

## FRAA seeking Haikus for Big Wave Poetry Fest

Attention all Poets, would be poets, or just folks who love Florence.

The Florence Regional Art Alliance (FRAA)'s Big Wave Poetry Fest is coming to Florence May 12-13.

Part of the Festival is a Tsunami of Haiku.

Haiku is a three line poem, written in a five-seven-five syllable format.

We are asking everyone in Florence to think about what they love best about our lovely

city. Is it the beach, the river, Old Town, or a favorite coffee shop?

Then describe your favorite thing in the Haiku format, sign it (or make it anonymous) and send it off via email to bigwavepoetry@gmail.com. Entries can also be dropped off at the Library or at FRAA, 120 Maple St.

We'll print it, decorate it and hang the haiku all around town starting May 1.

## Volunteers sought for 'No One Dies Alone' program

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

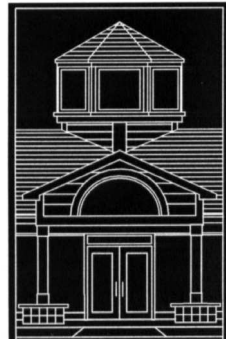
are from two to four hours long.

The training will take place at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, 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 email her at jschmidt2@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.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge Adult Services Librarian Siuslaw Public Library (541) 997-3134

### Book review

"Substitute: Going to School with a Thousand Kids"

By Nicholson Baker.

Nicholson Baker is the author of nonfiction books, "Double Fold" and "Human Smoke," and fiction titles "The Anthologist," "The Fermata," and "Vox."

Here, he details his experiences as a substitute teacher.

In 2014, after a brief orientation course and a few fingerprinting sessions, Baker became an on-call substitute teacher in a Maine public school district.

He awoke to the dispatcher's 5:40 a.m. phone call and headed to one of several nearby schools; when he got there, he did his best to follow lesson plans and help his students get something done.

What emerges from Baker's experience is a complex, often touching deconstruction of public schooling in America: children swamped with overdue assignments, overwhelmed by the marvels and distractions of social media and educational technology, and staff who wear themselves out trying to teach in step with an often outmoded or overly ambitious standard curriculum.

In Baker's hands, the inner life of the classroom is examined

anew as he and his pupils struggle to find ways to get through the day.

### Smoke-Free Campus

Beginning April 15, the Siuslaw Public Library District will become a smoke-and tobacco-free campus.

This will include the grounds, parking lots, and buildings owned by the Siuslaw Public Library District.

If you have any questions please check with library staff.

### Celebrate National Library Week

This week is National Library Week -which was first sponsored in 1958.

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.

It's a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a special sign-up table at the library tomorrow, April 13.

Today they will be having a special cookie and punch day at the library.

Be sure to stop by and join the Friends!

### Author Robert Steelquist to speak

In cooperation with the Siuslaw Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, the library will host author Robert Steelquist on Tuesday, April 18, at 6 p.m.

Steelquist is a writer, photographer, naturalist and environmental educator. He is also the author of the recently published nonfiction book, "The Northwest Coastal Explorer: Your guide to the places, plants and animals of the Pacific Coast."

### Finding Your Roots Class

Librarian Kevin Mittge will again be offering two basic classes in starting your family history research.

The first, "Finding Your Roots" will be this Fri., April 14th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Siuslaw Room.

The second, "Finding Records" will be on Fri., April 28th, also from 1 to 3 pm in the Siuslaw Room.

Space is limited to 10 participants, so you must sign-up at the reference desk.

# Siuslaw Vision 2025 to host community Business After Hours April 20

Siuslaw Vision 2025 is hosting a Celebration on Thursday, April 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Florence Center of Lane Community College.

The Celebration is a collaborative Business After Hours event with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

A brief program from 6 to 6:30 p.m. will feature updates on Siuslaw Vision projects. The public is invited and welcome to this community open house.

