

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, April 1

HOME GROWN TO BEGIN 'FORAGE WALKS'

Join the Homegrown Foragers and go on a walk once a month for the next four months. This allows participants to learn the plants at their different stages of growth. Jen Nelson has been studying edible and medicinal plants in the area for 20 years.

Nelson believes that wherever you go you can find something to eat and likes to share that knowledge with others.

To find out more about the walks, visit Homegrown's Facebook page or email Jen Nelson at jen.nelson.homegrown@outlook.com.

OCHS THRIFT STORE RE-OPENS TODAY

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) celebrates the grand re-opening of the OCHS Thrift Store, 1179 Bay St., today.

Shoppers are invited to come by and see the fresh, new look and expanded shopping opportunities.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

FLORENCE DEMS TO MEET

The Florence Area Democratic Club meets at 11 a.m., in the Siuslaw Library Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St.

Matt Keating, a member for Oregon on the Democratic National Committee and on the Lane Community College Board of Education, will be the guest speaker.

Attendees will also hear from two

local candidates on the ballot for the May 16 Special Election.

Monday, April 3

GET HEALTH INSURANCE HELP

Need Health Insurance? Free assistance with OHP (Oregon Health Plan) health insurance enrollment and renewal will be available today, as well as Tuesday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 5, 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.

SOIL, WATER DISTRICT MEETS

The Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its monthly scheduled Board meeting at the district office, 1775 Laurel Place, Ste #4, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENT

From 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, Jason Gonzalez, from Oregon Wild, will present "The ABCs of Government."

At the presentation, participants will learn about the different agencies and levels of government that make decisions about forests, water and wildlife.

This free event is open to all ages and is sponsored by Florence ORganizes and Oregon Wild.

Upcoming events

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT PREGNANCY CENTER

The Caring Pregnancy Center of Florence is inviting the community to attend its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser Saturday, April 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

In addition to 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.

MIKE BONES TO SPEAK AT GARDEN CLUB

Florence Garden Club will host Mike Bones of Bones Nursery. Bones' passion for growing things, especially rhodies, is contagious and his knowledge is vast.

Bring gardening questions and take notes. Also, raffle tickets will be on sale for FGC's big Plant Sale and Marketplace coming in May.

The public is welcome to the meeting, which will take place April 12 at 1 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, 3996 Highway 101.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

WOMEN VETERANS LUNCHEON

The Coastal Women Veterans will have its monthly luncheon Friday, April 14, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Rosa's Mexican Restaurant, 2825 Highway 101 in Florence.

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

For reservations, email, call, text, or leave a message for Sharon Armstrong by emailing sarmstrong@msn.com or calling 541-999-5094

HABITAT ART CONTEST

Habitat for Humanity Restore of Florence is sponsoring a Recycled Art Contest. The recycled art entries must be received before April 17.

Prizes for the contest will be given out at the Earth Day event on April 22.

Art must be constructed from a minimum of 80 percent recycled material and will be displayed in the Restore, 2004 Highway 101.

Call 541-997-5834 for more information.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

Wellspring Clinic, in partnership with PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, is offering Points of Grace Community Acupuncture every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Points of Grace is located inside Wellspring Clinic, 1845 Highway 126, Suite H, in Florence.

Experience relief from pain, headache, depression, anxiety and stress. Improve mental clarity, sleep and overall health.

No appointment is necessary, simply arrive between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; allow 30 minutes for treatment.

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