

GENERAL NEWS

PTA to host meeting this Tuesday at SES

Florence Community PTA invites everyone to attend the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 19, at 4 p.m., in the Siuslaw Elementary School library.

Childcare and snacks are provided free at every meeting and one attendee will win the door prize.

The guest speaker will be Lyza Houlihan, Siuslaw School Gardens coordinator. She will be sharing information and providing updates on the garden beds located at the elementary school.

The Florence PTA is comprised of community members working together to improve the education, health, safety and well-being of are students and youth.

The mission of Florence Community PTA is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, community, before govern-

mental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Florence Community PTA serves all public schools in the Siuslaw School District and invites everyone to become a member and support local students. Unlike many PTA organizations, Florence welcomes all interested persons, including aunts and uncles, teachers and staff, grandparents, volunteers, community members, business owners, parents and guardians.

Annual membership is just \$11 per year.

For more information, email FlorenceCommunityPTA@yahoo.com or visit www.florencepta.org.

Changes at Oregon Coast Military Museum

The Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM), which opened its doors on July 4, 2015, announced the election of new board members at its April board meeting on Friday.

Original OCMM founding board member Wayne Sharpe was elected president and Gene Wobbe was elected vice president.

Colin Jameson and Jacquie Beveridge remain treasurer and secretary, respectively, on the board and original founding board member Tim Sapp becomes past president.

In other action, the OCMM Board approved hiring Cal Applebee as executive director, a part-time position effective Sunday, May 1.

Applebee was one of the original founding Board members who started the museum effort back in 2008. He recently retired as executive director of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This is like coming home for me," Applebee said. "Even though I've not been on the Board since 2014, I've stayed involved and supported the board and the museum when I could."



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Above, Oregon Coast Military Museum Past President Tim Sapp passes the "gavel" to new President Wayne Sharpe. Right, Cal Applebee signs on as part-time executive director of the museum.

Sapp said, "It was a no-brainer that we bring Cal on board in this capacity. The Museum cannot afford a full time paid staff position, but with Cal's background and involvement in the early stages of the Museum's creation, he is



intimately familiar with the museum organization."

Sharpe added, "With Cal's background and experience

from his chamber days he will bring the needed organizational, promotional and event skills to the museum that we really need now that we're in operation."

Applebee said that after getting familiar with current operations, he plans to take the museum board through a strategic planning process to determine where OCMM should go in the future.

"I am both impressed and appreciative of all that the board and the volunteers have accomplished in these recent years, but now it's time to look into the future and determine what we should become or where we should go in the next few years," Applebee said.

OCMM has continued to receive financial support from the community, totaling over \$31,000 in just the past few months.

It is located at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, and open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, go to www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com. —Submitted by Cal Applebee

Boys and Girls Club wine tour sets agenda

Tour buses to visit four wineries, lunch at Southern Oregon Wine Institute

By JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County's ninth annual Wine Tour will visit four Umpqua Valley wineries and have lunch provided by Umpqua Community College's culinary program Saturday, April 30. All proceeds are to support the operation of the club's Teen Center.

This year's tour will visit four wineries in the Umpqua Valley region: River's Edge Winery and Bradley Vineyards in Elkton, and Becker Vineyards and Melrose Vineyards in Roseburg.

The all-day event starts with a continental breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. at Three Rivers Casino Resort. Buses will return to the casino by 6 p.m.

The lunch stop includes a

visit to the Southern Oregon Wine Institute (SOWI) at Umpqua Community College (UCC). One of two viticulture and enology degree programs in Oregon, SOWI students also produce their own wines. In addition to lunch catered by the UCC culinary program, tour members will also receive a tour of the wine institute's facilities, including wine sampling.

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

There will be a live raffle on each bus for prizes including wine gifts, gift certificates from local restaurants, merchants, services and entertainment.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Chuck Trent said, "As you may know, the Teen Center was closed for

nine months. When we reopened the in September 2015, we had nine teens. Last week we had 31 teens at the Teen Center and another 16 at softball practice in Miller Park right behind the center's building."

According to Trent, in addition to offering a safe, secure after-school environment, including enrichment programs and help with homework, the center is now serving USDA approved hot meals Monday through Friday free of charge.

"One of our key challenges is to keep the cost of participating in the teen program low," Trent said. "Fundraisers like the wine tour help the club achieve that goal."

Trent said the total out of pocket cost for a teen is \$75 a year, including the club's nine-

month summer program.

"When teens attend our program consistently, they graduate on time, they are connected to the community, they give back to the community and they know what a healthy lifestyle is. The success of the Teen Center is directly attributed to the generosity of so many giving people that 'Give the Gift of a Great Future' through events like the Wine Tour."

Wine tour tickets are available at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center or Coast Insurance. The wine tour is only for adults 21 years or older.

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Mapleton Community Foundation announces grant

The Mapleton Community Foundation is currently ac-

cepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for community projects within the Mapleton School District boundaries.

The applications should demonstrate how the funding would educationally, cultural-

ly, physically or civically improve the students or residents of the area.

Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization.

Funds will not be awarded to individuals or for operating expenses.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Public Library or by calling Kathy West at 541-268-4665.

Application deadline is Wednesday, May 11.

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Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m. at Florence Events Center

Performance Guests: FloTones, Encore Dancers, CROW Kids, Siuslaw High School Chamber Choir

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Classes and Workshops

Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics with Alissa Clark
Every Wednesday, 3 - 5 p.m.
Per weekly session: \$10/member, \$15/non-FRAA member, Clay and Firing extra
\$5/hr open lab after class
No experience required.
Class will be held at Alissa's Studio at 180 Laurel Street. Register at FRAA or with Alissa. Contact Alissa for questions: 503-957-5222

No ceramics class on April 27th. Be sure to visit Alissa at the Ceramic Showcase in Portland at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum on April 29th, 30th and May 1st.

Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays (April 23, 30, May 7, 21, 28)
Fridays (April 15 and May 13)
9:00 am - 12 noon
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Creative Writing Workshops - Writers on the River with Catherine Rourke
"Memoir as Medicine: Writing to Heal Your Life"
Saturday May 14th, 9 am - 11 am
Words can transform pain and struggle into meaning and purpose. Heal your life through the power of story for greater self-realization.
\$20/member, \$25/non-FRAA member
To register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com

Upcoming Summer classes: June 11th, July 16th, August 20th 9 am - 11 am

Oil Painting with Michael Wood
Every Monday, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Contact: fmwood@msn.com for details, fees, and more information

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL 16	APRIL 17	APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22
Breaking Clouds and Nice	Mostly Sunny and Warm	Mostly Sunny	Chance of Afternoon Showers	Cloudy, Showers	Cloudy with Showers	Showers Possible
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