

GENERAL NEWS

FRAA artists to showcase work at Siuslaw Library

On Saturday, Jan. 2, and throughout the month of January, members of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be showcasing some of their finest artistic and photographic works and creations at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence.

Along with the many forms of traditional and contemporary works, there will also be many pieces in the glass showcase.

Members can bring up to two pieces and FRAA will hang them depending on space.

Drop off times are between 10 a.m. and noon.

There will also be an opportunity for new people to become a FRAA member and include their art the same day. All members must pick up their art on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Every Second Saturday of each month there is a reception where you can meet artists and members as well as enjoy drinks and light refreshments.

For more information about FRAA, drop by the center Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. You can also call 541-997-4435 or 541-999-0859 or go online to www.fraaoregon.org.

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Area youth attend the Elks Lodge annual holiday Party



PHOTOS BY FLOYD LARSON

Florence Elks Lodge #1858 hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, complete with a special visit from Santa Claus. The Past Exalted Rulers provided pinatas and games and the Ladies of Elks served trays of homemade cookies and BJ's ice cream. Voice students from Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) sang holiday songs. A merry time was had by all.

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Community input sought for region's future

Two opportunities for area residents to have a voice in the creation of a 10-year vision for the Siuslaw Region will be held in late January.

The meetings are the culmination of nearly a year of exploration and conversations, led by the Vision Action Team from the Siuslaw Pathways Program.

The first meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 21, at Mapleton

High School. The second meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Florence Events Center.

Both meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., with an open house format from 5 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. There will be a formal presentation of the findings and an opportunity for full group conversation from 6 to 7 p.m.

Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Anyone residing in Dunes City, Florence and upriver communities from Mapleton to Deadwood is invited and encouraged to attend and lend a voice to the creation of a vision as the region moves forward in economic and community vitality work.

"We are structuring the meetings this way so that more people can attend," said Becky Goehring, a team member and Fellow with The Ford Family Foundation.

Those who would rather come early to explore the displays and offer input will be able to do that and still be home by 7:15 p.m. Those who are working or have late afternoon commitments, can arrive for the formal presentation and tour and give input at the display stations afterwards.

"This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to share their vision for the future of our region to participate," Goehring added. "This is really about community working together as we move forward in the next 10 years. Every voice

matters and we hope to have many people turn out at the meetings and be involved in this very important community feedback."

The Siuslaw Visioning team has held 10 Focus Group meetings, inviting between 10 to 20 individuals to each meeting.

The 2025 Siuslaw Vision is the culmination of the work being done by the Siuslaw Region Visioning Project, supported by Rotary of Florence, The Siuslaw Public Library, the City of Florence and The Ford Family Foundation.

The work has grown out of the Pathways program, which was offered to the region by The Ford Family Foundation.

For more information, visit the Siuslaw Pathways website at www.siuslawpathways.com.

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Subscribe to the Siuslaw News before December 31, 2015 and you will receive our new 2016 Community Calendar

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Time to renew Florence business licenses

Florence Business licenses are valid through the end of the calendar year from the date of issuance.

In November of every year, the City Recorder's office

issues business license renewals for each permanent business.

These business license renewals are due by Dec. 31 of each year.

All renewals received on or before Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, will be allocated a \$10 business license credit toward their 2017 business license renewal.

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