

Moon from 1A

Instead of going completely dark, like a solar eclipse, some light from the Earth's atmosphere is reflected on the moon during this kind of eclipse, creating its blood-red tinge.

The next "blood moon" visible in Oregon will occur on the same January night in 2019 as the next super moon.

This "super blood" moon on

Jan. 21, 2019, will give the same look of this week's event, weather permitting.

For those who are impatient and like to travel, a "super blood" moon will be seen later this year on July 27 in every other continent except North America.

For completists who like a little calendar quirk on their lunar menu, the next "super blue blood moon" will occur on Jan. 31, 2037.

Habitat from 1A

through volunteer work.

To date, 29 homes have been built in Florence.

Although the mention of Habitat for Humanity easily evokes images of hard-hatted community members laying foundations or raising plywood walls, the scope of the organization extends beyond ground-up house construction. Rehabilitating housing in disrepair and improving existing homes falls under its purview as well, and may involve aid as simple as installing grab bars to make a house more accessible.

However, not all lunches are free.

"There's a misconception that we give away houses," said Morgan.

In fact, a good deal of time and money are invested by both the organization and the recipients of its aid.

"We help families who otherwise would not qualify to purchase a home. They have a mortgage against the home



Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Janell Morgan

and make payments," she said.

In addition to regular payments, families must also fulfill obligations to their "sweat equity," a set amount of work hours spent on their home or community. For a house with one adult, this amounts to 300 hours before they qualify for housing. For two adults, it is 500 hours.

Applicants are selected based on need, their willingness to input sweat equity

with Habit for Humanity and their ability to repay a mortgage. Close scrutiny is given to each criterion before a final applicant selection.

While the organization is selective in awarding housing, workshops also exist to safeguard against new homeowners who might fall through the cracks. Budgeting, household maintenance and community responsibility are key concerns for the organization in establishing lasting homeownership.

Occasionally, though, Habitat for Humanity homeowners struggle to meet mortgage payments.

"You know, life happens," said Morgan. "Someone gets sick or breaks a leg so they can't work."

In such cases, the organization works with its homeowners to provide assistance like financial advice or decreased payments to get the homeowners back on track.

The nonprofit relies primarily on grants, fundraisers and volunteers to reach its goals. While donations and funding

go a long way, the organization is also happy to take on more volunteers.

Morgan added that Habitat for Humanity volunteers are provided with experience and on-site instruction. Regardless of skill level, volunteers can acquire construction know-how when they show up at a work site.

"We'll teach you right there," she said.

In considering the amount of available positions, Morgan waved aside claims by those who feel they have nothing to offer.

"We can always use more volunteers," she said.

A volunteer appreciation dinner will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the New Life Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall, where attendees are encouraged to bring dishes or desserts.

To learn more, call the Florence Habitat for Humanity office at 541-902-9227 or visit www.florencehabitat.org.

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Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Siuslaw Awards 2017

This prestigious event recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Non-Profit Achievement, Community Caring, Innovation in Business, and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

Let's recognize our locals for their service!

SIUSLAW NEWS GATHERS RECIPES FOR NEW COLLECTION

Siuslaw News has been the region's newspaper for 128

years. In that time, restaurants have come and gone, trades

have shifted and the area's demographics have changed, but the area's taste for fresh seafood, locally grown produce and handcrafted meals remains. In 2018, Siuslaw News wants to showcase some of those recipes in a new collection.

This is a chance for community members to submit recipes for entrées, appetizers, soups, cocktails, side dishes and more. People are encouraged to share recipes of their favorite local and regional cuisine, recipes handed down from family, the best use of seasonal produce and even tips on where to find foraged foods.

Businesses and restaurants may also submit their famous or unforgettable recipes. Once complete, this bound

collection will be available for sale at the Siuslaw News.

Deadline for submission is Thursday, Feb. 18.

Recipes should fit into one of the following categories: appetizers and beverages; soups and salads; vegetables and side dishes; main dishes; breads and rolls; desserts; cookies and candy; and "this and that."

For more information or to fill out the recipe form, go to thesiuslawnews.com/recipe-collection.

In addition, Siuslaw News is seeking volunteers to test these recipe submissions.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call Office Assistant Katie Libby at 541-902-3526.



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THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

SUBMIT ALL EVENTS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM

Feb. 1 through 14
Florence Kiwanis sells See's Candy
Business hours
Sears Hometown Store
685 Highway 101

Feb. 3
Florence Area Democratic Club
With guest speaker Lisa Utz, Siuslaw School District Special Programs Director
11 a.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Feb. 5
Paint and Sip at The Studios
With Tamara Kine
1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tickets required
The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design
jaynesmoleydesign.com

Florence City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
6:30 pm.
Open to public
SSW District Office
1775 Laurel Way, Suite No. 4
siuswcd@gmail.com or 541-997-1272

Feb. 6
Florence Big Wave First Tuesday Open Mic Night
6:30 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Regional Arts Alliance

Feb. 7

Van Fans Meeting
11:45 a.m. check-in, lunch noon
\$8.50 for lunch, open to public
The Shorewood
541-999-0779

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Siuslaw Awards
5:30 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Feb. 9
Coastal Women Vets Luncheon
12:30 p.m.
All women veterans invited to attend
Bay View Restaurant at Pier Point Inn
85625 Highway 101
RSVP to 541-999-2400 or 32dunes@gmail.com

Become a Senior Companion

1 to 2 p.m.
Open to volunteers 55+
Senior and Disability Services Office
3180 Highway 101

Feb. 10
"For the Love of Animals" Art Reception
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Friends of the Library Book Sale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open to public - cash and checks only
Siuslaw Public Library

Native Plant Distribution
10 a.m. to noon
Siuslaw Watershed Council will provide free native plants for waterside planting in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Area

siuslaw.org/native-plant-distribution/
"Dolores" Film and DACA Fundraiser
2 to 5 p.m.
Tickets required for film
Donations accepted
Food provided by Rosa's Restaurant, Ixtapa, Los Compadres and Traveler's Cove
City Lights Cinemas

Feb. 11
Friends of the Library Book Sale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open to public - cash and checks only
Siuslaw Public Library

The Jazz Kings — "A Pocket Full of Dreams"
2 to 4 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

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