

Community News

Elks donate to Siuslaw Boosters



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The Florence Elks Lodge 1858 presents the Ian Foster Foundation of the Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club with a \$2,000 donation. From left is Exalted Ruler Tom Hornback, booster club president Gina Castro-Brandt, booster club treasurer Eric Tanikawa and Lecturing Knight Jane Carrico. The Ian Foster Foundation assists needy students to participate in extra curricular activities.

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Senior Center board member turning 100

Harold Nusbaum is turning 100 years old in February and he would like friends, family and acquaintances to help him celebrate.

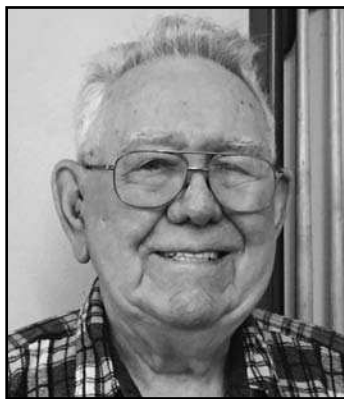
The party will be Saturday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

The senior center is familiar territory for Nusbaum.

He began working with the center in 1984, soon after he retired from the forest industry and it has kept him busy ever since.

"I think that's what's kept me alive all these years," said Nusbaum.

He has been on the board of directors for the past 32 years. Nearly half that time he acted as board president. He was the Senior Center's bingo manager



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for at least 25 years and he delivered Meals on Wheels much of that time.

In 2000, Nusbaum was named the J.C. Penney Volunteer of the Year, with Nusbaum donating the \$500 prize to the Senior Center.

Nusbaum was born Feb. 10, 1916, in Steel, N.D. He started working in the woods, falling timber when he was just 15 years old. Soon after, he lost one of his eyes during an accident cutting wood.

But that didn't stop Nusbaum. He continued working most of his life.

He worked in a barrel factory and for Hanes Lumber before moving on to U.S. Plywood, where he spent most of his career. He started as a lumber scaler and retired as manager of the boiler room.

For about 15 years, Nusbaum worked at the ply-wood plant during the day and sold insurance at night.

During World War II, Nusbaum joined the Army Air Force, where he worked as an

airplane mechanic from 1942 to 1944. When the war was over he returned to the timber industry.

Nusbaum married Vivian Sheels in July 1937.

She passed away in 1991.

He married Tacy Girton in March 1992, and she died in 2004. Today he shares his life with his live-in partner, Mary Weber.

Although he has no children of his own, Nusbaum has two step-children from his second marriage. He has two grandchildren (one who is deceased), along with four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Nusbaum has called Florence home since 1946.

Poetry, song to poke fun at 'Love Gone Bad'

Original songs or spoken word poetry will be the focus of the "Love Gone Bad, You Done Me Wrong" Poetry and Song Fest, taking place Saturday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center.

Prizes will be offered for first-, second- and third-place as determined by the audience, and a special recognition prize for "most pathetic, saddest loser in love" will be decided by three judges.

A 60-minute massage by Katie Brauns, gift certificate to

Spice Restaurant and other prizes have been donated by local businesses.

Tickets can be purchased at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center at 120 Maple Street for \$10, and any ticket holder can sign up to perform an original song or poem.

Refreshments, including "whine in a glass," "cookie crumbs," and leftovers from Valentine's Day will be served.

Sally Wantz, the hostess for the event, promises to be irreverent, sarcastic and funny.

Sympathy and hugs will be

offered to the heartbroken.

Bettie Egerton, chairperson for this event says, "If you are happily in love, it would be best if you didn't show up. But if your heart has been stomped on and broken into a thousand little pieces, we would love to have you join us in this fun-filled event. We will provide tissues."

Sponsors for this event include: Old Town Inn, Riverhouse Inn, NW Inspection Services, and Organic Pest Control.

All profits from this event

support "Give Youth a Voice," which teaches teens to tell their story and express their emotions through spoken word poetry.

The two leaders of the teen program, Noah Schultz and Stephen Fowler, will perform some of their spoken word poetry and give a brief presentation on how poetry transformed their lives.

For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org or call Bettie at 503-910-3625.

Welch to speak at City Club

Keynote speaker and storyteller Bob Welch will speak at Florence City Club on Friday, Feb. 5.

A well-known author and former national award-winning Register-Guard columnist, Welch will be speaking on "The Power of Story in a World That Has OD's on Information."

His forte is people.

The program begins at noon at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Road.

Welch is the founder of the Beachside Writers Workshop, whose flagship event is held in Yachats the last weekend of February.

The public is invited to hear this excellent speaker; beverages are offered and a light lunch may be ordered starting at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call Roger Johnson at 541-902-5135.

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