## SENIOR EXPO FEATURES LIFESTYLE, HEALTH TIPS

The Good Life Boomer and Senior Expo returns tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Florence Events Center. Presented by Siuslaw News and sponby Hillside sored Retirement Community and Roby's Furniture and Appliance, this expo includes more than 35 vendors offering information on wellness, and health lifestyle in retirement and more.

The expo features information designed especially for seniors, caregivers and their friends and family members. Admission is free with a donation of canned food for Florence Food Share.

Attendees at this event can look forward to free health screenings and accessing investment guidance, travel news, retirement choices and attending a variety of educational seminars.

Bi-Mart is back again with flu shots. Current insurance paperwork is required. In addi-



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tion, the PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation's table will have goodie bags and the chance to meet Casey Farm, the new head of the foundation.

Florence Police Auxiliary are again offering expired or unwanted medication drop-off. This is a chance for people to clear out their medicine cabinets and bring old prescriptions and medicines for proper disposal. No needles will be accepted.

For the second year, Florence Antiques and Estate Jewelry will be offering jewelry cleaning and valuation. While owners Tom Bassett and Richard Bailey have special equipment for testing diamonds and gem stones, they are not licensed to perform actual appraisals. However, based on their history of selling estate jewelry, they can provide people with fair retail market valuations. They will also evalture that people can easily bring with them, such as small tables, clocks, mirrors, etc.

Other booths include Petersen Auto Detail, Oregon Satsang Society, the Salvation Army, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA), Hearing Associates and Best For Hearing, senior living options, caregiving support, networking opportunities and health providers. People may also visit booths to find out about volunteer groups

in the community, such as West Lane 90by30, Oregon Coast Humane Society, Food Backpack for Kids, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and the Florence Senior Center.

As a special treat, BJ's Ice Cream is dishing up free scoops all day while supplies last.

Come spend the day and learn how various businesses can help anyone make the most of their retirement years.

## Winter Music Festival tickets on sale now

The Friends of the Florence Events Center has expanded the four-show lineup for the 16th annual Winter Music Festival scheduled for Jan. 12 to 14 at the Florence Events Center. Tickets officially go on sale today.

On Friday, Jan. 12, Grammy-winning Bluegrass icon Laurie Lewis takes the stage, supported by the blistering Americana of Jeff Scroggins and Colorado.

The daytime Saturday shows include four Florence favorites: Castletown, Calaveras, Cabin Fever NW and Pretty Gritty, along with the Texas hillbilly swinging crooner Petunia and The Vipers.

The main event on Saturday night has the legendary Al Stewart performing his multiplatinum-selling album "Year of the Cat." Pacific Northwest troubadour John Craigie will also appear.

Sunday afternoon will feature the first ever Gospel Gumbo Gathering at the Florence Winter Music Festival. Local choir members, under the direction of Marty Adams, will sing gospel classics while headliners On The Rocks, a 13-member acapella group from University of Oregon, bring down the house.

The festival will also bring back Florence Regional Arts Alliance's (FRAA) Artisan Fair, as well as the annual pie sale.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit winter musicfestival.org or event center.org.

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Society's Christmas Store, located this year at 2775 Highway 101 (between the Verizon Store and Domino's Pizza), is in need of volunteers to help with setting up displays for holiday home and yard décor, as well as gift giving items for all age groups.

Anyone interested in helping stock the store or assisting

The Oregon Coast Humane shoppers after the store opens can call the Christmas Store Manager Danielle Dickson at 541-999-5702, or come by the Christmas Store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Christmas Store opens to the public Wednesday, Nov. 1. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.



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