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provided a temporary smorgasbord for the juveniles.

Sea star wasting disease first appeared in Oregon in the summer of 2014. In rocky intertidal habitats, disease rapidly depleted populations of the dominant sea star, Pisaster ochraceus.

The sea stars first developed twisted arms, then showed deflation and lesions, and eventually lost arms and the ability to grip onto the substrate before finally disintegrating completely.

Over a period of about 15 months, the disease reduced the overall sea star population by 63 to 84 percent at different site along the Oregon coast, and reduced the Pisaster ochraceus population by 80 to 99 percent.

The epidemic ranged from Alaska to Baja California.

Scientists from Cornell University attributed the epidemic to a Sea Star-associated Densovirus and researchers in Washington say warmer water may have provided the trigger for the disease in that state.

But Menge's research group found no association between water temperature and the disease outbreak in Oregon.

"The sea temperatures were warmer when the outbreak first began," he said, "but Oregon wasn't affected as early as other parts of the West Coast, and the outbreak reached its peak here when the sea temperature plummeted and was actually cooler than normal."

The Cornell researchers found evidence of densovirus in the sea stars, the water column and in sediments. It occurs naturally and can become virulent, possibly as a result of stress.

"Something triggered that virulence and it happened on a coast-wide basis," said Menge, a distinguished professor in the Department of Integrative Biology in OSU's College of Science. "We don't think it was a result of warming because conditions were different in Oregon than they were, for example, in Washington and likely other parts of the West Coast. Ocean acidification is one possibility and we're looking at that now. Ultimately, the cause seems likely to be multifaceted."

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Menge and his research team have been studying these intertidal rocky zones at different sites for as long as 32 years and analyzing the community structure.

Historical research has shown that the ochre star is a "keystone" species because of its influence in these ecosystems, suggesting that the absence of so many adults could have a significant impact.

Ochre sea stars prey on barnacles and mussels and keep their populations under control. When left unchecked, mussel populations can explode, covering up algae and small invertebrates.

"The longer-term ecological consequences of this (disease) event could include wholesale elimination of many low zone species and a complete change in the zonation patterns of rocky intertidal communities along the West Coast of North America," the authors wrote in their study.

Among the other findings the OSU researchers reported in PLOS One:

• Sea stars that were continuously submerged, such as those in tidepools, had a higher rate of the disease than sea stars on rocks outside of tidepools where periodically they were above water;

• During the last two years, the number of gooseneck barnacles has exploded along the coast — likely because they are not being preyed upon as heavily by adult sea stars;

• Adult sea stars are much more likely to be affected by sea star wasting disease than juveniles, which may be because of longer exposure or some other factor.

The OSU research has been funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Kingfisher Foundation, and the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation.

Other authors on the study, all from OSU, include Elizabeth Cerny-Chipman, Angela Johnson, Jenna Sullivan, Sarah Gravem and Francis Chan.

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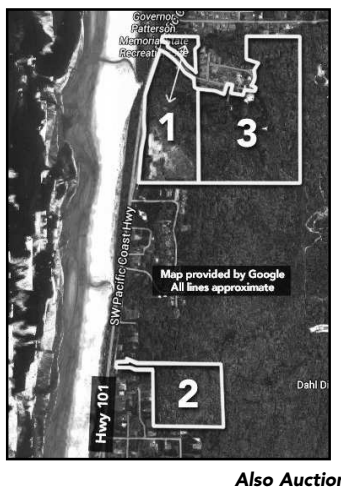

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Ada Grange #570 meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canary Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

Aglow International meets first Saturday, 10am–Noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-5849.

Al-Anon Family Group meets every Thursday at noon, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788

Al-Anon Family Hope Group 1525 12th St. (old hospital back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group meets every Monday at 7pm, at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon thru Sun., 5:30-6:30pm., Siuslaw Pacific Ctr., 1445 W. 8th St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues (closed), Thurs and Sat (open), 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous Open meetings Sunday, 10-11am. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300.

Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting. Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm. at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings Men's stag. Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152

Alcoholics Anonymous (SIS) Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack in Library. Contact: 541-590-2110.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence. 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Paulette Volkoff 541-997-8436.

American red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter. meets 3rd Monday of each month, at 1pm. Contact Tom or Carol 541-999-3219. Persons interested in learning about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer should call and get information. Great opportunity to help locally.

American Legion & Aux., Francis M. Yost Post No. 59 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for general membership meeting, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-3082

Anger Management for Men, Meets weekly every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Anger Management for Women, Meets weekly every Tuesday from 12 to 2pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Argentine Tango in Newport meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson-then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-563-2705 or http://www.geocities.com/yesnewporttango/.

Baha'i Faith of Florence discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 875 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

Beloved Community of Florence, Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching. Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

Better Breathers Club, meets 4th Wednesday of each month, Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C. 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 5635.

Breastfeeding Support Group, second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

Cancer Education Group Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm @ 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please Contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

CaregiverSupport Group Bimonthly meeting is held at SprucePoint on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting at 11 AM. Spruce Point has supported this group by providing a complimentary lunch for the participants on those meeting times. It is facilitated by Mary Ann Earl RN BSN retired. Contacts are Annette Poston 541-997-6111 or Mary Ann Earl 541-997-4866. Anyone needing support caring or assisting another person with their responsibilities for health, welfare, finances or decision making can be supported in that process in this group.

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday. 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30.PM Meeting. 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church,, 2nd quarter at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical church and 4th qtr at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information call Chick 541-997-3370.

Central Coast Miniatures Club of Florence, 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, Florence.

Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club meets every Wed. 7-8:30am. at Koffee Klatch @ Driftwood Shores Restaurant. Wed net @ 7 pm. 146.80(-) 100hz tone.

Chronic Pain Group People with chronic pain helping people with chronic pain, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence. Contact: 541-991-0037.

Citizens Democracy Watch, meets at 1pm., the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center. Contact: 541-997-3950.

City Club of Florence, Meets 1st Friday of each month. 11:00am order off the lunch menu., Speaker: 12-1 pm. Driftwood Shores Surfside Restaurant upstairs, 88416 1st Ave. For information, call 541-902-5135.

Coast Chamber Ensemble, meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-870-4346.

Coastal Celtic Society, Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

Coastal Women Veterans, 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-902-8623.

Coastal Writers, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm. at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

Community Chorus of Florence meets Mon. 7-8:30pm. at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: Sandy Vaccaro 970-618-6307.

Diabetes Health & Wellness Group, Meets twice a Week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am AND 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skip Stitt 541-997-1562.

Family Caregiver, Support Group, Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am. to 11:30/12:00 in the Community Room. Contact Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN

Family Support Group for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Central Oregon Coast, 1st Saturday, 1pm., Pacific Community Hospital, Newport. Contact: 541-563-5240.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Reedsport meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month at the Reedsport Public Library.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Noon forum 2nd. Thursday of each month, noon, at Best Western Pier Point Inn. Open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

Florence Area Coordinating Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

Florence Area Democratic Club meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: www.florenceareademocrats.org.

Florence Area Humane Society, Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays, Please call the Shelter for an appointment. 541-997-4277.

Florence Caring Pregnancy Center open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am.-4pm. FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center). Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

Florence Chapter-Oregon Right to Life Contact: Mona Dick 541-997-2065.

Florence Community PTA meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library. Contact Diane McCalmont, 541-997-1854. Email: florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com. Website: florencepta.org, Facebook: Florence Community PTA.

Florence Dance Guild, meets monthly. Contact: Angela Palmer 541-997-6839.

Florence Duplicate Bridge (non-smoking), Every Thursday afternoon starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherwax 541-997-2677. (American contract bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.

Florence Elks Lodge 1858 meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

Florence Garden Club, 2nd Wed., Sept.-June, 1:00pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: www.facebook.com/FGCOR.

