

Become a summer reading 'superhero' at library

Siuslaw Public Library's Children's Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has a Story," is in full swing.

This month, local youth and their families have the opportunity to become a superhero for their environment when the Museum of Natural and Cultural History's super educator visits the library Thursday, June 25.

This inspiring and informative one-hour program begins

at 10:30 a.m. at the main branch in Florence, and at 1:30 p.m. at the Mapleton branch.

The museum, located on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, is the primary repository in Oregon of hundreds of thousands of ethnographic and archaeological objects, fossils and biological specimens.

This free program is designed for families with elementary-age children.

LCC Florence Center students receive scholarships



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Lane Community College (LCC) President Mary Spilde addresses students and guests as administrators from Florence and Eugene look on. All were on hand to help distribute 20 scholarships valued at more than \$42,000 to 16 LCC Florence Center students June 11 at the meeting hall of the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue building. (Inset) PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center CEO Rick Yecny presents a \$2,375 scholarship to Elizabeth Atkinson.

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"If it comes to that bad of a situation, we will find a grant to do the repairs," Caputo added.

Commissioner Terry Duman said the board had done what it considered prudent regarding the budget.

The budget was adopted by a 3-1 vote, with commissioner Nancy Rickard voting no.

In other business, Duman made a motion to eliminate transcribed minutes and instead use video recordings of the commission meetings as the

approved record of future meetings.

"I feel that the minutes, as they are represented to us, that we approve, tend to show a bias and a one-sidedness and I think, in my personal opinion, the person that is going to do the minutes needs to be unbiased and not part of the conversation," Duman said. "If you are going to quote me or another commissioner, quote us. Don't paraphrase us in the minutes and ask me to approve it from here on out, because I will refuse to approve them."

Rickard said it would take much longer to view a video as

opposed to leafing through the printed minutes to review an item that was discussed or voted on.

The board voted 3-1 in favor of eliminating transcribed minutes, with Rickard voting no.

Prior to the budget discussions, Harlan Springer, president of the Florence Regional Art Association (FRAA), thanked the port for its support of the public art project.

In December the port passed a resolution in support of the project and offered a location near its boardwalk property to display the first piece.

A call to artists issued by the

FRAA was responded to with several artists' proposals.

"We just awarded that call to artists to a local artist and the first piece of public art will appear out here on the port by no later than September," Springer said.

He also said the initiative that began with the port has led to the Florence City Council approving a standing permanent public art committee.

"In years to come," Springer said, "it looks like we will be having public art in various places around the city. But it all started right here, and we thank you for that."

Council

from 1A

"It's not often that we get to deliberate whether or not to approve additional income," Henry said. "It's usually to approve something else."

The TRT funds for 2015 could exceed projected estimates by as much as \$35,000.

The approved resolution and budget will transfer money from the contingency fund to materials and services so that the chamber can operate with its contracted funds for the year.

"The budget adjustment included in your packet is \$15,000. We don't anticipate that that will be fully utilized, but a good share of it is likely to be," Parks said.

According to city staff, increasing the budget appropriations should minimize the chance of an over expenditure.

"The actual expenditure for tourism marketing will be dependent on the amount of transient room tax received," the staff report said.

Councilor Ron Preisler said, "The additional funds are

directed towards the chamber of commerce. Is there anything that would preclude those funds going back into the general fund?"

Parks said, "There are some state statutes that require TRT spending towards marketing. Once those levels are established, it's difficult to go backwards."

City Manager Erin Reynolds said, "We do currently operate under a contract with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce to handle our marketing for the Florence area. ... That is why we consider its reports very seriously and make sure that we are pleased with their marketing efforts."

Preisler agreed that he was pleased with the chamber's efforts as well.

"I was just thinking there might be potential for marketing in other areas as well," he said.

Reynolds said that TRT funds also go to the Florence Events Center for marketing.

The council voted to approve the appropriations from contingency to materials and services.

WORD ON THE STREET

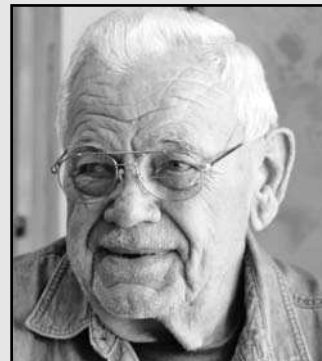
What one piece of advice would you give to fathers?



"A piece of advice that my father told me, which I think is applicable to other fathers as well, is 'Don't start anything you don't want to become a habit.'"
—SUSY LACER, 50 FLORENCE



"I'm not a father yet, but I've been told to never hold your 3-month-old over your head after feeding."
—NAT GRIFFIN, 29 FLORENCE



"Don't use plastic disposable diapers if you can help it. Use cloth and keep them out of the landfills."
—WALLY SAUTER, 86 FLORENCE



"Enjoy your day, do what you want, as long as it doesn't endanger your family or others. Kick up your heels a little bit. You're a dad. You did it."
—JASON WOOD, 42 FLORENCE

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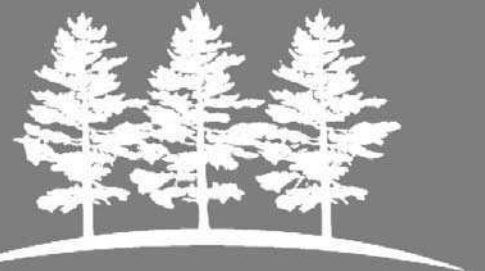
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