

## Plan Siuslaw region's future at Vision Keepers tomorrow

Siuslaw Vision Keepers will meet Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Bromley Room of Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. The meeting begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends by 9:45 a.m. Agenda items will include: an update on printing of the Siuslaw Region Vision 2025 brochure, discussion of hiring a paid part-time Vision Coordinator, plans for upcoming presentations and progress on vision action items. Action items cover a broad array of topics of interest to residents, such as transportation, jobs and workforce development, housing, internet access, recreation, a community calendar and the arts. The Siuslaw Region Vision is the result of over two years and thousands of hours of effort by area volunteers who

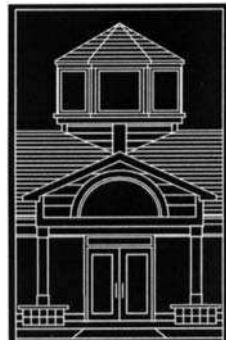
care about the community and want to see it thrive. The Vision Keepers is a steering committee whose purpose is to keep the vision alive, and help community members throughout the region move forward to achieve this vision. The committee includes a diverse mix of regional residents, elected officials, business owners, nonprofit volunteers and staff, educators, librarians, and artists. The Vision Keepers invite the public to become familiar with the 2025 Vision and take part in achieving it. The committee also welcomes opportunities to present the vision to groups and organizations. For more information, visit [www.SiuslawPathways.com](http://www.SiuslawPathways.com) or email [SiuslawVision@gmail.com](mailto:SiuslawVision@gmail.com).

## Award-winning blues band to perform at Blue Bills

The Stevens Hess Band, recently given the title of "2013 Best New Blues Act" by the Cascade Blues Association, will be performing at Blue Bills Sports Bar and Tap

Room on Thursday, Sept. 23, and Friday, 24, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Blue Bills is located inside Three Rivers Casino Resort, 5647 Highway 126.

## 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

### Constance Fenimore Woolson: Portrait of a Lady Novelist, Miss Grief and other stories by Constance Fenimore Woolson

By Anne Boyd Rioux  
Book Review by Kevin Mittge  
Constance Fenimore Woolson was one of the most accomplished American writers of the 19th century. Yet today, the best-known (and most-misunderstood) facts of her life are her relationship with Henry James and her probable suicide in Venice. Anne Boyd Rioux has written the first full-length biography of Woolson that evokes her dramatic life and reaffirms her literary stature. Woolson was a grand-niece of James Fenimore Cooper and wrote to help support her family. Known for her powerfully realistic and empathetic stories of post-Civil War American life, she created compelling portrayals of the rural Midwest, Reconstruction-era South, and formerly Spanish Florida, to which she moved with her invalid mother. After her mother's death she moved to Europe, living mostly in England and Italy, where she met Henry James. In a sense Woolson has been

"re-discovered" by contemporary readers. A new book of her short stories, "Miss Grief and Other Short Stories," includes the title story, "St. Clair Flats" set in the Great Lakes region, "Solomon," "Rodman the Keeper" set in post-Civil War south and "Sister St. Luke," "A Florentine Experiment" and "In Sloane Street" set in London. Highly rated on the popular book site, Goodreads, "Miss Grief" is an excellent introduction to an almost forgotten American author.

### Florence Festival of Books

The Siuslaw Public Library is a proud sponsor of the Florence Festival of Books, an event sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Events Center and many numerous and generous sponsors. The festival features keynote speaker, New York Times best-selling author, Phillip Margolin, Friday at 7 p.m. at the FEC. On Saturday, the free festival presents many local authors from the Oregon Coast and around the Northwest. What a wonderful opportunity to meet some wonderful writers and learn about their books! Check the Florence Festival of Books website, [www.florencefestivalofbooks.org](http://www.florencefestivalofbooks.org), for a list of

participants, information about a free author's panel on Friday afternoon and how to attend the Margolin keynote. Don't miss this fantastic celebration of authors and books! **Free storytelling workshop** On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., Portland Story Theater will be presenting a workshop on the art of storytelling. In the workshops, they teach "intentional storytelling" where people learn how to tell stories improvisationally by being resourceful and using the power of spontaneity. You'll get a chance to learn about story structure, the power of presence, the differences between writing and telling, and to find the story that you need to tell. This workshop will give you a taste of this ancient art form in a fast-paced, fun environment. Workshop size is limited to 25 participants, so pre-registration is required. Please stop by the Reference Desk or call (541) 997-3132 to sign-up. For those who would just like to listen to storytelling, the Portland Story Theater will be doing a free show at the library that evening at 7 p.m. Look in future Tidings for more information.

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## Senior Center offering flu vaccinations Sept. 27

The Florence Senior Center is sponsoring a flu vaccine clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. Beginning questionnaires are available at the Senior Center desk which will speed up appointments if completed in advance. Continue your day with lunch at the Singing Pines Café. Chef Richard and Teresa are preparing the meals, which have been receiving raves. Reservations are required in advance for each meal by calling 541-997-8844. The cost of each meal will be increasing beginning in October. Increased food costs have required the Board of Directors to authorize the increased charge to assure the continued high quality of meals presented by the Senior Center kitchen. The new cost will be \$7 for each meal. Come get a flu shot and join others in your community for lunch.

## SOS co-sponsoring board training for nonprofits

The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) are teaming up for a training invitation to board members and key staff of local nonprofit organizations. The training will be held in Florence on Nov. 12, at the Florence Events Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. This fun and interactive workshop is also sponsored by The Ford Family Foundation, and will lay the groundwork for new, as well as veteran, board and staff members. Training topics will include: Rights and Responsibilities of Board Members, Managing Organizational Risk, Understanding Financial Information, and Board Roles and Responsibilities. The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and Siuslaw Outreach Services are nonprofit charities. To register, visit [www.nonprofitstewardship.org](http://www.nonprofitstewardship.org). For more information, call SOS executive director David Wiegand at 541-997-2816.

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## PeaceHealth to host open house for expanded ER

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor will be hosting an open house for Florence community to tour its newly expanded emergency department on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 12:30 p.m. The expansion and remodel project took approximately 15 months and cost \$6 million to complete. With donations from the community and grants totaling \$5 million, this wraps up the largest fundraising campaign to date in Florence. The open house will allow donors and community members to see firsthand how this expansion will better serve the health needs of the Florence and surrounding communities.

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