

FRAA to highlight student art at gallery

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St., is adding a new dimension to its Gallery and Art Center by dedicating one gallery wall to highlight youth art.

The first exhibit displays the talents of Siuslaw High School Senior Benjamin Cahoon, who describes his art style as "Impressionistic Realism."

Cahoon incorporates a variety of natural and urban themes in his artwork.

"I enjoy trying every medium I can get my hands on,

including charcoal, graphite acrylic, watercolor, pastels, mixed media, lino cuts, scratchboard, photography and ceramics," Cahoon said.

He is an award-winning and published artist who has had artwork displayed from coast to coast. He has won first place two years running at the Florence Event Center's "Fresh Impressions," exhibit and honorable mention at many other shows.

Recently, he had the honor of being selected as a winner of

the Congressional Art Competition. As a winner, he received a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the reception event, and his art piece, "He Flies in Silence," will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for the next year.

The public is invited to come and view Cahoon's artwork, including a wide variety of ceramic pieces available for purchase.

The FRAA Art Center is

open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Another opportunity to enjoy his artwork, as well as that of the many other accomplished artists at FRAA, will be during FRAA's one-year anniversary celebration on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be music, catered hors d'oeuvres, beverages and door prizes.

Admission is free.

DAR recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) Oct. 28 meeting will feature David Wiegman, executive director of Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS).

Wiegman will share information about the support offered at a local level for victims of domestic violence, homeless prevention assistance, utility assistance, prescription assistance, emergency shelter and special veteran voucher programs.

One of the many committees of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is The Women's Issues Committee, which seeks to educate members about health, career and family issues which especially affect women.

Oregon Dunes Chapter members support the local SOS with donations of toiletries and clothing.

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David Wiegman

Society Daughters of the American Revolution have dedicated themselves to historical preservation, promotion of education and encouragement of patriotic endeavors.

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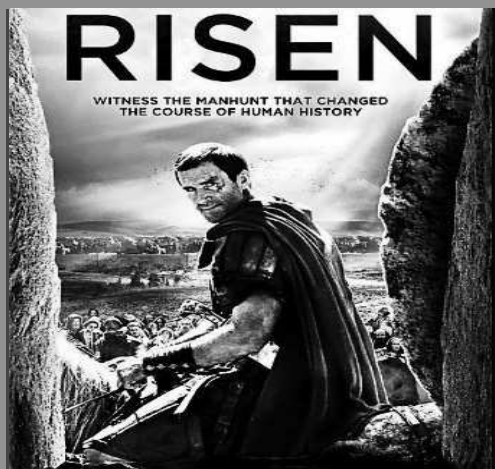
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