

## Public invited to retirement party for longtime librarian

Friends of the Siuslaw Library invite the public to attend a retirement party in honor of longtime librarian, Linda Weight, on Saturday, June 24, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room.

Refreshments will be provided.

During her tenure, Weight has served as LAN Administrator, Volunteer Coordinator, Collection Developer, Cataloger and Reference Librarian.

"Many of these vital skills were acquired out of necessity, and in response to the needs of the district," said Library Director Meg Spencer.

In 2003, the Oregon Library Association recognized Weight with the Library Employee of the Year award.

Over her 31 years at the library, Weight has seen the formation of the Siuslaw Public Library District and the

addition of the Mapleton branch and its service area.

Weight is active in the community and is a current board member and long term volunteer with the Florence Area Community Coalition.

"We hope that all community members who know Linda will stop in to say goodbye," said Spencer. "She will be missed by staff, patrons, volunteers and everyone else involved with the library."

A Memory Jar is available at the library circulation desk and everyone is encouraged to write a special memory or retirement wish for Weight.

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to partner with the library through advocacy and fundraising.

For more information, contact SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

## 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change' opens June 16

Class Act Theatre opens its 2017 theatrical season June 16th with the fast paced musical comedy "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," written by Joe DiPietro, music by Jimmy Roberts and directed by David Lauria. The script and lyrics are not only funny, witty and a bit wicked, but often touching.

The cast is made up of local favorites Maree Beers, Melanie Heard, Jacob Ternyik, Wendy Krause and Jake Molano. Each actor plays multiple roles in a series of short vignettes.

This is a celebration of the mating game which takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship". Trust us when we tell you that somewhere in these characters you will see yourself, your sibling, your best friend, your spouse and or your parents.

The play takes us from when the first man meets the first woman all the way through pick-up techniques of the geriatric set. Did you ever dream of being a stud or a babe? Have you ever had a different conversation going on in your brain from the one coming out of your mouth? Ever met a macho man that is actually a teddy bear at heart? Ever been a bridesmaid? Ever waited for that phone call from a special him or her? Ever taken a family road trip? All of this — and more — is provided via a witty script and lyrics and first-rate acting and singing talent.

Lauria has entertained audiences in Florence for years



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**Class Act Theatre and the cast of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," (from left) Melanie Heard, Jacob Ternyik, Wendy Krause, Jake Molano and Maree Beers, welcome the community to play June 16 to 18 and 23 to 25.**

with plays such as "Li'l Abner," "Sugar," "Angry Housewives," "Cabaret," "Sound of Music," "Chicago" and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". He has also acted in productions that include "Proof," "One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest," "Li'l Abner" and several Poison Pen Players murder mystery dinner theaters.

Lauria says he is excited about this show, not only because of the fabulous script and lyrics, but because of the talent he was able to assemble.

Beers not only acts and sings in this show but she also is its musical director. Maybe you have seen her singing with the local jazz quartet Miles to Go, or perhaps you saw her in "Chicago," "Les Miserables," "Cabaret," "Joseph & The Technicolor Dream Coat" or witnessed the magic she helps happen as musical director for

CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops).

For the past several years, Heard (who is choreographer as well as actor in this show) has put her energy and talent into being the creator and Artistic Director of CROW, and now she is bringing her own singing and acting talent back on stage. Audiences may recall Melanie's unforgettable performance as Sally Bowles in "Cabaret."

Ternyik was bitten by the acting bug as a CROW kid. He was most recently seen in "The Addams Family" and, before that, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," "Shrek," "Beauty & the Beast," "Cabaret" and "Chicago," as well as being an actor for Poison Pen Players.

Krause has previously starred in local musical productions of "Li'l Abner," "Sugar" and "Holly Jolly

Follies," and is now returning to the stage after taking a few years off.

This is only Jake Molano's second venture onstage, but he wowed audiences with his acting and singing talents as Gomez in CROW's "The Addams Family." You will likely see more of him in coming years.

This play is the first of four plays that will make up Class Act Theatre's 2017 theatrical season. The other plays in the season include the Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Proof," the hilarious comedy "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike" and the funny and irreverent comedy "Greater Tuna."

Season tickets to see all four productions are \$60 or you can buy tickets for individual shows at a cost of \$18 General Admission or \$16 Seniors and Military.

Show dates for "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" are June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. Individual tickets can be purchased online at catproductions.org, by calling 1-866-967-8167, at the box office Mondays and Wednesdays between noon and 5:30 p.m. and one hour before showtime. Shows start at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

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## Linda Lauck named Volunteer of the Month by OCHS

Linda Lauck and her husband initially visited Florence because he was an avid bass fisherman. But they found that they enjoyed the Florence area so much that in 1990 they moved to nearby Dunes City.

Employed in the pharmaceutical business, her husband accepted a position in England where they lived from 1992 until returning in 1994. Since that time, Lauck has been a very active volunteer in the community serving on various boards of directors including Options Counseling, Hope House, Aidan Health Care of Florence, Dunes City Park and Recreation Commission, Food Backpack for Kids and many, many others.

Lauck began volunteering at the OCHS Thrift Store two years ago, greeting the public with her usual



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Linda Lauck

friendly and welcoming smile while accepting, sorting and organizing incoming donations. With a positive attitude, friendly smile and great work

ethic, she is an important and highly valued volunteer at OCHS.

Lauck will tell you that "We have the best customers," many coming from Eugene and Yachats to shop. She added that returning customers comment to her on a daily basis about the stores fresh new look, and that "it looks fabulous."

Lauck says she enjoys the work and making new friends, as well as greeting old ones.

"We have a very generous community, and it's a fun place to work," says Lauck. "Anyone who wants to support the animals, we can use the help."

Anyone interested in information regarding volunteering may call Danielson Dickson, Director of Development, at 541-999-5702.

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## Soroptimists offer financial support to SOS

Bob Teter, director of Siuslaw Outreach Services, and SOS volunteer coordinator Lori Oltman, were the guest speakers for the Soroptimist International Club of Florence meeting May 24.

They presented the many programs and services at SOS, and how it depends on fundraisers, grants and donations for its operations.

Its "The Outreach" newsletter lists the activities and statistics for their services and how one can help. They have continued the Crisis Line, which SOF started many years ago.

SOS assists many people in need and also has a special program for struggling families of women and children.

This program fits in with the mission of Soroptimist.

SOF treasurer Michelle Fraley said the organization was excited to be able to present a check to Teter in support of its "Over the Rainbow Program."

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