

Elementary, middle school receive vision screenings

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club, in conjunction with the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, recently conducted vision screenings at the Siuslaw Elementary and Middle schools.

Screenings were conducted on 608 elementary students and 257 middle school students in less than four hours.

Of the 865 students screened, 69 were referred for follow-up screenings.

Lions Club members used four SPOT Vision Screeners, hand-held devices designed to help users quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from 6 months of age through adult.

SPOT screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening three-foot distance.

The devices, which have a value of \$10,000 each, were provided by the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

According to figures reported by the University of Tennessee, even though 85 percent of a child's learning is vision-related, approxi-

mately 80 percent of American children have never had their eyes tested before starting kindergarten.

When tests are performed, they are usually capable of only detecting no more than a couple of conditions.

Unfortunately, this means that vision-related learning disabilities such as dyslexia can be missed and may not be noticed until they are well-established.

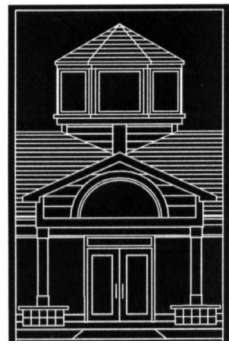
The SPOT system is capable of identifying 13 vision anomalies with one screen shot.

House Bill (HB) 3000 B requires students entering Oregon's public schools to submit proof that the child has had a vision screening or eye exam.

HB 3000 B does not address follow-on and periodic student eye screenings or exams because vision problems can occur later.

The Lions Club intends to repeat school vision screenings each year and to expand them to include high school students.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

The Sherlockian

By Graham Moore

Book review by Susie Voth

I am a fan of most things Sherlock Holmes. I like the books by Arthur Conan Doyle, I like the movies with Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law, I like the PBS series starring Jeremy Brett, the series "Elementary" starring Jonny Lee Miller and Lucy Liu, and I like Benedict Cumberbatch in "Sherlock."

I even like the books about Sherlock that are not written by Doyle.

I guess one could say I am a fan.

Recently I read "The Sherlockian" by Graham Moore.

It was recommended to me by a friend and sat on my "to-be-read" shelf for months until I found myself bookless (a rare occurrence).

This book takes place in two different time settings — in 1893 featuring Arthur Conan Doyle with his friend Bram Stoker, and in 2010, which features Harold White, a newly inducted member of the Baker Street Irregulars.

These parallel storylines both involve mysteries that require solving.

In 1893, Doyle received a package in the mail. It was a bomb and it exploded, ripping

apart Doyle's study, fortunately without harming Doyle or his family.

This event sent the author to New Scotland Yard, where he was treated with respect but the mystery of who sent the bomb was not. Doyle decided to investigate declaring, "It is not a case worthy of Sherlock bloody Holmes. It is a case worthy of his creator."

In 2010, White and other members of the Baker Street Irregulars were eagerly anticipating the keynote speaker, Alex Cole, who found a long-missing diary of Conan Doyle and was to present it at the conference.

Instead, Cole was found dead in his hotel room. White asked himself, "What would Sherlock Holmes do?" He then donned his deerstalker hat and decided "The game is afoot."

Soup Night approaches

The library is pleased to present Maggie Stuckey, author of "Soup Night," discussing her book and presenting soups for sampling made by Friends of the Library volunteers, on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m., in Florence, and at noon the following day, Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Mapleton branch in the Lions Club Building on Riverview

Avenue.

Come learn about "Soup Nights," where neighbors build a real sense of community through the age-old idea of getting together for a simple meal (in this case, a soup supper) on a regular basis.

What Stuckey has found and documented in this cookbook is that the humble idea of gathering friends and neighbors on a regular basis for a casual night of soup and sides has an extraordinarily positive ripple effect on children, senior citizens, families and communities at large.

With simple ideas for gathering neighbors and friends together, readers will be looking for any opportunity to make "Soup Night" a part of their lives.

Friends of the Library to meet Jan. 28

The Friends of the Library will hold its monthly board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m., in the library's conference room.

All FOL members and others interested in supporting the library or learning more about the Friends are invited to attend.

The purpose of the FOL is to support the Siuslaw Public Library.

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Local Elks make donation to Roseburg veterans

Florence Elks Lodge No. 71858 members, the Ladies of Elks and the local TOPS Club recently donated money for clothing, Levis and needed items to the Roseburg VA Hospital.

The veterans look forward to receiving homemade cookies in July and December each year.

The Ladies of Elks, the Rolling Elks Club, the Lodge members and the local TOPS Club sent 420 dozen cookies.

The Mapleton Food Share donated nine handmade lap robes. The Ladies of Elks donated two quilts.

A shopper from the Elks Share Shop overheard that lap robes were needed, and donated 18 crocheted lap robes.

Elks Lodge member Leo Stapleton, who is a veteran, his wife Shirley and their grandsons delivered the gifts on Dec. 21.

The Elks Lodge supports veterans and this is one way to thank them for their service to



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Elks Lodge No. 1858 member Leo Stapleton (center) and his grandsons brought donations to Roseburg-area veterans on Dec. 21. The Elks Lodge delivers cookies, clothing and other supplies to Roseburg veterans twice a year.

Mayor Henry to present State of the City at FEC

Florence Mayor Joe Henry, the Florence City Council and city staff invite all to the City of Florence State of the City presentation tomorrow, Jan. 21.

The address will take place at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St.,

from 5 to 7 p.m., as a Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event.

The mayor's State of the City address will begin at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to listen to Henry discuss the acc-

omplishments of the "City in Motion" during 2015 and what issues the council, staff and community are working on for 2016.

Staff and the city council will also be available to answer questions and

greet people during the Business After Hours.

Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

The FEC will have its concessions window open for beverage purchases.



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