

NEWLY ELECTED FRIENDS



COURTESY PHOTO

Siuslaw Friendship Club recently installed several new officers (from left): Ann Horn; Dee Darrow, treasurer; Jeanette Bratcher, secretary; Joan Randle, president; and Judy Sause.

Three Rivers Casino Resort announces chowder competition

June 5 event coincides with barbecue cook-off 'Fire It Up'

With pride and prizes on the line, the first Oregon Coast Chowder Competition of the summer is set for Friday, June 5, at Three Rivers Casino Resort's Event Center in Florence.

Clam chowder is serious business on the Oregon coast, with many restaurants claiming to have the "best" in the Northwest.

The Oregon Coast Chowder Competition is a way for local businesses to prove their seafood medley is worthy enough to be awarded the "best."

There will be a \$500 cash prize for the winning business.

"This is one of the best competitions anywhere," said Gary

Gortz, director of food and beverage operations at Three Rivers. "It's why restaurants like to compete here and why we're expanding that portion of the competition to allow for more restaurants."

The chowder competition is the kickoff event to "Fire It Up!" weekend, a barbecue-flavored food lover's festival.

In addition to chowder, there will be "cook offs" for a variety of barbecue offerings on Saturday's special pulled-pork cook off from 3 to 7 p.m., and Sunday's barbecue varietal from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both Saturday and Sunday events will feature complimentary beer tasting, food sampling and a chance to vote for your

favorites.

"Locals and visitors both love this event because they are the judges," said Erin Reinke, entertainer and events manager at Three Rivers. "I also want to remind all businesses that serve claim chowder are eligible to compete in Friday's chowder competition."

There is no admission fee for the event and all ages are welcome to attend.

For chowder competition applications, call 541-999-9997 or email Erin Reinke at erinke@threeriverscasino.com.

For more specifics about overall resort offerings, visit www.ThreeRiversCasino.com.

IN BRIEF

Watershed Council to discuss ethics today

The next Siuslaw Watershed Council general meeting will be tonight, May 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Big Bear Camp, 89480 Nelson Mountain Road in Walton.

For more information, call 541-268-3044, email watershed@siuslaw.org or visit www.siuslaw.org.

Library Friends May meeting canceled

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library monthly board meeting scheduled for May 28 at 11 a.m. has been canceled.

For more information, contact SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

FloTones concert this weekend

The FloTones will perform songs from the "Great American Songbook" in its program "The Glory of Love."

Performances will be at 7 p.m. on the flat floor of the FEC on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30.

Singers will be accompanied by Marty Adams, Randy Curtola, Lynette Kristine, Ron Green and Lou Invernon.

Tickets are available now at the FEC box office for \$15.

Car Wash fundraisers for Abby Coday

A fundraiser car wash for Abby Coday to help fund her trip to the Junior Gold National Bowling tournament in

Chicago will take place at Big Dog Donuts and Deli on May 30 and June 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Van Fans to meet June 3

The next monthly meeting and luncheon for the Van Fans will be Wednesday, June 3, at The Shorewood on Spruce Street at 11:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

Boyd to speak at Florence Dems

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw Meeting Room, 100 Harbor St.

Guest speaker will be Shauna Boyd of Protect Florence Aquifer.

Everyone is welcome.

Elks Survivor Social June 10

Be at the Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., for refreshments, musical entertainment, speakers and door prizes in honor of cancer survivors and caregivers during the Cancer Survivors Social hosted by the Ladies of the Elks.

RSVP by June 10 by calling Karen Earnshaw at 541-999-8411.

LCC Scholarship night June 11

Lane Community College Scholarship Night will be held

June 11, at 6 p.m., at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue station, 2625 Highway 101.

The event will be attended by local College Advisory Board members, LCC Florence Center Director Russ Pierson, Vice-President MJ Kuhar, LCC Foundation Director Wendy Jett, LCC Board of Education member for Western Lane County Sharon Stiles and LCC President Mary Spilde.

