

## 'Awakening Peace' event to be held at Honeyman

The third annual "Awakening Peace" event will be held Sunday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Recreational Meeting Hall at Honeyman State Park.

The purpose of the event is to reflect on and experience peace, individually and collectively.

Featured artists include the Indian Education Program drummers and dancers, poets Noah Schultz and Stephen

Fowler, singer Jeff Lovejoy, flautist Bruce Jarvis, and Stephen Pierce of "Dances for Peace International."

There will also be craft activities and snacks; bring your own lunch.

Come for an hour or the whole day.

The event is sponsored by the Baha'is of Florence and the Friends of Honeyman.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Overeaters Anonymous meetings begin in Florence

Anyone with issues regarding food or weight are invited to a new weekly meeting of Overeaters Anonymous, each Wednesday evening, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Rose Room in the Coast Village Clubhouse, 131 Rhody Loop (enter east side of Coast Village at 27th and Spruce and follow signs to office/clubhouse).

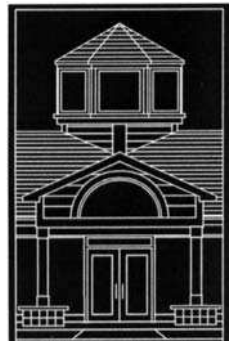
Overeaters Anonymous is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. The only requirement for member-

ship is a desire to stop disordered eating, overeating or eating compulsively.

Founded in 1960, OA views overeating as a physical, emotional and spiritual disease and members seek recovery on all three levels by following a 12-step program patterned after that of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, contact Valerie at 503-775-6927 or Toria at 541-590-0738.

## 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

### Carrying Albert Home

By Homer Hickam  
Book Review by Linda Weight  
"Carrying Albert Home, The Somewhat True Story of a Man, His Wife and Her Alligator" by Homer Hickam, is the humorous story of his free-spirited mother and long-suffering father, and their 1,000 mile automobile trip to take Albert, her pet alligator, back to Florida.

It was 1930 and the Great Depression was in full swing. Elsie Lavender did not want to stay in Coalwood, WV., after graduating from high school. And when her high-school sweetheart (Homer, senior) asked her to marry him, she bolted for Florida to visit her uncle.

While there, she met Buddy Ebsen (yes, that Buddy Ebsen), and they had a brief summer romance. But Ebsen left to go to New York City to pursue his career and Elsie, giving up on a glamorous life in Florida, gave in and went back to West Virginia to accept Homer's offer of marriage.

Not long after, a 5-inch baby alligator arrived in the mail from Ebsen as, of all things, a wedding present. Elsie named him Albert.

Albert survived the West

Virginia winters, living in their bathtub, and grew and grew, until, one day, Homer said, "It's me or the alligator!"

So Elsie decided Albert must be taken back to Florida and she persuaded Homer senior to take time off from the mines and drive her and Albert to Florida.

Their trip, which took much longer than originally planned, was full of wild and comic misadventures as well as some truly frightening episodes.

"Carrying Albert Home" is by turns sweet, funny and occasionally heart-breaking, as Elsie discovers how much she values her life with Homer, who does more than any man should have to do to make her happy.

A fine example of southern storytelling, it is available on the New Fiction display.

### Summer Reading is around the corner!

This year's summer reading program begins June 1. The theme this year focuses on sports and exercise. Specifically, for children the theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

The theme for teens is "Get in the Game: Read!" and the theme for adults is "Exercise Your Mind: Read!"

As with each year's program look for fun filled programming, for all ages, throughout the months of June and July.

All age groups will be able to earn or win exciting prizes.

Registration opens June 1.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to sign up. Look for more information in the packets you receive when you register.

### Don't forget DanceAbility International

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, at 1 p.m., come to the library to learn about the DanceAbility International program from world-renowned choreographer Alito Alessi.

He will speak about mixed-abilities dance, connecting people of all abilities and disabilities. All then Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m., Alessi will hold a 90-minute workshop for people of all abilities in the library's Bromley Room.

In this dance and creative movement workshop, Alessi will share how to work with basic concepts of movement improvisation, explore sense and sensation, communicate non-verbally with partners, and much more.

Don't miss this fun, free public event open to everyone.

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## Yachats spring arts festival Memorial Day Weekend

**YACHATS** — The 19th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival by Crafts on the Coast will feature more than 70 exhibitors inside the Yachats Commons, during Memorial Weekend, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and May 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission to this family-friendly event is free.

