

GENERAL NEWS

'A Christmas Story' raises funds for scholarship

The community is invited to attend a fun evening to raise scholarship money for a scholarship for Florence's Future First Citizens on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at City Lights Cinemas.

"This a great way to kick off the holiday season, have a glass of Christmas cheer with Florence friends and support this very important scholarship," said organizer Lisa Walter Sedlacek.

The scholarship team and Michael Falter, owner of City Lights Cinemas, are hosting the event, complete with beer,

wine and popcorn — plus the classic holiday movie, "A Christmas Story."

The \$2,500 scholarship, named for Past First Citizen Marteen Wick, is awarded each year to Florence's Future First Citizen.

Tickets are for a tax-deductible donation of \$30 and include a reception at 6 p.m. with beverages, popcorn and desserts. Tickets are available at Oregon Pacific Bank and Laurel Bay Gardens.

A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the event for a door prize.

Crab Crack tickets on hold until start of the season

As soon as the commercial crabbing season opens, Florence Food Share will begin selling tickets for the seventh annual Florence Crab Crack.

"We expect this will be in December, but please check our website or facebook page for updates," said Crab Crack organizers.

Happening at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m., attendees will enjoy Oregon coast crab along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and dessert by

BJ's. A no-host bar will be available.

There will also be a silent auction held during the event that will include a beautiful selection of items.

Ticket price is \$35 per person. Advance purchase is required. Only 400 tickets will be sold and the deadline to purchase is Jan. 25.

The Crab Crack usually sells out early, so people are encouraged to purchase tickets early once they become available.



Florence Festival of Trees featured dozens of hand-decorated wreaths and small and large Christmas Trees Nov. 25 and 26 at Florence Events Center. Basset Hounds took pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and guests.



The Festival of Trees returned for its fourth year at the Florence Events Center last weekend.

Produced by Cindy Wobbe and Lynn Malaspino-Badel, the event is a fundraiser for Oregon Coast Military Museum.

On Saturday, nearly 800 people visited the tree-filled event center to "walk through a winter wonderland."

"Lisa was our boots on the ground," Wobbe said, saying that Malaspino-Badel's crew made the more than 80 wreaths and designed and decorated the "Walking Through the Winter Wonderland" tree display.

"This was the first year where the pub-

lic could come in and purchase tabletop trees and wreaths during the two-day event," she said.

In addition to touring the trees, visitors were encouraged to take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as other special guests.

Florence Houndful, a local Basset Hound rescue, brought "Dasher" and "Dancer" to act as Santa's helpers.

"They were huge hits," Wobbe said. "I noticed that children who were too frightened to go see Santa would go up to see the dogs. Mom and dad were able to take the Christmas picture that way."

On Sunday, 185 people attended the sold-out Festival of Trees Dinner and Auction, also at the Florence Events Center.

All of the proceeds from the evening go to the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

"We're very pleased. It was a great time," Wobbe said.

The weekend netted more than \$20,000 from the sale of wreaths, tabletop trees and the many live and artificial trees auctioned by Bob and Katie Sneddon. Many of the trees were created by local sponsors.

Sue Gilday started the festival four years ago and ran the event the first three years. Organizers decided to take 2016 off, but that allowed Wobbe and Malaspino-Badel to step in with renewed interest, creativity and drive.

"We were a good team, and we're taking notes for next year," Wobbe said. "I hope we drew a lot of attention to the military museum."

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Patient-support volunteers 'pay it forward'

"Pay it forward" is the response many volunteers give when asked why they got involved in the Peace Harbor Palliative Care program.

"I was drawn to this program from my personal experience caring for family members who wanted to remain in their own home during an illness," said Jane Conkling, a new volunteer. "I was all nerves and emotions and could not have navigated

those rough seas without the compassionate help we received from the program. Now it is my turn to pay it back."

The Peace Harbor Palliative Care program is designed for patients who want comfort and treatment at any stage of a life-limiting disease, whether terminal or chronic.

The primary focus is on pain and symptom management — whether social, physical, emotional or spiritual — with the goal of improving quality of life.

"Services offered by a community-based palliative care program is a relatively new concept here in Florence," said Stephen Kerner, DO, palliative care physician. "We are now

able to provide support to the most medically frail in their own homes."

However, the program wouldn't be successful without patient-support volunteers.

"I remember how impactful volunteers were when my loved one was receiving palliative care," Conkling recalled. "They provided much-needed companionship and support to both patient and family, and respite care for caregivers so they could take breaks. They even assisted with errands and transportation. They may seem like small things, but they made a world of difference for us."

Patient-support volunteers are provided with 21 hours of training that include an intro-

duction to palliative care, the role of the volunteer, communication and boundaries, spirituality and responding to loss and grief.

Training for new volunteers begins on Jan. 10, 2018, and will continue through Feb. 14.

Sessions are 8:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at Lane Community College.

Said Conkling: "I know firsthand how vital these volunteers are. My hope is that by volunteering, I can provide the same comfort and care to others who need it just as much as I did."

Anyone interested in volunteering or who has questions can contact Donna Becker at dbecker@peacehealth.org or call 541-902-6734.

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DECEMBER 1 - 7	FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3	MON 4	TUE 5	WED 6	THU 7
COCO - A new instant classic from Pixar PG 128 MIN - "Pixar's latest original work and one of their very best, truly does transport you. The results are magical." Playlist	12:40 PM 3:35 PM 6:20 PM 9:05 PM	12:40 PM 3:35 PM 6:20 PM 9:05 PM	12:40 PM 3:35 PM 6:20 PM	12:40 PM 3:45 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:45 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:45 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:45 PM 6:50 PM
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MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS PG-13 115 MIN - "The on-form cast rivals the star power of Sidney Lumet's 1974 ensemble, and a playful coda sets up a sequel. Might Poirot be pitching his wits against Avengers, Jedi and the Fast and the Furious family for years to come?"	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM
WONDER - Stars Julia Roberts PG 113 MIN - "A poignant tale about embracing one's uniqueness and overcoming prejudice. Working from a screenplay that he co-wrote with Steven Conrad and Jack Thorne, director Stephen Chbosky ("The Perks of Being a Wallflower") delivers an emotionally involving drama that deftly sidesteps mawkishness." St. Louis P-D	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	2:05 PM 4:35 PM 6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3	MON 4	TUE 5	WED 6	THU 7
ROH: ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND 175 MIN - "A big, artful piece of popular entertainment still capable of transporting audiences to magical places." The London Times		11:00 AM					
BOLSHOI BALLET: LE CORSAIRE NR 215 MIN						6:00 PM	
A CHRISTMAS STORY PG 94 MIN - Don't shoot your eye out!							12:00 PM 7:00 PM

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