

Music

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The Trail Band, an Oregon-based eight-piece ensemble that features songs from the Oregon Trail era, will be returning to give the traditional kids concert this year.

"In 2000, I heard The Trail Band in a concert put on by Florence Performing Arts, which is now SEACOAST. I thought, 'We've got to get the school kids in to hear this,'" Pearson said. "It seemed like a simple thing, but now this is my part-time job. It is my passion, the music and the kids."

After the first successful kids' concert, the music committee decided to combine it with the folk concert by The Singing Loggers.

"That's what made it into a real folk fest," Pearson said.

The kids' concert will also feature Lynn Anderson's students in traditional Native American regalia and dances.

The music festival committee is working to make this year the

best winter festival yet.

"Every time we go to talk to someone who has been involved before, they say, 'Oh good.' They're just really glad it isn't going away. It isn't fading," Pearson said.

Sponsors continue to step in, and the excitement is spreading to the community. While many things are changing this year, Pearson is positive that the changes will benefit the community and the event.

The artisan fair will continue in the lobby, though hopefully with the addition of wine and cider tastings. A new caterer will be at the FEC during the event as well.

For her, the most important aspect of the festival is the kids' concert, when 900 area youth from Siuslaw, Mapleton and Reedsport school districts get a "top-quality educational concert in a real theater."

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Hatter to display art at Silver Lining gallery

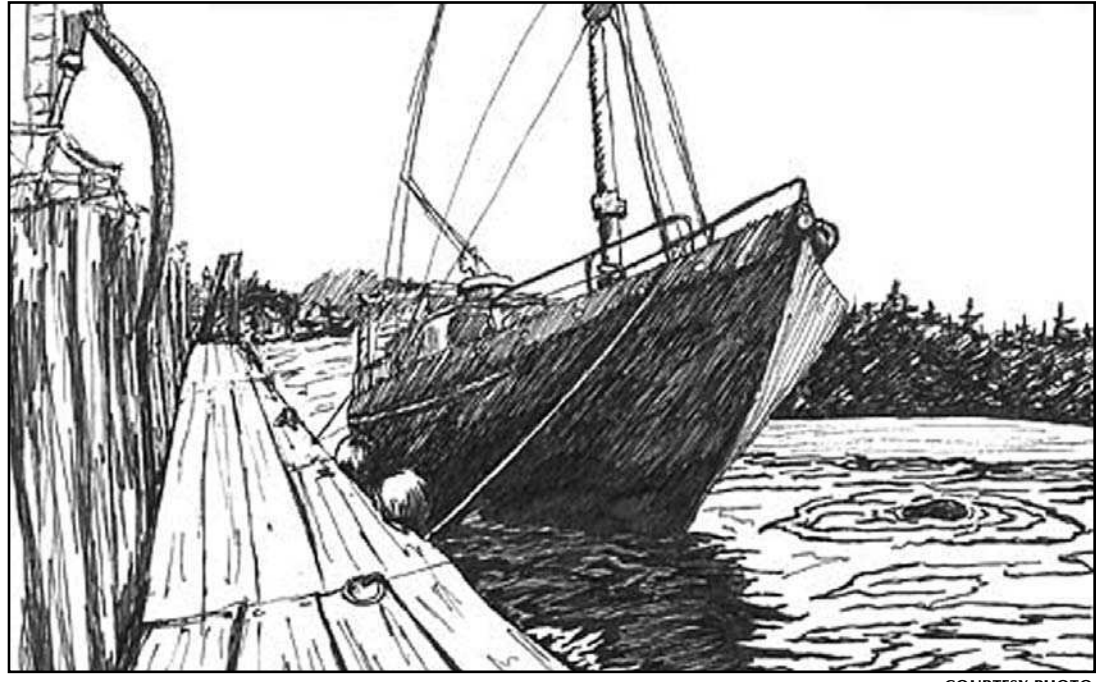
On Saturday, Oct. 24, between 3 and 5 p.m., The Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique will host a reception for the diverse and detailed artworks of Sharon "Sunny" Hatter.

In addition to enjoying apple pie, champagne and hors d'oeuvres, come view Hatter's amazingly detailed art, which will remain on display through November.

Hatter has lived most of her life in Oregon and has received an Associate of Applied Science degree in graphic design. Her skills from being a sign painter for 36 years are exemplified in each and every one of her creative pieces. Her attention to detail makes all of her subject matters pop from the page into life.

She has been involved in a variety of philanthropic volunteerism projects such as the Cottage Grove Friends of the Carousel and the Florence Humane Society. She also started the Cancer Warrior's Roving Poker Motorcycle Run for the American Cancer Relays for Life.

Hatter created a few stamp designs for the Lewis and Clark Days and also for the



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"Siuslaw Ship" pen and ink drawing by Sharon "Sunny" Hatter

commemoration for the Heceta Head Lighthouse going back into service. She is also a member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and the Bay Area Artist Association.

Hatter's love for animals also includes cetaceans (whales) and her knowledge of marine life and biology is continually brought through her flowing drawings.

She and her husband, Rod,

have created SunHat Motorcards, which incorporate her loves of motorcycles, the outdoors, animals, sea life and her pure joy and enthusiasm for life and all of its offerings.

Her cards will also be available at her reception and through November.

Hatter works on her pen illustrations with a gel ink pen and the papers used are mostly nonwood fiber. All of her soap-

stone creations are carved by hand; no motorized equipment is used, except for polishing.

The soapstone is mined in Grants Pass, Ore.

Her abilities include, but are not limited to, airbrushing, oil painting, water colors, pen and ink illustrations, glass etching, wood carving, pyrographics and printmaking.

Silver Lining Boutique is at 2217 Highway 101.



