

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, Dec. 5

FRIENDS HOLD BOOK SALE

Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will hold a Holiday Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Just in time for gift-giving, this themed book sale will feature thousands of like-new books. It also features a gift wrapping service.

FRAA ARTS FESTIVAL

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) hosts the Holiday Arts Festival, the perfect place to shop for unique gifts.

Meet craftsmen and artisans showing their latest creative designs and unique works of art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

EMPTY BOWLS FILL UP FOR HUNGRY

The 20th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held today, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

All proceeds benefit Florence Food Share.

Buy an empty, handmade ceramic bowl created by local artists for \$5 to \$10. Bowls will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of soup at a local restaurant.

DEADWOOD HOLIDAY MARKET OPENS

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., great gifts handcrafted by local artists will be available at the Deadwood Holiday Market at the Deadwood Community Center. Visit for the festive holiday atmosphere, refreshments and a cozy fire.

Monday, Dec. 7

SWCD ANNUAL DINNER

Everyone is invited to attend the Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) annual meeting and dinner buffet at Driftwood Shores Resort, 88416 First Ave., in Florence.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar. Dinner will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner is \$20 per person and includes a buffet with all the chef's fixings and cheesecake with port-marionberry sauce for dessert.

VIEWFINDERS CAMERA CLUB TO MEET

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

This month's contest theme is "All Indoors." Anyone interested in learning more about the club or photography is welcome.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

KXCR BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

KXCR, 90.7 FM will hold its annual Board of Directors meeting in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw library from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and help guide Florence's only noncommercial, community radio as it enters its second year. Light refreshments will be served.

GET PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT

The Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Education/Support Group will meet at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw from 5 to 7 p.m. Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff, plus prostate cancer survivors and their spouses and loved ones, will be there.

Us TOO Florence meetings are an excellent source of prostate cancer infor-

mation.

Call Bob Horney at 541-999-4239 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 11

WOMEN VETS TO HAVE LUNCH

The Coastal Women Veterans will be having the December luncheon at the Surfside Restaurant at Driftwood Shores, 88416 First Ave., at 11:30 a.m. All women veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Call Nancy Coughlan at 541-997-4403 or email ncoughlan@aol.com if you plan to attend.

MULTI-BUSINESS BLOCK PARTY

Several businesses on Laurel St (west of Highway 101) will be open after normal business hours from 6 to 8 p.m. for a second-annual Christmas get-together.

The GreenMan will have chili and accompaniments, along with the other participating businesses.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

Saturday, Dec. 12

HECETA LIGHTSTATION OPENS HOUSE

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 20 years of hosting the annual Victorian Christmas Open House on Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Santa will be stopping by to hand out candy canes and receive Christmas lists from children.

Visitors will be encouraged to take a night time walk to the lighthouse, so bring a flashlight. Entry to the Keeper's House is free but donations are accepted.

Parking is available at the Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic View Point, just below the Keeper's House, and a shuttle bus will take visitors from the park right to the front door. Or bring warm, rain-proof clothing and a flashlight so you can enjoy the beautiful walk up from the beach to the festivities.

Parking at the viewpoint is \$5 per vehicle.

'DEAD IN THE SLED' AT FEC

Poison Pen Players present "Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho...Oh No!" at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The storyline centers around a cut-throat award ceremony for the coveted Yard Décor signs in an idyllic little town called "Christmas Valley."

Tickets for this murder-mystery comedy dinner are \$43.95. The event at the FEC is catered by Mon Ami Gourmet Deli. For tickets for today, call 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.

A second show will be at Three Rivers Casino Resort on Frid, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person at Three Rivers Casino. Call: 877-374-8377 for tickets or visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.

For more information, visit www.poisonpenplayers.com.

Sunday, Dec. 13

CHORUS PRESENTS WINTER CONCERT

Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will present "Appalachian Winter," a cantata that celebrates the legacy of early American carols, at 2 p.m. at the Florence Event Center, 715 Quince St.

Between sections of the Appalachian Winter cantata, the choir and special guests will entertain the audience with familiar Christmas songs. Special guests include the Intrada Bell Choir directed by Donna Snyder, the Flotones, and the Siuslaw Children's Choir.

Tickets are \$10 for adults. Call 541-997-1994 for tickets and more information, or visit www.communitychorusflorence.org.

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