

## Beat summer heat at Ice Cream Social Saturday

The Van Fans' annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser, Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center, offers an afternoon of ice cream, pie and other treats.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

There will be homemade pie and cake a la mode, along with hot and cold beverages, home-

made candies and breads for sale.

All proceeds support the Friends of Florence Van Fans, a nonpolitical volunteer organization that provides transportation for cancer patients for radiation treatment.

Enjoy ice cream and music while doing something that will help a neighbor or friend.

## IN BRIEF

### Summer hours continue at LCC

Lane Community College Florence Center will close on Mondays and Fridays for the summer through Friday, Aug. 13.

The Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Registration going on at Sonshine school

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is underway for grades 1 to 8 at Sonshine Christian School, at the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4555 Highway 101.

A limited number of openings are available for fall. The school is open to people of all faiths and backgrounds, and some financial assistance is available for students of qualifying families.

For more information, call Sonshine Christian School at 541-997-5909.

### Library board meets today

The Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 p.m. today, July 15, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., for a regular monthly meeting.

A complete agenda for this meeting is available at [www.siuslawlibrary.org](http://www.siuslawlibrary.org).

### Port holds public meeting tonight

The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m., at the port office, 100

Harbor St. in Florence.

A supplemental budget to authorize OSMB grant funds will be included on the agenda.

Port meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact the Port of Siuslaw office at 541-997-3426.

### Erin Reynolds to speak at City Club

On Friday, July 17, the City Club of Florence will hold its regular meeting, featuring guest speaker Erin Reynolds, city manager of Florence.

Reynolds will present an overview of the seven city council goals. She will also address the city's adopted budget and how together the goals and budget translate into a "City in Motion."

The City Club of Florence meets at Ocean Dunes Golf Course, on Munsel Lake Road.

Lunch is offered at 11:30 a.m. The meeting begins at noon and adjourns at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Sharon Hobart at 541-914-7784.

### Fools Haven opens 'Raw Canvas' Friday

Eugene actress Nancy Hopps plays Rosalyn in "Raw Canvas," a one woman, one-act show written by Diane-Barratt Walton and directed by Judith Sparky Roberts of Fools Haven.

The show runs Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19, and Aug. 14 through 16 at the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St.

Tickets are \$13 each. For tickets and information, call 541-997-1675.

### Woahink Lake hosts barbecue Saturday

The Woahink Lake Association will hold its summer meeting Saturday, July 18, at the West Woahink Meeting Hall.

A barbecue will start at 1 p.m., with a meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Membership in the association is open to those who reside or who are property owners within the Woahink Lake water shed. Prospective new members are welcome to attend.

Applications for new members and membership renewals will be available at the meeting.

### Chandler, Benoit play Saturday night

Florence favorites Chris Chandler and guitarist Paul Benoit will offer their special brand of American story telling July 18 at 7 p.m.

They will be appearing at the Florence Unitarian Fellowship, Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road.

Admission is by donation.

### MHS Class of 1975 holds 40-year reunion Saturday

The Mapleton High School Class of 1975 will host its 40-year class reunion July 18 at Pop's Smokehouse Restaurant (the old Gingerbread House), from noon to 3 p.m.

### Library Friends vote on bylaws July 23

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will hold a special members meeting Thursday, July 23, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room at the

Siuslaw Public Library to vote on bylaws.

All members are asked to attend and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact [SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com)

### Florence Playhouse stages 'Dearly Beloved' July 24

Mary Tuck directs "Dearly Beloved," a comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten at the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St., for two weekends.

The Futrelle Sisters, Frankie, Honey Raye and Twink are throwing a wedding. Audiences won't want to miss the sisters' shenanigans.

The show stars local actors Mary Jeanne Kuhar, Tres Eberhard, Paula Burnette, Grant Harmond, Courtney Ricketts, Sue Sweatt, Carole Blaylock, Sally Wantz, James Bonisteel, Paul Friend and Jamison Smith.

