

GENERAL NEWS

Teen Giving Tree full of wishes, ready for donations

Twin Lakes Store's Christmas tree is lit and filled with ornaments from local teenagers. The ornaments from area youth contain wishes and things truly needed, including educational items. Now is the time for community members to stop in and see what teens in need are asking for. Presents can be dropped off, wrapped or unwrapped, any

day during business hours. Twin Lakes Store is located four miles north of Florence on Highway 101. A distribution party is scheduled for Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information or to help with fundraising, call Twin Lakes Store at 541-997-3021.

Women Vets to meet Dec. 8

Coastal Women Veterans will host its monthly luncheon on Friday, Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m., at Shorewood Senior Living, 1451 Spruce St. In the spirit of the holidays, re-gift a "white elephant" you can't use but maybe someone else can. Each attendee is welcomed to bring along at least one of their own personal "white elephants." Participants are asked to not obscure what the gift is, though they may attach a bow

or ribbon. This version of the holiday game allows the other members to see exactly what they are selecting when it's their turn at the White Elephant table. All women who have served in any branch of the military are invited, as well as their spouses or caregivers. Space is limited so prior reservations are encouraged. RSVP by contacting Sharon Armstrong at sarmstrong@msn.com or 541-999-5094.

Community Suppers begin tonight, continue weekly

For anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week, a group of area churches including St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, and Florence United Methodist Church will continue hosting weekly suppers for the community. There is no cost, but donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted — but

not required. Come for a meal, no strings attached, Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 • Dec. 6: The Presbyterian Church 3996 Highway 101
 • Dec. 13: New Life Lutheran Church, at 21st and Spruce streets
 • Dec. 20: Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.
 • Dec. 27 (No supper)

Herb Enthusiasts help hungry youth

Florence Herb Enthusiasts is gone, but hasn't forgotten its community. When the club disbanded, members wanted to continue to support the local Food Backpack 4 Kids program. On Dec. 2, club founder Jacquie Beveridge and treasurer Lea Rudd met with program CEO and pastor Dale Edwards, program director Marilyn Barba and program finance coordinator Deb Williams to present a check in the amount of \$1,294.18.

"While this amount seems significant, it will only meet the needs of 71 students for one week," said Beveridge.

Food Backpack 4 Kids is currently feeding 82 children in Siuslaw School District and 25 in Mapleton on weekends during the school year. For the 2017-18 school year, the cost to feed each identified student is \$578.00 (The cost is variable because the purchase price of the food varies.)

All funds donated support local children and local businesses.

"Last year, more than \$55,000 stayed in our community," Beveridge said. "Every dollar donated to Food Backpacks 4 Kids is spent on food only and donations are tax deductible."

All operational expenses are underwritten by Cross Road Assembly of God.



From left: Pastor Dale Edwards, Marilyn Barba, Jacquie Beveridge, Deb Williams and Lea Rudd

Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said of the program, "Prior to the Food Backpack Program, Monday mornings and Friday afternoons were the times of unusual behavior for some children in our schools. For the children that had little or no food over the weekend, Monday morning was the time when many children scrambled to satisfy their hunger by eating everything they could get their hands on."

Grzeskowiak explained that some children would roam from table to table, asking friends for any uneaten or unwanted foods. "Friday afternoons saw the hoarding of food by students who knew that nothing may be at home for the next few days," Grzeskowiak said. "Certain students would bring their school bags to the cafeteria and collect anything that was given away or left behind to take home."

Since the donation of the weekend food bags began, the mad scramble for foods on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons has ceased, said Grzeskowiak. Florence Herb Enthusiasts presented more than 140 educational programs for the community during its 12-year existence. "Members are thankful to be able to support the Food Backpack 4 Kids program as they have done in the past," said Beveridge.

Siuslaw Vision to Host Update and Planning Workshop

Where do people see the Siuslaw Region in 2025? How can they come together to make it happen? The people of Siuslaw are already working to make it happen.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, Siuslaw Vision 2025 will be hosting two special events in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, located at 1460 9th Street in Florence.

