

# GENERAL NEWS

## Become a better driver, get better insurance rates

A Smart Driver Safety class is being offered by Lane Community College in Florence on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Shorewood Retirement Residences.

This course offers an opportunity to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely. The course contains up-to-date information about changes over time related to aging, vehicles and roads.

driving skills, minimize crash risk, increase confidence, prolong mobility, and maintain independence.

Completion of this six-hour driving refresher course can yield discounted auto insurance premiums for safe driving individuals 55 and older.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling the LCC-Florence at 541-997-8444.

The course fee is \$20 with a \$5 discount for current AARP-members, the fee includes a workbook and other materials, and is payable to AARP at the class.

## Florence Area Democrats to discuss health care options

On Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, the Florence area community is invited to participate in a conversation about what the repeal of the Affordable Care Act could mean to the Florence area, as well as the nation.

The conversation will also include discussion about the implications of repealing the Affordable Care Act without providing a replacement plan.

“Republicans in Congress want us to trust that they will come up with a viable replacement plan for the Affordable Care Act after a repeal and delay,” said Pat Reno, a local health care advocate. “Many of us have trouble seeing how they can agree on a plan in two to three years when they haven’t been able to in six years.”

“And what happens to health care in the meantime?”

Because the Affordable Care Act has provisions that affect Medicaid and Medicare, these two programs will also change, causing a big impact on the Florence area with its population makeup of seniors and low-income families.

Information on what you can do to save Health Care will be available at the meeting, as well as providing an ability to connect with others who have similar concerns.

The event is sponsored by Florence Area Democrats and is free and open to the public.

People of all ages are invited to attend.

The Senior Center is located at 1570 Kingwood.

## School Board efforts recognized by community



The efforts of School Board Members were recognized and acknowledged by the community with gift baskets and Certificates of Appreciation on January 11. Student Darik Rutland lead the Pledge of Alligence and recieved a certificate for his many positive contributions to Siuslam Middle School. Pictured from left are Board members Bill McDougal, Guy Rosenbaum, John Barnett, Darik Rutland, Suzanne Mann-Heintz and Paul Burns.

## Severe weather causes blood supply shortage

Lane Blood Center is asking people to schedule a blood donation during the next week as chilly weather and flu-and-cold season dramatically reduce the blood supply in the region.

“A normal dip in donations during the holidays is expected, but in the first 10 days of January we’re already down 800 units below what is needed,” said James P. AuBuchon, MD, president and CEO. “Regular donors are delaying coming in because of illness,

while extreme winter weather and treacherous road conditions in southwest Washington and Oregon have hampered donors in those communities.”

Nationwide, severe winter weather and seasonal viruses are causing acute shortages at many blood centers. Today about 20 percent of U.S. blood centers (one in five) are reporting emergency blood inventories: a one day or less supply of common blood types.

On average, only 1 center in 20 is experiencing supply chal-

lenges at this level. Normal inventory is a 4-day supply.

“Sometimes when local supplies dip, we can reach out to other regions for short term help. But there is no extra supply out there right now,” AuBuchon said.

Type-O donors (positive and negative) are especially needed, but all types are welcome.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment this week by calling 541-484-9111 or visit LaneBlood.org. Blood Donors closer to Portland or Seattle

areas can call 1-800-398-7888 or visit BloodworksNW.org /schedule.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Lane Blood Center is located at 2211 Willamette St, Eugene, OR 97405.

Patient need for blood is continuous, driven by the need for surgeries, organ transplants and cancer treatment.

Bloodworks supports more than 90 hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

## SES, SMS finalists named for Geography Bee

Finalists for the National Geographic Society’s Geography Bee at Siuslaw Elementary School and Siuslaw Middle School have been announced.

Elementary school finalists are: Jaldyn Collins, Jesse

Holden, Tony Johns, Anthony McCabe, Ty Malloy, Brynlee Manue, Riley Olson, Ally Sevilla, Joel Sissel, Spencer Tucker and Rosa Velasco.

Middle school finalists are: Brea Blankenship, Michaela Butchart, Rhys Fleming, CJ Franklin, Matthew Fusaro, Ava Glowacki, Owen Harklerode, Laena Jagoe, Camp LaCouture and Jason Rawlins.

All of these students scored high in the preliminary qualify-

ing round; 25 moderately hard multiple-choice questions offered to all fourth- through eighth-grade students.

The top eleven students from the elementary, and the top ten students from the middle school were declared finalists.

The finals and championship rounds will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The elementary finals will be in the afternoon starting at 1 p.m. in the elementary school

library, while the middle school finals will start at 9 a.m. at the middle school library.

This event is not open to the general public.

However, parents, siblings, guardians and relatives are welcome to attend.

Sign in at the main office in the building of the event. The winners and runners-up will be announced immediately at the end of each Bee.

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JANUARY 13 - 19	FRI 13	SAT 14	SUN 15	MON 16	TUE 17	WED 18	THU 19
<b>THE EAGLE HUNTRESS</b> G 87 MIN - Great for kids! Narration by Daisy Ridley, some easy to read subtitles. “An inspiring story for children of all ages to believe that they can do anything, a reflection of the unfairness of gender roles and a rare and unique look at a remote part of the world.” NYDN	12:50 PM 5:10 PM 9:20 PM	1:40 PM 4:10 PM 6:20 PM	3:20 PM 6:00 PM	12:40 PM 5:00 PM 9:15 PM	12:50 PM 5:10 PM 9:20 PM	12:50 PM 5:20 PM	12:50 PM 5:10 PM 9:20 PM
<b>HIDDEN FIGURES</b> PG 127 MIN - Also stars Kevin Costner “Watching Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe is pure pleasure...a dazzling piece of entertainment and a window into history, bucks the trend of the boring-math-guy movie.”	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:05 PM 5:10 PM 7:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM
<b>JACKIE</b> R 95 MIN - “Brilliantly constructed, diamond-hard character study observes the exhausted, conflicted Jackie as she attempts to disentangle her own perspective, her own legacy, and, perhaps hardest of all, her own grief from a tragedy shared by millions.” Variety	12:40 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	11:00 AM 3:30 PM 9:20 PM	12:45 PM 3:00 PM 8:40 PM	2:45 PM 7:05 PM	12:40 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	3:00 PM 9:35 PM	12:40 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM
<b>MANCHESTER BY THE SEA</b> R 137 MIN - Winner Golden Globe Best Actor “A film of surpassing beauty and heart. Even at its most melancholy depths, it brims with candid, earnest, indefatigable life.” Washington Post	3:00 PM 6:05 PM 9:00 PM	1:15 PM 5:30 PM 8:20 PM	12:15 PM 5:50 PM 8:00 PM	3:00 PM 6:10 PM 9:20 PM	3:00 PM 6:05 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 7:20 PM	3:00 PM 6:05 PM 9:00 PM
<b>PATRIOTS DAY</b> R 133 MIN - True Story - Mark Wahlberg “A great American movie about the greatness of ordinary Americans.” NY Post	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	10:50 AM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:20 PM 8:10 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices   Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student							
<b>ROH: LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN</b> 210 MIN - Encore of Offenbach's opera	11:00 AM						
<b>ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: THE NUTCRACKER</b> 180 MIN - Who says the holidays are over?						6:00 PM	

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