Showtimes are Friday, July 24, Saturday, July 25, and Friday, July 31, and Saturday Aug. 1, at 7 p.m., with Sunday matinees on July 26 and Aug. 2 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 each.

For tickets and more information, call 541-997-1675.

### Biologist, author to speak at library

Biologist Tom Titus returns to his native Oregon in search of old orchards, bay clams, wild mushrooms, spawning salmon and home in his popular book, "Blackberries in July: A Forager's Field Guide to Inner Peace."

Humor and compelling personal insight illuminate the emotional pitfalls and spiritual payoffs of the conscious pursuit of place.

Hear him speak at Siuslaw Public Library on Saturday, July 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

### Learn how to make your dog happy

Learn how to enhance your dog's health and happiness at a 3-hour workshop, "Dog Days of Summer," at Lane Community College Florence Center.

Elizabeth Kennedy, CVT, will talk about how best to address the nutrition, grooming and health-care needs of your dog Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

For tuition information or to register, contact the LCC-Florence Center at 541-997-8444 or visit the office at 3149 Oak St.

### SHS Class of 1975 holds 40-year reunion Aug. 15

Siuslaw High School Class of 1975's 40th reunion will be Saturday, Aug. 15.

There will be a potluck lunch at the boat ramp area between the second and third bridge at noon.

Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. at Pier Point Inn. It will be buffet style.

For more information, contact Bill Libby at [brncos.7@live.com](mailto:brncos.7@live.com).

### Boardwalk Market open weekends at port

The Florence Boardwalk Market is now open. The market is located adjacent to the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk at Bay and Nopal Streets.

Local and regional vendors sell produce, handmade crafts, pottery, baskets, Oregon-specialty products, gemstones, rocks and minerals, jewelry, plants, clothing, art, photography, blown glass, face painting, and more.

Hours are Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The market runs weekends through Oct. 4.

### The Florence Playhouse & Fools Haven Present:



## "Raw Canvas"

Starring Nancy Hopps

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July 17, 18, August 14, 15 at 7 pm  
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DISTRACTED DRIVING | HISTORY

COMING UP ON SATURDAY JULY 18: IT CAN WAIT | TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

# The Timeline

For many drivers across the nation, 2009 was a turning point in the battle against distracted driving. That's when President Barack Obama issued his first executive order on the matter.

His action led to a snowball effect in terms of various federal agencies enacting their own laws on distracted driving, eventually leading to major change in many state laws as well.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, here is how the president and federal agencies have impacted the behavior.

- On September 30, 2009, President Obama issued an executive order prohibiting federal employees from texting while driving on government business or while using government equipment;
- On September 17, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration banned cell phone and electronic device use of employees on the job;
- On October 27, 2010, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration enacted a ban that prohibits commercial vehicle drivers from texting while driving; and
- In 2011, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration banned all hand-held cell phone use by commercial drivers and drivers carrying hazardous materials.

## STATES FOLLOW SUIT

States first began to get involved in the issue in 2001 when New York instituted the first ban on using hand-held cell phones while driving. In 2007, Washington became the first state to enact an all-driver ban on texting.

A new crop of studies were conducted in the early 2000s as cell phone usage reached new highs across the United States. These efforts helped bring attention to the matter and accelerated action at the federal and state levels.

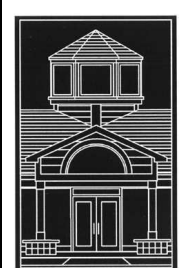
One of the most influential studies, according to the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, was the 2006 initiative by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. This study revealed that drivers engaging in visually and/or manually complex tasks have a three times higher near-crash or crash risk than drivers who are attentive.

Other findings from this study included the risk of a crash or near-crash event being:

- 2.8 times higher when dialing a cell phone;
- 1.4 times higher when using or reaching for an electronic device; and
- 1.3 times higher when talking or listening to a cell phone.



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