Florence Herb Enthusiasts meet the 3rd Thursday, 11am. New Life Lutheran Church. For info call Jacquie, 541-997-8311. www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com July-field trip, Nov.-wreath making at Greentrees, Dec.-Community service project.

Florence Kiwanis meets each Wednesday, noon, Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

Florence Memory Loss Respite Center meets Mon., Wed., Thur. from 10am.-2pm., Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, $10 includes lunch. Contact: Jan landrum 541-902-8539.

Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Shorewood Apartments meeting room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

Florence Performing Arts Association Board meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. FEC. www.florenceperformingarts.com

Friends of Poetry, Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Spruce. All welcome. Contact: Shirley Nelson 541-373-0065.

Florence Rotary Club, Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program, 1st Wed., 7pm, Florence Elks Lodge. Contact Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

Florence Senior Travel Club, Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101. (entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3161.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Sundays, 10am. at the Fellowship Hall located at the NW corner of Heceta Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Wantz 541-902-9505.

Flying Needles & Hooks of the Siuslaw, This group does charitable knitting & crocheting for schools, SOS, & Helping Hands. All are welcom. Meets 2nd Tuesday in Bromley room Siuslaw Public Library from 3pm-5pm. 4th Tuesday – at Greentrees Community Room from 3pm-5pm. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779.

Friends of Florence Events Center meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm. at Florence Events Center. Contact: FEC 541-997-1994.

Friends of Honeyman State Park, Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am. recreational meeting hall at Honeyman, on Canary Rd. A group of volunteers who support projects at Honeyman – activities include park upkeep, planting & clearing, interpretive programs and special events. Everyone Welcome! Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-1779, or honeymanfriends@aol.com

Friends of the Library meeting, 4th Thursday of each month, 11am., Bromley Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Susy Lacer, 541-997-8663.

Grief & Loss for Adults, Meets weekly every Thursday from 9am, to 11am. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Grief & loss for Students, ages 12-18, Meets weekly every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Grief & Loss Support Group sponsored by Peace Harbor Home Health. Please contact facilitator for information. Contact Deborah Hunt, LCSW. 541-997-3418.

Grief Share Meets at the Florence Christian Church, Thursdays, 3pm., 2nd and Ivy streets. Contact: 541-997-2961.

Health Associates, a parenting support group, 3rd Wednesday, 7pm., 340 9th St. Contact: 541-997-1877 or 541-997-7134.

Helping Hands Coalition, is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to providing services, food, clothing, and a daytime center for the homeless and others with unmet needs. Our small but friendly facility provides warmth, comfort, and basic services for those in our community. Meets every Mon., Wed., & Fri, from 11am-2pm, 1339 Rhododendron Dr. Contact: 541-997-5057.

Ladies of Elks, second Monday, 7pm., Florence Elks Lodge. Contact: Linda Tank, secretary, 541-997-3352.

Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 2pm. Winchester Bay Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. Contact: Bill Hendrickson, 541-271-6816 Reedsport. or Cam Grow, 541-997-8089 Florence.

Managing Chronic Pain Support Group Forming Starting March 2, 2015. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7pm, at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101. for information: 541-590-0591.

Mapleton Advisory Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, Siuslaw Valley Bank in Mapleton, 4pm.

Mapleton Booster Club, Meets 3rd Wednesday. of each month @ 6pm. Siuslaw Bank in Mapleton. Contact: Krystal Wolford 541-268-6951.

Mapleton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

Masonic Lodge of Florence Stated Communication, 1st Tuesday. Family dinner 6:30pm. Open Lodge 7:30pm. 84910 Hwy. 101 S. Contact: 541-997-9728 (bus.)

Masonic Widows Social Club, last Wednesday, 12 Noon, at the Masonic Temple, 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Phyllis Williams 541-997-7965.

Meditation held Thursdays, 5:30pm. at United Methodist Church, 2nd & Kingwood. Contact: Pip Cole, 541-971-1173.

