

## Sign up for annual Boys and Girls Club wine tour

Seats are on sale now for the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County's ninth annual Wine Tour fundraiser, which will be held Saturday, April 30.

This annual event has successfully provided funds each year for after-school enrichment programs, the club's summer activities and youth athletics. This year's tour will return to the Umpqua Valley region to visit four wineries there.

"This tour is such a successful event for us," said Mike Smith, current board secretary. "I am constantly humbled and amazed by the generosity and support from our community for our kids. And while this is a fundraiser for the Club, it's also a 'thank you' to anyone who can come — because it's just a lot of fun."

This year's tour will meet at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence for continental breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Buses will depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Buses plan to return to Florence at approximately 6 p.m. There will also be a live raffle on each bus for prizes, including wine gifts, gift certificates for local services and

entertainment and more.

To help ensure healthy grapes for future wine tours, transportation is again being provided by EcoShuttle, a company based in Sherwood, Ore. Employing a carbon-neutral fleet of vehicles, EcoShuttle is leading the way in providing green transportation services in Oregon.

Again this year, the wine tour motor coaches will be powered by 100 percent renewable bio-diesel, refined from recycled cooking oils.

Seats for the Wine Tour are \$75 per person, which includes breakfast, lunch, beverages, transportation and tasting fees.

Raffle tickets will be available for an additional donation.

Seats are limited, so sign up today by calling the Boys and Girls Club at 541-902-0304 and reserve a seat, or stop by the BGC Teen Center or Coast Insurance to purchase tour tickets.

Only adults 21 years or older are allowed on the tour.

For anyone unable to participate in the tour but who would like to help by giving a donation of time or money, call the Teen Center to find out how you can help.

## Tax help available at Siuslaw Public Library

Tax time is here and AARP continues to provide free tax preparation service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

This service will be available every Monday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Thursday, April 14, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. In addition, this service will be available on

Saturday, April 9.

Bring your return from last year (including tax documents), a photo ID and Social Security card(s) in addition to your 2015 tax information. Parking is available in the lot across the street from Cross Road Assembly of God Church.

Note that there may be days when it is necessary to limit the number of taxpayers.

## Florence PTA scholarship deadline set for April 15

The Florence Community PTA announces that it will offer four \$500 scholarships to 2016 high school graduates who intend to pursue a career in teaching or working with children or youth in some capacity.

These scholarships are open to graduates of Siuslaw High School and home-schooled students in the Florence area. Students must plan to attend an accredited college, community or university.

Students must demonstrate academic potential or achievement, leadership and character.

The following items must accompany the application: a financial statement, an official transcript of grades, a resume and at least one letter of recommendation.

Applications are available

through Siuslaw High School Student Services, or can be downloaded from the PTA website at [www.florencepta.org](http://www.florencepta.org).

Deadline for applications is Friday, April 15. Completed applications can be mailed to Florence Community PTA, P.O. Box 1140, Florence, OR 97439.

PTA is parents, teachers, and community working together to improve the education, health, safety and well-being of our children and youth.

The Florence PTA serves all of the schools in the Siuslaw School District, K-12.

Everyone is welcome to join PTA; you don't have to have a child in the school system to become a member.

Download a membership form from the website.

## LIBRARY FEATURES FIBER ART BY LAUREN WOLD

Siuslaw Public Library is exhibiting artwork by local artist Lauren Wold through May 14.

Five pieces are on display in various areas of the library's Florence location, 1460 Ninth St.

These large-format abstract works demonstrate Wold's unique approach to using knitting techniques to create original fine art.

Wold describes her technique as reimagining the expressive possibilities of knitting to create fiber art.

"Knitting techniques can be used to produce works of art

that have qualities of painting and sculpture," said Wold. "The versatile characteristics of knitted yarn allows one to explore color, shape, pattern and texture in a traditionally craft-focused medium."

Wold's mother taught her basic knitting techniques when she was 5 years old.

"Knitting has always been a satisfying activity for me. Over the years, though, I felt the need to go beyond the usual forms associated with functional knitting," said Wold. "I became intrigued with a wider artistic expression using the tech-

niques with which I was familiar. Knitting, once liberated from its constraints, allows for wide creative possibilities of pure artistic expression."

Wold's art will be on display at the Siuslaw Public Library through Saturday, May 14.

For more information, contact the library at 541-997-3132.

**Fiber artwork by Lauren Wold is on display through May.**



## CERT training to be offered upriver in April

DEADWOOD — Upriver Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings are scheduled for Saturdays, April 9, 16, 24 and 30.

The sessions cover two 3-hour modules each meeting, with a 30-minute lunchtime. The trainings are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Frank Nulty is the instructor.

Those who are unable to attend a session, or have to

leave early, can make up those modules online at [www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams](http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams).

There is also a 3-hour disaster drill scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at the Mapleton Fire Station.

The first session will be at the Deadwood Community Center; an alternate site is available in Mapleton.

Attendees will choose the most convenient for the major-

ity for session two.

CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Using training learned in the classroom and during exer-

cises, CERT volunteers have the knowledge to help themselves, their family and their neighbors during disasters and emergencies, particularly before first responders are available.

To enroll in the trainings or recruit others, contact Jim Grano at 541-268-9954 or email [jgrano4@yahoo.com](mailto:jgrano4@yahoo.com).

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