The Yachats Commons is a beautiful, refurbished elementary school. Room after room and hallway will be filled with 70 of the best artisans from the Pacific Northwest, including a large number of award winners.

From gourmet foods to fine art, jewelry, clothing, wood, metal, fabric, paper and glass art, to bath and body products, garden art, dog treats, mosaics, toys, photography, baskets, pottery and rugs, this selection offers something for everyone in everyone's budget.

Green art is featured with many artisans using recycled materials to turn out truly amazing items. This is a great opportunity to find the perfect gifts for dads, grads, weddings and spring birthdays.

Gifts take on new meaning

when you get to know the person creating them. Many of the artisans at the festival will be demonstrating their arts including wool spinning, basket weaving, needle felting, beading and jewelry making. Take some time to watch and be amazed.

Gourmet food producers will be offering tastes of their products including Ramune Arlauskas, the Cuisine Mentor, who will have samples of his gourmet ethnic spice blends; April Johns will be offering samples of Oregon Flavor Rack salt free seasonings and condiments and Ethel Stratton will be offering samples of Celia's Gourmet Balsamics, authentic, Italian, barrel-aged traditional and white balsamic vinegars and oil.

Have a seat and relax with a pick-me-up in the Cafe where Debi Degele of The Depoe Bakery will offer an array of delightful original recipe baked goods and beverages for sale throughout the weekend.

Harold Toliver, LMT, will be offering soothing chair massage throughout the weekend.

Crafts on the Coast always offers community groups,

using crafts as a way of fundraising, free booth space in the festival.

This year, the Yachats Ladies Club will be featuring a large variety of handmade items for sale. The Scholarship Quilt will be on display and tickets for the quilt raffle will be available for purchase.

The money from these endeavors goes to various charitable groups.

The Yachats Volunteer Fire Department will be offering tsunami awareness information as well as crafts for sale; stop by and learn something new and useful.

Featured artisans include: Hanna Hagen, Raku ceramic sculptures; Barbara Hascall, soaps, lotions and lip balms; Harold Toliver, licensed chair massage therapist; David Brady, bellows, fine woodcraft and photography; Charmaine Pesnell, multi award-winning bead artist; Victor Gushov, fine art; Lucie Swam, birchwood roses; Joe Blakely, author of 10 books about Oregon; Bob Hall, copper decorative metal art; Julia Bishop, bath and body products; Martin Gabbert, Fern Bottom Forge, fancy and func-

tional iron work; April Johns, Oregon Flavor Rack salt free seasonings; Debbie Simpson, embroidered clothing; Barbara Haddad, ceramic tile art; Linda Lessner, hand dipped candles; Jeff and Kim Wiktorski, air plants/terrariums and mixed media; Linda Knox, stained glass; and Carol Morrison, fabric accessories.

If you like pie, visit the Yachats Ladies Club Annual Pie Social at the Yachats Ladies Club, 286 W. Third St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until the pies are gone. Handmade pies will be available by the slice with or without ice cream.

On Sunday, The Yachats Lions Club is holding its annual pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Lions Hall on Fourth Street, in Yachats.

Also on Sunday, The Yachats Farmers Market will be on Fourth Street featuring home grown veggies and craft items.

The 19th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival by Crafts on the Coast takes place inside the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101, at Fourth St., in Yachats.

Admission and parking are free.

## City Lights to screen golfing legend documentary

City Lights Cinemas will present a special engagement screening of "Seve: The

Movie," the inspirational life story of golfing legend Seve Ballesteros, the son of a farmer whose sheer passion made him a golf star.

The film will have matinee and evening screenings on Thursday, May 26, at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will be donated to Rotary's Cool at the Coast event, Aug. 6, at Oregon Dunes Golf Links, supporting Rotary International's Polio Plus program.

"The scenes of the brothers celebrating Seve's first title were quite emotional," says

Michael Falter, owner of City Lights Cinemas. "It crystallized for me why people really fall in love with the sport. And I admired the way the film vacillated between documentary and dramatizations — it is very well done."

Severiano "Seve" Ballesteros Sota was a Spanish professional golfer who was one of the sport's leading figures from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s. A member of a gifted golfing family, he won more than 90 international tournaments in an illustrious career, including five major championships between 1979 and 1988: The Open Championship three times, and the Masters Tournament twice. He gained attention in the golfing world in 1976, when at the age of 19, he finished second at The Open.

Regular ticket prices apply: \$9 Regular, \$8 for senior, \$7.50 for matinee shows and \$6.50 for City Lights members.

City Lights Cinemas operates 4 screens at 1930 Highway 101, in Florence.

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