

Parking from 1A

With the additional holiday traffic for Saturday, July 4, portable restrooms also are available near the Siuslaw River Bridge on the west end

of Bay Street for use over the weekend.

Messmer also said that the city will add the parking lot maintenance and beautification to its "to-do list" for Power of Florence on Saturday, July 18.

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Archivist Gina Cassidy has led volunteers in sorting, tagging and prepping the donated gear, weapons, artwork, letters and books.

"Information is only as good as when it's accessible to the public," she said. "That's my goal as the volunteer archivist and librarian — to protect, preserve and document what we have on hand. I think it's really exciting that the information here at the museum will be shared with the public."

For OCMM board secretary Jacquie Beveridge, one of the best parts of the whole process was watching artist, designer and OCMM chief of staff Judy Murphy bring all the vignettes together.

"It all came together from nothing," Beveridge said. "I loved seeing Judy's creativity in there with the vignettes, and all the volunteers that have helped it come to life."

The other important aspect was the support and space the museum would provide for area veterans.

As part of a military family, Beveridge wanted to remember and honor veterans.

"To appreciate our veterans is important," she said.

Cassidy added, "When you serve in the military, there is a camaraderie that never goes away. ... That's what we want here at the museum. When I'm working with the artifacts, I'm surrounded by fellow vets. I'm surrounded by friends. I treat every piece of info that comes in with respect and honor, because I know what it means to me."

Veterans make up half of the board, Sapp noted.

"For a lot of veterans, it's a healing process, even if it's been 40 years since we were in service," he said.

As for Sharpe, he said, "I have three kids that have been in the military. My dad served in Normandy and landed on D-Day and survived going through France. I served in the military. ... I want to honor them, to some degree. I just

think it's very important that we preserve military history."

One way that the museum honored military history was by using "Kilroy" as part of its membership.

"One of the traditions is that during World War II when troops would go into a new village, 'Kilroy was here,' would give them the assurance that people were in the area that could help them. For us, the Kilroy Corps would represent those who were with us when we first began," Sharpe said.

Freeze said, "We're standing on the shoulders of those who came before to make it happen, all of it."

Applebee added, "It really does take a whole village to raise a kid. It took a whole village of volunteers, both the laborers out there and the board members in the background. I had my part. Wayne had his part. Greg had his part. Everybody along the way contributed to make it a success. Without all those individuals, it would never have come to be."

Beveridge said, "This entire project would not have come together were it not for the people of Florence who believe in it, the people who (created) the idea and the people who have contributed through donations, fundraisers and events to make it happen. We owe a lot to the community for making this entire thing possible."

The celebration tomorrow begins at 10 a.m. and will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. The U.S. Coast Guard will provide a color guard.

There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, face painting, special presentations and "they will thank all the people they can possibly thank," Beveridge said.

There will be activities for children as well.

"The driver's side of a jeep was donated," Sapp said, "and kids will be able to get in, climb on and put on some gear. It's something fun that's hands-on, not hands-off. It will be a lot of fun!"

Sprouting Healthy Kids program underway



PHOTO BY SAMANTHA WOOLSEY

The Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County started its 10-week summer camp, Sprouting Healthy Kids, June 15. In addition to weekly field trips to places like Sandland Adventures and Sea Lion Caves, the day campers will be immersed in gym and outdoor activities as well as daily Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) projects. Planting raised beds, weeding, watering and learning how vegetables grow is incorporated into the STEAM science curriculum. The camp runs weekdays from 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., until Aug. 21.

Summer sizzles with flamenco

Seattle-based flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, El Sol de Verano ("Summer Sun"), to the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Friday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Spanish flamenco encompasses the full spectrum of human emotion in its three key elements: Song, guitar and its signature percussive instrument, dance.

Fuentes will be joined by one of southern Spain's most promising singing prodigies, Jose Manuel Perez, as well as guitarist Bobby de Sofia.

Fuentes currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250 presentations and workshops featuring flamenco singers.

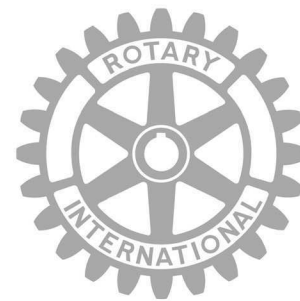
Tickets are \$23, with VIP seating available for \$35.

Student tickets are \$15, with youth tickets available for \$8 at www.brownpapertickets.com.

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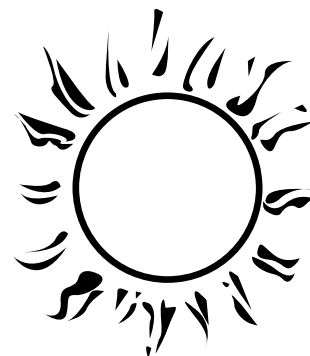
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Summer FUN!



Summer Swim Lessons

TWO More sessions left
Session 2: July 6-July 16
Session 3: July 20-July 30

30 min lessons are Monday-Thursday for 2 weeks

Sign up for times between 9:00 am-11:00am or evenings between 4:30-6:00 pm

SUMMER Gymnastics Camp

August 24th-29th

From beginners to advanced
CAMP HEAD COACH - DAN NEAL

Director of Health and PE At Southwestern Oregon Community College
Owner of West Coast Gymnastics Academy 18 years - Students from Level 1 thru Olympian

K-2nd Grade 5-6:30 PM \$75
3rd Grade and up 6:30-8:45PM \$150

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JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Creative Writing

Saturday, July 25th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
THE ART OF MEMOIR - SHARE YOUR STORY
\$20 members/ \$25 nonmembers
To register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com.

Everyone is unique and a storyteller. Your life contains invaluable lessons, profound wisdom, amazing courage and rich humor. Turn these meaningful experiences into powerful stories that can heal, uplift and inspire hope in perfect strangers and leave a legacy of love for families and friends.

FREE INTRODUCTION TO PLEIN AIR PAINTING

WEDNESDAY, **July 8th**,
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Our affinity to nature is inescapable. Plein Air painting is painting landscapes outdoors, literally translated: "in the open air". This free introduction will take place at the Art Center.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING SESSIONS IN THE FIELD:
Saturdays, July 11, 18, and 25, and Aug. 1
FEE: Per session- \$20 members/ \$25 nonmembers (discount for signing up for all 4)
Call Instructor for locations and to register:
Andrea Ciaston, 541-653-9500

Selling Your Items Online

FREE INTRODUCTION TO SELLING YOUR ART+WORK ONLINE:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

ONLINE SELLING: How do I start? OR Why am I not making many sales? You're creating beautiful art and craft projects and everyone says, "You should SELL that!". So why not!! Join us in this important class/discussion. I'll guide you through all the things you need to think about before you start as well as what you need to know to get those sales

Additional Workshops:
Wed., July 22, 2-4 p.m. - **Setting Up or Improving Your Etsy Store**
Wed., July 29, 2-4 p.m. **The Dreaded Social Media: Do I really Need to be on all those Sites?**
Wed., Aug. 5th, 2-4 p.m. **I Made My First Sale—Now What?**
Each Session: \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

Instructor: Brooke Shenson, (541-590-3163, or Brookeshenson@hotmail.com)
Fabric Artist who has been successfully selling online for nine years when most people hadn't even heard of Facebook, twitter, or Etsy.

On-Going Classes:

Painting with John Leasure
Contact: 541-991-2754 jleasure@hotmail.com
Saturdays, 9a.m. - noon

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