

Job Fair from 1A

The Career and Job Fair team is made up of Walker and Jolley, as well as district Superintendent Ethel Angal, Siuslaw High School Principal Kerri Tatum and high school counselor Steve Moser.

"The school was 100 percent behind it from the beginning," Jolley said. "In fact, the school has thought about it and wanted to do it in the past, but had no one to organize the event."

"The school district will even have a table set up where they can talk about careers in education as well as other job opportunities within the school district," Walker said.

District Superintendent Ethel Angal said she is grateful to the volunteers who have "worked for months to make this opportunity a reality. We hope that it will inspire our

youth to reach for success in school, post-high school training, and jobs."

Walker's experience in the hospitality and hotel industry has provided years of convention experience that she has applied to the event.

Jolley's career in retail has given her first-hand experience in how to rise up through the ranks in a corporation.

According to Jolley, several local sponsors are helping pay for banners, furniture rentals and printed materials.

"It is important for the presenters to have a good feeling about this being worthwhile," she said.

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Arrest from 1A

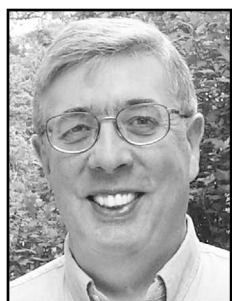
At that time, Pitcher said alcohol appeared to have been a factor in the crash and that the investigation was ongoing. "Last week we did receive

the warrant and arrested Cheeseman on criminal negligent homicide and DUI," Pitcher said Monday.

Cheeseman was initially taken to Florence City Jail and later transported to Lane County Jail.

Ecumenical Lenten Renewal this weekend

Writer, professor and Catholic deacon Owen Cummings, chairman of theology at Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore., will headline the 2016 Lenten Renewal Weekend, Feb. 20 and 21.



Owen Cummings

The Ecumenical Lenten Renewal Weekend, now in its 20th year, brings nationally known speakers to Florence during the liturgical season of Lent, a traditional time of reflection in anticipation of Easter.

With the theme of "Lift High the Cross," Cummings will give three separate lectures on

Saturday, Feb. 20, and deliver the message at an inter-faith Sunday service Feb. 21, at New Life Lutheran Church, 21st and Spruce streets in Florence.

His Saturday lectures begin at 10:30 a.m. with "A Radical Lent," followed by "The Cross and St. Paul" at 1 p.m., and "The Way of the Cross" at 2:30 p.m.

His message titled, "Transfiguration Through the Cross," will be given at the Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The Lenten Renewal Choir, under the direction of Laura

Merz, will sing at the service. Brian Lindsey will be organist.

Cummings is the author of 18 books, including "One Body in Christ," which highlights ecumenical voices primarily in the 20th century, and "Mystical Women, Mystical Body," which examines the spirituality of 10 women mystics — among them, Hildegard of Bingen, Teresa of Avila and Edith Stein.

He previously served as deacon and director of religious education for the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, Utah, and remains a permanent deacon of that diocese.

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Cummings holds a

bachelor's degree in Semitic languages, a bachelor's and a master's degree in theology, and a doctor of divinity degree, which he earned during the course of his theological studies in Dublin, Ireland.

Sponsoring congregations in Florence include host New Life Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church and Florence United Methodist Church.

All will participate in the joint worship service on Sunday. There is no charge for the Lenten Renewal lectures, and the public is invited to both the lectures and the ecumenical worship service.

Habitat to host open house Saturday for latest home

Florence Habitat for Humanity will host an open house for its 27th Habitat House on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the "Habitour," visitors can take a tour and inquire

about how Habitat builds homes in Florence. Interested persons may come to the work site at 2930 Munsel Lake Road.

"If you are curious about Habitat for Humanity, this is the place to come," says Kate

McBroom-Redwine, executive director of Florence Habitat. "There's nothing like seeing a house going up, the smiles of the family purchasing the home and the pride of the volunteers building it."

Florence Habitat has been in existence since 1999, and has completed 26 Habitat homes with the support of the Florence area community. For more information, call Habitat at 541-902-9227.

Grants from 1A

"It works because when you give to one of the cultural nonprofits that you love and make a matching gift to the trust, you get the gift of the trust back on your taxes. It's a wonderful way to incentivize giving to cultural nonprofits," Schreiner said.

Money in the trust goes toward arts and culture grants,

agency partners such as Oregon Arts Commission and Oregon Heritage and local cultural coalitions, such as the ones for Lane and Douglas counties.

At the "meet the funders" event, attendees were able to meet in small groups with four representatives from funding agencies.

"What we're going to do today is most akin to speed dating," Schreiner said. "We're going to show ourselves off up

here, and you get to talk about things that you want to talk about: what you want to learn about our grant programs and who we are and what we do."

Kuri Gill is with Oregon Heritage, a part of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that includes the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Heritage Commission.

"We provide technical assistance and grant support for all things heritage: historic buildings, museums, archives, general heritage projects like research and that kind of thing. It's a pretty broad swath of projects," she said.

After speaking with individuals in the small groups, Gill was able to suggest certain grants Oregon Heritage could fund, such as grants for historic cemeteries, "diamonds in the rough" or historic buildings in need of restoration, war memorials, museums and even Oregon Main Street programs.

She also encouraged interested groups to look into tourist grants available through Travel Oregon.

"You have a lot of great people doing awesome stuff in your community. That's really cool to see," Gill said after hearing about local arts projects in the works.

Brian Wagner, with Oregon Arts Commission, talked about grants for both individual artists and organizations.

For artists in the visual arts, music, literature and the performing arts, he recommended career opportunity grants for artists in the early to middle stages of their careers. Fellowships are also available

for more established artists.

He said that most of the commission's organizational grants go to nonprofits.

"The Arts Build Communities Grant is probably the most broadly used," Wagner said. "It's the grant that is helping Florence Events Center's Dancing With Sea Lions program."

He added that the commission works with the governor's Regional Solutions to address local needs.

Meg Spencer, a representative of Lane County Cultural Coalition, also gave advice about regional opportunities.

She encouraged people from libraries, arts organizations, museums, cultural centers, historical societies, arts alliances, literary groups and heritage organizations to pursue these grants and more.

Schreiner said that Oregon Cultural Trust is "Oregonians doing it for Oregonians."

"I used to work for various cultural nonprofits, and often applied for this grant and program. I really loved the trust then, and I love it now because it's truly an interdisciplinary approach to looking at culture. It's not any one particular field, it's for all the different types of culture that takes place in Oregon," she said.

For more information about cultural grants, go online to culturaltrust.org, oregonartscommission.org, www.oregonhumanities.org and www.oregon.gov/oprd/hcd/ohc.

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