

## IN BRIEF

**Library Friends gather tomorrow**

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, June 25, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room at the library.

All members and anyone interested in supporting the library or learning more about the Friends is invited to attend.

Refreshments are provided.

For more information, contact SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

**Belly dancing troupe performs at cinemas**

City Lights Cinemas and It's About Time Productions will present an evening of world music and belly dancing on the Chaplin Stage at City Lights Cinemas on Thursday, June 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. with a 20-minute intermission.

Local belly dancer Angela Palmer, Troupe Damali and belly dancers from MEDGE (Middle Eastern Dance Guild of Eugene) will perform to the live music of Americanistan, as well as to selections from their new CD, "Beautiful Nights."

Americanistan is not a place or political statement. It's an eclectic band of musicians based in Eugene. The band covers a wide range of styles, reflecting the variety of dancers that they accompany.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Siuslaw School District music programs.

For more information, visit [www.citylightscinemas.com](http://www.citylightscinemas.com) or call 541-305-0014.

**Author to speak on quest for missing son**

In October 2010, Sandy Lee's 36-year-old son disappeared without a trace while visiting his hometown. Three months later, his partial remains were found during a community search organized by Lee — who then began her own search to discover the circumstances surrounding her son's murder.

"No Stone Unturned" chronicles a mother's passionate pursuit to lay her son to rest by finding him justice, as well as begin the process of healing through her memoirs, which

include photographs, personal poems and insights.

On Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Lee will be at Port Hole Books, 179 Laurel St., in Old Town Florence to discuss her experience, share excerpts and sign copies of her book.

The event is free, and refreshments will be served.

**Summer hours begin at LCC**

Lane Community College will close on Fridays for the summer beginning Friday, June 26, and continuing through Friday, Aug. 28.

No services will be available, and no classes or events will be held, unless otherwise scheduled by a department or program.

**Ukulele players to strum June 28**

Florence Ukulele Club (The Flukes) will meet June 28, from 3 to 4 p.m. for a song circle. The group meets in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Meetings are open to ukulele players of all levels and anyone interested in learning more

about the club, as well as anyone who just wants to listen and/or sing along.

Beginners meet first from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email [janetwellington@charter.net](mailto:janetwellington@charter.net)

**FAHS Garden Tour June 28**

The Florence Area Humane Society will host its annual Tour of Gardens on Sunday, June 28, featuring five distinctive gardens in the Florence and Mapleton area.

Tickets are \$15 and now on sale at Mary Ann's Natural Pet, On Your Feet with a Splash, Raining Cats and Dogs, the FAHS Shelter, Laurel Bay Gardens and Premier Landscaping. The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A colorful glass garden art tree is being offered as the raffle prize. Tickets for this item are one for \$3, four for \$10 and eight for \$20 and will be available on Saturday during the monthly Hot Dog and Hamburger Sale at Grocery Outlet and at the gardens during the Tour of Gardens.

**Girl Scouts to sleep under stars**

A day camp for Girl Scouts, where they learn new skills, make new friends, and share work and play, will take place June 29 and 30, from 3:30 to 8:45 p.m., and again July 1 and 2, for an overnight at the Elks Campground, 05607 Mercer Lake Road.

Cost is \$25 and includes crafts, a dinner, breakfast, patch and T-shirt.

Non Girl Scouts are welcome for an additional \$15 fee.

For more information, call Norma Parry at 541-991-2594 or Debbie Edwards at 541-991-7876.

**Van Fans to meet**

The next monthly meeting and luncheon for the Van Fans will be Wednesday, July 1, at The Shorewood on Spruce Street at 11:45 a.m.

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

**Habitat seeks items for yard sale**

Habitat for Humanity's Faith Relations Committee is holding a sale to raise funds for home

construction and repair.

Donations of all types (except clothing) are needed.

Contact Florence Habitat at 541-902-9227 or Shirley Kilmer at 541-997-4010 to arrange a time to deliver your donations.

The sale is July 2-4, at 2075 40th St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Colorado Picnic returns in July**

The third semi-annual Colorado Picnic is being planned for Sunday, July 19, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Woahink Lake picnic meeting place on Canary road

Bring a dish to share and your favorite Colorado stories.

Anyone with a Colorado connection is invited. For more information, call Donna Dobson at 541-997-7383.

**Poetry Group meets Wednesdays**

Friends of Poetry meets every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 1451 Spruce St.

All are welcome.

For more information, call 541-991-7556.



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QCCF lost \$35,000 between January and May of this year, despite the board's efforts to cut costs, including staff benefits, and raising tuition.

"We looked at our salary rates, the debt that we inherited and the coming three-month (summer) forecast," Trent said. "We cannot continue to lose money without jeopardizing the Boys and Girls Club. Our core mission is kids from 6 to 18. That is the heart of what this organization does."

The board also is evaluating the viability of ABC. Lower enrollment is plaguing the preschool and increasing the cost per child.

Board member Michael Pearson said, "When we started this, we had about 35 kids each in ABC and QCCF, about 70 kids (total), and we said, this will work, we can make it. The numbers have just fallen off ever since. One

of the things I think is significant is that almost 20 of the kids we had in ABC are not coming back. They are going to kindergarten. How many will come back? We don't know."

"We have not made a decision yet on ABC Preschool," Trent said. "We are looking at financials, we are still doing our homework."

"We understand how this impacts the community and we hate it. We tried everything we know how to do and we just don't see any way we can save QCCF without jeopardizing the Boys and Girls Club too," he added.

The board is focused on reopening the Teen Center, retiring Boys and Girls Club debt and moving forward with summer and fall programs.

Board members have met with both national and regional Boys and Girls Club representatives and are encouraged with the outcome of the meetings.

"They are going to allocate resources to help us restart this club," Trent said. "They are going to work with us on how to raise the capital to pay off the dept and to pay off the buildings."

The board also will be meeting with community leaders next week to begin developing a strategy for a capital campaign.

Despite the hardships, both donations and fundraising efforts for the club are up over last year.

"We have reduced our debt from \$120,000 down to around \$50,000," Pearson said. "That is a huge retirement of debt."

"For the Boys and Girls Club, we still have a mountain to climb," Trent added, "But, we have done an amazing amount of progress in six-months time."

The Boys and Girls Club 10-week summer camp program is underway with about 30 children attending the weekday camp and fieldtrips. More are expected to join after the school district's four-week Twilight summer program ends July 9.

Board member Kristen Goodman-Christiansen said, "We are looking forward to our fall sports programs. We will be having flag football, tackle football, soccer, volleyball and cheerleading. Signup sheets and pricing information will be at the Teen Center in August."

The club is referring people who want to know about child care options in the Florence area to Lane Family Connections at 541-463-3308.



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