

PFLAG to discuss challenges of aging

Join PFLAG-Florence and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders.

The meeting on June 9 at 6:30 p.m., will be in the Fellowship Hall of Florence United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood Ave.

The program is free and open to the public. Discussion will follow and refreshments will be served.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends, and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

As more and more members of the LGBT community reach retirement, it will be essential to understand the hardships associated with aging as a LGBT person, as well as increase public awareness of these issues in order to build a supportive community.

Members of Portland's Gay and Grey program will present information on the barriers seniors face as they age, but also discuss the training resources provided through Friendly House, an affiliate of SAGE, the national organization of Services

The sum of their parts

Siuslaw drama programs present zombie double feature



PHOTOS BY CHANTELE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

To eat or not to eat? That was the question for Siuslaw High School and Middle School with the production of two one-act zombie plays. The students performed scenes and monologues as zombies, survivors, narrators and everyday people. Both shows were directed by drama instructor and language arts teacher Eddie Mielke.

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Carole Hillsbery to be featured at CDABA event

REEDSPORT — The Coastal Douglas Arts and Business Alliance (CDABA) will feature Carole Hillsbery at the next First Friday, set for June 5.

CDABA will present Hillsbery, a nationally acclaimed watercolorist, at its "Friday Friday ... Art is for Everyone" event. The Lower Umpqua Hospital is hosting this event from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hillsbery paints watercolors that are fresh and colorful. Painting in an impressionist

style, she wants her "colors and shapes to evoke a sense of playfulness and joy in the viewer," she says. Her works include landscapes and seascapes, flowers, boats and animals.

Hillsbery considers herself a story teller and invites the viewer to "look for the underlying idea she is sharing" in her paintings.

She found her chosen art medium after taking a workshop from Kathryn Davis, now conducting workshops for

all levels. Hillsbery said she finds that most students "want to learn how to paint more freely, so I give them many exciting techniques to inspire them."

Hillsbery is a prolific painter and has been entering competitions since 2003. Her paintings are exhibited at Earthworks Gallery in Yachats and the Mindpower Gallery in Reedsport, and she has been a featured artist at the Backstreet Gallery in Florence.

Hillsbery is a strong support-

er of the Rotary Club of Florence and was recently seen creating a painting live during a fundraising reception. That painting was then auctioned on the spot.

The First Friday event is free and family friendly.

The next event will be held July 10, at the Myrtlewood Gallery in Reedsport. It also will be a celebration of the Myrtlewood Gallery's 30th year doing business in Reedsport.

For more information about CDABA or its First Friday events, contact Kathleen Miller at 541-271-2101 or by email at kkmiller@reedsportlaw.com.

Also contact Miller if you are an artist, crafter, author, photographer or other hand made artist who would like to participate in Reedsport's annual spring Art Walk on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wildtree Automotive opens its doors in Florence

Florence native Chris Gibson, owner and operator of Wildtree Enterprises, has diversified with the opening of Wildtree Automotive, which will be managed by Kent Gibson — a local mechanic with more than 30 years of automotive repair experience.

Wildtree Automotive is at 85365 Highway 101, across from Sandland Adventures.

The facility is easily accessible with ample parking and turn-around room.

"Wildtree Automotive's mission is to provide the community with superior automotive repair services at an affordable rate," said Gibson, who offers a wide variety of services, from simple oil changes to complete engine rebuilds.

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MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Creative Writing
Free Intro to the Zen of Writing--
Wed June 24 1:00 ~ 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Catherine Rourke, 541-708-2120 or em: CJReditor@gmail.com.
A series of workshops are planned for writers of all levels. This FREE session is a chance for you to meet the instructor, sample the magic, ask your questions, and enter a free prize drawing!

The Zen of Writing ~ Ignite Your Creative Spark!
Sat. June 27 1 to 4 p.m.
Members- \$20, Non-members- \$25
This fun, inspiring playshop will show you how to find your voice, turn on your creative faucet and keep it flowing. Writers of all levels are welcome to attend. Instructor offers a free admission for someone in need. Registration suggested but not required. Call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com.

WORKSHOPS
Introduction to Zentangle
Saturday, June 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
\$25 members/ \$30 nonmembers (Includes all materials)
Call Rosie 541-997-5388

Zendalas: Zentangle in the Round
Thursday, June 18, 1:00-3:00
\$20 members/\$25 nonmembers
Call Rosie, 541-997-5388

Copic Pen Class
Monday, June 22, 1:00-2:30
\$10 members/ \$15 nonmembers
Call Rosie, 541-997-5388

Bead Weaving - Making beaded earrings (using brick stitch)
Tuesday, June 9th, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
\$15 members/ \$20 non-members
Instructor: Elaine Williams, 541-268-0255, or emwill1955@gmail.com

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Saturday, June 6th, 4:00 p.m. at
KB Gallery- 120 Maple Street

On-Going Classes:

Painting with Michael Wood
Contact: 541-997-3007 or frwood@msn.com
Mondays, 3-6p.m.

Painting with John Leasure
Contact: 541-991-2754 jnleasure@hotmail.com
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Sign-up for fun, learning, and adventure this summer! We are still accepting applications for the Siuslaw Watershed Camps! Visit www.siuslaw.org/camps for more info and to download an application. Hurry, spaces are filling up!

Introductory Camp: June 22 - June 25, For students entering 4th-6th grades
Intermediate Camp: July 7 - July 10, For students entering 6th-8th grades
Advanced Camp: July 13 - July 17, For students entering 8th-12th grades, with previous watershed education experience

Travel throughout the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds exploring the streams, lakes, estuary, and forests. And make a difference with hands-on restoration activities.

Siuslaw Watershed Camps are made possible by support from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Western Lane Community Foundation, the Siuslaw SD Twilight Program, and monetary and in-kind donations from local agencies, businesses and individuals.