## Habitat director to speak at coalition meeting

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Director Ken Gaylord will be the speaker for the next meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) on Wednesday, March 2, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Gaylord will update citizens about the activities of Florence Habitat for Humanity and share information about the upcoming "Senior Tsunami: Aging in Place Forum" to be held at the Florence Events Center on May 7.

Although an overwhelming

Habitat for Humanity majority of people say they want to grow old in their own homes, or "age in place," 79 percent of seniors have no systematic plan for doing so. Through a combination of talks, panel discussions, vendors, resources, displays and information tables, the forum will help citizens identify considerations for designing their own plans.

At each monthly FACC meeting, participants are invited to bring donations for a local agency. This month's featured agency is the Boys and Girls Club.

## Friendship Club to elect new officers

The Siuslaw Friendship Club will elect new officers for the 2016-17 year at its Thursday, March 10, meeting. The nominations are: President Janet Van Kleek, vice-president Pam Thompson, secretary Jeanette Bratcher and treasurer Dee Darrow.

The club meets on the second Thursday of the month, September through June, for lunch and a general meeting at the Elks Club, beginning at 11

A primary goal of the club is raising funds to support Florence charities such as Food Share, Food Backpacks for Siuslaw Outreach Services and the Florence Area Humane Society.

In addition to luncheons and fundraisers, the club sponsors

card games: five crowns on Tuesday, pinochle on Thursday and hand-and-foot on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Annual dues are \$15.

Come for a meeting and/or a card game and get to know the

For more information, contact membership chairwoman Betty Fieldson at 541-997-

## Greentrees to display FRAA artwork

Greentrees Village, a sponsor of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), has dis-

played residents' art for many vears.

Now, for the first time, all FRAA members will be exhibiting their works exclusively for Greentrees residents. This is the first time that artists from outside the village will be featured.

Hanging art will be displayed in a secured area on the business office walls and 3-D art will be in a locked display

cabinet. Photography, 2-D, 3-D art and jewelry will all be on display.

Delivery for the art will be Tuesday, March 1, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Greentrees' lobby.

Security gates will be open during those hours.

Pick-up will be Thursday, March 31, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Bill Johnson at 541-997-1680.

# Register for Indoor Yard Sale

The Indoor Yard Sale is this huge sale. Single booths coming to the Florence Events Center on April 2.

Applications to be part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center's annual indoor sale are available for nonprofit groups and individuals who wish to rent a booth space to display their goods.

For those who do not have a garage, adequate parking or hard to find locations, this is a perfect solution to be part of and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 and there are discounts for nonprofit groups. Space will be available up

until Thursday, March 31, at 5 p.m., for any group or individual to participate in the sale.

For more information, stop by the Florence Events Center office at 715 Quince St. or contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994.

#### Club

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"Every Monday, all of the kids' names go into a cup and we draw a job and then we draw a name to assign to that job for the week. They can earn 25 club bucks a week, five club bucks a day," Aaron explained. "It is like a real job. If they don't show up, they don't get paid. If they don't do their job, or refuse to do their job, they can be let go from the job. If that happens, the job is given to someone else."

The jobs may require uming, cleaning dishes and putting away recreational equipment. A Teen Center staff member must sign off on the work before the member gets credit for the day.

"It is getting to the point where the kids are helping police each other's jobs,' Aaron said.

The club has added more expensive items to the club store's inventory and has implemented a monthly incentive item that the club members choose. For February, the incentive is NFL or NBA regulation jerseys with the player's names on the back. Peyton Manning and Cam Newton are current favorites. Each jersey costs 200 club bucks.

Aaron said one member has earned 360 club bucks.

"She wants two jerseys and she knows she only needs 40 more club bucks. She said, 'If I hadn't spent those 10 club bucks on snacks, I would be that much closer to my goal.'

She is learning about budgeting," Aaron said.

According to Aaron, how the members spend their club bucks is completely their own decision.

"We are looking for a sponsor for the store," she said. "We estimate that \$100 per month will keep the store fully stocked with good stuff. I won't put candy, sodas or sports drinks in the club store."

In addition to the club bucks program, the Teen Center requires each member to perform two hours of community service each week, with no club bucks incentive.

Club Executive Director Chuck Trent said, "Our goal at the Boys and Girls Club is to make sure that every teen in our program is on track to graduate on time, which means we also help the school district with its graduation rate. When you have this partnership with the kids, the school and the club, that's the best of all worlds."

In addition to learning about managing money, according to Trent, the club bucks program allows every student, regardless of their economic situation, to be able to afford the jersey, school gear or other things they want or need.

"We are also creating a work ethic that is transferable as these students move on in life," Trent said.

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