

Project Graduation seeks donations of bottles, cans

On Sunday, Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Siuslaw High School senior students and parents will be hosting a bottle/can drive and making a Beaver vs. Ducks Civil War competition out of it. Cans and bottles may be dropped at Copeland Lumber, 3231 Highway 101, and Siuslaw Middle School, 2525 Oak St.

"We will have a Beaver container and a Duck container for bottles and cans the day after the big Civil War game over Thanksgiving weekend," said Lori Larson, coordinator of the event. "We are working hard to raise funds for our senior all-night drug-and-alcohol-free party, and this is a fun way to bring in bottles and cans and raise funds for our event."

In addition to the bottle/can drop off at the middle school, people can also drop off their

cans and bottles at Copeland Lumber anytime the week leading up to the event or arrangements can be made for students to pick them up from you.

People who wish to donate can email Project Graduation to request a pick-up at siuslaw-projectgraduation@gmail.com. People who make a donation will be eligible for a drawing. The more bottles and cans they bring, the more chances they will have to win. The winning ticket will be drawn out of the "Beaver" or "Duck" donors — whichever team has the most donations. There will also be a consolation prize drawn from the losing "team."

Cash donations are always welcome for Project Graduation at P.O. Box 3077, Florence, OR 97439.

Empty Bowls to raise funds for the hungry

Buy an empty, handmade ceramic bowl created by local artists and, in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays.

That's been the idea behind the annual Empty Bowls event for the past 21 years. This year's event will offer more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls to the public, created by many local artists, with the purchase price of \$10 each.

Smaller bowls will also be available at \$5 each.

Each bowl will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of the soup of the day at a participating restaurant during the month of December.

Participating restaurants menus and locations will be featured at the "Soup Table" at the event for viewing by the public.

There will be a wide variety of eating establishments participating this year so that many different cuisines will be available to choose from.

Along with local Florence artists from throughout the area, more than 75 Siuslaw High School students will be involved in the production of handmade ceramic bowls.



COURTESY PHOTO

This year's Empty Bowls fundraiser will feature more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls

Through the Empty Bowls event, ceramics students are not only learning how to create handcrafted ceramic bowls, they are also learning how to give back to their community in a unique way.

This project has helped raise their awareness of the needs of others and how they

might assist in meeting those needs.

Also, for the third year, the Siuslaw High School Culinary Class will join forces with Empty Bowls, providing refreshments for the Artists Reception and the Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

Under the direction of

instructor Kyle Lewis, students will be creating delicious snacks for Empty Bowls attendees.

A silent auction is also available for attendants to participate in.

The 21st Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser opens with an invitation-only artists reception on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The event officially opens to the public Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and continues Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and concludes Sunday, Dec. 4, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Every year, sponsors, local restaurants, artists, Lane Community College, Siuslaw High School and numerous volunteers join together to make this community event a success.

All proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for our local food pantry to provide services to those in need in the area.

Admission is free. So come purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art that is beautiful to look at, functional and will help the needy.

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Additional panel being added to Vets Memorial Wall

The Veterans Memorial Park Commission (VMPC) is constructing an additional panel to the Veterans Memorial Wall, located in the Veterans Memorial Park on West Bay St in Old Town Florence.

The additional panel will be the same height and width as Panel A. This new panel will allow the VMPC to place an additional 253 memorial paver bricks to the Veterans Memorial Wall complex.

A paver brick, honoring a veteran only, can be obtained with a donation of \$75 per brick. A submitted inscription for a brick can consist of no more than three (3) lines with a maximum of 20 characters

and spaces on each line.

Inscriptions must pertain to the veteran being honored and must follow the format as used on the paver bricks of the previous panels.

Due to limited space, word abbreviations must be used whenever possible. All wording, etc. on a paver brick will be finalized by the VMPC. All paver bricks for the new panel must be requested prior to the VMPC placing any paver brick on the new Wall panel.

