

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, Dec. 10

GRANGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The community is invited to Ada Grange's annual Christmas Party is from 1 to 3 p.m.

Take a hay ride, make a craft and receive a free ornament.

Refreshments will be provided and Santa will visit.

Ada Grange is located 10 miles out Canary Road.

For more information, call Loni at 541-997-6933.

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Enjoy the Community Chorus' free Christmas Concert this weekend at the Presbyterian Church on Highway 101 in Florence.

The first concert will be today at 7 p.m., with another free concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served during intermission. Come hear the Chorus, the Presbyterian Bell Choir, the Florence Nightingales, and the Siuslaw Middle School Choir sing old-fashioned carols.

For more information call 541-997-3469.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Florence Christian Church and Fred Meyer are teaming up for the third annual Holiday Food Drive.

Food will be collected from noon to 4 p.m. at Fred Meyer.

Most needed items are peanut butter, tuna, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, diced tomatoes, sugar, coffee, baby

formula, chili, milk and eggs.

All food purchased and donated will go to Florence Food Share.

Sunday, Dec. 11

MAPLETON LIONS TO SERVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Mapleton Lions Club will host its monthly breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Mapleton Lions Club, 88148 Riverview Dr., in Mapleton.

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for age children 12 and under.

Monday, Dec. 12

GET HELP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse (SAPPSA) will meet at 3:30 p.m., at Siuslaw Public Library, to review 2016 activities and plans for 2017.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL HIV TESTING

Testing for HIV and Hep-C is being provided for free every Monday and Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., in building 310 at PeaceHealth Medical Center on Ninth Street. Tests for HIV are administered orally, without a blood draw, with results available in 20 minutes or less.

All testing is confidential.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

PROSTATE CANCER HELP

The Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Education/Support Group will meet at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw from 5 to 7 p.m. Urologist Bryan Mehlhaff will be present to provide the latest prostate cancer news and answer questions.

Prostate cancer survivors and their spouses or loved ones will also be present to share their personal prostate cancer experiences.

Bring questions and leave with answers, or just come to listen and learn.

Call Bob Horney at 541-999-4239 for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

KXCR INVITES PUBLIC INPUT

Florence's all volunteer community radio station, KXCR 90.7 FM, invites the community to attend its annual public meeting scheduled at the Siuslaw Public Library's Bromley Room at 6 p.m.

Attendees will learn about station activities in 2016 as well as get updated plans for improvements in the coming year.

Audience participation is welcome.

Call KXCR at 541-997-5252 during business hours for more information.

SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Singing of Christmas Carols will be held at 7 p.m. at the Resurrection Lutheran Church of Florence.

The church is located about one mile south of the bridge on 101. A dessert reception will follow and everybody is welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 15

LIBRARY FRIENDS POTLUCK

Friends of the Siuslaw Library will hold its annual meeting at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room at the Library.

A potluck lunch will be provided by the Friends Board of Directors following the meeting.

The past year will be reviewed and plans for the upcoming year will be presented. An election of new board members will be held.

The meeting is open to members of Friends as well as nonmembers.

For more information, contact Linda Stent at 541-844-5573 or email stentlinda@yahoo.com.

LUNCHEON FOR PEACEHEALTH VOLUNTEERS

PeaceHealth volunteers will have a luncheon and meeting at 11:30 a.m., at Driftwood Shores. A special Christmas program by the Siuslaw High School choir will be featured. RSVP at 541-902-1368.

Upcoming events

SANTA TO VISIT JUSTICE CENTER

The Florence Police Auxiliary will be helping Santa give toys to local children when he visits the Florence Justice Center, Ninth and Kingwood streets, on Saturday, Dec. 17.

He will hand out gifts to children between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

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