

Community Suppers to continue in March

Free Florence Community Suppers, which began in February as a way to bring families and community members together, will be continuing into March.

Community Suppers are held each Wednesday at one of four local churches and is sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence United Methodist Church.

Suppers for March:

March 1: New Life Lutheran Church, 21st and Spruce streets.

March 8: The Presbyterian Church, 3996 Highway 101.

March 15: United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets

March 22: The Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

March 29: New Life Lutheran, 21st and Spruce streets.

Anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week is welcome. Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted but not required.

Come for a meal, no strings attached.

Garden Club seeks scholarship applicants

The Florence Garden Club invites local Siuslaw and Mapleton High School seniors to apply for the Garden Club scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. Applicants must be planning a post-high school career in horticulture or a related field such as forestry or environmental science. Awards are typically \$1,000 or more.

Applications are available through each high school counseling department.

Deadline for applying is Saturday, April 1.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1994, over \$53,000 has been distributed to local students.

The Garden Club raises funds throughout the year from donations, raffles and the spring community plant sale.

"We gratefully thank the Florence and Mapleton area merchants who have contributed merchandise and services for raffles, as well as monetary donations to the club for scholarship fund raising," members said.

The Florence Garden Club was formed in 1949 to improve the community and to promote the knowledge of horticulture. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Highway 101 in Florence. The club currently has over 90 members.

For more information regarding the scholarship application process, contact a school counselor, or call Carol Jolley, Garden Club scholarship chairwoman at 541-902-9343.

Local humane society celebrates its volunteers

Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) volunteers were recognized on Sunday, Feb. 19, at the first-ever Volunteer Appreciation Day.

The celebration was designed as an opportunity to thank and appreciate those who give so generously of their time and skills toward the care of the animals living and waiting at the shelter for a forever home.

The shelter simply could not exist without those who volunteer their time at the shelter caring for the animals, working at the thrift store and at other tasks.

Robert Bare, president of the OCHS board of directors, spoke honoring those volunteers that give so generously of their time and of their talents.

The Sunday afternoon gathering also provided an opportunity to meet and mix with other volunteers, staff and board members



COURTESY PHOTO

OCHS board members Ed Gervais, Carla Porter and Robert Bare (far right) present Woody Woodbury (center) with a painting by Carla Porter after announcing him as the first Benefactor of the Year award recipient.

while enjoying a few hours of camaraderie.

It was also a day to honor and express OCHS's appreciation to a long time friend of the animal shelter,

Woody Woodbury.

Board member Berne Hill made the presentation of the first Benefactor of the Year award to Woodbury for his many generous acts over the

years. A garden painting by local artist Carla Porter was also presented to Woodbury as a token of gratitude for his years of support and friendship.

Health fair to offer kids day, mental health seminars

After a one-year hiatus, the annual Community Health Fair will be back bigger than ever at the Florence Events Center April 7 through 9.

Admission is free all three days, and each day offers something different. Each day at noon, the first 100 people will receive a free healthy lunch. Friday's lunch will be provided by The Bridgewater restaurant, with Saturday's and Sunday's lunches being provided by the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church members who also teach healthy cooking classes in the area.

On Friday only, April 7, from noon to 5 p.m., attendees can interact with more than 30 exhibiting experts from across the spectrum of healthcare.

The early-bird deadline for exhibitor applications is Friday, March 1.

Also on Friday, the public

can chose from two classes.

From 1 to 5 p.m., Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) will offer its adult certification class in CPR/First Aid/AED for free to the first 20 people who pre-register by email at lindasveggies@gmail.com.

From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., there will be a free overview class on mental health first-aid taught by Jonathan Betlinski, M.D., of the Department of Psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University.

Betlinski trains resident physicians in public psychiatry. Friday's session will present an overview of what to look for and how to respond in a mental health emergency. Friday's overview prepares participants for the following workshops that take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Workshop topics will include first aid for mental

health, depression, substance abuse, anxiety and psychosis.

Those who complete Saturday's and Sunday's sessions will receive nationally-recognized certification in mental health first aid.

There is a \$20 fee to cover books and materials.

Pre-registration for the class is recommended by emailing lindasveggies@gmail.com.

On Saturday only, April 8, attendees can choose from a variety of helpful seminars by experts from different areas of healthcare starting every half hour from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday will be the annual 5K fun walk and run and a day of activities for kids from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be a giant obstacle course for older kids and a bounce house for the younger ones, along with other games, prizes and exhibits that include tips for living to

age 100.

The pre-registration deadline for the 5K to ensure a participant receives a T-shirt prior to the run is Monday, March 20.

Pre-registration by email at lindasveggies@gmail.com for the run is recommended. On-site registration for the 5K begins at 8 a.m. the day of the event.

A limited number of T-shirts will be available the day of the run. The 5K starts at 9 a.m. Entry fees help benefit SAP-PSA, the Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse.

Fee is \$20 including T-shirt, or \$10 without a commemorative T-shirt.

The annual Community Health Fair is presented by the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church and underwritten by the Korando Dental Group.

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Rotary celebrates a world filled with possibility, raising funds for scholarships for Florence area youth and other community projects.

City Club presents City Light's Falter as speaker

On Friday, March 3, the City Club of Florence will hold its regular meeting, featuring guest speaker Michael Falter, who will give a presentation on "Film in the Digital Age: Why Exhibition Still Matters in the 21st Century."

Michael Falter is co-owner of City Lights Cinemas and Program Director for the Pickford Film Center. Falter, his wife Susan Tive and other industry leaders, co-founded Art House Convergence (AHC). AHC was designed to bring best practices to independent theaters around the country and navigate the per-

ils of the shift to digital projection. He will provide a brief overview of the major upheavals in the film industry, including the shift from silent to sound and the more recent shift from 35mm to digital.

City Club meets at the Ocean Dunes Golf Links Club House off Munsel Lake Road. Lunch orders are taken after 11 a.m. and served from 11:30 to noon. The program runs from noon to 1 p.m., with time for Q & A after the presentation.

Lunch reservations can be sent to Ruth at socialpollinator@gmail.com.

Blue Bills Sports Bar presents Bump in the Road Feb. 24-25



Courtesy Photo

The Blue Bills SportsBar and Taproom, located inside the Three Rivers Casino Resort at 5647 Highway 126, will be presenting, Bump in the Road, on Friday and Saturday, Feb 24 and 25, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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