

GENERAL NEWS

'Girls Night Out' benefits victims of domestic abuse

On Sunday, Dec. 3, 104 community minded women gathered at Pier Point Inn to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault issues as well as raise funds to support victim assistance programs at Siuslaw Outreach Service.

The annual "Girlfriend's Party" is the brain child of local chamber of commerce director Bettina Hannigan, who said she has a special place in her heart for women and children who are victims of violence.

What started as a gathering of few close friends in Hannigan's home four years ago to discuss women's issues and how they can support one another has grown to become an annual event that is host to more than 100 women attending and raising thousands of dollars for programs to support victims.

At the event of this year's event, attendees enjoyed games, food and conversation, as well as heard from some survivors of domestic violence.

Attendees were also able to bid on 42 handmade glass ornaments made by event vol-

unteers with the help of local artist Jayne Smoley.

The planning committee for the event included Hannigan, along with Pamela Long, Deb Brady, Tammy Easter, Jan McKnight, Suzy Welch, Lisa DeFava, Jan Leverton, Diana Sanguinetti, Sandra Kuhlman, Shauna Robbers, Marissa Hawk, Bonnie Ploojer, Deb Fisher, Pamela Henry, Mary Ann Cleary, Terry Abeyta and Jayne Smoley.

This year's event raised \$2,528 to support operation of the SOS Safe House for escaping victims. In addition, the ladies brought \$320 in food and gas gift cards and over \$1,000 in various products for emergency to-go bags for female and children victims needing to flee their abuser.

Hannigan said, "I am committed to making this a premier annual event because unfortunately the need will always be there."

Next year's event is already set for Dec. 2.

For more info on how you can get involved in this event, contact Hannigan at the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

CROW hosting auditions next week



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Above, excited and nervous kids audition for a previous CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) production. CROW will hold open auditions for Disney's "Tarzan" — a stage musical adaptation of the classic Disney film, featuring music by Phil Collins. All roles are open, and no experience is required. Auditions are Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 9, at 6:30 p.m., with invited callbacks on Jan. 10. People are asked to bring about one minute of a song to sing on sheet music or a background track. Auditions will be held at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence. The show will be performed April 12 to 15 at the Florence Events Center. There is no cost to participate. For more information, including a character list and audition requirements, visit www.crowkids.com.

New WLCF board members and committee announced

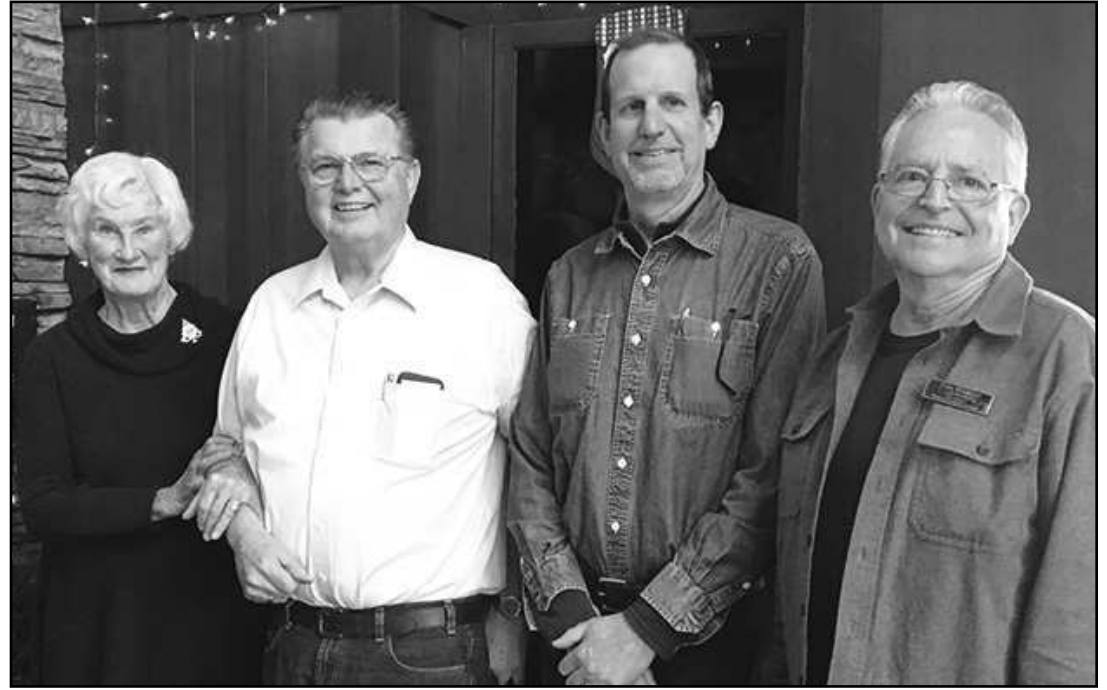
At its Annual Meeting held Thursday, Dec. 14, Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) elected a new Executive Committee to serve beginning in 2018.

