

Meet preschool staff Aug. 26

The community is invited to attend an open house for Alice Brauer Christian Preschool on Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Stop by to meet the staff and take a tour of the newly renovated center located in the New Life Lutheran Church at 2100 Spruce St. in Florence.

Alice Brauer Christian Pre-

school is a Christian-based preschool whose teachers are certified through state licensing.

The preschool is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children from 3 to 6 years old who are potty proficient are accepted. For more information, call 541-603-1562.

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Cross Roads dedicates promise tree

A dogwood tree, memorializing a women's retreat held this past February, was planted and dedicated at Cross Road Assembly of God, Sunday, Aug. 16. The tree, which is symbolic of Isaiah 61:3, is planted to remind passersby, when it blossoms, that God gives "beauty for ashes," which was the theme of the all-day conference.

Retreat keynote speaker Ellen Traylor, along with director of women's ministries Ada Fowler and pastor Dale Edwards, said a few words and prayed over the tree as congregants joined in.

A plaque sits at the foot of the tree and a bench is nearby, for those who wish to meditate at the site.

The tree, which struggled to survive a blast of cold this spring, is showing new growth and, as Traylor mentioned, it can be symbolic of God's promises, "which are not always fulfilled at once but in His good time."



COURTESY PHOTO

Ada Fowler (left) and Ellen Traylor (right) present the dogwood tree at Cross Roads Church.

The tree is located at the corner of Maple and Ninth streets, across from the public library's west corner.

KCST, PeaceHealth present new radio program

A locally produced radio program with the goal of illuminating and informing area residents about things that affect their health and well-being hit the airwaves this week in Florence.

Doc Talk, presented by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, is the cooperative effort of staff at Peace Harbor and locally owned Coast Radio. The premiere

episode of the show aired on KCFM, AM1250/FM 104.1 Thursday morning and will be rebroadcast Sunday, Aug. 23, at noon on KCST 106.9 FM.

"Our initial goal was to put together a half-hour that was not only interesting, but had a lot of usable information" said Coast Radio news director Bob Sneddon. "We hit the mark. After listening to the first program I believe we found the right mix."

George Henry, a veteran broadcaster who has worked in large markets across the country, is the host.

"Doc Talk puts a great spotlight on the services available at Peace Harbor Medical Center," said Henry. "I hosted a similar program when I was in North Carolina, and it was very well received."

He said he jumped at the chance to help develop the show and is looking forward to interviewing a different physician or caregiver each month.

PeaceHealth Marketing Specialist Kat Rannow said the original idea for the program came from the group of ortho-

pedic surgeons who practice in Florence.

This week's show features Dr. Tobin Hanson talking about hip replacements. Next month, Dr. Bruce Watanabe will bring his experiences and expertise into the studio. Future programs won't be limited just to joint health and hip replacements though.

Rannow said the variety will be broad. She said Henry will explore chronic health issues; breast and prostate cancer awareness; and in February, women's heart health.

"I'm excited to be working with Bob and George on this new show," she said. "It's just one more way that we'll have of reaching out to people in our community and helping them stay healthy."

Doc Talk, presented by Peace Harbor Medical Center, will air on KCFM the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. That episode will then be rebroadcast on KCST the following Sunday.

Episodes will also be archived on www.kcst.com, where they can be downloaded.

March to drum beat on Sunday's Yachats River Valley Farm Tour

YACHATS — For the third consecutive year, the Newport Community Drum Circle will head south to the annual Yachats River Valley Farm

family drum circle at the final farm on the tour. The tour is open Sunday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The drum circle and live multicultural drumming performance by leader Chandler Davis will top off a self-guided tour of up to seven working farms along the tranquil Yachats River.

The well-marked participating farms raise grass-fed beef, bees, herbs, various kinds of local fruit and produce, edible and decorative flowers, llamas, and peacocks.

The drummers will be at The Ranch, at the end of the tour on the South Fork River Road, between the national forest and the river, with a pond and a large shady front yard.

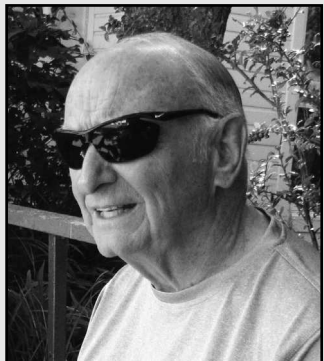
In case of rain, there is even a barn to retreat to. It's a laid back day in the country and everyone is invited to participate in the all-ages drum circle; no musical experience needed, and they'll even lend you a drum if you don't have one.

Pick up the tour map at the Yachats Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, or online at www.yachats.org/Yachats_River_Valley_Farm_Tour_2015.pdf.

Drive carefully and watch out for cyclists along this narrow scenic road. For drumming details, contact chandler@chandlerdavis.com or 541-272-4615.

WORD ON THE STREET

Are you doing anything to prepare for a natural disaster?



"We have an earthquake kit with water, blankets, lights, batteries, everything. An earthquake is going to happen at some point, so we just have to be ready. It's unfortunate, but we have to be ready."

—TOM MCKNEW, 79
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.



"I've done a little bit. I recently went to a workshop where there was a thorough demonstration and a video presentation. I've committed myself to doing a whole lot more. It's ridiculous not to be prepared."

—KATHY SHAMEY, 69
FLORENCE



"Munsel Creek is in our backyard, so we are preparing for a natural disaster by moving."

—JEFF WILLIAMS, 73
FLORENCE



"I'm traveling in a motor home, so I'm completely prepared for any disaster, as long as I can move. I have a refrigerator, a generator, a freezer and a lot of water. I'm set."

—LISA RUMINSKI, 66
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