

## Learn about spring edibles at next herbalist meeting

Spring is in full bloom and providing a bounty of wild edibles and medicinals in western Oregon. Join the Florence Herb Enthusiasts on Thursday, April 21, when the guest speaker will be Jen Nelson. It has been a couple of years since Nelson has spoken at the Herb Enthusiasts. She will speak about foraging for local wild edibles and medicinals, how to identify, harvest, prepare and preserve some local favorites, like nettle, fiddlehead, sorrel, Miner's Lettuce, chickweed, oxeye daisy, maple and salmonberry flowers. Nelson has been a herbalist for more than 20 years, having moved to the area in large part because of the myriad local food available. She has kept herself busy working and volunteering for Homegrown, The Food Co-Op and the

school garden, assisting with fundraisers such as "Garden for Change" and Homegrown's annual all local-sourced dinner. She is an expert in local food sourcing, be it foraging or working with local farms like Greenfields and Whiskey Creek Organics, to name just two of the nearby farms. In her free time she loves to garden. Bring questions and join in this fun presentation, which begins at 11 a.m. at the New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St. (next to Florence Food Share). Everyone is welcome to attend; first meeting is free and annual dues are \$10. Through monthly meetings and special events, the Florence Herb Enthusiasts explore, experience and learn about culinary, craft, folklore, and medicinal use of herbs.

## Yoder recognized at 'Change of Watch'

Linda Yoder of Florence was commissioned as Treasurer of the Coos Bay Power Squadron at its annual Change of Watch, held in the squadron's headquarters in Charleston, Ore., on Saturday, April 2. Sworn in by District 32 Commander Jerry Brown of the Fort Vancouver Power Squadron, Yoder will join other officers on the Coos Bay Bridge under Commander Michael Gibbons, who began his second term of office April 2. Yoder has been a member of the United States Power Squadrons since 2001, the Coos Bay Power Squadron since 2011, and currently serves on the District 32 Planning Committee. The United States Power Squadrons, the nation's largest volunteer boating



Linda Yoder (center) with District 32 Commander Jerry Brown (left) and Commander Michael Gibbons

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Florence Elks Lodge No. 1858 continued its commitment to veterans by donating \$1,000 to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van fund. This money is used for maintenance of the DAV vans used to provide free transportation for veterans to their medical appointments. On hand for the donation were (from left) Jane Carrico, David "Skip" Stitt and Tom Hornback.



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## Many Oregonians still need to file taxes

SALEM — The Department of Revenue is reminding Oregonians that the deadline to file their 2015 personal income tax return is April 18. "We've already processed more than 1.1 million returns this year," said Megan Denison, the policy and systems manager for the Personal Tax and Compliance Division.

"Based on where we were at this time last year, we're expecting another 600,000 to 700,000 returns to arrive between now and April 18." For those who still haven't filed their returns, e-filing is the easiest way to get your returns to the department by the deadline. E-filed returns are generally processed faster

than paper returns because they require less manual work to process. Also, those who have their refunds directly deposited into their bank accounts will see their refunds sooner than those who request paper checks.

To check e-filing options, visit [www.oregon.gov/e-filing](http://www.oregon.gov/e-filing). Remember, an extension to file is not an extension to pay. Oregon honors a filing extension issued by the IRS, but interest on your tax-to-pay starts accumulating on April 19, the day after the return was originally due.

If you can't pay your taxes, please contact us. Based on your financial situation, we may be able to set you up on a monthly payment plan.

For more information on filing your personal income tax return, visit [www.oregon.gov/personal](http://www.oregon.gov/personal).

Visit [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; call 1-800-356-4222 toll-free (English or Spanish) or 503-378-4988; or email [questions.dor@oregon.gov](mailto:questions.dor@oregon.gov).

For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), call 1-800-886-7204.

Due to the number of calls Revenue receives during tax season, you may experience extended waiting times.

## Trust is a Necessity

The Oregon coastal city of Florence has a new real estate Broker in town. Laura Wilson is the newest addition to the thriving office Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Northwest Real Estate.

"I have always had the motto 'Experience Trust, Trust Experience' because that is what I truly believe in; that experience is important and trust is vital" said Wilson.

Wilson does not come new to the industry. She holds over 15 years of experience of being an active agent. Wilson specializes in getting listings sold.

"I strive towards making my marketing unique, creative and paramount. In doing so my

listings have received more attention which causes better offers, which yields more return to my sellers at close of escrow."

To contact Laura Wilson call (541)449-0229 or email at [lwflorence@gmail.com](mailto:lwflorence@gmail.com)



Laura Wilson of Berkshire Hathaway

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