

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, Dec. 17

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.

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

ELKS HOSTING HOLIDAY PARTY

The Florence Elks Club will host its annual Children's Christmas Party from 1 to 3 p.m. During the festivities, there will be a performance by the CROW children's theater and the Elks Dance Group.

Ladies of Elk will provide home-made cookies served with BJ's ice Cream and Past Exalted Rulers will host games and a special visit from Santa Claus.

For more information, call the Florence Elks at 541-997-2610.

GET YOUR GIFTS WRAPPED

Members of the Siuslaw High School Leadership Class are offering a free gift-wrapping service today at Siuslaw High School, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Onhand will be a selection of wrapping paper, ribbons, name tags, tissue, boxes, tape and scissors — everything needed to make holiday gifts look special. Students will be wrapping for free, but donations will be accepted, with all donations going to the junior class.

Siuslaw High School is at 2975 Oak St.

For more information, call the high school at 541-997-3448.

SHS BOWLING TEAM GARAGE SALE

The Siuslaw High School bowling teams are having a garage sale fundraiser to help with funding the program. The garage sale will be at Holiday Bowl from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be something for everyone, from lamps to electric chain saws.

The public is invited to come support and meet the teams.

YAAS SOLSTICE BONFIRE

The Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences (YAAS) is presenting the seventh annual Winter Solstice Celebration and Bonfire at 4 p.m.

The celebration will take place in the Picnic Shelter behind the Yachats Commons. There will be treats, coffee and hot chocolate. Bring a log to put on the Bonfire.

The event is free but donations will be accepted.

For more information, visit YachatsAcademy.org, GoYachats.com or call 541-961-6695.

Monday, Dec. 19

'BLUE CHRISTMAS' WORSHIP

New Life Lutheran and United Methodist Church of Florence is having a "Blue Christmas" worship at 2 p.m. The worship will be hosted at New Life Lutheran, at 21st and Spruce streets.

This worship happens close to

Christmas and offers an alternative to the hustle and bustle of Christmas. The time is meant for those who find the holidays difficult because of grieving or loss.

Come for this meaningful time of readings, songs, lighting candles and mutual support.

For more information, contact Pastor Lori Blake of New Life Lutheran at 541-997-8113.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT

The Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Education/Support Lunch Bunch will meet at Ichiban Restaurant from noon to 1 p.m.

This is an excellent source of prostate cancer information directly from Dr. Roger McKimmy and the prostate cancer survivors in attendance.

Bring questions and get answers, or just come to enjoy lunch, listen and learn.

For more information, call Bob Horney at 541-999-4239.

DIABETES SUPPORT

The Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Bring a healthy snack and recipe to share, if you'd like. Also, bring a friend and come learn valuable information to help manage your health.

For more information, call 541-902-6059.

Upcoming events

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Florence Christian Church invites families and all members of the community to its Christmas Candle Light services on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m., at Florence Christian Church, Second and Ivy streets.

NEW YEAR'S WALKABOUT

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Coastal Gem Walkers will be walking the new Toledo Ridge and River YRE. This 10K walk includes some hilly areas that would be difficult for wheelchairs or strollers.

Those wishing to carpool to Toledo should meet at the Commons in Yachats. The carpool will depart at 9 a.m., so arrive a few minutes early.

Walkers can also meet at JC's Thriftway in Toledo at 10 a.m. to register for the walk.

The walk will begin at 10:15 a.m.

PEACE HIKE IN YACHATS

Start the New Year off by joining with the Yachats Trails Committee and other coastal residents for the seventh annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike.

Participants should meet at the Yachats Commons, 441 N. Highway 101 in Yachats, at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

For more information, contact Joanne Kittel at jnkittel@peak.org or call 541-547-3144.

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