Lane Community College is located at 3149 Oak Street, in Florence; refreshments will be provided by Chef Kelsey Terry of Homegrown.

"Siuslaw Vision 2025 is enVisioning Spring, and it's time to celebrate!" said Jo Beaudreau, Vision Keepers co-chair. "It's been a year since the Vision was unveiled last April and we want to let the community know the awesome progress that's been made."

The 30 minute program

scheduled as part of the open house will feature members of the Vision Advisory Committee: Bettina Hannigan, Mike Webb, Rick Yecny, and Joshua Greene; along with members of the Vision Keepers steering committee: Meg Spencer and Russ Pierson.

"This ten year regional Vision project is working on multiple fronts," said Vision Keepers co-chair, Colleen Keane. "We'll be presenting updates on several of the

Vision action items, including the Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development, the new Community Paramedics program, ReVision Florence, and the latest in Education."

The program will also include a brief history of the Siuslaw Vision 2025 effort, which had its origins in the Pathways project.

The Siuslaw region stretches from Dunes City through Florence and upriver to Mapleton, Swisshome and

Deadwood.

"Meg Spencer will be sharing how businesses and organizations can benefit from the extensive community survey work that was completed as part of the Vision," said Susy Lacer, Vision Coordinator.

Siuslaw Vision 2025 focuses on the following elements: Working People — Jobs; Happy People — Health and Human Services; Connected People — Public Services; Active People — The Outdoors; Educated People —

Lifelong Learners; and Creative People — Arts in Focus.

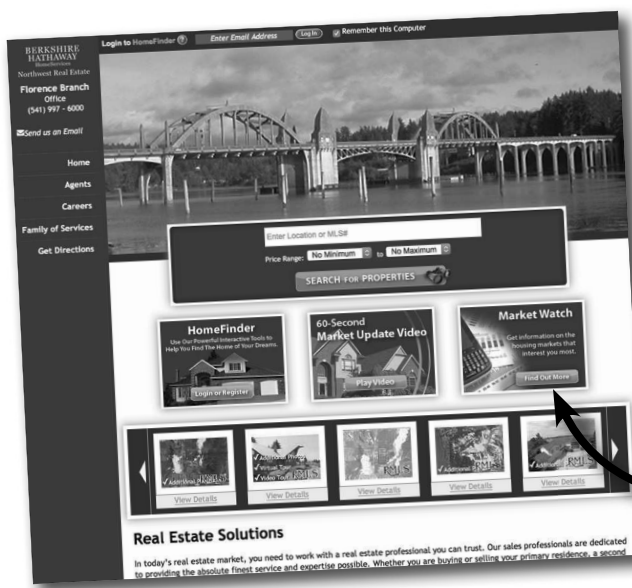
"The Vision Keepers just created a tagline for our work: Putting People at the Center," said Beaudreau.

"That's what this is all about; making our community a better place for the people who live here."

For more information, visit [www.SiuslawVision2025.com](http://www.SiuslawVision2025.com) or email [SiuslawVision@gmail.com](mailto:SiuslawVision@gmail.com).

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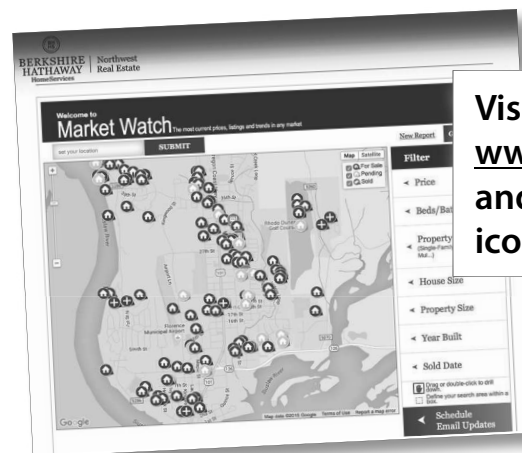


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