

Florence Community Coalition to meet Aug. 3

Florence Area Community Coalition has announced that there will not be a general meeting in July.

Monthly meetings will resume Aug. 3 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library and continue on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year.

At its monthly meeting on June 1, the Florence Area Community Coalition added

two new board members. Lynn Anderson and Bob DuBose will join the other eight members to govern the activities of the coalition.

The board of directors will hold its annual planning retreat on Wednesday, July 13. It will review and update by-laws for the organization and plan topics and events for the coming year, including the "Senior Tsunami: Aging in Place Forum" scheduled to be held at

the Florence Events Center on Friday, Sept. 16.

This full-day event is held in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, the City of Florence and PeaceHealth. Speakers and exhibitors will provide information to prepare for living out one's life at home, which 89 percent of seniors hope to do.

For more about this, visit the website www.seniortsunami.org.

Siuslaw grads receive Soroptimist scholarships

Soroptimist International Club of Florence awarded \$8,000 scholarships to four graduating seniors on May 26 at the Siuslaw High School 2015-16 Scholarship Awards Night. Two of these young women also received additional scholarships from Florence Garden Club.

The presenter was Mimi Teachout, Soroptimist's club scholarship chairwoman.

Lila Whitney Pattison received a \$1,000 Chigasaki Award for nursing; Anna Stonelake received \$1,000 for the Professional Tech Award for her chosen field of medical imaging; Mikaela Siegel won \$3,000 for the Eugene and Thor Chin Award for medical school; and Paige Williams received \$3,000 for the Eugene and Thor Chin Award for her field of molecular biology genetics.

Soroptimist International



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Mimi Teachout, Anna Stonelake, Mikaela Siegel, Paige Williams and Lila Whitney Pattison

Club of Florence gives out scholarships each year. This year, the club was able to increase the amount from the club's rose sale fundraiser.

The club will again have roses ready on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Tickets are ready now for orders from any Soroptimist member.

In addition to raising more money for higher education scholarships, the club is hosting a fun "Bras for a Cause" event on Oct. 15. Go to florencechamber.com for more information.

Soroptimist of Florence is a member of the international organization to help women and girls to be the best that they can be. This year, the club presented \$1,000 to Covita Hughes with the "Live Your Dream Award."

With support from the Florence community, the Florence club is able to make a difference in someone's life, which is the reward for all the members of the club.

Yachats plays 'Spirit of New Orleans' Sunday

Come on down to Yachats on Sunday afternoon, July 3, for a free outdoor concert with Skip Jones and The Spirit of New Orleans, featuring Paul Biondi on saxophones. The show will be held in the Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter with music played from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Spirit of New Orleans lives on with Skip Jones and

his band. While Jones is at home on both piano and organ in a number of musical styles, he always returns to his New Orleans roots influences, such as Booker T. and the MGs, Doctor John, James Booker and Professor Longhair.

"Our shows are like a blues travelogue, but we always return to New Orleans. New Orleans is our base camp,"



Skip Jones

Jones said.

He has worked with The Coasters, The Drifters, The Platters and Bo Diddley. He toured with Canned Heat in 1985-86 holding down Larry Taylor's bass position.

Biondi fell in love with Florence, Ore., in the early 1990s and now lives in Eugene. He has worked with Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme, Ella Fitzgerald and Ray Charles and has toured with Smokey Robinson and Aretha Franklin.

Byron Case is an original member of the 1960's surf band The Sunrays, whose hit song "I Follow The Sun" — plus other recordings — rode high on the charts.

This concert is produced by Polly Plumb Productions, a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization that supports and promotes music and dance performances and art exhibitions in the Yachats area. Other programs include the annual Rainspout Music Festival (rainspout.org), the March Ocean Artistry Art Quilt Show and the popular annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival from Nov. 11 to 13.

For more information contact info@rainspout.org.

Heel-kicking good time at Shorewood Hoedown

The Shorewood Retirement Residence had a heel-kicking good time June 25 at its Shorewood Hoedown.

There were tasty barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs, salads, watermelon and strawberry short cake to wrap it up. Cowboy Bill Olson put on a great show with amazing music and had the audience singing and laughing throughout the show.

A beautiful picnic basket was raffled off to Bud Salzer, and prizes were given out for best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl, which went to guest Jayden Welker and resident Edna Noyes, respectively.

Anyone who would like to be put on the list for future events at The Shorewood can call 541-997-8202.

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