

Community News

Greentrees featuring Olson art

Gene Olson will be exhibiting as Artist of the Month for April in the Greentrees Community Center.

The subject will revolve around fishing boats along the coast as well as ocean scenes. Included in the scenes will be the Otter and historic towboats that plied the Siuslaw River.

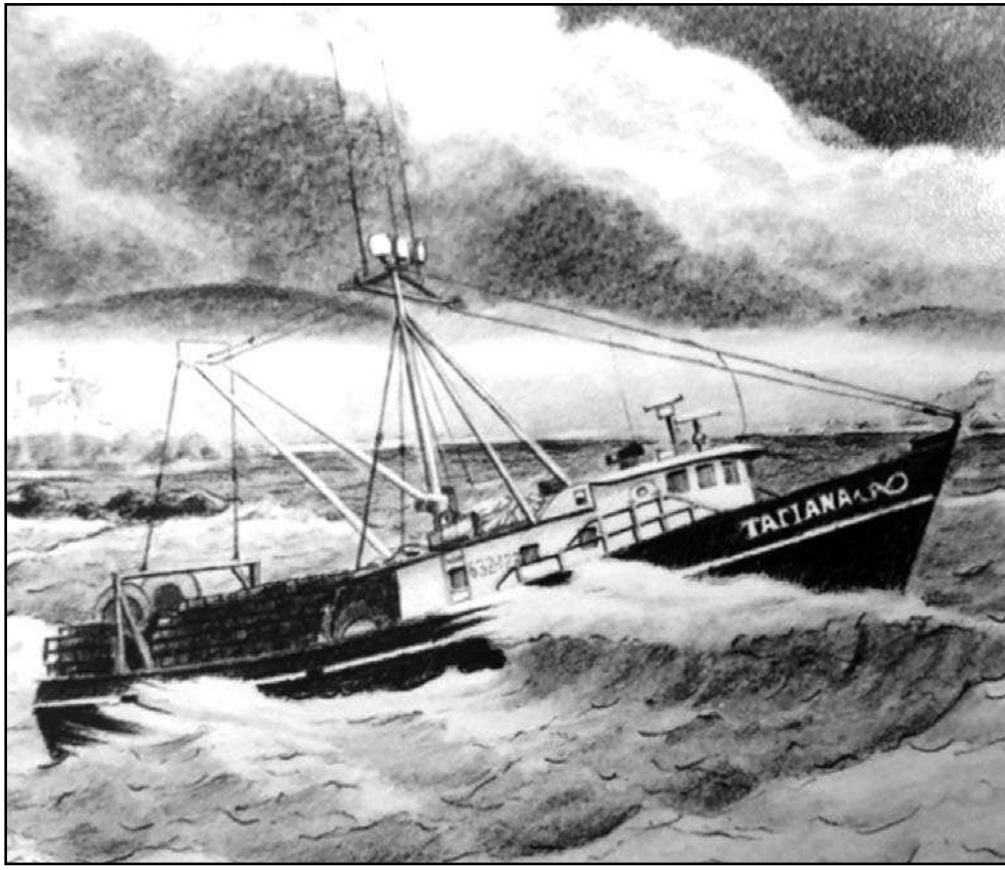
Olson holds a masters degree in art education and has taught in the Beaverton School District and for the University of Portland.

He went on to be the Cultural Director for the City of Concord, Calif.

He has donated paintings to the Siuslaw School District, the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum and Coast Village Community Center.

His work has been purchased by the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School and the Monterey Art Museum.

He is retired in Florence.



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This and other artwork by Gene Olson will be on display in the Greentrees Community Center during April.

Nye Beach Writers to host Evelyn Searle Hess

Evelyn Searle Hess will read Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m. during the Nye Beach Writers Series in the Nye Beach Visual Arts Center.

At various times a teacher, gardener, garden designer, greenhouse manager, nature guide and nursery owner as well as being a mother, grandmother, and now great-grandmother, Hess currently weeds, writes and watches wildlife in the Coast Range foothills southwest of Eugene.

Her book "To the Woods: Sinking Roots, Living Lightly, and Finding True Home," from OSU Press, won the 2011 WILLA Literary Award for Best Creative Nonfiction.

After camping in their woods for 16 years, Hess and her husband, David, were ready for some serious nesting. In a quest to build lives in harmony with the planet and all of their fellow earthlings, Hess explores the challenges



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Evelyn Searle Hess

at various levels of interlocking nests: house, ecosystem, social and economic systems, world community and environment.

Everyone is welcome.

An open mic for local writers will follow the presentation.

General admission is \$8, and students are admitted free.

For more information, visit www.writersontheedge.org.

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 9th 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.

Get ready for annual 'Shred Day' at Oregon Pacific Bank

Oregon Pacific Bank will be holding its ninth annual Shred Day on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the truck is full.

Trucks will be set up to accept confidential paper materials to be shredded onsite in the Florence Branch parking lot, 1355 Highway 101.

The event is free and open to everyone in the Florence community. Businesses may bring confidential materials for shredding during the last hour of the event.

Once the shred truck is full, Oregon Pacific Bank will be

unable to accept any more confidential documents.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of Shred Day as a way to protect themselves from identity theft by correctly disposing of paper waste.

After all paper documents have been shredded they are taken to be recycled, allowing for a safe and responsible way to dispose of confidential paper materials.

For more information about the upcoming Shred Day event, call Oregon Pacific Bank at 541-997-7121 or visit www.opbc.com.

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