

Join Friends of the Library, win a prize

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

Each new member's registration form will be saved in a "hat" from which 25 will be drawn at the end of the year.

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

Annual membership dues help the FOL to financially support the Florence and Mapleton libraries. The FOL strives to enhance the standard of excellence of these libraries by funding programs and services beyond what is allocated in their 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.

The Friends Board of Directors will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room in the library. Refreshments will be served.

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

More information about library projects supported by FOL can be found at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

LCC closed for holidays

Lane Community College will be closed to the public for the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, Nov. 26, to Sunday, Nov. 29.

No classes will be held and no services will be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

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‘Dead in the Sled’ to slay audiences in December

Florence's own warped and wicked Poison Pen Players are back with another hilarious murder mystery comedy for two performances in Florence. The first show will be at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., and the second show will be at Three Rivers Casino Resort on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

This professional comedy murder mystery troupe has nearly 20 years of experience in the genre, and they claim that they really know how to relieve your holiday stress — with a whole lot of laughter.

The show's title is "Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho....Oh No!" and was written by Poison Pen matriarch Rose Ellen Jacobson.

The storyline is just as twisted and unusual as the characters, and centers around a cut-throat award ceremony for the coveted Yard Décor signs in an idyllic little town called "Christmas Valley."

Characters include Nicholas Kringleman, owner of Christmas Valley's only restaurant, "Kringleman's Deli", played by Marty Adams in his first PPP role.

The 11 year old Dimmer twins, Shimmer and Glimmer (played by Desiree Gaoiran and Tim Jones), are up to their typical nasty tricks as the highly anticipated event approaches. When they aren't busy tearing up the town, they are fighting tooth and nail with each other.

Walter Winterberry (also played by Adams) hates Christmas. He is the Postmaster of Christmas Valley, and, as such, is responsible for hand-canceling all the cards sent to the town.

Ebenezer Scrooge would be proud to call him a friend.

Kooky pants Wanda Winterberry (played by Paula Burnette), Walter's sister and the driving force behind all of the Christmas mania, is in full steamroller mode as usual. What she lacks in money and taste, she makes up in boundless enthusiasm.

Holly Garland (played by Tamara Szalewski) is the police chief of Christmas Valley, and has reluctantly agreed to head up the judging committee this year, against her better judgment.

Finally, Mike Jacobson reprises his hilarious role as Amarillo Snowden, former ballroom dance champion, and aging gigolo reduced to earning money working for the cruise lines as an escort for the lonely, unaccompanied lady passengers.



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Marty Adams, Paula Burnette, Mike Jacobson, Tamara Szalewski, Tim Jones and Desiree Gaoiran will interact with audiences during "Dead in the Sled," a murder mystery comedy, playing Dec. 12 and 18 in Florence.

Wait till you see Amarillo's outfit, which is worth the price of the ticket all by itself.

Poison Pen Players' shows are always audience interactive, and this particular show is one of their highest energy, most over-the-top and just plain zaniest.

There are also funny songs and dances to help you ring in the holidays with a big grin on your face. Included with your ticket is a delicious 3-course holiday meal, including coffee/tea and dessert, as well as at least one murder. Audience members get to help solve the murder, and there are prizes for the winning team.

Tickets are \$43.95 at the FEC per person (catered by Mon Ami) and \$40 per person at Three Rivers Casino. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For tickets for Dec. 12, call: 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.

For tickets for Dec. 18, call: 877-374-8377 or visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.

For more information visit www.poisonpenplayers.com

Poison Pen Players hopes you have a "killer" holiday season, and spend just a little bit of it with them.

Unique glass etchings now on display at Backstreet

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., recently welcomed its newest artist member, Garry Edson, who etches marvelous patterns on his three dimensional glass art works.

Edson's collection of one-of-a-kind glass etchings includes both decorative and utilitarian pieces. The etchings are hand-masked and razor cut, then sand blasted with beach sand.

After living in Alaska for a number of years, Garry and his wife, Kristina, moved to Florence a little over a year ago to be closer to family and friends.

He said he also "looked forward to joining the talented group of individuals that make



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Etched glass art by Garry Edson is at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Old Town Florence.

Florence a community."

The couple has always made their living from the sea, working on seine boats, as gill netters and operating a dive service and charter boat business.

For 18 years they participated in the southeast Alaska winter dive fisheries.

"Now that we live in Florence, we want to express our love and respect for the ocean in our art by sharing our views of what has brought us joy," said Edson.

Edson also enjoys expressing his creative spirit through poetry.

Enjoy Garry's art now at Backstreet Gallery, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child collects gifts Nov. 16 to 23

Florence will soon become a local drop-off point for the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child. During National Collection Week,

Monday, Nov. 16, to Monday, Nov. 23, Florence Evangelical Church will collect shoeboxes — packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement —

from generous donors.

This year, Florence project coordinators hope to collect 500 shoebox gifts to deliver to children in need overseas.

The annual Samaritan's Purse project is a favorite of many Florence residents, families, churches and groups who spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes for the holiday.

"Through the simple act of filling a shoebox, someone in Florence can make a tangible difference in the life of a child halfway around the world. Anyone can participate and bring joy to a child facing difficult circumstances," said regional project director Michael Ishmael.

At Florence Evangelical Church, anyone can drop off a gift-filled shoebox to send to a child overseas.

The Florence team hopes to help reach Samaritan's Purse's 2015 global goal of reaching 11 million children in need.

Florence Evangelical Church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive. It is open every day of the week.

For more information, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.



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Meet Tyler

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If you would like to meet Tyler any of his friends, please visit us at:

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