

Yachats to host world-class musicians Nov. 13-15

Music will reign over the central Oregon coastal village of Yachats Nov. 13-15, at the Rainspout Music Festival. World-class performers will delight concert goers with an eclectic mix of Celtic, Bluegrass, New Orleans Brass, folk, country, gypsy violin and blues.

There will be intimate shows all around town for every musical taste, special “meet the artists” sessions, an Irish dance lesson and more.

Featured performers will include internationally renowned Celtic musicians Winifred Horan, Johnny Connolly and Cary Novotny performing as a trio. Seattle’s Del Rey will perform amazing guitar and ukulele playing.

Acoustic Guitar Magazine calls Rey “one of the greatest modern players of the resonator guitar.”

The folk world is represented by Pacific Northwest legends Kate Power and Steve Einhorn.

Innovative cellist Gideon Freudmann is on the bill, as well as The Transcendental Brass Band from Portland.

“To bring this level of musicianship to a little town of 600 folks on the Oregon coast is amazing,” said music director Jim D’Ville. “We’ve booked musicians in genres from bluegrass to New Orleans 2nd line brass and everything in between.

Spend a music-filled weekend travel guru Arthur Frommer names one of his 10 favorite travel destinations in the world.

For a complete list of Rainspout musicians, schedule and ticket sales visit www.rainspout.org.

Homegrown chef, owner to offer cooking classes

Join Kelsey Terry, chef and owner of Homegrown Public House, for hands-on cooking classes that highlight the bounty of the Oregon Coast.

“Cooking for Two” (Nov. 20) will teach how to downsize recipes while shopping for value (gluten-free recipes

included).

“Oregon Locavore” (Dec. 4) will focus on cooking local, including a trip outdoors to forage for ingredients.

For more information or to register, call Lane Community College Florence Center at 541-997-8444.

Viewfinders announce contest winners



Photos by (from left): Cathy Wasson, Jon Colwell and Jane Pittenger of the Siuslaw Viewfinders Club

The theme for the October meeting of the Viewfinders Camera Club was “Let’s Eat,” and Some interesting perspectives were shown.

Cathy Wasson garnered first place

with a beautiful photo of a black bear chomping on dandelions. Second place went to Jon Colwell with a unique image of a falcon eating supper.

Third place went to Jane Pittenger

with a great photo of a weasel with its dinner.

The theme is “Seasonal Color.”

Medicare annual enrollment period has begun

Medicare’s annual enrollment continues through Dec. 7. This is the only time Medicare beneficiaries are permitted to change their Medicare Advantage and Part D plans.

After Dec. 7, Medicare beneficiaries have to wait another year to make changes.

“We received a lot of phone calls last year after Dec. 7, from people who wanted to change plans. But since they missed the annual enrollment date there was nothing we could do,” said Ellen Smith, site coordinator for the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program for Lane County.

“It is so important people contact us before Dec. 7 and research their prescription coverage,” Smith said.

People who have Medicare in Oregon may call the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program for free advocacy and counseling services. SHIBA is a federally funded, state-sponsored program that provides education and individual counseling to Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers.

Some of the issues SHIBA volunteers help with include:

- Researching prescriptions and ensuring they are covered by your plan .

- Access to assistance with medication and medical expenses.

- Information on Medicare supplement plans.

- Billing problems.

SHIBA counseling is free, unbiased and private. Certified SHIBA counselors understand all aspects of Medicare, and are available year-round to assist with any Medicare-related insurance questions.

SHIBA volunteers meet individually with beneficiaries so that they can personalize information and explain any plan changes or assistance programs that might benefit the beneficiary.

Lane County SHIBA services are sponsored by Willamalane Park and Recreation District. SHIBA sites in Lane County are Creswell, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Florence, Junction City, Lowell, Springfield, and Veneta.

SHIBA is always recruiting new volunteers. Being a SHIBA volunteer is highly rewarding.

If you need help with Medicare or are interested in volunteering, call 541-736-4421 and leave a message.

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The Salvation Army of Western Lane County will be hosting the visit of Kimberley Pettina, Divisional Director of Home Front War Relief and Emergency Disaster Services in Oregon and Idaho.

Pettina will be in the Veterans Day Parade, displaying the EDS Van at 1 p.m. in Old Town, visiting the Oregon Coast Military Museum between 2 and 4 p.m., and appearing at the free food and concert for vets and military families at the Shorewood Retirement Home from 4 to 6 p.m. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

More than 30 local supporters of The Salvation Army gathered together at the Siuslaw Riverside Restaurant on Columbus Day evening to discuss ways the organization could help fill any gaps in social services within western Lane County.

Gayle Waiss, executive director of the Western Lane Community Foundation, will help set up a dedicated charitable fund to serve as a resource of The Salvation Army within the local area.

Tax deductible donations can be received and 100 percent of the distributions made locally in accordance with the wide range of social services.

Contributions can mailed to: WLC/Salvation Army P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439.

Kettle volunteers are needed for the Christmas season. Kettles will be located at major grocery stores and in Old Town Florence for the first time in many years. All donations will go into the WLC/Salvation Army Fund.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 and many donations and volunteers will be needed. Interested persons can sign up at the Shorewood Retirement event

Nov. 11, or contact volunteer coordinator Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063.

The Salvation Army provides services to adults, families and children, as well as emergency disaster services. Sam Spayd of Florence made the first donation toward the establishment of this WLCF and Salvation Army Fund with a \$1,000 donation.

A total of \$10,000 is needed to establish the fund so that it can begin distributing money for local services. The WLCF board will consider a proposal to create an agency fund to receive contributions in the near future.

The “VIP Kettle Kick-off” will be hosted by Geraldine Lucio, owner of the Old Town Barbershop on Bay Street. This event will feature local dignitaries, celebrities, live music and take place just prior to Thanksgiving Day when the

official kettle campaign will begin.

The Red Kettle campaign will last until Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed to stand at kettle. Interested persons can contact Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063.

Snow is also available to speak to local civic groups and churches about The Salvation Army and to encourage organizational support.

The Salvation Army is an international organization that operates in 127 nations and in nearly 8,000 centers in communities across the United States.

Service extension support is available in Reedsport. . Contributions can mailed to: WLC/Salvation Army P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439.

Local Florence area supporters want to bring the services of The Salvation Army to Western Lane County.

Anyone interested in joining this effort or having a presentation made to any local civic or church organization about The Salvation Army should contact Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063.

Donate wreaths for festival fundraiser

The Florence Festival of Trees is seeking donations of new decorated Christmas wreaths.

The wreaths will be sold at the annual community event and gala on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Florence Events Center.

All proceeds benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum in Florence.

There is an entry fee of \$25 for live wreaths and they will be available at the State Farm office at 1275 Rhododendron Drive beginning Monday, Nov. 23. You may also opt to donate a decorated artificial wreath.

Contact 541-997-7161 for more information and an entry form.

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