Tom Bassett was elected president, Jim Grano vice-president, Roger Mc Corkle treasurer and Nancy Walker secretary.

New Board Members were also appointed to begin Jan. 1.

The Board welcomed new members Vicki Sieber-Benson, Sandy Kuhlman and Karen Skulley.

Vicki rejoins the Board after some time off after serving two terms previously. She is a 17-year resident of the Florence area and is semi-retired after 30 plus years as an attorney specializing in county and Indian governments with a focus on social welfare. She and her husband, Bill, enjoy international travel and photography. Vicki has served on several local Boards (including Florence Food Share, WLCF, and the Florence Boardwalk Market) and also in Napa, Calif. Sandy retired to the



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The new WLCF Executive Committee, left to right: Nancy Walker, Roger McCorkle, Jim Grano, and Tom Bassett.

Florence area five years ago from the San Francisco Bay area after a 40-year career in the insurance industry. Her interests include beach walking and she is an avid reader when she is not volunteering. Sandy serves on the Board of Seacoast Entertainment Association and is the Grants Coordinator for the Elks Lodge.

Karen is the Financial Manager for the Siuslaw Watershed Council with a strong background in Human Resources and Financial Management. She has owned

property in Florence for over 15 years and has lived here full-time for nine years.

Karen is the Foundation Chair on the Board of Rotary as well as Treasurer of the Board of her HOA.

WLCF is celebrating its 43rd anniversary this year, having awarded almost \$3,000,000 in scholarships and Grants to local nonprofits since its inception. The Board of Directors is responsible for almost \$6,500,000 in managed funds under the auspices of Oregon Community Foundation.

The current grant cycle ends with the approaching deadline of Jan. 15 for grant requests from local nonprofit organizations.

2018 scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating Mapleton and Siuslaw High School students as well as several scholarships for continuing education students during the summer.

For more information, contact Gayle Waiss, Executive Director, at 541-997-1274 or online at www.wlcfonline.com.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TO HOLD CLASSES AT LIBRARY

The Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter will hold back-to-back classes, "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters" and "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body" from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging.

If someone is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection provides a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.

Attend the first class to learn the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association will separate myth from reality and address commonly-held fears about Alzheimer's in America.

The second class will review research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and use hands-on tools to help incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

"Know the 10 Signs" and "Healthy Living" are free, but registration is required.

To register, call 800-272-3900. For a list of upcoming classes, visit www.alz.org.

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JANUARY 5 - 11	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11
DARKEST HOUR - Future Oscar Winner! PG-13 114 MIN - "The resulting performance is unlike anything Gary Oldman (as Churchill) has previously delivered... the master actor rejects mere mimicry, constructing from the ground up a full-bodied and impressively nuanced version of the historical figure." Variety	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN - Final Week PG 105 MIN - "The feel-good (and feel good about it) movie every holiday season needs." Tampa Bay Times	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	1:10 PM 4:05 PM 7:00 PM	1:10 PM 4:05 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 4:05 PM	1:10 PM 4:05 PM
JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE PG-13 119 MIN - Stars Duane Johnson "In the end, the filmmakers have given us one of the most fun movie-going experiences I've had this yea." Chicago Sun-Times	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:35 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:35 PM 6:40 PM	3:35 PM 7:00 PM	12:20 PM 3:35 PM 6:40 PM
THE POST - Steven Spielberg's timely drama PG-13 116 MIN - Stars Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks "Even if its goals are lofty, the movie is so fleet and entertaining that you never feel you're being lectured to. This is a superhero movie for real grownups." Time							7:00 PM
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI PG-13 150 MIN. - "Easily its most exciting iteration in decades - the first flat-out terrific "Star Wars" movie since "The Empire Strikes Back." LAT	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	12:00 PM 3:15 PM 6:30 PM	12:00 PM 3:15 PM 6:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:25 PM 6:40 PM	12:00 PM 3:15 PM 6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11
SIUSLAW NEWS PRESENTS "A PLASTIC OCEAN" NR 102 MIN - Tickets are free, pick them up at City Lights box office.						12:30 PM 6:30 PM	

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

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JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 10	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 12
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Showers	Rain	Showers
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