

Friends of library seek new members

Become a new member of Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library (FOL) during October through the end of December and you will have a one-in-25 chance to win a prize.

Each person whose name is drawn will be awarded a free pass to City Lights Cinemas in Florence.

Annual membership dues help the FOL financially support the Florence and Mapleton libraries.

The Friends strive to enhance the standard of excellence of these libraries by funding programs and services beyond what is allocated in the library's operating budget.

Membership applications can be found at the library front desk or on the Friends' Book Sale shelf to the left of the library entrance door.

To learn more about the FOL, join us for the 2015 Friends of the Library Day on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the library in Florence.

Cookies, punch and information will be provided.

The Friends Board of Directors will meet next on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room.

This is another opportunity for interested parties to attend and learn more about the Friends of the Library.

Governor proclaims October as Fire Prevention Month

In support of the theme of National Fire Prevention Week, and at the request of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM), Gov. Kate Brown has proclaimed October as Oregon Fire Prevention Month.

Oregon's theme mirrors the national theme — "Hear the beep where you sleep."

Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm.

"Responsibility for fire safety begins at home," said State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. "All adults should ensure they have working smoke alarms on every level of their home, inside each bedroom and outside any sleeping area."

During October, OSFM, the American Red Cross, Bi-Mart, the Oregon Food Bank and fire agencies statewide are teaming up to raise awareness of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the areas where you sleep.

Most fire fatalities happen between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. when most people are asleep.

The OSFM's partnership with the Oregon Food Bank includes 10,000 smoke alarm education fliers to be placed in food boxes statewide.

The Bi-Mart Corporation will distribute 6,000 smoke alarm fliers to customers who shop at any of their 60 Oregon stores.

Additionally, Bi-Mart in-

store ad center screens and their social media channels will share OSFM smoke alarm messaging.

Working smoke alarms provide an early warning to fire, allowing individuals and families vital minutes to escape, and increasing chances of surviving.

Additional fire safety tips:
 • For increased protection, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home (including the basement), in each bedroom and outside any sleeping area.

• Smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older should be replaced.

• Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for the type of battery to use in your smoke alarm.

• Smoke alarms with a non-replaceable (long-life) battery are designed to be effective for up to 10 years.

If the alarm chirps, immediately replace the entire smoke alarm.

• Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses.

• Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

For a free smoke alarm check and installation, contact the American Red Cross at preparedness@redcross.org or 503-528-5783.

For more smoke alarm and fire safety information, contact your local fire agency or visit www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/pages/index.aspx.

Yachats screens ocean film tomorrow

YACHATS — Fawn Custer, a CoastWatch Volunteer Coordinator and a marine environmental educator, will give a presentation for the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons.

The film, "It's Everybody's Ocean," will also be viewed at this presentation.

Custer has worked in both formal and informal settings for 25 years.

She is educated in marine lab technology, science education, biological sciences, environmental education and integrated science.

As a member of the Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators, Oregon Science Teachers Association and as an instructor at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, she frequently presented workshops and curriculum for both formal and informal educators.

Custer's passion for the Oregon coast has been enhanced by the opportunity of being the CoastWatch Volunteer Coordinator, working with more than 1,300 dedicated volunteers along the Oregon coast.

There is no admission for the presentation, although a \$5 donation will help defray publicity expenses.

For more information, go to YachatsAcademy.org, GoYachats.com/events or call 541-961-6695.

'Wine, Women' offers wine tasting, art fun

The "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" wine tasting will take place Sunday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Galleries One and Two at the Florence Events Center.

Wines for the third annual Philanthropic Educational Organization's (PEO) fundraiser will include LaVelle Vineyards, River's Edge, Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards and Silvan Ridge.

In addition, food pairings for each wine will be created and prepared by Siuslaw High School culinary arts students.

More than 20 uniquely themed gift baskets will be available, including everything from treats and toys for your favorite dog, to a special date night package or elaborate barbecue collection.

There will also be a silent auction featuring art works by more than a dozen well-known local artists.

Sponsored by PEO, Florence Chapter FQ, all the proceeds from the event will go to fund scholarships and loans for women pursuing higher education.

A number of past scholarship winners are from the Florence and Mapleton communities, and many have returned home to contribute their talents to the local business community.

"Our first two wine tastings sold out," said event co-chairwoman Paula Becker. "So it would be smart to reserve your tickets early."

Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be reserved by calling 541-999-9667 or 541-997-2318.

Siuslaw library hosts Nativity display in October

Nativity scenes are popular at Christmas. They can be made from many different materials and can vary from single piece displays to a whole entourage of shepherds, wise men, cattle and the Holy Family.

A preview of the upcoming Florence Nativity Festival will be on display at the Siuslaw Public Library through Friday, Oct. 30.

A sampling of Nativity

scenes will be displayed in the display cases in the lobby area of the library.

This display is a prelude of what can be seen at the 10th annual Nativity Festival, which will be held Dec. 4, 5 and 6, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Rd.

The December event is free of charge and many individuals and groups will provide music during the three days of the

festival, when more than 400 are expected to be on display.

Anyone in the area wanting to display a Nativity scene at the festival is invited to participate. All Nativity sets, large or small, are welcome. Security is provided for the Nativity scenes once they are set up at the church.

For information, contact Vickie Kennedy at 541-997-7404 or thinkmother@oregonfast.net.



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- Introduction by Florence's own Rachel Pearson.



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