

GENERAL NEWS

2017 Rhody Court meets City Council



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2017 Rhododendron Court Advisor Wendy Krause (left) introduces Junior Court Princesses and Senior Court Princes to the Florence City Council Monday night. The Rhody Court Coronation for Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Florence Events Center. Tickets are \$10, and \$6 for 18 and under. Visit eventcenter.org to purchase tickets or go to florencechamber.com for more information.

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KCST radio to host live candidate forum today

There are 25 candidates seeking election to 13 different local government positions on the May 16 ballot. That's the most choices Florence area voters have had in many years. In addition to that, Lane County residents are being asked whether or not they want to renew an additional property tax levy that has been generating an extra \$5,000,000 a year to operate the jail and fund youth treatment services.

How do you get answers to your questions about the different candidates and the levy? A voters guide published last week in the Siuslaw News has a lot of information, but sometimes you want to hear from the candidate live.

That information will be featured today, May 3, on a special live edition of Coast Radio's "Our Town," the monthly

audio newsmagazine for Florence. Host Bob Sneddon will have a conversation with Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp about the jail levy extension and what the money has been used for; and why more is needed.

In addition to the sheriff, 23 of the 25 candidates will voice their concerns, qualifications and opinions over the course of three hours.

To give voters a better, "up close" look at the candidates, Our Town will be originating live from the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St., and this month's program will span three hours to give a chance for everybody to express themselves.

Audience members at the FEC will also have a chance to chime in with questions.

The forum will be moderated by Sneddon, whose focus will be on pointing out the positive differences between the candidates.

"I've been very concerned over the trend in recent years for campaigns to focus on negative aspects," he said. "I wish more candidates would spend time talking about how they would deal with things and

what they see as the real issues facing us today."

The former KCST-KCFM News Director lamented the fact that political opponents are often demonized by the opposition.

That's why the Our Town Candidates Forum will not be a debate. Despite earlier media characterizations as such, this week's forum is intended to give candidates a chance to talk about themselves.

Audience members will have a chance to chime in with questions. But that chance may be somewhat limited because of time constraints.

"I know three hours sounds like a long time, but when you split that up between 23 people, it really gives each person a short amount of time," Sneddon said.

He added that he hoped audience members would understand and those who do get a chance to ask a question should be brief and succinct.

Ballots for the May 16 election were mailed out April 27 and households in Lane County began receiving them over the weekend.

Historical results have shown that fewer than 20 per-

cent of voters in Oregon turn their ballot in the first week, so by attending or listening to the Our Town Forum, people should have a good chance to become better informed.

If you can't attend the live presentation at the events center, or listen to it Wednesday afternoon, there will be a special encore presentation of Our Town on Thursday, May 4, on KCFM AM1250/FM 104.1.

It will begin at 10 a.m. and will replay, unedited, through the entire length of the show.

This month's Our Town will be a bittersweet one for Sneddon, who started doing the program in January 1999. This will be his last show as host.

New host George Henry has already taken over Sneddon's news responsibilities at Coast Radio and his first official Our Town will air on Wednesday, June 7, on KCST.

"But, this likely won't be my final appearance on the show", said Sneddon. "I made George promise to invite me back to do an interview from time to time in the future."

Our Town is a production of Coast Radio News. It is co-produced by Sneddon and Michael Simmons.



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Now Showing May 5 - 11	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11
THE CIRCLE - Stars Emma Watson & Tom Hanks PG-13 101 MIN - "Very much a plea for the preservation and sanctification of privacy, but it's nicely constructed in that no one character expresses the film's distinct point of view."	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:10 PM 5:45 PM 8:25 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM
GIFTED - Stars Chris Evans, Octavia Spencer PG-13 96 MIN - Drama - "It just might be my favorite [film of the year]." Chicago Sun-Times	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	2:20 PM 6:40 PM	5:20 PM	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:30 PM
GOING IN STYLE PG-13 96 MIN - Comedy/Crime	3:50 PM 9:15 PM	4:30 PM 8:50 PM	8:10 PM	3:50 PM 9:15 PM	3:50 PM 9:15 PM	3:50 PM	3:50 PM 9:15 PM
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2 PG-13 138 MIN - "It's action-packed, it's hilarious, and its characters still shine bright, with a handful of them even putting in stand-up-and-applause-worthy performances." - Total Film	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:00 PM 2:50 PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM
THE LOST CITY OF Z PG-13 140 MIN - "The grandeur of this movie is off the charts. For a certain kind of old-school film fan, someone who believes in shapely, classical proportions and an epic yarn told over time, it will be the revelation of the year." - Time Out	12:50 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM	12:00 PM 2:55 PM 5:50 PM 8:45 PM	11:50 AM 2:25 PM 5:10 PM 7:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:50 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM
SNATCHED - Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn R 91 MIN - Comedy	Preview!						7:00 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11
BOLSHOI BALLET: A HERO IN OUR TIME NR 165 MIN - Modern take on a Russian classic!		11:00 AM					
STRATFORD: LOVE'S LABOURS LOST			11:00 AM				
RAISING ZOEY Produced by John Johnston, w/ guests			3:00 PM				
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: JEWELS 165 MIN - George Balanchine's classic						6:00 PM	

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