Application forms will be available only at the Chamber of Commerce office, located on Highway 101, and must be returned to the VMPC only via the U.S. Postal Service.

Send applications to:

VMPC, P.O. Box 1093,

Florence, Ore., 97439.

Application turn-ins to the Chamber office or to an individual will be not be accepted.

Payment must be by check or money order only, and must be included with the submitted application and made payable to "Veterans Memorial Park Commission" or to "VMPC."

Applications must include a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, or orders showing proof of military service.

The veteran must have served honorably or be serving on active duty. Only the first 253 applications received will be accepted.

Applications received after this total has been reached,

will be returned to sender.

Due to Pacific Northwest weather conditions, the VMPC expects completion of the new panel sometime in late Spring or mid-Summer of 2017.

An announcement will be made at the time.

Individuals or businesses wishing to purchase a donor tile in the flagpole area may still do so.

There are still tiles available for a donation of \$500 each. These tiles are not for honoring individual veterans but for paying respects to military groups, units within the different service branches, etc.

See samples already in place at the flagpole area for guidance.

LCC Florence Center hosts winter term open house

Get a sneak peek of the Continuing Education courses and programs planned for the winter term during Lane Community College Florence Center's open house from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at 3149 Oak St.

"The event is a preview of the Continuing Education program's coming attractions and an opportunity to ask questions about what's ahead in the winter term," said Marsha Sills, the

Florence Center's continuing education program coordinator.

"This is a chance to come and hear firsthand about new classes and the trips we'll take in the upcoming term," Sills said. "We've also invited our instructors to come and share information and take students' questions."

Sills said some new classes this term include web design, advertising design, theatrical makeup techniques, handcrafting and oral history techniques.

Classes at City Lights Cinemas will also continue

with a look at the life and films of a particularly dapper humanitarian.

The Outward Ventures program also features some new and familiar trips with coastal explorations planned.

"People will have to come and find out who they can watch and learn about at City Lights and where we're headed along the coast," Sills said. "We'll also continue our practice of door prizes and offering a chance to win a \$50 credit to use toward registration."

Sills said those who can't

attend can find a full copy of the Continuing Education winter term schedule in the Dec. 3 edition of the Siuslaw News. Winter term registration begins Dec. 6.

"We ask that students register as soon as they're able and invite them to campus starting Dec. 6, if they need help with the online registration system," Sills said. "We have computers in our lobby available for student registration and we're also here to guide students if they'd like help with the registration process."



IN HONOR OF THE
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Florence Rotary Club's 100 Acts of Good

7. Rotary awards \$500 to Habitat for Humanity Beach Walk
8. Rotary sponsors Relay for Life with \$300 award
9. Rotary board approves \$500 donation to Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association
10. "Cool at the Coast" Golf Tournament raises money to end Polio!
11. Rotary awards \$500 to Florence Food Share
12. Craig McMicken runs and Rotarians walk to raise money and support Relay for Life

For more information Call President, Pat Riley: 541-991-6371

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Thursdays, 6-8 pm,
\$10/member/class, \$15/non-FRAA member/class, Clay/Firing extra.

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All Ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio at 180 Laurel Street. Call Alissa with questions: 503-957-5222

Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm
November 5, 12, 19, Dec 3, 10, 17
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Oil Painting with Michael Wood
Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
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Creative Writing Workshop - Writers on the River with Catherine Rourke
Stay tuned for next one in January.
\$20/member, \$25/non-FRAA member
To register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com

"Midnight in Florence" Literary Salon, Writers Open Mic
Stay tuned for next one in 2017.
Call 541-708-2120 w/ questions.

Relay For Life of Florence

Teams are forming now...
You're invited!



Want to learn more about forming a team or becoming a volunteer? Please Join us...

Monday, Nov. 21st @ 5:30 pm
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Topics we will be discussing:

- Possibly New Event Name
- Possibly New Event Date
- Possibly New Location and more!

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