

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, Feb. 25

RHODY CLUB TO MEET

Mike Bones will give a presentation titled "Rhododendrons Year Around." This will be an informative talk on selecting the plant that best fits your needs.

Topics will range from plant size (6 inches to 90 feet), color, fragrance of the flowers and foliage, timing of blooming, color of the leaves, shape of the leaves and colorful new growth.

The meeting starts at 6.30 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

For more information, call 541-997-3082 or visit www.siuslawars.org.

CELEBRATE CIVIL, HUMAN RIGHTS AT 15TH ANNUAL EVENT

From 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, the 15th annual commemoration of 300 years of progressive legislation to bring civil, human and equal rights to all people in America will be celebrated.

The event is free and open to the public and will include a remembrance of those who gave their lives to work for equal rights from 1717-2017 together with a conversation for inclusion and the fight against hatred.

This program is supported by KXCR, non-commercial radio, and the members of Citizens Democracy Watch.

The Siuslaw Public Library is

not a sponsor of this program.

LEARN ABOUT FLY FISHING

The Lower Umpqua Flycasters will be hosting a Fly Fishing Expo at the Reedsport Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave., in Reedsport.

The expo will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and admission is free and family friendly.

Wednesday, March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

An Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church; a second mass will be held at St. John the Apostle in Reedsport at 8:45 a.m.

Upcoming events WRITERS ON THE RIVER

Writers on the River, a free drop-in discussion group and writing session, will be open to all writers on Saturday, March 4, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Siuslaw Public Library's Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St.

Call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com for more information.

FLORENCE DEMS TO MEET

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, March 4, at 11 a.m., in the Siuslaw Public Library's Bromley Room.

Guests will be a staff member from Senator Wyden's Eugene office, and Chris Wig, chair of the Democratic Party of Lane County. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit www.florenceareademocrats.org.

SOROPTIMISTS COLLECTING BABY ITEMS

The Soroptimists' 14th annual Community Baby Shower will be collecting diapers (all sizes) and clothing (sizes infant to toddler) on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fred Meyer's north entrance

This is an opportunity for the community to help in partnership with Soroptimist.

For more information, call 541-294-9969 or 541-297-4520.

HEALTH INSURANCE HELP

Free assistance with OHP (Oregon Health Plan) health insurance enrollment and renewal will be available Monday, March 6, Tuesday, March 7, and Wednesday, March 8.

Help will be available each day from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Department of Human Services Office, 3180 Highway 101 in Florence.

This service is open to the public. Enrollment for OHP is open year-round.

For more information, call Planned Parenthood at 541-543-5484.

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF KELLY BURNETT

Local, longtime resident and well-known restaurant server Kelly Burnett recently passed away. To help raise funds for funeral expenses, Little Brown

Hen Cafe will be hosting a spaghetti feed Wednesday, March 8, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Menu will include spaghetti, Caesar salad and bread. Cost will be \$13 for adults and \$9 for kids.

Cash or check only.

Additional donations will be accepted. Any extra funds that exceed funeral expenses will be donated to the Friends of Florence Cancer Bus.

For more information or to donate, call Little Brown Hen Cafe at 541-902-2449.

GARDENING ADVICE

The Florence Garden Club will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 1 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

The meeting topic will be a spring garden presentation by Jennifer Ewing.

Ewing's programs are always filled with tidbits for the garden. The public is invited to attend.

WOMEN VETERANS LUNCHEON

Coastal Women Veterans will have its monthly luncheon on Friday, March 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St., in Florence

All women who have served in any branch of the military are invited, as well as their spouses or caregivers.

For reservations, contact Sharon Armstrong by calling, texting or leaving a message at 541-999-5094 or email sarmstrong@msn.com.

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