

GENERAL NEWS

Learn how to make fairy garden at herbalist meeting

On Thursday, May 19, at the meeting of the Florence Herb Enthusiasts, meet Kermit Houghtaling, a local horticulturist and Laurel Bay Gardens employee. He will be showing how fun and easy it can be to make a fairy garden.

Houghtaling originates from Santa Cruz, Calif. He has been a horticulturist for 27 years and has worked for and managed several nurseries in Oregon and California, including Gray's in Springfield.

He now lives in what he calls the postcard perfect landscape of Swiss Home.

Plants are not only his area of expertise, they are truly his passion.

"All the staff at Laurel Bay Gardens share that same passion, and that's why it's such a great place to work and shop," said Houghtaling, who plans to build an herb-based fairy garden during the meeting.

He will also be bringing

some supplies attendees can purchase, along with a wealth of ideas and information.

This will be an open discussion and interactive presentation on a popular topic. At the end of the meeting, there will be a raffle for the fairy garden.

Don't miss out on your chance to bring a little magic home.

The Florence Herb Enthusiasts meet each third Thursday of the month at the First Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St. (behind Grocery Outlet). The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and includes refreshments and tea.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first meeting free; annual dues for membership 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.

OCCO performs final spring concert



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The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra performs its final spring concert May 1 in Florence, featuring (at right) flutist Sarah Gage-Hunt and Conductor John Monks.

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra (OCCO) performed its last concert in a series of spring performances on May Day at Florence Community Baptist Church. It was a program of varied music, from classical to traditional and jazz.

Conductors Robin DeVour and John Monks both had their hand at leading the orchestra,

which consists of nearly 30 instrumentalists, including first chair violinist and concertmistress Barbara Wilcox.

There were two very special performances during the concert. Flutist and Florence teacher Sarah Gage-Hunt was featured as flute soloist performing "Fantasia Hungara" by Albert Doppler. This was Gage-Hunt's last local per-

formance before retiring from the orchestra for an adventurous new life sailing the seas with her husband.

Monks presented her with a dozen roses during the concert. Another talented Florence resident, Richard Jones, played a saxophone solo of Harline's "When You Wish Upon a Star" from Disney's film classic "Pinocchio."

Orchestra members, all volunteers, are local to the Oregon Coast and Eugene/Springfield area.

The OCCO welcomes auditions for new musicians for the many parts.

For more information about OCCO or how you can make a contribution to this nonprofit musical organization, visit www.occorchestra.org.

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Lane County proposed budget closes \$4 million gap

The proposed Lane County Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget was released on Tuesday. The proposed budget reduces the \$6 million structural imbalance in the General Fund by approximately \$4 million and significantly reduces the imbalance in the county's Road Fund, while investing in critical services and creating long-term stability.

The proposed budget accomplishes four important things: 1) it maintains and enhances critical services for residents; 2) it reduces operating expenses; 3) it aligns revenues with community priorities; and 4) it results in no employee lay-offs.

"We continue to face the challenge of scarcity of resources head-on in Lane County," said County Admin-

istrator Steve Mokrohisky. "Rather than let scarcity drive us to focus only on what we lack, we approached this budget with a commitment to pursue excellence and push the boundaries of what is possible with limited resources."

The proposed budget hopes to

- Lower health care costs through a self-funded model and wellness efforts
- Reduce fleet-related and computer replacement-related costs
- Use one-time funds to reduce debt, including on the Charnelton Building
- Align current revenue with priorities
- Add two new positions in the District Attorney's Office to file 400 additional cases per year

• Add a new probation officer to work with high-risk and repeat offenders in the jail

• Expand support for crisis and mental health services for offenders in Lane County Jail

• Help fund Assessment and Taxation to support audits and reappraisals

• Work on a new rural economic development plan to support economic vibrancy in rural communities

• Add a position dedicated to fulfilling the county's new equity and access plan (accomplished without an increase in funding by reducing expenses in county Administration and Human Resources).

