

Homegrown to host free beer, wine tasting

On April 29, Homegrown Pub, 294 Laurel St. in Historic Old Town, will host Arch Rock Brewing for a free beer and wine tasting as part of a series highlighting breweries and wine makers from around Oregon.

Gold Beach is home to Arch Rock Brewing, which opened its doors on Jan. 25, 2013, after converting co-owners Larry and Marjie Brennan's cabinet shop into a brewery.

The Brennans decided they wanted to start up a brewery but quickly realized they would need to hire a professional brewer to make it happen. They started the planning process in early 2012, hired their brewer, James Smith, in June and started

converting the building from cabinet shop to brewery.

Smith has been a professional brewer since 2004. He moved here from Victor, Idaho, with his wife Kristen. This was a dream opportunity for them to be part of a start-up brewery and a chance for Smith to make his own beer and live on the beautiful southern Oregon coast.

Arch Rock currently offers a lager, a pale ale and a porter, as well as any single batch brews that Smith creates.

Homegrown's free beer and wine tastings are Fridays, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 541-997-4886.

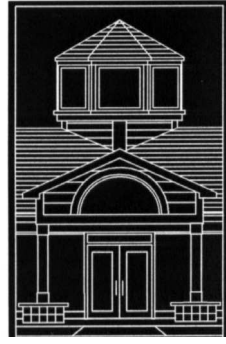
Car Club meets Saturday

The Central Oregon Coast British Car Club invites the public to join in its monthly breakfast gathering and business meeting Saturday, April 30, starting at 9 a.m., in the upstairs dining room at the Driftwood Shores Surfside Restaurant, 88416 First Ave.

Those planning to have breakfast should arrive early enough to order and be served before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

All those who own, drive or have an interest in British automobiles are welcome to attend.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

April 22: Earth Day

Book Review by Susie Voth
April 22, 1970, was the first Earth Day. After witnessing a massive oil spill at Santa Barbara, Calif., Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day to heighten awareness of environmental issues. Some 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day.

In 1990, Earth Day went worldwide and 200 million people in 141 countries joined the movement. The United Nations declared April 22 as International Mother Earth Day in 2009.

By 2010, more than 1 billion people in more than 180 countries participated. We know the earth is our home, the home of our children and future generations of children.

It is imperative that we care for the earth and one way to start is to share with our children the importance of living gently on the earth.

There are many books in the library that introduce Earth Day practices to young ones. "Fancy Nancy — Every Day is Earth Day," by Jane O'Connor, is one.

Fancy Nancy is an adorable character who is a little bit bossy, a tad stubborn and after her teacher talks about Earth

Day, she is passionate about saving the planet.

"Ready Freddy! Save the Earth," by Abby Klein, is another book featuring an environmental theme. Freddy's first grade class is challenged by their teacher to complete 10 planet-friendly activities by the end of the week.

National Geographic published "True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet." This book is an introductory guide to some "fun, easy and cool ways" to make eco-friendly lifestyle changes.

Some are as simple as "BYO water bottle" and "just say no" to plastic bags.

The year 2020 is the 50-year anniversary of Earth Day.

The Earth Day Network has an ambitious goal: to plant 7.8 billion trees. Why not join in?

Tip of the Week: Renewals

Did you know you can renew items online? You can, by logging into your library account, going to "My Account," then clicking on "Renew My Materials."

Once your list of checked-out items appears, place a check mark next to the items you want to renew and then

click "Renew Selected Items."

There are some restrictions. You can only renew something one time. Also, if another patron has a hold on an item, you will not be able to renew it.

You can phone in and request a renewal but if you have Internet access it's much easier and faster just to do it online!

Jerry Rust to speak

Author and former Lane County commissioner Jerry Rust will be reading from and speaking about his latest book, "The Shandong Question," on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room.

Rust was born in eastern Oregon, attended the University of Oregon, then joined the Peace Corps. Returning to Oregon he organized a tree planting cooperative in Lane County in the 1970s.

Later he was elected Lane County commissioner and served five terms. Today, he spends part of the year teaching English in Shandong, China.

Rust has written two previous books, "Yew" in 1985 and "The Covered Bridge Murders" in 2011.

He lives in Mapleton with his family.

KXCR to host an evening for the planet

Alternative Radio's host David Barsamian doesn't shrink from discussing big topics. As one of America's most fiercely independent journalists, he never fears airing voices to bring uncomfortable truths to light.

His speech at City Lights Cinemas, Monday, May 9, beginning at 7 p.m. will be no exception.

City Lights Cinemas is at 1930 Highway 101 in Florence.

On his Oregon tour organized by local nonprofit radio station KXCR, Barsamian will be tackling the daunting prospect of "Saving the Planet."

"The moment calls for action and engagement, not passivity and indifference," says Barsamian.

The evening promises to be a "no holds barred" look at an issue most would prefer to



COURTESY PHOTO

Alternative Radio founder and host David Barsamian will speak about Saving the Planet in Florence May 9.

sweep under the rug.

"The magnitude of the crisis requires radical compassion for the Earth and all its inhabitants. Despite probes landing on

comets, this is the only home we have," says Barsamian.

Alternative Radio has been offering its free weekly program to community radio sta-

tions across the country since 1986.

KXCR 90.7 FM has been airing the show Fridays at 5 p.m. since coming on-air two years ago.

Tour organizer Allan Muir said, "It's a pleasure to bring David to our community. His interviews and collaborations with such notables as Noam Chomsky, Richard Wolff, Howard Zinn, Ralph Nader, Chris Hedges, Edward Said, Naomi Klein and many others have had the much needed effect of altering the American media landscape."

Tickets for the May 9 event at City Lights can be purchased in advance at the cinema anytime daily from noon to midnight, or online at Facebook KXCR 90.7fm.

Admission funds for this event go to listener-supported KXCR FM radio.

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LOE awards \$7,000 in scholarships for 2016

The Ladies of Elks have awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to students residing within the Siuslaw, Mapleton, Triangle Lake and Reedsport school districts.

This year, a total of 19 students submitted applications for judging on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, motivation, extracurricular service and

financial need.

Scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to Taylor Renae Steinhauer of Blachly and Lila Pattison of Deadwood.

Taylor Dotson of Florence received a \$1,000 award.

Former winners Cody Burkhart of Pacific University and Zachary Burkhart of Lane Community College were each awarded \$1,000 to assist them in continuing their studies.

Funds for these scholarships are accumulated by the Ladies of Elks through fundraising projects held throughout the year.

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Join us for "Art in the Park"

The Friends of Honeyman and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will host "Art in the Park" on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00-3:00pm. The event begins with a dedication ceremony for the "Eye of the Needle" sculpture at the entrance to the day use area. After the dedication, the public is invited to the Bathhouse Heritage Center at Clewox for a variety of art projects and display, including fish prints, weaving, luminaries, poetry and more. Children are invited to get their pictures taken with J.B. Beaver. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the event.