Mid Coast Soldiers, Come ride with us, Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) Florence, OR. Breakfast meeting/ride, 1st Saturday @ Kathleen & Ninas, 8:30am. Business meeting, 3rd Tuesday @ Chen's Family Dish, 6:00pm. Contact: Rob 541-999-7605

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) of West Lane County, meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. 6:30pm.-8pm. Hospital Cafeteria. Contact Monica: 541-902-8308.

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday, 7pm-8:30pm & Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm., at Options Annex, 1445 8th Street. Contact: Carol K: 541-268-4769.

National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Contact: Jim Parrish, 541-997-1427.

Ocean Dunes Women's Golf Assoc. meets first Tuesday of every month, 8am., at Ocean Dunes Golf Links. Contact: 541-997-3232.

Oregon Central Coast Veterans, each Tuesday, 12:30pm., Old Town Coffee Roasters, 125 1/2 Nopal St., Florence. Any veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-5169

Oregon Coast International Dancers, meet every Wednesday evening 6:30 pm.-7:30pm., Come join the fun! at LCC. Contact: 541-870-4346 for info and directions.

Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets monthly September–May. For more information, contact: E. F. Westphal - Regent 541-517-5333.

Oregon Right to Life please contact Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble meets Monday 6:30-8:30 pm., alternates btw SHS & Waldport HS music rooms. Amateur thru professional welcome. Contact: Gail Nichols 541-999-6907.

Pacific Dunes Shrine Club meets for Dinner Socials at Driftwood Shores, for Business Meetings at Bliss' 101. For details, call 541-997-4082.

Parkinson Support Group meets first Tuesday of each month at Ocean Unity, 834 SW Lee, Newport. Call 574-6560 for more information. Jeff Geiger, Facilitator.

Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 3rd Thursday, except July/August, luncheon at 11:30, Florence Events Center. Contact: 541-902-9669 or 541-902-1970.

Points of Grace - Community Acupuncture. Relieve pain • balance your nervous system • intergrate body, mind & spirit ~ Live life more fully. Meets Wednesdays: 12noon ~ 3 pm @ Wellspeing Clinic, 1845 Hwy. 126, Park Place, Suite H. Cost is by donation. 541-902-8860.

Pointman Veterans Ministries - Support for veterans and their families. Especially wartime stress. Contact: Bond Hanson, 541-997-2074; Dan Hackett, 541-902-0688

Professionally Retired Ornery Single Seniors, (PROSS). For information, contact Damie, 991-6430, or write P.O. Box 572, Florence.

Quilt Guild (Rhododendron), 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10am., Florence Christian Church. Contact: Cyndie Wenz, President.

RAPP Committee meets 3rd Wednesday of month at B&G conference room, 1234 Rhododendron Drive, noon-1:30pm.

Rainbow Girls, Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, Masonic Lodge 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Sherry, 541-915-9382.

Reiki Gathering All Reiki students 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree. Time to work on each other. No cost. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm in Private Home - call for directions. Contact: Lynette Kristine 541-997-2154.

Retreads Motorcycle Club, Florence Chapter, meets second Saturday of the month at 9am @ Kathleen & Ninas for breakfast & a ride. Contact: Bill Trapp 541-997-5063.

Rhododendron Society, Siuslaw Chapter, meets 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101. Contact: Mike Bones, 541-997-3082. Sept-May only.

SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Central Coast Chapter, meets 3rd Saturday of each month, at Reedsport Methodist Church at 11am. For information call 541-271-3771 or James Ives - President 541-271-4212.

S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps Of Retired Executives), free personal consultations with people in or interested in business. Contact: LCC, 541-997-8444.

SHIBA, (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistants) Meets in Florence @ DHS & LCC 1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday. Call for an appointment for Medicare help. Contact: 800-722-4134.

Siuslaw Area React meets third Tuesday each month, 7pm. Contact: 541-997-4297.

