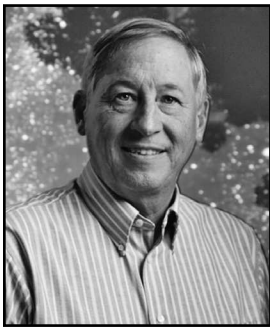


## Learn about the Aug. 21 eclipse today at library

Siuslaw Public Library, in conjunction with the Adult Continuing Education Series at Lane Community College Florence Center, will host an informational talk by James E. Brau, PhD., about the upcoming solar eclipse. This program will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the main branch of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.



Dr. James E. Brau

Dr. Brau is a Philip H. Knight Professor of Natural Science at the University of Oregon and has lectured about astronomy for thirty years at the same institution. He has been honored for his significant scientific research contributions and has served on both national and international scientific advisory committees.

This distinguished professor of astronomy and physics will discuss the properties and history of solar eclipses as well as the relationships of solar eclipses to several other scientific topics. Further, he will discuss the characteristics of the looming Aug. 21 solar eclipse and offer safe viewing tips.

In conjunction with the latter, attendees will receive a pair of safe viewing glasses as long as supplies last.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the when, the where, and the why of the approaching solar eclipse.

This program, co-sponsored by the Adult Continuing Education Series at Lane Community College, is free and will appeal to all who are interested in this rare event.

For more information about the program, stop in to the Siuslaw Public Library, call 541-997-3132 or visit [siuslawlibrary.org](http://siuslawlibrary.org).

## FLORENCE FLOTONES ANNOUNCES ADDITION OF FOUR NEW SINGERS

The Florence FloTones have announced the addition of four new singers to the group, adding new depth to the group's vocal blend.

Joining the group are Elizabeth Kennedy, Gloria Rogers, James Welty and Patrick Rowley.

Rhianna Haines has also joined the group as the accom-

panist.

The FloTones are now rehearsing for future events, including a Christmas Benefit Concert for the Boys and Girls Club at Crossroads Church on Nov. 26, and "Music Matters" to benefit the Siuslaw Schools music programs on May 26 and 27, 2018.

# Habitat Beachwalk to trade sandcastles for kites, bubbles

While many of the particulars about this year's Habitat for Humanity (FHFH) BeachWalk on Sept. 9 will be familiar to those in Florence who have supported this annual event in the past, there are some changes this time.

For example, there will be a limited amount of warm hoodies available this year, as well as T-shirts. They can be purchased at the registration table.

Also, this year a new element will replace the sandcastle building of the past: flying kites and making huge bubbles for those who complete the mile walk from the North Jetty at 9 a.m. to Driftwood Shores, where there will be food and music as well.

Archie and Jeanie Clay will join with FHFH to celebrate the completion of this critical fundraiser by a kite demonstration and the making of bubbles.

The Clays have flown kites for 50 years, founding the Rogue Valley Windchasers kite club back in 1998. They will display their large prized kite collection of Deltas, Cellulars, Kenetics, Beach Art and Kite Trains.

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Jeanie and Archie Clay, founders of the Rogue Valley Windchasers kite club

Brasington, from Tasmania. FHFH volunteers will also fly the kites, as well as make the bubbles.

"Remember, this event is not about us. It is totally about thanking the volunteers for their hard work," said Archie Clay.

This unique event will bring many people from inside, as well as outside, of Florence.

However, Habitat for Humanity is still seeking sponsorship and donations to make this year's event truly successful. Sign up to be a sponsor or find friends and family members to walk the beach for

donations. People who aren't able to walk but would like to support this effort can send contributions to Florence Habitat for Humanity, 2004 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439.

The goal is to build more new homes and rehab existing homes for those in search of decent housing in Florence. All contributions are tax-deductible, and every dollar raised in Florence stays in Florence.

For more information, contact Linda Stent at [stentlinda@yahoo.com](mailto:stentlinda@yahoo.com) or call 541-844-5573.

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