

Groups still forming for annual Power of Florence

The fifth annual Power of Florence is an opportunity for members of the community to come together and have fun while making a difference.

The Power of Florence, a festival-like event with fun events around town contribute to good deeds that make community members' lives better.

Anyone can take part. Currently, 19 events are being organized for July 18. Many will be set up in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, such as the annual Humane Society Barbecue, Stuff the Van and Kitten Adoption Day.

There will be live entertainment for all to enjoy during the after party in the parking lot with entertainers, including blues musician David Weigan, CROW kids' dance and song group and local musician Marty Adams.

Many events, such as car washes, raise funds for local nonprofit organizations like Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops and other non-profit groups.

There are also service projects that beautify local parks, schools and beaches.

This year, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and city manager Erin Reynolds will be teaming



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Participants in last year's Power of Florence event celebrate following the day-long event.

up with members from Florence Christian Church and the Realtors of Florence to beautify Miller Park.

Kiwanis, Florence Ambassadors and Rotary also have beautification projects planned.

In four years, Power of Florence participants have raised \$32,000, completed 48 service projects and collected more than 10,000 pounds of food for the Food Share and Humane Society.

If you or your group would

like to participate, contact Power of Florence organizer Kaylee Graham.

Anyone who would like to plan their own event can do anything, from a service project like weeding around town, to a collection event for a nonprofit, or make a difference by participating in events as a volunteer.

Events will be advertised by email blasts on Power of Florence's Facebook page, on the Power of Florence website, in the Siuslaw News and other media outlets.

For more information, contact Kaylee Graham by email at powerofflorence@hotmail.com or call 541-997-8778.

Group to share insights into successful writing

On July 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the Creative Crones Writers (CC Writers) will host a presentation in the Bromley Room at Siuslaw Public Library.

Budding or experienced writers are invited to attend and learn tips and tricks for creating your own writing group.

Six local women have been meeting as a bimonthly group since 2010.

They are: Pattie Anderson, Jacquie Beveridge, Denise Dee, Barbara Giles, Mary Nulty and Sharon Stiles.

As involved members of the Florence community, the CC Writers benefit from the commitment to meet and share writing twice a month.

The encouragement and support of the group inspires them to keep creating.

In the July presentation, the CC Writers will share their history, time schedule, critiquing, retreats, the value of the group and prompts to generate inspiration.

They will also briefly share from pieces they have published.

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Relay team slots still open

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.

Through Relay For Life, teams from local businesses, schools, families, places of worship and others raise money to support the

American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission.

Teams and individuals can sign up for Relay by visiting www.relayforlife.org/FlorenceORRelay For Life is a community-based event where teams and individuals set up campsites at a school, park or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team has at least one participant on the track at all times.



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