

## Deadline Friday for Florence police, National Child Safety Council donations

Florence Police Department (FPD) and the National Child Safety Council (NCSC) are asking for donations to create safety education materials for children.

The deadline for donations is this Friday, Aug. 7.

The NCSC is a nonprofit organization that gathers community donations to fund professional educational resources on child safety and police appreciation.

"I worked with NCSC a couple times before," said Florence Police Chief Tom Turner about his experiences as Lane County Sheriff. "I've been really impressed with the program and with the materials."

According to 2014 statistics, NCSC produces more than 300 pieces of educational material. Each city or service working with NCSC can tailor the materials to fit certain age groups and topics. The materials range from bicycle safety and bullying awareness to drug prevention, Internet safety and other important issues.

The NCSC also provides materials that can help prevent seniors from being victimized, with topics on driver safety, drug trends, domestic violence and identity theft.

The NCSC also provides crafts, coloring pages and activities to make the learning more accessible.

On average, NCSC materials cost \$1.90 per child. Common donated amounts benefit groups of children from 30 to 200 students, or \$57 to \$380.

The NCSC can send safety materials for 30 to 5,000 children at a time.

Turner said, "We get to use the materials wherever we want. In our schools, community, events ... It winds up being a very cost-effective activity for us in the police department."

For more information, go to [www.nationalchildsafetycouncil.org](http://www.nationalchildsafetycouncil.org).

If you would like to donate, contact the Florence Police Department at 900 Greenwood St. or call 541-997-3515.

## Second Star weekend brings merriment, mirth

For the first time, the Florence Events center will play host to the Second Star Festival, which brings together more than 40 vendors showcasing wares meant to inspire, spark the imagination and foster creativity.

Activities will include acoustic musicians, local and regional art, kids events, inspirational talks about the creative process and more.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, and last until 10 p.m. There will be a break from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for visitors to grab dinner, followed by a performance in the auditorium by Tricky Pixie, as well as a film by critically acclaimed puppeteer and filmmaker Toby Froud.

Tricky Pixie is a fusion of talents from a musical trio that blends a myriad of instruments, strings, voices and drums to perform songs about

pirates, dancing satyrs, gypsies and pixies to create a unique musical and visual experience.

The film "Lessons Learned," by Froud and his team of puppeteers at Stripey Pajamas Productions, is the story of a boy who is surprised by special treatment from his grandfather during his annual birthday visit — when he presents the boy with an intriguing gift offering adventure and other-worldly experiences.

The merriment continues Sunday, Aug. 9, with more music, mirth and creative mayhem from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Obtain a weekend pass plus a concert ticket to see the entire two-day festival, with special pricing for children so that the entire family can attend.

Children ages 6 and under can attend free, with admission for kids between 7 and 12 years old admitted for \$7.



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**Stripey Pajamas Productions puppeteers pose with their creations for the short film, "Lessons Learned," which will be featured in the FEC auditorium during the Second Star Festival, Aug. 8-9.**

## IN BRIEF

### Recycle, reuse at Florence In Bloom

Turn used flower vases and containers into a bouquet of fresh flowers. Through the month of August, recycle vases and containers by bringing them to Sharon and Gary at Florence In Bloom, at the corner of Rhododendron and Kingwood streets, and receive a fresh flower bouquet.

### Ride the Rhody Express with Mayor Henry tomorrow

The next Ride with a Councilor event will take place tomorrow, 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.

### BeauxArts Gallery to host open house tomorrow

Everyone is invited to BeauxArts Fine Art Materials and Gallery for an open house and Chamber After Hours event Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

BeauxArts will be providing refreshments, prizes and a special surprise for guests.

BeauxArts is a family-run

and locally owned business at 2285 Highway 101.

### Learn tips for catching salmon tomorrow

Nick "Fishin" Franks will be making a presentation on salmon fishing methods Thursday, Aug. 6, from 7 to 8 p.m., at Florence Y Marina, 4390 Highway 101.

### FRAA holds outdoor moving sale Saturday

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be having a moving sale on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 4969 Highway 101, Munsell Lake Plaza, just north of Fred Meyer, in the back parking lot area.

Come early for coffee and doughnuts.

Besides selling donated household items, FRAA is selling 53 metal display screens — 6 feet tall by 30 inches wide — and carpeted fabric office dividers of various sizes. All are priced to sell quickly.

### FloTones hosts gospel concert 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.

### Get support to avoid substance abuse

The Siuslaw Area

Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse (SAPPSA) will meet Monday, Aug. 10, at 3:30 p.m., in the Siuslaw Public Library.

### Women veterans to gather for luncheon

The Coastal Women Veterans will be holding their August luncheon at Ona's Restaurant, 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 plans 40th 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 [bronsos.7@live.com](mailto:bronsos.7@live.com).

### Boardwalk Market open until October

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.

### 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 for September

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 a 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](mailto:deb52_3@yahoo.com) for details.

### Poetry Group meets Wednesdays

Friends of Poetry meets every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 1451 Spruce St.

For more information, call 541-991-7556.

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