

Beachcomber Brew Fest features 10 breweries

The Beachcomber Brew Festival on Saturday, Oct. 17, brings brews and beers to Old Town Florence from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Beachcomber Pub, 1355 Bay St., is sponsoring the event and offering tastings and a full menu inside the restaurant.

Outside, rain or shine, the event features 10 breweries, 20 beers, live music by Denny Weaver and food from a variety of local restaurants.

It will take place on Maple Street in the lot next to Maple

Street Grille and across from the Siuslaw News.

There is a \$5 ticket fee and all adults participating will receive a souvenir taster glass.

Event proceeds will benefit the Beachcomber Community Scholarship Fund administered by Western Lane Community Foundation.

For more information, contact Scott Waiss and Beachcomber Pub at 541-997-6357 or email scott@beachcomberpub.com or go to beachcomberpub.com.

Hot dogs, burgers sales to benefit FAHS Saturday

Hot dogs and hamburgers hot-off-the-grill plus homemade pastries will be available Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

This event, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., raises money to provide care for the once homeless cats and dogs awaiting a home at the Florence Area Humane Society's no-kill shelter.

Hamburgers cost \$4, hot dogs and Polish dogs are \$3.

Customers can add cheese to any order for 50 cents. Cold drinks are \$1 and

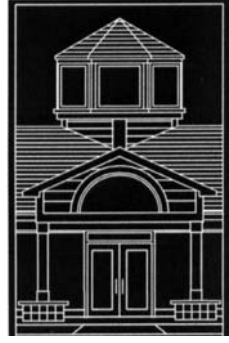
include a variety of soft drinks plus bottled water. This event also features homemade pastries by FAHS volunteers.

Inside the store, volunteer Marge Gervais will have adorable, adoptable kittens entertaining customers.

Literature about the services offered by FAHS is available here.

Grocery Outlet owner Woody Woodbury sponsors this fundraising event for FAHS and donates all of the food.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Armada

Book Review by Susie Voth
Ernest Cline's first novel, "Ready Player One," was a smashing success in the geeky, nerdy world of gamers. His second novel, Armada, appeals to those same readers.

This novel, set in the near future, examines the "what ifs" of alien encounters.

What if... you are a senior in high school, sitting in class, day dreaming as you gaze out the window and... you see a flying saucer?

What if... the spaceship you see is just like the ones you fight regularly in the online space alien invasion game called Armada?

What if... you weren't just playing games, but in fact, were in training to fight the alien invasion of Earth?

That is exactly what happens to Zach Lightman, the protagonist of Armada. He thinks he must be going insane when he sees a spaceship that nobody else sees, but he is not. The space alien invasion is all too real.

Zach and all the other gamers worldwide will be asked to step up and defend Earth. This book

is full of 1980s pop culture references that include movies, music, television and, of course, video games.

The audiobook is narrated by Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on Star Trek: The Next Generation) and according to the audiobook jacket, "... a champion of geek culture."

He is the perfect voice for this rollicking science fiction adventure. An added bonus... page 351 is a playlist of the music mentioned throughout the book. If you enter "Raid the Arcade playlist" into a Google search, you will get many hits.

Choose the website that works for you and get ready to rock on to Queen, Heart, Pink Floyd, and other 1980s bands!

New large print hits the bookshelves

The library has recently purchased over 180 new large print books including many recent releases by popular authors.

Suspense authors, including Clive Cussler, W.E.B. Griffin, Tom Clancy, Robin Cook, Lisa Gardner and Lisa Scottoline are represented, along with mystery authors Sue Grafton, J.D. Robb, Carolyn Hart, Elizabeth George,

Patricia Cornwell, Sara Paretsky, Laurie King, Alexander McCall Smith, and James Lee Burke.

Works by romantic fiction authors Barbara Delinsky, Karen Kingsbury, Beverly Lewis, Fern Michaels, Maeve Binchy, Johanna Lindsey and Jude Deveraux are among the many selections available as well.

Many westerns, and some nonfiction titles have also been added.

Stop by the New Large Print display with the rest of the new books and discover some great reading in easy-to-see large print.

The Art of Film exhibition

On Friday, Oct. 23, at noon, the public is invited to join Michael Falter, co-owner of Florence's own City Lights Cinema and a leader in non-profit film exhibition and education, for a brief history of movie theatres: in other words a brief history of film. He will provide a brief overview of the major upheavals in the film industry, including the shift from silent to sound and the more recent shift from 35mm to digital.

It is a fascinating look at a fascinating subject.

Oregon Pacific Bank features art by Hefty

Oregon Pacific Bank is featuring the artwork of Robert E. Hefty during the month of October.

"Art has always interested me. As a child I drew war planes and tanks because I started first grade the same year WWII began" said Hefty. "Then other subjects called for my interest. I started taking classes in art in college, and became acquainted with the work of many contemporary artists. I learned a lot by looking, but learned more by experimentation with colors and shapes."

Hefty's work today is basically non-objective, made up of many colors and shapes. Some works are highly organized, and others are "very casual and impulsive."

Three of Hefty's art works can be viewed in the lobby of Oregon Pacific Bank, and one of his paintings can be viewed at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center, 120 Maple St., where Hefty is a member.



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Artwork by Robert E. Hefty is on display at Oregon Pacific Bank through October.

Property tax statements available early online

Lane County property tax statements are now available online. This is the first year taxpayers will be able to access their property tax statements one week prior to the annual mailing, which is planned for Oct. 19.

The Lane County Assessment and Taxation Office

will extend its hours of service from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, between Oct. 19 and Nov. 17, in order to offer additional assistance to taxpayers.

It is also possible to access individual account graphs detailing 10 years of property value history (real market value, assessed value, and

maximum assessed value).

"We are excited to be able to offer enhanced services to taxpayers," said Lane County Assessor Mike Cowles.

Property tax payments are due Monday, Nov. 16.

The total Real Market Value of Lane County as of January 1, 2015, is \$50.8 billion — an increase of 4 percent from

2014.

The typical Lane County dwelling's market value increased 4.25 percent from 2014. In total, \$478 million in taxes were certified for the 83 taxing districts in Lane County in 2015 — an increase of 3.1 percent from 2014.

To access tax statements, visit www.lanecounty.org/AT.

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