The public is invited to attend and be part of the evolving future of our community. From 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., the Siuslaw Vision Keepers will highlight some ongoing projects.

The meeting will include a short cooking demonstration, healthy morning snacks and an update from the Local Foods initiative.

Next, the Vision Keepers will provide a short history of the Siuslaw Vision and its progress to date. Then initiative updates will be provided by local community groups including: Siuslaw Broadband's fiber pilot project; the ReVision Florence streetscape project; Career Technical Education collaborations with the Lane Community College Florence Center; First Step housing options for the unhoused; Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association; Public Art Committee and the Experience Florence concept; the Mapleton Preschool Program; United Way the Community Health Improvement Program; and an overview of RiverCal.org, the region's new

community calendar and website.

Then, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the public is invited to a special workshop for "Achieving a vision, 90 days at a time," presented by Max Gimbel, Associate Director of the Ford Institute for Community Building, a part of The Ford Family Foundation.

Long-term plans can be overwhelming and often move very slowly. Daily to-do lists, without long-term vision, are short-sighted. Ninety day planning is a simple but powerful approach to moving a group towards a vision by defining accomplishments or benchmarks that can be achieved within 90 day increments. Groups celebrate the progress at the end of the 90 days, then

start again.

A continuous sense of accomplishment is motivating to participants, and groups become committed to the long term vision as they see they are making progress.

This 90 minute workshop will provide an opportunity to experience 90 day planning with direct application to work.

Participants should come prepared to do 90 day planning on a project, action or initiative that is dear to its heart.

Both of these events are free and open to the public. They can attend one or both.

For more information about Siuslaw Vision 2025 or the December 7 event, visit RiverCal.org.

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DECEMBER 8 - 14	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14
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	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM	12:30 PM 2:50 PM 5:10 PM
DADDY'S HOME 2 PG-13 100 MIN - Mark Wahlberg & Will Ferrell return joined by Mel Gibson & John Lithgow	3:30 PM 8:50 PM	11:00 AM 3:45 PM 8:50 PM	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	3:50 PM	1:00 PM 7:50 PM	3:50 PM 8:30 PM
LADY BIRD - future Oscar nominee R 93 MIN - "It is smart without being smug, insightful without being condescending, funny without being mean-spirited and genuinely moving. It's unique and original and fresh and wonderful, and can you tell I loved it?" R. Roeper	1:30 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 8:50 PM	11:00 AM 1:45 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 8:50 PM	1:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	1:30 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	1:30 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	1:20 PM 3:30 PM 5:40 PM	1:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI PG-13 150 MIN - So impressed was Disney by The Last Jedi that they hired Director Rian Johnson to make 3 more Star Wars films and a live action television series.	Buy your Advance Tickets Online or box office						7:00 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM
WONDERSTRUCK PG 117 MIN - "Alive with the magic of pictures and the mysteries of silence." HR	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	1:15 PM 6:00 PM	3:30 PM	3:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:20 PM	1:00 PM
WONDER - Stars Julia Roberts PG 113 MIN - "A poignant tale about embracing one's uniqueness and overcoming prejudice." St. Louis Post Dispatch	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	11:15 AM 4:00 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	1:20 PM 3:50 PM 6:20 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14
BOLSHOI BALLET: LE CORSAIRE NR 215 MIN - ENCORE		11:00 AM					
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: FOLLIES 180 MIN - "Imelda Staunton leads an evening of star turns in this glittering, bittersweet dissection of midlife regret." The Guardian						6:00 PM	

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ADA GRANGE # 570
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1:00PM TO 3:00PM

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
DECEMBER 6	DECEMBER 7	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
57°F 38°F	58°F 40°F	57°F 39°F	56°F 40°F	54°F 41°F	54°F 42°F	55°F 43°F

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