

# GENERAL NEWS

## Florence Senior Center needs volunteer help

As the Florence Senior Center moves into its new phase of allowing all ages to access its resources, it is looking to enhance its volunteer workforce.

The Florence Senior Center is at 1570 Kingwood St.

"As the center opens a new chapter in its existence, we are looking for new people with new ideas and interests to help us move forward," said Christine May, senior center board president.

Two key volunteer positions have opened up recently. Beginning this year, the senior

center needs someone to take over as volunteer coordinator. In addition, the person in charge of rentals and scheduling is looking to move on.

The senior center also has an ongoing need for volunteer receptionists and alternates. The Tuesday afternoon slot will be open.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of the senior center. Without them, we are just a building," said May.

Anyone interested in joining the senior center volunteers is urged to call the senior center, 541-997-8844.

## FEC's 'Artistic Visions' winners announced

The January exhibit "Artistic Visions" at the Florence Events Center (FEC) features a wide variety of 2-D, photography, and 3-D artworks in galleries One and Five.

At the awards reception, first-place winners received \$150 each, as well as a gold ribbon.

Silvia Trijillo won the 2-D award for her painting "Equinox." Stephanie Ames won the photography award for her photograph "Singularity."

David Johnsen won the 3-D award for his walking stick "Falling Leaves."

Honorable Mention ribbons went to artists Collen Goodwin, Julie Strecker, Julie Ripley, Lin-Su Nordin, Ben Cahoon, Patricia Ball, Stephanie Ames, Stephen Jones, Patrice Lampton, Ken McDougal, Amy Rickford and Mike Shoys.

Judges for the show were Susan Lehman from Bandon, 2-D; Mack Holman from



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Front left: Liz Walker, Judge Susan Lehman, Claudia Brown and Photography first-place winner Stephanie Ames.

Gardiner, 3-D; and Susie Morrill and Donna Gilhousen from Eugene, photography.


Coordinators of this awards show were FEC gallery committee members Claudia

Brown and Liz Walker. Sponsors were the Friends of the FEC.

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## Local students experience 'The Great Depression'

Many Florence-area residents will remember living through The Great Depression, but students at Sonshine Christian School also got a taste of the times during a recent emotional, energizing and empathizing school day.

As part of their history studies, students experienced simulated aspects of the Great Depression, and war time measures, rolled into one day of dramatized enactments. The day started out with news from board member Don Large, dressed much



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Students stand within a shelter built during Sonshine Christian School's "Great Depression" experience.

home responsibilities. Board chairman Nathan Large soon arrived and told students he had to "confiscate books and school supplies as collateral to pay their school bills."

For their meager lunch, all of the students dug and prepared potatoes and carrots which had been hidden in the dirt of the playground by board members earlier that morning.

The few cents they received to "live on" were insufficient to purchase necessities, forcing students to pool their resources, or do without.

"Pallets, tarps, boards and baling twine came in handy for the students to build shelters," said Karen Nelson, the school's principal and an instructor. "They discovered that even the cosiest tarp shelter isn't very warm when the cold winter wind blows. But that didn't stop the kids from making it a great learning experience with their enthusiasm, creativity and cooperation."

Sonshine Christian School is accepting applications for enrollment for second semester.

Parents or grandparents seeking more information on the school and its programs can contact principal Karen Nelson at 541-997-5909.

like a dustbowl farmer, that "the stock market has just crashed and the situation looks pretty serious."

During their morning Bible study time, the students reflected on people in the Bible who experienced hard times, and how God provided for their needs.

In a brief look back at World War II shortages, and to emphasize the potential severity faced then and during the depression, a uniformed military officer, retired Army colonel Larry Smedley, informed the students that Florence was now

under martial law and that troops would need the students' lunches that day.

The students learned what martial law is, why it is enacted, and its impact on citizens.

As the morning progressed, the students' "lives" were suddenly changed as part of this Great Depression experience. Some students had to move to the farm with an aunt or uncle while their parents went in search of work.

Others had to find menial jobs to help their families survive. Still others had to drop out of school to help with

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