

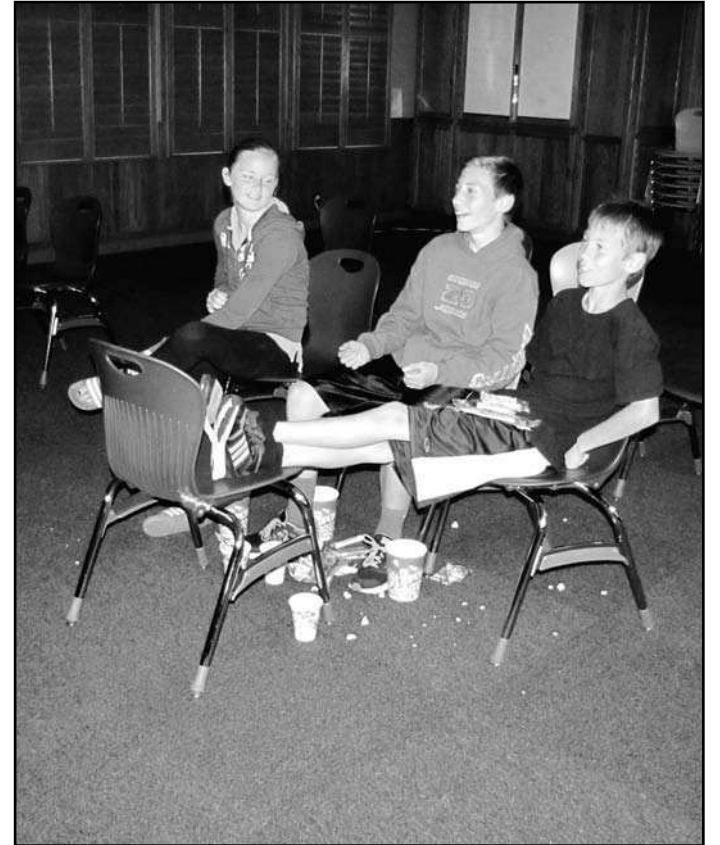
GENERAL NEWS

'Reconnect with Earth' each Wednesday at LCC

Join LCC Florence Director, Russ Pierson, for a seven-week sustainability-related course, "Reconnecting With Earth," scheduled every Wednesday, July 1 through Aug. 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the LCC Florence Center. Explore how cultural beliefs and personal values affect the way we view and treat the Earth, and how our well-being is inextricably linked to the well-being of our planet. Tuition is \$47.25 (Seniors \$35.38) plus a once-per-term \$10 resource fee. To register, stop by the LCC Florence Center or call 541-997-8444.

UNMASK ADVENTURE

Siuslaw Public Library's summer program encourages learning for all ages



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Children, teenagers and adults have plenty to do as Siuslaw Public Library's summer reading program reaches full swing. Adult readers can "Escape the Ordinary" today, June 27, by joining Vicki Sieber Benson and Bill Benson as they talk about their journey to Mongolia at 1 p.m. Children in the "Every Hero has a Story" program got to "be a hero for the environment" during a lesson on natural resources Thursday. Teens marathoned superhero-themed movies during the first "Unmasked!" movie day Wednesday. Look for more programs like these throughout the summer in Florence, at 1460 Ninth St., and in Mapleton, at 88148 Riverview Ave., or by calling 541-997-3132 or going to www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Kiwanis Duck returns for July 4 weekend

After being named "Brian" by Mapleton Elementary School students many years ago, Brian the Duck will return to Old Town June 29 through July 4 at the Silver Sand Dollar on Bay Street.

Brian will be celebrating his 18th birthday representing the Florence Kiwanis Club for its annual duck race on the Siuslaw River, July 4, at 2

p.m. Purchase a race ticket for \$5 each at the Kiwanis wagon and watch approximately 2,000 rubber ducks float into the trap.

Prizes include gift certificates from Sandpines Golf, Ray Wells, KCST, Ocean Dunes Golf Links, Coastal Fitness, Les Schwab, City Lights Cinema, On Your Feet with a Splash (who also have tickets for sale), Mo's, Ron's

Paint, Siuslaw Glass and Mirror, The Crab Kettle, The Beachcomber, Shippin' Shack, Angie's Alterations, Bridgeport Market, 1285 Restobar, Flowers by Bobbie, Dunes Café, Rosa's Cantina, Kozy Kitchen, Bay Street Grill, Pizza Hut, Silver Sand Dollar, Periwinkle Station, Abby's Pizza and Ixtapa Family Mexican.

Last year this event provided over \$28,000 in grants and

college scholarships, through the Kiwanis Foundation, for projects involving the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, Florence and Mapleton Food Share, the free Thanksgiving community turkey dinner, the free lunch program, and the school backpack food program.

For more information about the race or the Kiwanis Club, contact a Kiwanian or Bill Craig at 541-999-8804.

Start holiday early at City Lights

City Lights Cinemas and It's About Time Productions will offer a fun, early start to the Fourth of July weekend on Thursday, July 2, with "Surfin' Florence USA."

Live, high energy American surfing music will be performed in all its glory at City Lights Cinemas on the Chaplin Stage

The band will be comprised

of Denny Weaver of The Fabulous Wailers, Byron Case of The Sun rays, Michael Anderson, Nate Kaplan, with a special appearance by saxophonist Paul Biondi.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with general admission seating. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will continue until the party is over.

Admission is \$10 with mem-

bership, or \$12.50 for non-members, and the event is open to all ages.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Siuslaw School District music programs.

There will also be dinner, beer, wine and snacks available.

Join the fun and start surfing the holiday weekend early.

Slots still open for Relay for Life teams

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Florence event is just around the corner and the community

is invited to participate. This year's event will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, from noon to midnight at Miller Park.

Teams and individuals can sign up for Relay by visiting www.relayforlife.org/FlorenceOR.

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Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunshine, Breezy in the Afternoon	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny and Warmer
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