

# GENERAL NEWS

## Starlight Cabaret to host musician Stella Blue

Musician Stella Blue will perform at the Starlight Cabaret Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Blue has been performing music on the West Coast for more than 30 years.

She plays a wide variety of music. The music begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, at Highway 101 and Heceta Beach Road.

Tea and coffee will be provided, or BYOB if over 21. Healthy finger foods are welcome.

The event is free, but love donations will be accepted.

## City Lights screens SMART to benefit OCHS

City Lights Cinemas and Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) shared the stage July 23 when Rescate Bison Productions and Bricker-Down Productions' documentary "SMART" was shown to an enthusiastic and large audience there to enjoy the show and to support the OCHS.

All proceeds from the showing of this documentary were donated by City Lights Cinemas to OCHS.

Theater owner Michael Falter introduced SMART director and producer Justin Zimmerman, who provided an interesting back story as to how this amazing film came to be.

SMART is an acronym for Specialized Mobile Animal Recue Team, originally a small team of caring people in the



City Lights owner Michael Falter (right) with filmmakers after a special screening of "SMART."

Los Angeles area that recognized a great need for special-

ized training and equipment that did not currently exist at

that time, in order for animals to be rescued from varying means of entrapment. The film told the story of how this small group grew into a very effective organization, often creating the tools and methodology to perform sometimes dangerous acts in order to rescue dogs, cats, horses and any animal in serious trouble.

The packed-full theatre lobby also hosted two adorable OCHS dogs available for adoption.

SMART is the only known organization in the United States formed expressly for the extreme rescue of animals when traditional emergency measures fail.

The film was meant to educate and to inspire other communities to develop their own animal rescue organization.

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## Oregon Coast Economic Summit to be held Aug. 8

NORTH BEND — Leaders from across the state are convening the Oregon Coast Economic Summit (OCES) to discuss education, job creation, natural resources and economic development on the Oregon Coast.

The theme of the two-day summit, scheduled Aug. 8 and 9 at The Mill Casino in North Bend, is "The Voices of Coastal and Rural Oregonians: Building on Collaborative Pathways to Economic Development and Prosperity."

The Summit will highlight collaborations needed to help build a strong coastal and rural economy, fostering prosperity. This fifth-annual event is hosted by the Coastal Caucus of the Oregon Legislature and brings together leaders from a diverse array of sectors from across

Oregon. Typically more than 400 business, government and community leaders attend the summit.

The summit puts small business leaders, coastal community leaders, economic development professionals and government officials in the same room for conversations that can build connections to spur new opportunities.

This premier gathering of decision-makers helps create the mindset needed to address business issues on the coast such as supporting entrepreneurship, business connection and integration and to plant the seeds for collaborative public-private partnerships that can help coastal Oregon develop a stronger and more diverse economy.

The summit is sponsored by members of the Oregon Legislature's Coastal Caucus in cooperation with several primary partners and event host,

the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Mill Casino.

The Oregon Coast Economic Summit was launched in 2012 to explore coastal and rural economic problems and develop networks and coalitions to address those problems. It has evolved into one of Oregon's most effective gatherings of regional economic, political and social leaders.

This year's OCES will feature a mix of expert presentations and panel discussions on a wide range of topics that recognize the unique economic diversity of Oregon's coastal and rural communities.

Facilitated discussions will explore ecotourism and innovation; healthcare; the craft brewery business; ocean acidification and hypoxia; and much more.

Keynote speakers include Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Ninth Circuit Court Judge Alex Kozinski, Secretary of State

Jeanne Atkins, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, University of Oregon President Michael Schill and Oregon State University President Ed Ray.

Members of the Legislature's Coastal Caucus said they and other participants hope to build on the success of this summit to continue strong collaboration in future years.

Coastal Caucus members include Rep. Caddy McKeown (D-Coos Bay), Chair; Sen. Jeff Kruse (R-Roseburg), Vice-Chair; Rep. Deborah Boone (D-Cannon Beach); Rep. David Gomberg (D-Otis); Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose); Rep. Wayne Krieger (R-Gold Beach); Sen. Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay); and Sen. Doug Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls).

For more information or to register to attend, contact Sen. Roblan's office at 503-986-1705 or email sen.ArnieRoblan@state.or.us.

## LCC Florence to host open house Aug. 16

Get a preview of Lane Community College Florence Center's fall Continuing Education courses and trips during an open house set for Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

"This is an opportunity for interested community members to meet instructors and hear firsthand about exciting courses and Outward Ventures excursions planned this fall," said Marsha Sills, LCC Florence Center Continuing Education coordinator.

The campus' Continuing Education department offers

lifelong learning options through classes and Outward Ventures, a program that provides cultural and educational trips to sites in the region.

Sills said trips planned this fall include tours of a regional organic farm and a hard cider press house and a return trip to Mount Angel Abbey, a Benedictine monastery that is home to a rare collection of Medieval books.

Attendees will have a chance to win free Continuing Education fall registration, up to \$50. Door prizes and light refreshments

also will be provided. Fall registration begins on Sept. 6.

During the open house events, community members can learn more about how to become an instructor with the continuing education program.

Sills said she is actively seeking new instructors for the 2017 winter and spring terms with skills in visual arts, culinary arts, music and foreign languages.

For more information, contact Sills at 541-997-8444, ext. 4825.

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