Siuslaw Diabetic Support Group meets third Tuesday each month, 2pm., Siuslaw Public Library, The Bromley Room. Contact: 541-997-7134 Julianne or Joan. No meetings June, July or August. Start September 20, 2011

Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-Noon at Bromley Room at the Library. Contact: Margaret Keith 541-997-4558. Anyone interested in joining in the knitting, hand-spinning, felting, rug-hooking is welcome.

Siuslaw Fisherman's Association, Meets 3rd Monday of each Month at 1536 12th St. Church of the Nazarene, 2nd floor, 6pm. Contact: Annette Smith 541-902-2345.

Siuslaw Friendship Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact: Betty Fieldson 541-997-2842.

Siuslaw Genealogical Society meeting, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Public Library, Bromley room. Contact: Kevin Mittge 541-902-2376.

Siuslaw Outreach Services. Women's Empowerment Support Group meets every Tuesday, 4-6pm., 1576 West 12th St. Contact: 541-997-2816.

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum meeting, second Monday of each month, 10am., 2nd & Maple St. 541-997-7884.

Siuslaw Public Library's Art Display Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30am., Bromley Room of the library.

Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club meets third Thursday of every other month, 7pm., Gun Club, Munsel Lake Road. Contact: Jerry Harpole, 935-5224

Siuslaw Soil & Water Conservation Dist., first Monday, 6:30pm., 1525 12th Street, Suite 10A. Contact: Seth Mead, 541-997-1272.

Siuslaw Viewfinders Photography Club, meetings 1st Monday of the month at the Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley room, 6pm. Contact: Curt Peters, Digital Dunes Photography 541-902-8748.

Siuslaw Watershed Council meets the last Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm., Contact: 541-268-3044 (Open to public.)

Soroptimist International of Florence, Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon at Chen's Family Dish, 3620 Hwy. 101. Contact: Pres. Jo Hine 541-997-2233.

Support Group for Families & Friends with Mental Illness, Meets every 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm., at the Peace Harbor Hospital cafeteria, 400 Ninth St. Mental illness is a very stressful and devastating experience for all involved. Everyone is welcome to come and share with others who are going through the same experiences. Contact: Monica 541-902-8308 or Julia 541-997-2026.

SWING (Siuslaw Womens Investment Group), Meets every third Tuesday, 12:30pm., New Life Lutheran Church, spruce & 21st St. Contact: Joyce 541-999-9876 or Karen 541-999-7906.

T.O.P.S. - OR #890, Meets Every Wednesday, 8:45-10am., The New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., Florence, OR. Contact: 541-902-7574.

Toastmasters International, Siuslaw Talespinners, meets every Wednesday at the Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Station on 2625 HWY 101, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Contact: Irma Geller 541-999-0921 or Jim 541-999-5766.

Us Too Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group – Evening Group, meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5pm. at Presbyterian Church. Spouses, loved ones and families are welcome. Contact: Bob Horney 541-997-6626.

Us Too Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group – Lunch Group, meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 12 Noon at Ichiban Restaurant. Spouses, loved ones and families are welcome. Contact: Bob Horney 541-997-6626.

Van Fans – Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 11:45am., at Shorewood for meeting & lunch. Cost $8.50. Contact: Lea Rudd 541-999-0779.

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post 3232 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 pm., Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-5944.

Veterans of the Florence Area meet every Monday at 11:30am. at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: Band of Brothers 541-997-5944.

VFW Auxiliary, Meets 2nd Tuesday, 1pm., 2216 Willow Loop, Florence. Contact: Beryl Foreman - 541-902-8327 Call for information or applications.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7 pm., Conference Room "C" - Peace Harbor Hosp. Contact Ron 541-902-8081 or Marlene 541-997-8801.

Weight Watchers meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. (Meeting weigh-in 5 pm.) at the 1380 10th Street at Cross Road Assembly of God. Contact: 1-800-651-6000

Women's Fellowship Circle, Wednesdays, 10am.-noon, Cross Road Assembly of God, 1380 10th Street. Contact: 541-902-8928.

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