

IN BRIEF

Biologist, author to speak at library today

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 today, July 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Wiggly Tails Dog Rescue to offer pet adoption today

Wiggly Tails Dog Rescue from Eugene will be hosting an adoption event in Florence today, July 25, at Mini Pet Mart, 2630 Highway 101, from noon to 3 p.m.

Flukes set to strum tomorrow

Florence Ukulele Club (The Flukes) meets Thursday July 26, from 3 to 4 p.m, for a song circle in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Meetings are open to ukulele players of all levels and anyone interested in learning more about the club, as well as anyone who just wants to listen and/or sing along.

Beginners meet first from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email

janetwellington@charter.net.

Joshua Kloyda to perform in Yachats

Singer and song writer Joshua Kloyda, from a small town in Minnesota, will be performing Aug. 2, at The Underground in Yachats. His music highlights the deep darkness and bright lights of our inner and outer landscapes.

His one-man, one-guitar performance starts at 6 p.m. in the beer garden at Yachats Underground Pub and Grub, 125 Ocean View Drive, in Yachats.

For more information, call 541-547-4600.

Van Fans luncheon Aug. 5

The next monthly meeting and luncheon for the Van Fans will be Wednesday, Aug. 5, at The Shorewood on Spruce Street, at 11:45 a.m.

Come and join a group of volunteers.

For more information call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

Learn how to make your dog happy

Learn how to enhance your dog's health and happiness at a three-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 planning reunion

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 broncos.7@live.com.

LCC seeks volunteers for ESL program

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Lane Community College

Florence Center is in need of volunteers to help students study for the citizenship test and with English conversation.

For more information, call the LCC Florence Center at 541-997-8444, ext. 4835.

SHS Class of 1970 reunion set

The Class of 1970 will be having its 45th class reunion Sept. 11, 12 and 13.

There will be a Friday night social at 6 p.m. at the Woahink Meeting Hall; a Saturday evening dinner at the Three Rivers Casino Events Center, with the Siuslaw Alumni All-Class Reunion at 5:30 p.m. for no-host social hour and 7 p.m. for dinner; then Sunday Brunch at 9 a.m.

Contact Debbie Peterson by email at deb52_3@yahoo.com for details.

Local students to receive school backpacks, supplies

Residents in Florence are about to benefit from a national backpack giveaway campaign.

The Cellular Connection (TCC), the largest Verizon premium wireless retailer in the nation, will donate 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through its annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

The participating store in Florence is at 2775 Highway 101, Suite D.

TCC invites local families to bring their children to the store between noon and 3 p.m.

on Saturday, Aug. 1, to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and other school supplies.

One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Florence will have 200 backpacks to give away. Remaining backpacks will be donated to local schools.

With nearly 16 million children in the nation living in poverty, TCC is working to alleviate the rising costs of school supplies through this annual program.

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