

Florence VFW to host yard sale this weekend

The second annual Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Florence Post 3232 Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9. The yard sale will be held at the the Florence Elks lodge, 1858 12th St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the event of rain, the yard sale will be moved to Oct. 21 and 22.

Proceeds from the yard sale are used in many ways. Last year's proceeds purchased uniforms for its 15 Honor Guard

members. The Honor Guard provides memorial services for fallen heroes.

Post 3232 is also the Honor Guard/Color Guard for the State of Oregon Veterans Of Foreign Wars.

Proceeds are also used to aid veterans in need and their families with temporary or permanent housing.

Funds can be used to assist local students and recognize local teachers, law enforcement and fire protection personnel.

Burn permits required for outdoor burn season

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue announced that outdoor burning will be allowed starting Saturday, Oct. 15.

Last year, Siuslaw Valley adopted the Oregon Fire Code and now requires a permitting process for open burning.

As a way to educate the public and keep track of open burns, the fire department is continuing a free burn permit program.

The permit program will be in conjunction with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, which has rules and regulations for the open burn season that usually runs Oct. 1

through June 15 of each year.

Burn permits are now available to the public for those that live outside of the city limits.

There is no open burning allowed in the Florence City limits.

All open burns will require a burn permit. The burn permits are valid for the entire burn season. Each permit has information on what can be burned and who to call to confirm each appropriate burn day.

The permits are available online at www.svfr.org and at the main fire station at 2625 Highway 101.

Wasting away



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Lane County Waste Management reported strong turnout for its semiannual hazardous waste collection effort last Friday and Saturday. Area residents took advantage of the free event to drop off toxic items that should not be disposed of in the local landfill.

'Our Town' to discuss physician recruitment, senate seats

Primary Care, the Fifth District Oregon State Senate Race and "Being Mortal" are the three topics that will be explored this week during the October edition of KCST Coast Radio's Our Town.

Efforts to recruit additional primary care physicians are beginning to pay off for PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, but there will still probably be a shortage of

providers for several more months.

Dr. Mark Adams is the Chief Medical Officer for PeaceHealth.

He joins a panel of four others in the studio at KCST and KCFM to talk about recruitment efforts, as well as a possible "long-term solution" to the nationwide shortage of care providers.

Along with Adams will be Rick Yecny, the chief admin-

istrative officer at Peace Harbor Medical Center and Nena Harvey, the operations director of PeaceHealth Medical Group in Florence.

Rounding out the panel will be two people who have devoted a great deal of their professional time reaching out to doctors and trying to convince them to move to Florence.

Michael Penrose is the system director, provider recruitment and workforce planning person for PeaceHealth; Grace Riggs is the designated "provider recruiter" for PeaceHealth in Florence.

The group will spend a great deal of time talking about the challenges and the long lead time required to backfill several positions that opened up at the PeaceHealth medical clinics over the past several months.

Also on Our Town this week, incumbent State Senator Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) will talk with Our Town host Bob Sneddon by

phone about his record in the legislature over the past several years.

Roblan is recuperating at home from an "unexpected" hip surgery last week.

He is being challenged by former Lincoln City Mayor Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City). Anderson will be in the studio where he will talk about his qualifications and his expectations for what he would like to accomplish in Salem.

Opening up this month's public affairs program will be Dave Ripley. He is one of a panel of experts on aging and life that will be presenting a four-part series beginning later this month at Lane Community College in Florence.

It's called "Being Mortal," a presentation of the Adult Continuing Education Series.

Our Town airs on KCST, FM 106.9, today, Oct. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m., then again Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon on KCFM.

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past two years. One of his projects there was to digitize the library of oral history tapes recorded in the Florence area in the 1970s.

"I've been trying to do journalism for years," Brennan said. "I love Florence so much that I was wanting to get a job where I could use my skillset to further the sharing of information in our community."

Brennan belongs to community groups such as the Surfrider Foundation, Old Town Association and a Willamette Valley photography club. He also cares for his neighbors and works as a docent at Heceta Head Lighthouse.

One of the reasons he came to Oregon was its similarity to the area where he grew up.

"Maine is where I grew an appreciation for this culture — for woods and for nature and being very close to the environment with clean living."

Siuslaw News Editor Ned Hickson said, "Mark brings a lot to the table with his knowledge of local history and technical skills as a writer and photographer. But, even more importantly, he brings his genuine interest in people and our community. I feel very fortunate to have him as part of our staff and look forward to what he's going to contribute to our newsroom."

"I'm looking forward to sharing my enthusiasm for our city with our readers," Brennan said. "This is really the realization of a 30-year dream."

Brennan joins the editorial team of Hickson, Chantelle Meyer, features editor, and Jack Davis, city reporter.