

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, Dec. 19

OLDTIME FIDDLERS TO PLAY

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association, Dist. 5, will be making music from 1 to 3 p.m., with an acoustic jam following from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Winchester Bay Community Center.

This is an opportunity to hear local musicians including a number of enthusiastic children and young adults who have been learning old-time fiddling, and some who have gone to fiddling contests.

These events are free and the public is invited to listen and dance.

For more information, call 541-759-3419.

ELKS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS

Florence Elks Lodge #1858 will host its annual Children's Christmas Party from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will be a special visit from Santa Claus. The Past Exalted Rulers will provide pinatas and games and the Ladies of Elks will serve homemade cookies and BJ's ice cream.

For more information, call the Florence Elks at 541-997-2610.

CELEBRATE WINTER SOLSTICE

The Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences will be the site for a Winter Solstice Celebration and Bonfire. The event takes begins at 4

p.m. in the picnic shelter behind the Yachats Commons.

There will be music provided by Mary-Beth Nickel on flute and vocals and Roy Simpson on bodhran and vocals.

The Yachats Ladies Club will provide "sweet treats" and there will be coffee and hot chocolate.

For more information, visit www.YachatsAcademy.org or www.GoYachats.com/events, or call 541-961-6695.

HECETA LIGHTSTATION OPENS HOUSE

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 20 years of hosting the annual Victorian Christmas Open House on Dec. 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.

Monday, Dec. 21

LCC BEGINS WINTER BREAK

Lane Community College will be closed to the public for the winter holidays through Monday, Dec. 28, and on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.

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

Winter term classes begin Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

Friday, Dec. 25

ELKS HOST CHRISTMAS DINNER

The officers and members of Florence Elks Lodge #1858 want to show appreciation to the Florence community by hosting a complimentary Christmas Dinner at the lodge, 1686 12th St., from noon to 3 p.m.

All are welcome.

Upcoming Events

FRIENDS OF POETRY

The Friends of Poetry meet every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Shorewood Retirement Residences, 15th and Spruce streets.

Readers and writers of all poetry are welcome.

For more information, call 541-373-0065.

TREE FRUITS PRUNING CLASS

The OSU Extension Service - Lane County will conduct its annual Florence class on pruning tree fruits Thursday, Jan. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The demonstration of proper pruning techniques is open to the public.

The class will be led by Ross Penhallegon, OSU Extension Service in Lane County - Horticulture Agent.

Call 541-344-5859 to preregister.

RHODY ENTHUSIASTS TO MEET

Siuslaw Chapter American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 6:15 pm.

Jack Olson will present his program of "My Favorite Rhododendrons and Why."

Olson has much experience with hybridizing and propagating.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, at 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

For more information, call 541-997-3082.

GET DIABETES SUPPORT

The next meeting of the Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at Siuslaw Public Library. For more information, call 541-902-6059.

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