

# Club gets 'Cool Yule'



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**B**oys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Executive Director Jack Davis (left) accepts a check for \$1,358 from FloTones member John Culp. The jazz ensemble continues a tradition of celebrating the holidays by raising money for charity. This year, the 10-member local group celebrated Christmas with a "Cool Yule" holiday songfest Sunday, Nov. 26, at Cross Roads Assembly of God Church. Davis said, "It is the generosity of individuals and groups like this that help us maintain our pledge to never turn a child away because of financial hardship. The generosity of this community keeps our club alive."

# Spirituali-Tea to discuss body, spirit

This Monday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m., all are invited to join a group of people who enjoy finding the common grounds in diverse spiritual thoughts and paths. The group's desire is to trust one's own path enough to be open to the value of the thoughts and paths of others.

The topic for Monday's gathering is the soul being the intermediary between the body and the spirit.

The Baha'i Writings say, "You perceive how the soul is the intermediary between the body and the spirit. In like manner is this tree the intermediary between the seed and the fruit. When the fruit of the tree appears and becomes

ripe, then we know that the tree is perfect; if the tree bore no fruit, it would be merely a useless growth serving no purpose. When a soul has in it the life of the spirit, then does it bring forth good fruit and become a Divine tree?"

Bring your thoughts on the subject for open discussion.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

# Universalists discuss 'meaning of Christmas'

The Rev. Marcia Pearce will lead the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship worship service on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 to 11 a.m. The message title is: "Money and the Meaning of Christmas — It's All Good."

Pearce asks, "Is there some kind of war going on, between the so-called 'materialism of money' and the often longed-for feelings of quieter, more simple times? Is money becoming the ruler of our Christmas-giving decisions? Is

our mumbling, 'Well it only comes once a year,' a good enough excuse for participating in, but no longer enjoying what used to be a loving, fun and even sacred time?"

She will share a far more truthful way to think about both money and the meaning of Christmas, which can give back joy and peace of mind.

Pearce quotes Harlan Miller, "Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time, with the endless, unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts,

is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words."

FUUF is located at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

Visit the FUUF website at [www.florenceuuf.org](http://www.florenceuuf.org) for more information.



## 2017 SIUSLAW AWARDS

February 7, 2018  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
Florence Events Center

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for its annual Siuslaw Business Awards. Top nominees and winners will be recognized at the Siuslaw Awards Dinner on February 7, 2018. We would like to invite you to nominate member businesses in the Florence area who have built outstanding businesses and contribute to the economic health and quality of life in Florence.

### Award categories are:

**Community Caring Award:** will be awarded to a business that supports non-profits and projects that enhance the community.

**"Stu Johnston" Business of the Year:** will be awarded to a business that has demonstrated long-term or significant business success and has shown strong and active community involvement.

**Non-Profit Achievement:** will be awarded to a non-profit organization that demonstrates good stewardship of donor dollars and sound business practices, while meeting commitment to its organization mission.

**Excellence in Customer Service:** will be awarded to a business that is dedicated to outstanding customer service and satisfaction in all aspects of sales and services.

**Curb Appeal:** will be awarded to a business that strives to maintain a physically attractive business.

**Innovation in Business:** will be awarded to a business that has introduced an innovative product or service, or operates in a mode where innovation is built into the culture of the company.

*Don't Be Shy! Nominate your business or nominate another who you believe adds tremendous value to your community!*

### Awards Nomination Form

Directions: Please fill out the information completely. Companies can be nominated for more than one category if they qualify. **Nominees must be chamber members, non-members can be nominated, but to be eligible they must become a member.**

All information must be submitted by December 15, 2017.

#### Nominee

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Award Category

Please describe why you are nominating this business:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominate Online at  
[florencechamber.com](http://florencechamber.com)**

Fax this form to (541) 997-4101 or mail/drop off 290 Hwy 101 - Florence 97439  
For more information contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce (541) 997-3128

# Affordable health screenings coming to Florence

Residents living in and around Florence can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

The Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., will host this community event Dec. 14.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque

buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.

- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
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Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with

trouble walking.

Free parking is also available.

Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with patients to create a package based on individual age and risk factors.

For more information, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

Pre-registration is required.

# Waterfront owners eligible to receive free native plants

River, creek and lakeside landowners may be eligible to receive free native plants. Trees planted along streams help reduce erosion, filter nutrients and keep the water cool for salmon and trout.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council will once again provide free native plants for waterside (riparian) planting in the Siuslaw Basin and Coastal Lakes Area.

Call the SWC office to receive a brochure with more information on each available plant, or visit [www.siuslaw.org/native-plant-distribution](http://www.siuslaw.org/native-plant-distribution). Then determine which plants will work best for your site conditions and let the SWC

know which of these plants are on your wish list.

SWC staff can also help advise plant selection and placement. Send requests early because supplies are limited.

Priority is given to requests placed prior to Dec. 15, although SWC will accept requests after that date.

Distribution date is Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

For more information, call 541-268-3044 or email [native\\_plants@siuslaw.org](mailto:native_plants@siuslaw.org).

This project is made possible through a grant from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund (USFS) and private individual donations.

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