The public is invited.

Women Vets to host luncheon

The Coastal Women Veterans will be having its next luncheon June 12, at 11:30 a.m., at Lovejoy's Restaurant and English Tea Room, 195 Nopal St.

All women veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP by calling 541-997-4403 or email ncoughlan@aol.com.

Real Food Co-op call to artists

Art and craft donations for a fundraiser for the Real Food Co-op are needed. The benefit will be held June 27 at the Kenneth B. Gallery.

All pieces need to be received by June 20. If you are interested in donating, would like to help with the event, or have questions, contact Christine at delgadochristine1@gmail.com or call 206-369-6825.

Boardwalk Market now open

The Florence Boardwalk Market is now open. The market is located adjacent to the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk at Bay and Nopal Streets.

Local and regional vendors sell produce, handmade crafts, pottery, baskets, Oregon-specialty products, gemstones, rocks and minerals, jewelry, plants, clothing, art, photography, blown glass, face painting and more.

Hours are Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekend through Oct. 4.

LCC seeks volunteers for ESL program

The English as a Second Language program at Lane Community College Florence Center is in need of volunteers to help students study for the citizenship test and 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., at Shorewood Retirement Center, 1451 Spruce St.

For more information, call 541-991-7556.

Spruce Point Assisted Living presents:

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Join us as we host a lecture series to increase safety awareness on fall prevention, common home injuries and provide solutions to keep you and your loved one safe. Classes are FREE to the public.

Surviving the Heat

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015, 2:00 PM

We will discuss the importance of adequate hydration and nutrition to safely navigate the hot summer months.

Falls Are Preventable

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015, 2:00 PM

The opportunity to help reduce falls among older adults has never been better. Fall prevention programs can reduce falls and help older adults live better, longer lives.

All Participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Gift Card. To RSVP and to find out about our Move In Specials call (541) 997-6111 or visit us today!

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From Baby to Graduate

(it seemed like just a few short years)

8th Grade, High School or College

~ Grad's Name ~	
	
School:	
Birth Date:	
Parents:	
Grandparents:	

Coming Saturday, June 7th

"Baby to Graduate Review"

Deadline is Thursday, May 27th at noon

Now is the time to reserve your graduates a spot in this special section just for them.

Just bring in or mail, with the coupon below, your graduate's favorite baby picture along with a current picture to be published side by side on June 3rd.

What a special way to show off that graduate that you are so proud of!

Please attach a self-addressed envelope for picture return.

Enclose Check for
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and mail to
"Baby to Graduate Review"
Siuslaw News
P.O. Box 10
Florence, OR 97439

Or stop by our office at
148 Maple St.
in Old Town Florence

Grad's Name:	_____
School:	_____
Birth Date:	_____
Parents:	_____
Grandparents:	_____
Your Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Phone:	_____



Compartiendo Alimentos (Food Share) de Florence es una despensa de alimentos que sirve a personas necesitadas con cajas de comida de emergencia en el área del Oeste del Condado de Lane. Nosotros distribuimos un suministro de 3 a 5 días de alimentos para nuestros clientes, sin costo alguno, hasta 16 veces al año, y estamos disponibles para todas las personas que califiquen por bajos ingresos. Nuestra misión es aliviar el hambre en el Oeste del Condado de Lane y creemos que nadie debe sentir hambre, sin importar su raza o grupo étnico. Compartiendo Alimentos (Food Share) recientemente recibió dos becas específicamente para ayudar a nuestra comunidad Latina, así que por favor visite nuestra despensa y disfrute de nuestra "Área de Comida Internacional", que ahora provee harina de maíz, o masa, tortillas de maíz, salsa mole, hojas de maíz para tamales, salsa para enchiladas, jalapeños, y mucho más. Nos encontramos en 2190 Spruce Street, Florence, Oregon, en el mismo estacionamiento que la Iglesia New Life Lutheran. ¡Gracias!