

Library gallery features three central coast artists



COURTESY PHOTOS

“Cummins Creek” plein air oil painting by Anita Sue Andrews

The Siuslaw Public Library will be featuring the art of Alice and Richard LaFond and Anita Sue Andrews in the main library through Sept. 14.

LaFond, a long time photographer, is showing his recent work photographing flowers.



“Red Geranium” by Richard LaFond

Alice started working in colored pencil six years ago and is actively involved in workshops and classes. Andrews works in oils, watercolors and pen and ink drawing. She is showing plein air oil paintings done in the last year along the coast, the Willamette Valley and central Oregon.

The Siuslaw Public Library, is 1460 Ninth St. in Florence. It is open seven days a week.

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 begins at Sonshine school

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is forming at Sonshine Christian School., Florence’s Christian school for grades 1 to 8.

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.

The school is at 4555 Highway 101, across from NAPA Auto Parts, at the Florence Seventh-day

Joshua Kloyda to perform in Yachats

Singer and song writer Joshua Kloyda, from a small town in Minnesota, will be performing tomorrow, 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 Dr., in Yachats.

For more information, call 541-547-4600.

SSWCD meeting set for Monday

The Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting Monday, Aug. 3, at the district office, 1775 Laurel Place, Ste #4, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the district office at siuswcd@gmail.com or call 541-

Library sets special meeting for Tuesday

The Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., for a special meeting.

A complete agenda for this meeting is available online at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Van Fans luncheon Wednesday

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 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.

Share your thoughts with Mayor Henry

The next Ride with a Councilor event will take place Aug. 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All members of the public are welcome to board the Rhody Express and speak with

Florence Mayor Joe Henry.

Fares are \$1 per trip or \$2 per day.

City Lights holds jazz night Thursday

City Lights Cinemas and It’s About Time Productions present “Jazz Night” with the Miles to Go Quartet on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

The popular jazz quartet will be performing straight-ahead jazz at City Lights Cinemas’ Chaplin Stage.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for general admission seating. Admission is \$10 with membership, \$12.50 for nonmembers, and is open to all ages.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Siuslaw School District music programs.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

FloTones to host gospel music Aug. 9

Florence’s vocal jazz group the FloTones will be presenting a gospel music concert and hymn sing-along at the United Methodist Church at Second and Kingwood streets on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 4 p.m.

Come enjoy great music and feel free to join in.

Admission is free, although donations will be accepted to support United Methodist Church and the FloTones.

Women veterans to gather for luncheon

The Coastal Women Veterans will be holding their August luncheon at Ona’s Resturant, A131 Highway 101, north Yachats, on Friday, Aug. 14, at 11:30 a.m.

All military women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Call Dottie Henderson to RSVP at 541-902-8623.

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.

For more information, contact Bill Libby at brncos.7@live.com.

Lions Club to host yard sale

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club is inviting vendors to participate in its upcoming Multi-Family Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale is at the Coffindaffer residence, 5495 North Fork Road.

Set-up time begins at 7 a.m., and the sale opens to the public at 9 a.m. To reserve a space, contact Linda Brown at 541-997-3320.

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.

On Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ESL needs one volunteer to help a student study for the citizenship test.

Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, a volunteer is needed to help mid-level ESL students 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 TRC Events Center at 5:30 p.m.



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DISTRACTED DRIVING | PARENTING

How Adults Can Help

As with many major issues, addressing distracted driving starts at home. Parents can make a major impact on the driving habits of their children, especially if they have teenagers with little experience on the road.

This can start by simply leading by example. Your children are watching your every move — even when it comes to driving.

Are you constantly distracted by incoming phone calls, text messages or emails? Do you occasionally break the law by sending a text message or answering your phone while driving?

These behaviors might seem minor to you but you’re setting a pattern of behavior that could be followed by your children.

You can lead by example by ignoring incoming phone alerts. Tell your children that you just received a text, but you’re waiting until you reach your destination to check and reply to it.

TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE

When you see a story on the news covering the topic of a teenager’s death due to distracted driving, don’t change the channel. Call in your children to talk about what happened. How could the accident have been avoided? What actions might the victim have been able to take to keep himself or herself safer on the road?

Honest dialogue about what kind of damage distracted driving can cause is the



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first step to stemming the behavior. Who knows, the next time your child thinks about checking her texts while driving, she may just remember your words of wisdom and choose to wait until she safely

reaches her destination.

TEACH DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Not every victim of an acci-

dent caused by distracted driving is the one actually answering a phone call or sending a text. That’s why it’s important to teach your children to be heads-up drivers.

Watch for oncoming traffic

at all times, especially at intersections or on hilly, rural roads. Teach your young drivers to trust only themselves on the road and to be ready for others who may not be paying attention.

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You should use the hospital emergency department for very serious or life-threatening problems, not for common illnesses or minor injuries.