

PeaceHealth seeking hospice volunteers

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center is seeking caring men and women who are interested in providing a reassuring presence at the bedside of imminently dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

Primary responsibilities include sitting with patients, playing provided recorded music and reading or praying silently. Volunteers are on call at the time of their choosing; shifts are from two to four hours long.

The training will take place at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center at 400 Ninth St., on May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Prospective volunteers

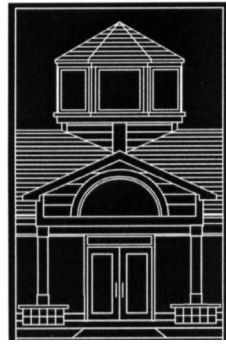
must be a current PeaceHealth employee or must enroll at Peace Harbor as a volunteer.

For information or to enroll, contact Joanie Schmidt by May 1 at 541-902-6709, or jschmidt2@peacehealth.org.

Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center has been recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

For more information about PeaceHealth, contact Sarah Allen at sallen2@peacehealth.org.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

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Book Review "El Paso" by Winston Groom

Winston Groom, the best-selling author of "Forrest Gump," is out with a wonderful new novel, "El Paso."

Long fascinated with the Mexican Revolution and the vicious border wars of the early twentieth century, Groom brings to life a much-forgotten period of history in this episodic saga set in six-parts.

Pitting the legendary Pancho Villa against "the Colonel," a thrill-seeking Bostonian railroad tycoon whose fading fortune is tied up in a colossal ranch in Chihuahua, "El Paso" opens during a time of dramatic upheaval in Mexico - its government being squeezed on one end by Villa's revolutionaries and on the other by "filthy" American capitalists.

Content to observe the war from aboard his dazzling yacht, the Ajax, the Colonel is suddenly pulled into this drama when his famous Valle del Sol ranch is raided for nearly "two million and a half dollars in beef on the hoof." Oblivious to the realities of war and hoping to salvage his losses, the Colonel whisks his family down to Mexico where they make a disturbing discov-

ery: it was Villa who not only stole the cattle but also murdered their beloved ranch manager. Even worse, Villa's henchmen abducted the Colonel's grandchildren in another daring raid only days later.

El Paso explodes into an epic, as an extraordinary cast of characters - both real and imaginary - begin to emerge, all vying to get their hands on the ever-elusive Villa.

But no matter what prize each player ultimately seeks, no one is left unscathed in this sprawling story of heroism, injustice and love.

Replete with shootouts, daring escapes, and an unforgettable bullfight, the book brings to life a crucial moment in history and, in the process, becomes an indelible portrait of the American Southwest in the final days of the wild frontier.

Tomorrow - Author Robert Leo Heilman to Read

Don't forget that tomorrow, Robert Leo Heilman, author of "The World Pool: A Literary Variety" and "Overstory-Zero: Real Life in Timber Country" will be reading from his books at 6:00 pm in the Bromley Room. Heilman, from Myrtle Creek, Oregon, has worked in the timber industry as well as many

other occupations, and is a strong library supporter. His essays are about small-town life in timber country Oregon. This after-hours program is free and open to the general public and light refreshments will be available.

Library Welcomes New Board Member

Last month the Library Board welcomed its newest member, Mark Tilton. After a 28-year career in federal conservation here in Oregon, Tilton is now an active volunteer in the Siuslaw region, including serving as the Lower Siuslaw Representative on the Leadership Body of the Siuslaw Watershed Council, and he spent four years as a member of the Florence Planning Commission. Welcome Mark!

AARP Tax Service

Only a couple of weeks are left in the AARP tax service program. Volunteer tax-preparers are at the library on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9:15 to 2 p.m., through April 13, and also on April 15, to assist with your tax preparation needs.

Please be sure to bring your 2015 tax return, a photo ID, Social Security card and 2016 tax and medical documents.

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Dallas Brass to perform with local students tonight

The musical group, The Dallas Brass will pull into Florence on Wednesday, March 29, as the next concert offering of the Seacoast Entertainment Association's 2016-17 season. This high energy ensemble will appear at the Florence Events Center with a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m. and a showtime of 7 p.m..

The Band's program will incorporate a full complement of brass and percussion instruments for a musical travelogue through American history, from the presidency of George Washington to today.

Selections will include works from Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin, Berlin, John Williams, Sousa, The Tijuana Brass and Chicago. The genres performed will include selections from Dixieland, swing, Broadway, folk, patriotic, pop, and hip-hop.

"It's been almost a decade since The Dallas Brass last performed in Florence," said Karen Smales, Seacoast Vice President and Program Chair. "They were so loved, audi-



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The Dallas Brass will perform at the Florence Events Center on March 29. The band will host a discussion at 6:15 p.m. and the performance will begin at 7 p.m.

ences have been asking us when we would bring them back. We are thrilled the time has finally come for another of their extraordinary performances."

Founded in 1983 by band leader Michael Levine, the Dallas Brass has established a

unique blend of traditional brass instruments with an ever-growing repertoire. Their concerts are intended for the entire family, and they educate as they entertain. Band members are sought after as soloists, and the group has performed with symphony orchestras nation-

wide and internationally; including performances at Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. They have performed for Presidents, and toured in Europe and the Far East.

"An essential part of Dallas Brass' Florence visit will be educational, Michael and crew have invited our Siuslaw students from the Advanced Band at SMS and the Symphonic Band at SHS to participate in their rehearsal, then join them on stage for one number at the evening performance," said Rachel Pearson, Outreach Coordinator for Seacoast. "Director of Bands Chris Rowbotham and I are highlighting this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy a fantastic Master Class, and then the evening concert, where they will become part of a legendary ensemble."

Tickets are on sale now at www.seacoastea.org or through the Florence Events Center box office at 715 Quince Street, 541-997-1994.

Caring Pregnancy Center to host annual fundraiser

The Caring Pregnancy Center of Florence invites the community to attend its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, April 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a new venue, the Florence Senior Center, located at 1570 Kingwood St.

In addition to a delicious breakfast, this year's event will also feature entertainment by local guitarist Denny Weaver

and a silent auction, with items up for bid that include a wide array of gift certificates for area restaurants and businesses and a B&B getaway package in Sisters, Ore.

"We are so grateful for our volunteers and the community's support of the CPC, as this is our only source of funding," said Sally Handley, Executive Director of the Florence Caring Pregnancy Center.

"After hearing about current needs within Florence, we are starting several outreach programs this year, including a new men's curriculum, post-abortion healing groups, life skills for teens and a self-esteem program for young girls."

All auction proceeds and donations received will benefit the Caring Pregnancy Center of Florence.

Located at 1525 12th St., the CPC is a nonprofit center that provides free counseling, prenatal and parenting education, as well as support for individuals and families facing a planned, unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

For more information about the CPC and its services, please call 541-902-2273 or visit www.caringpc.org.

Donations may also be made via PayPal through the website or mailed to the Caring Pregnancy Center at P.O. Box 1732, Florence, OR 97439.

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| March 21 | 61 | 47 | 0.28 |
| March 22 | 51 | 39 | 0.69 |
| March 23 | 53 | 36 | 0.55 |
| March 24 | 52 | 44 | 1.38 |
| March 25 | 51 | 41 | 0.32 |
| March 26 | 49 | 41 | 0.50 |
| March 27 | 53 | 42 | 0.19 |

Rainfall Week: 3.91"
Month: 16.71" Year: 50.72"

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