

CROW fundraiser to offer musical retrospective

Billed as a "classic country music retrospective with over 45 show-stopping hits," the creative team of Mike Jacobson and Marty Adams will return to the Florence Elks Lodge for an encore performance of "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes: A Classic Country Music Retrospective."

The performance, slated for Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m., will include a complete dinner, and all funds raised will be donated to the Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW).

This toe-tapping production features the music of such country music icons as Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Marty Robbins, Kitty Wells, Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, Roy Orbison, Dottie West, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Ernest Tubb, Conway Twitty and several others.



From left: Mike Jacobson and Marty Adams

Adams will once again tickle the ivories as both the musical director and arranger, and Jacobson will once again direct the show. "Shoes" features the vocal talents of Nancy Pearson, who many will remember from her portrayal of Patsy Cline in "Always, Patsy," from a few summers ago, and Denise Dee, who will again perform her show-stopping rendition of Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man."

Jacobson and Adams will also both sing in the show.

Audiences should note that Jacobson wrote and directed "If I Didn't Care: A Tribute to the Ink Spots," as well as this exciting offering.

For tickets, call the Elks at 541-997-2610. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner, dancing and the show.

Mayoral proclamation focuses on Child Abuse Prevention



CHANTELLE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence Mayor Joe Henry presents a proclamation to Suzanne Mann-Heintz, member of the Siuslaw School District school board, at the city council meeting April 4. Henry proclaimed April "as Child Abuse Prevention Month and called upon citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live." To learn more, visit www.GetInvolvedLaneCounty.org.

Local Tale Spinners compete at district competition

On Saturday, March 26, Siuslaw Tale Spinners members Irma Geller and Anne Machalek participated in the Area 31 International Speech and Evaluation Contest in Eugene.

First place in the Area 31 International Speech contest was awarded to Andrew Weiss of Eugene. Kemy Joseph, also of Eugene, took first place in the Evaluation contest. David Coffman of Newport took second place and competed in the Division contest (held April 2.)

Anyone interested in learning more about Toastmasters, the Siuslaw Tale Spinners meet Wednesdays, at



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From left: Donna Start, DTM, chief judge, and contestants Diana Borum, Sarah Bennett, George Hecht, Andrew Weiss, Dave Coffman, Paula Whipple, Abraham Alfaro, Ane Machalek and Irma Geller.

5:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Fire and Rescue Station, 2625

Highway 101, in Florence.

Stop in and see what

Toastmasters International and the Tale Spinners have to offer.

Sher joins Backstreet Gallery lineup

Backstreet Gallery recently announced a new member, Sher Rosenberg. Her work has appeared in Celebrate Arts, where she won several awards and honorable mentions.

Like many artists, the affection for art began in Rosenberg's childhood. In her case, it was while being raised on a cattle ranch in central California. This offered a great

atmosphere of "fresh air, wide open spaces, critters and chores to spark my creativity," said Rosenberg. "From grammar school through the start of my teens, I drew and painted much of what I saw."

After living in the Bay Area and Montana, she relocated to Florence in 2002, when she met renowned artist and instructor Katheryn Davis.

Though Rosenberg took but a few classes, she didn't return to painting until 2006. After a 40-year hiatus, Rosenberg said of her craft, "I love every part of the process... I paint for myself, but what a rush when someone else likes it too."

The artist's award-winning works appear in Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., along with 20 other artists' work.



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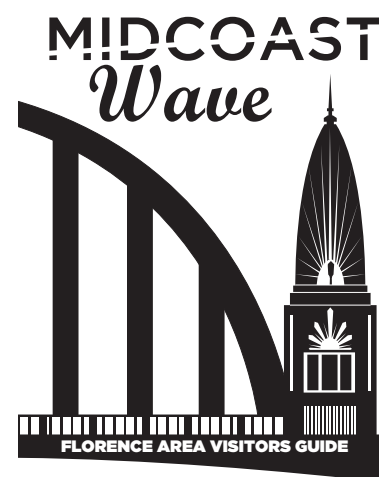


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