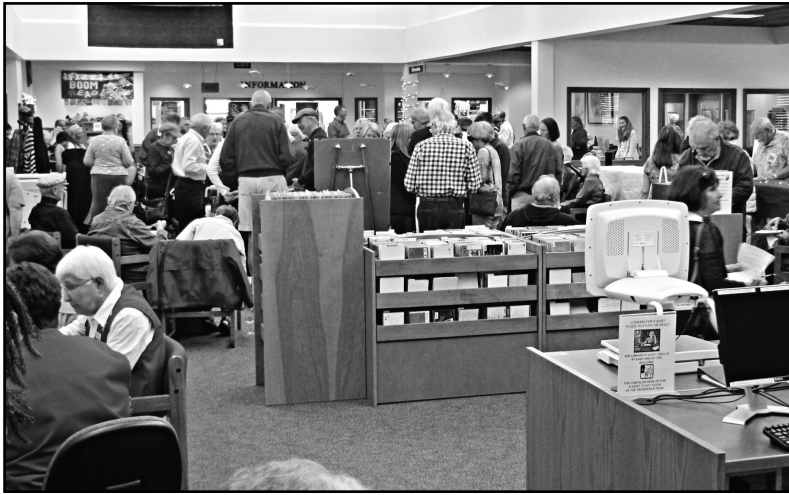
FAHS offering food at two locations for Rhody Days

Enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill on Saturday, May 16, at Grocery Outlet, and help provide care for the once-homeless cats and dogs at the Florence Area Humane Society's no-kill shelter. This month's Grocery

Outlet Rhody Days sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot dogs and Polish dogs cost \$2, hamburgers are \$3 and cheeseburgers are \$3.50. Homemade pastries by FAHS volunteers cost 50 cents.

Checking out Siuslaw Public Library

Community celebrates 100 years of local library service



PHOTOS BY CHANTELE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw Public Library district celebrated 100 years of library service in the area at a Florence Area Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" on May 7. Live music, catering by Mon Ami, photos with a giant library card and the chance to mingle with librarians, Friends of the Library and chamber members brought more than 250 people to the library.

~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank the community, my family and friends for your outpouring of love and support. I am blessed by your generosity. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,
Kelly Wittwer Burnett

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Economic Development Committee seeks volunteers

The City of Florence is currently recruiting for vacancies for a potential new Economic Development Committee.

These positions will offer business owners and managers, public officials and citizens the opportunity to volunteer their

services to assist the city in:

- The creation of a business retention and expansion program
- The creation of a business marketing and recruitment program
- Research and review of alternatives for potential structures for the city's future economic development efforts

Committee member contributions are invaluable to the Mayor, the City Council, as well as the city and offer citi-

zens an opportunity to have their voices heard on these important issues.

Review of the committee makeup and tasks will be on the City Council meeting agenda for the May 18 Florence City Council meeting.

Applying for a position is easy. Applications are available at Florence City Hall and can be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.florence.or.us.

City Hall is open Monday

through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m.

All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is May 22.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of this body, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths or any other questions, contact city recorder and economic development coordinator Kelli Weese at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us or call 541-997-3437.

Recap focus of Friday '90by30' meeting

Reflections on the past month's activities supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month will highlight the Friday, May 15, meeting of the West Lane 90by30 Initiative regional team.

The team will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Siuslaw Elementary School.

Anyone interested in learning more about the 90by30 Initiative and its efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect in Lane County and, specifically, in our Siuslaw region, is

encouraged to attend.

Those members who attended the annual conference will share their insights.

One opportunity is for the Leadership Team to make its own "What Would We Do?" video vignette that would be available to show in community education endeavors.

There will also be an opportunity to talk about the events of the last month, including the pinwheel gardens, which were set up throughout Florence and Mapleton to draw public atten-

tion to Child Abuse Prevention Month and ways to collect more community surveys.

More volunteers are needed to become involved in the regional team, which covers the Mapleton and Siuslaw School District boundaries.

Jesika Kaczinski and Lynn Anderson co-chair the West Lane team.

For more information, contact outreach coordinator Rose Wilde at 541-953-2643.

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Lisa's Avant Gardener Tips of the Week



- Create true color spots for your outdoor living areas. Start with geraniums and lobelia.
- Protect new growth on shrubs from harsh coastal winds with a small wind break for a few weeks.
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