The proposed budget also maintains 24-hour patrol and the resident deputy program in the Sheriff's Office.

No employees will be laid

off as a result of this proposal. The elimination of several full-time equivalent (FTE) positions is proposed across multiple funds; however, this is being achieved through attrition and vacancies.

"Our goals with this proposal are to enhance critical services and create long-term stability through a structurally balanced budget," said Mokrohisky. "We still face significant challenges as revenues decrease and the need for services increases; however, the proposed budget moves us closer to creating a safer, healthier and more vibrant Lane County."

The full budget message and proposal can be downloaded at www.lanecounty.org/Departments/CAO/Budget/Pages/2016-2017ProposedBudget.aspx.

Wind ensemble concert to benefit Florence Food Share

Spring is in the air and the rhododendron are in bloom. This means many more visitors

to Florence and to Florence Food Share.

The organization's stock of food is low and in need of many kinds of foods.

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble (PCWE) has made Florence Food Share the beneficiary of its next concert, May 15, beginning at 2:30 p.m., at New Life Lutheran Church,

located next to Food Share.

PCWE is a tax-exempt community concert band that plays several kinds of music including Spanish numbers, Broadway show tunes and classical compositions.

PCWE is suggesting a tax-deductible \$10 donation for the Florence Free Lunch program and a can or two of food or

other non-perishable food item for Food Share for admission to the concert.

Food Share is currently most in need of peanut butter, canned meat (such as tuna or chicken,) baby formula, Hamburger Helper or like product, mac-n-cheese, tomato products of all types, flour, sugar and coffee.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

| MAY 6 - 12 | FRI 6 | SAT 7 | SUN 8 | MON 9 | TUE 10 | WED 11 | THU 12 |
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| CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR PG-13 146 MIN "Matching its blockbuster scale and spectacle with the smarts of a great, grown-up thriller, this is Marvel Studios' finest film yet." Empire | 12:00 PM 3:10 PM 6:15 PM 9:20 PM | 11:20 AM 2:30 PM 5:45 PM 9:00 PM | 12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:15 PM | 12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM | 12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM | 12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM | 12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM |
| CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR 3D PG-13 146 MIN "Civil War isn't just a damn-near-perfect popcorn crowd-pleaser; it doesn't offer any easy answers for its combatants, or the world going forward." | 2:45 PM 8:10 PM | 1:45 PM 7:40 PM | 3:00 PM 8:30 PM | 2:30 PM 8:00 PM | 2:30 PM 8:00 PM | 2:30 PM 8:00 PM | 2:30 PM 8:00 PM |
| MILES AHEAD R 100 MIN - Biography/Drama "Don Cheadle's tribute to the artist is energized at every step by a fitting improvisational spirit, echoed onscreen in Miles Davis' performances." | 12:20 PM 5:50 PM | 11:00 AM 5:15 PM 9:15 PM | 12:45 PM 6:10 PM | 12:45 PM 5:40 PM | 12:45 PM 5:40 PM | 12:45 PM 5:40 PM | 12:45 PM 5:40 PM |
| MOTHER'S DAY PG-13 118 MIN Three generations come together to celebrate Mother's Day. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Julia Roberts, Kate Hudson and Jason Sudeikis | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM | 1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM | 12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM |
| THE JUNGLE BOOK PG 111 MIN "The new production, computer-animated except for a living, breathing boy at the center of the action, isn't pretty or sweet but utterly stunning, as well as very funny; all those vaudeville antecedents haven't been forgotten." LA Times | 3:10 PM 6:10 PM 8:50 PM | 11:00 AM 2:40 PM 7:45 PM | 3:10 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM | 6:10 PM 8:40 PM | 3:10 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM | 3:10 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM | 3:10 PM 5:50 PM 8:20 PM |
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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student
Royal Ballet presents GISELLE
180 MIN - Greatest of all romantic ballets...
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