Community News

McCornacks return to Florence for three shows

The Florence Playhouse has announced its second show in its exciting summer line up, which will be the return of Winter Folk Festival "People's Choice" winners McCornacks.

Pacific Northwest folk musicians, the McCornacks have shared their musical artistry with audiences for more than four decades. From coffee houses to concert halls, the duo's beautifully crafted songwriting comes to life in their music with smooth vocal harmony and guitar accompaniment.

With music firmly rooted in the Folk-Americana tradition, the McCornacks are awardtime winners of the Florence Playhouse July 10 and 11.



winning songwriters and two- Mike and Carleen McCornack will perform at the Florence

Winter Folk "People's Choice Award."

Equally at home performing for adults and for children, the McCornacks performances are filled with themes of love and humor, inspiring originals and cover songs they love.

Folk musician Bill Staines said of the McCornacks, "Beautiful melodies, great musicians. Pure heartfelt vocals all blended together into music that will leave you smiling in your heart."

Winter Folk Festival founder Hal Weiner said, "Mike and Carleen kept our audience laughing, crying and singing throughout their show. With exquisite guitar work and wonderful harmony, they instantly connected with our standingroom only audience.

"With a combination of original, cover songs, Doc Watson instrumentals and great audience interaction, they got a standing ovation at end of their second set."

Show times are July 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. and July 12 at 2

For tickets, call John Flaherty at 541-997-1675 or stop by On Your Feet With A Splash or Best for Hearing.

Tickets are \$13 per person. Tickets will also be available at the door, 30 minutes prior to show times, if available.

For more information, visit www.florenceplayhouse.com.



WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER NESTING AREAS RESTRICTED

WALDPORT— Beachgoers are reminded that Western snowy plover nesting season restrictions remain in place on area beaches until Sept. 15.

Violators put vulnerable eggs and young of this federally threatened shorebird at risk, and may also be ticketed and

Western snowy plover nesting areas in Oregon are managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Bureau of Land Management and Army Corps of Engineers.

Each year, these agencies implement nesting season restrictions on the beaches they manage to reduce disturbance

to nesting birds. On beaches known to be occupied by plovers, vehicle and bicycle access to the beach is prohibited during nesting season, as are camping and campfires, dog walking and kite flying.

On plover nesting beaches, hiking and horseback riding are allowed on wet sand, while the dry sand is closed to all uses during the nesting season.

"With the intense heat hanging over Oregon lately, lots of people are hitting the beach," said Cindy Burns, Central Coast Ranger District and Oregon Dunes NRA Wildlife Biologist. "It's a great place to cool off, but unfortunately we're seeing a lot of people

going into areas where they can disturb nesting birds."

Particular areas of concern are the Spinreel, Siltcoos and Tahkenitch beaches.

Forest Service staff, law enforcement, and monitors are seeing signs of both motorized and nonmotorized violations in restricted areas.

Western snowy plovers were listed as a threatened species by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1993. Habitat loss due to the spread of nonnative, invasive European beachgrass is one major factor contributing to population declines, as are other human activities that disturb nesting birds and attract predators to nesting areas.

In Oregon, where snowy plover numbers have been increasing (though still falling short of recovery), biologists believe a combination of habitat and predator management, as well as nesting season beach restrictions, are contributing to rebound.

"I love visiting Oregon beaches with my family," said Burns. "We share this incredible resource with the plovers and so many other animals.

"One of the best things we can do to ensure they're around for our kids to enjoy is to respect their habitat, especially at critical times of the year."

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Realtors host food drive



Local Realtors express their thanks to all who participated in the recent sixth annual Lane County Realtors Food Drive. Hosted by Florence Bi-Mart, the event was a great success. Twenty-one local Realtors welcomed generous food and cash donations from the community. Norma Barton of Florence Food Share was presented with nearly 500 pounds of food and more than \$1,000 in cash.

Lighthouse tours offered daily

YACHATS - Heceta Head Lighthouse tours are now being held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Lighthouse maintenance and inspections of the upper levels mean tours will only be conducted on the lawn area adjacent to the lighthouse and in the first level of the lighthouse, but not up in the tower itself.

Heceta Head State Scenic Viewpoint is 14 miles north of Florence on Highway 101, and features the lighthouse, short trails, picnicking, a small beach and a historic lighthouse keeper's home.

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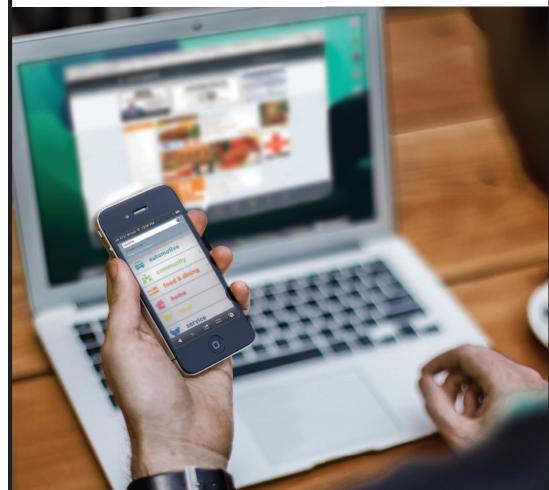
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