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Referring to the recently remodeled Teen Center, Trent said, "When you see a whole building full of kids — middle school, high school, boys and girls — all getting together and having a good time, it's exciting."

New programs are at the core of the Teen Center.

"We have a club bucks program that we have started," Trent said. "The kids get to exchange club bucks for a combination of school supplies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, games and other items. One of

the ways the kids earn the club bucks is by bringing in test scores that they earned an A or 100 percent."

The elementary school has a similar program, using stars that may be traded for items.

"We also have an 'Ugly Dog' contest going on," Trent explained. "They can read a book, read a magazine or go online to find the ugliest dog. They have to know a little bit about that breed. Then they give the dog's picture a name. The winning prize for the middle school and high school will be a Nook e-reader. We are giving away a Nook because it is another medium in which they

can learn how to read better and have fun doing it."

The club also plans to launch a money-management course that will include refurbishing the club's concession stand and taking it to school sports events and community events like Rhody Days.

According to Trent, club members will learn money-management skills and gain business experience from operating the concession stand under adult supervision. Club members will use the proceeds to pay for additional programs.

Trent said the club is about to launch an annual campaign called "The Gift of a Great Future."

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 between now and the middle of January," he said. "The money will be used to fund more programs and pay for additional qualified staff members. We are never going to have a large paid staff, but we need enough qualified people who have a heart for working with the various age levels."

Trent also envisions using part of the money to fund at least four \$2,500 continuing education scholarships for graduating Boys and Girls Club seniors at the end of this school year. He said the scholarships would be used for vocational school, nursing school, police academy, diesel mechanic school, community college or state university.

Trent stressed the need for the type of after-school pro-

grams and supervision offered by the Boys and Girls Club.

"Twenty-five percent of eighth graders have experimented with alcohol in the last 30 days," Trent said, quoting statistics from a national Boys and Girls Club presentation. "It is around 40 percent for 11th graders. When are they doing that? They are not doing it when parents are home. They are not doing it in school. They are doing it when they are unsupervised. Smoking numbers are similar. We offer a place where kids can come, have a good time, learn and grow, and helps keep them from being one of those statistics."

Graduation rates in Oregon are the fourth lowest in the country, according to a new survey released by the state. Trent sees the club as being vital to achieving higher graduation rates for local students.

"The way we get our graduation rates up is by filling the gap between school and home," Trent said. "We all have to work together as a community to help these kids have a great future."

The Boys and Girls Club will be holding a Bingo fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 22, at the Teen Center, 1601 15th St.

For more information, call 541-902-0304.

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Chad Clement, D.D.S., and his wife, Kim, came to Florence in 2008 seeking a coastal, small-town atmosphere for his dental practice and their family's love of the outdoors. They also wanted a "clean, quaint and friendly" community in which to raise their six daughters, ranging in age from toddlers to teens.

The Clements got more than they dreamed of when they found a beautiful office space overlooking the Siuslaw River, where every treatment room offers a sweeping view.

Comprehensive services include state-of-the-art dentistry as well as restorative and cosmetic procedures. Each patient receives "safe, gentle, personal care" from Dr. Clement and his seven-member team of skilled, compassionate and highly trained professionals.

"We treat everyone like family," said Dr. Clement, who knew at age 8 that dentistry was his destiny. "Patients are not just patients they are people."

While the views and care remain stellar after nearly eight years, the one thing this family practice has changed is the expansion of its digital dentistry services. CEREC technology allows Dr. Clement to make digital impressions, enabling him to fabricate single crowns in the office in a single visit instead of two or more visits.

Dentistry with a View

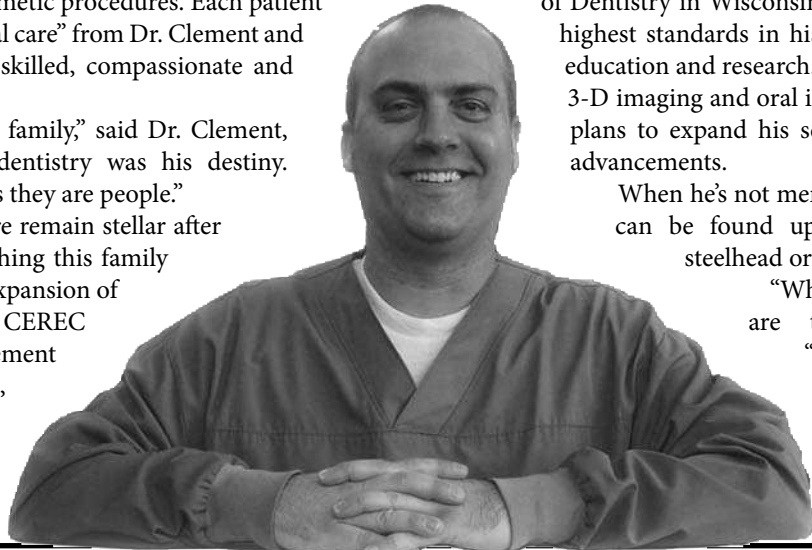
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can be reduced by 80 to 90 percent in comparison to the previous film-based X-ray system. Digital radiography also eliminates much of the chemical and lead waste from traditional film-based systems.

Dr. Clement graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle and cum laude from the Marquette School of Dentistry in Wisconsin. His commitment to the highest standards in his practice means ongoing education and research. As dentistry evolves with 3-D imaging and oral implantology, Dr. Clement plans to expand his services with all the latest advancements.

When he's not mending smiles, Dr. Clement can be found upriver casting a line for steelhead or camping with his family.

"What I love about Florence are the people," he said. "Everyone is relaxed and friendly here. I really enjoy meeting patients of all ages."



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