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At the Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony, Adjutant Ralph Martin, Commander Skip Stitt of DAV Chapter 23 and Florence Mayor Joe Henry took a moment to view the special memorial wreath created by local flower shop Florence in Bloom. The wreath was laid on the water by members of the U.S. Coast Guard as part of the Memorial Day ceremony on May 30.

Teen Center sets summer schedule

Free summer program includes meals, field trips for current club members

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Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Teen Center summer program begins June 20 and continues through August 19. The nine-week program will be from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and includes a full lunch and supper.

The program is open to all students entering grades six through 12.

Teen Center Director Tracy Aaron said, "We have been talking with our teens about what they would like to do this summer and what we could offer."

According to Aaron, the Teen Center summer program will have a variety of activities, including nine Friday field trips to places like Sandland Adventures, Skate World, Get Air, a trampoline park in Eugene, and a Eugene Emeralds evening baseball game.

"We will also have two 'wet and wild' water days at the Teen Center with obstacle courses, races and water slides," Aaron said.

The summer program is free for current Boys and Girls Club members, including the two meals per day and all field trips. Aaron said new members would need to pay \$25 for the annual membership and \$50 for the summer program.

"Not everyone does big family vacations and there is not a lot around here for kids to do during the summer," Aaron said. "Instead of kids sitting alone at home and bored, or wandering around, they can come to the Teen Center and have fun."

Aaron said the same Teen Club rules apply during the summer program as the rest of the year. Members do not have to come every day and they can come to the center any time during the day.

"Members can also sign themselves out at any time," Aaron said, "But if they do, they can't come back that day without an adult. That way they can't sign in, in the morning, then signing themselves out, disappearing for the day and then show back up in time for pickup."

Several popular Teen Center

programs will continue through the summer, including the Club Bucks program. Members may do chores to earn "club bucks" to purchase items from the Teen Center store.

"We are going to start giving the members check books and check registers instead of handing out paper club bucks," Aaron said. "We will be teaching them how to balance a checkbook and how to use a checking account and a savings account with their club bucks."

The Teen Center's concession trailer has been refurbished and will be used at several summer events like men's softball games.

"The teens will learn to stock the concession stand, do inventory, sales, run work schedules and work that all into the Money Matters program," Aaron said, "as well as make some money for the Teen Center and the club store."

The new drum corps program will continue through the summer.

Poetry, cooking and guitar and music writing classes will be offered, as well as a summer reading program.

"Just because on a certain day we are offering a cooking class, that doesn't mean you can't come in and play basketball all day. It just means that we have something that day for those whom are interested in cooking."

"We will have quiet areas for members that just want to come in and read. The homework room will still be set up and available for those who are working on summer projects."

Aaron said the center would also arrange free tutoring for students needing help. The tutoring does need to be scheduled in advance.

"We are taking a fun approach to summer, but we don't want the kids to lose any ground during the summer," Aaron said.

The center is also planning on being open from 8 to 10 p.m. one night a month for a dance or movie night.

For more information on the Teen Center summer program, call 541-902-0304 or visit the Teen Center at 1601 15th St.


Complete schedules are available on the club's website www.bgcwlc.org.

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Co-op from 1A

"We don't have much of a timeline left," Hazelwood said. "We closed because we needed

to take inventory of where we are and whether it is worth it to open our doors again. We still have lots of product. I believe we are going to be opening next week. But we need to have

people in there shopping."

Volunteers fill all the co-op positions, except for Hazelwood. And, she has not taken a pay-check for some time.

"We will open the doors next

week regardless of whether we know what is going to happen or not," Hazelwood said. "Within a week or two we will determine whether or not we keep the doors open."

Fire from 1A

The budget also has \$210,000 in capital reserve, with an additional \$88,388 in unappropriated funds.

All board members were present and Director John Carnahan was the dissenting vote.

"Any raises, whether they are in the budget or not, I would like to address that in

front of the board," Carnahan said. "If you think that when we approve this budget you automatically get the opportunity to put those in, I'll have to go against the budget."

He referred to one position's \$8,000 increase in FY 2016-17.

Langborg said, "This isn't a raise, it is a reclassification of a position into a division chief position. It's putting that person into a division chief

payscale."

The new division chief of administration is part of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Siuslaw Valley and Western Lane Ambulance District for administrative services. The fire board approved the IGA; Western Lane's board of directors will vote on it on Thursday, June 23.

Langborg said the classification will allow the administra-

tive position to effectively manage the aspects of the IGA. "I think we as representative taxpayers have to represent the community in a reasonable manner," Carnahan said. "Part of that is being responsible for the money we have."

Board President John Scott and directors Woody Woodbury, Tony Phillips and Lori Gates voted to approve the budget.

Follies from 1A

but I was hoping that she would see this as another opportunity to be creative and to grow the artistic muscles of our Follies family," Sapp said.

Before she decided, Heard met with her CROW team and board of directors, the people who help CROW put on main-stage musicals, such as "Once Upon a Mattress" and "Shrek the Musical, Jr.," at the Florence Events Center each April.

"They realized what an outstanding opportunity it would be for CROW to offer some really high-quality holiday events, where the kids could be actively involved in the community and with adults who could create mentorship opportunities," Heard said. "The possibilities are really exciting."

Sapp was delighted at CROW's decision.

"I love all the people I have worked with these past years, and I didn't want to disappoint any of them. So this is fantastic," she said.

Holly Jolly Follies is scheduled for the first weekend of December at the Florence Events Center.

Heard said, "It's a wonderful tradition in Florence that involves many members of the community and various groups of dancers, singers and actors. Everyone really chips in. It's focused on family, friendship and laughter, and those are the things I really love and want to have involved in our model."

CROW plans to include familiar faces and talents, especially as people in town have already expressed continued interest and support in the Follies.

"It's typical Florence, and everyone is really supportive. Everyone wants to be involved

and help make it as great as it can be," Heard said. "CROW will put our own spin on it and we will contact people once we figure out a game plan."

"I know Melanie will bring together the kids she has been mentoring with the adults who have been seasoned in this show, improving on a Christmas tradition that our community looks forward to," Sapp said.

Traditionally, Holly Jolly Follies donates to a charity each year. CROW plans to create college scholarships for area students with this year's donations.

"This is a great opportunity for CROW and the community," Heard said. "The kids are going to benefit from another performing arts opportunity and share the stage with some of Florence's greatest talents."

Heard will schedule an interest meeting later this summer after CROW's annual Theater Summer Camps end.

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