

GENERAL NEWS

Habitat welcomes next family home Sunday



The Cobbs Family

Florence Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce the completion of another Habitat Home. As a result, a Florence family will have a home of their own, with an affordable mortgage.

Volunteers have worked with Kristy Cobbs and her family to paint refresh and repair the three-bedroom home on Nopal Street.

Habitat Homeownership follows an extensive selection process, "sweat equity" hours at the site and/or hours in the Habitat

Office and ReStore, and participation in structured finance and homeownership classes.

The Florence community is invited to attend the dedication ceremony and celebration on Sunday, July 22, at 1 p.m. at 1348 Nopal St.

For more information, visit www.florencehabitat.org.

The best kept secret in Florence, also has the best view of the Bay and Siuslaw River in town.



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In Honor of Jose



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Florence residents gathered at the East Woahink Day Use Area Sunday with family members of Jose Dela Mora, a Florence teen who drowned at the lake in June 2015. On Sunday, a special life jacket loaner station, located at the lake's edge, was dedicated in Dela Mora's memory with a special plaque. Dela Mora would have graduated from Siuslaw High School in June 2016.



Precious Plastics provides first plastic answer

In response to recent changes in local recycling practices, a group of concerned citizens have joined in the effort to establish a small-scale plastics recycling center here in Florence. Please welcome Precious Plastics Florence.

Earlier this year, the announcement was made by Central Coast Disposal that the majority of plastic waste previously allowed for pick-up

in Lane County curbside recycling bins would no longer be accepted, nor would people be able to drop many plastics off at the County Transfer Station. When looking into alternatives, none were identified, and many area residents were dismayed to learn that our plastic waste had not been processed here in the U.S., but was shipped to China for recycling and subsequent manufacture into other products — often sold right back to us. This, apparently, had been the procedure for the entire Pacific Northwest, but China has decided that this is no longer profitable for them and ceased the practice.

Some people have responded by stock-piling plastic waste in their garages, hoping for a solution to materialize. Others are depositing it into their garbage cans, destined for the landfill — as residents have been directed to do. Many have examined their purchasing habits, attempting to minimize items in plastic packaging. However, this can be quite challenging, as so much of what we buy is encased in plastic — often multiple layers.

However, inspiration was found in a YouTube video portraying a young man in the Netherlands, who demonstrates a design for a small plastics recycling facility that can be as-

sembled for under \$10,000, with a minimum of technical expertise (www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7UiXCBnTE4). The blueprints and instructions for creating such a facility are available at no cost. Indeed, these home-grown recycling units are being established all over the world — though not so much in the U.S. at present.

Initially an off-shoot of activist group Florence ORganizes (FOR), a plastic alternative group has been meeting for several months. It has secured sponsorship from New Choices Oregon, an organization that assists in creating new non-profit corporations by providing funds and guidance to projects that will benefit the community. As such, Precious Plastics Florence (PPF) is now an established 501(c)(3) corporation, and is currently seeking support from the community.

Its mission statement is: "To reduce the amount of plastic entering the Florence waste system and environment through reduction, re-use, repurposing, and transformation of plastic waste."

In addition to obtaining 501(c)(3) status, the group has identified an available shipping container to house the project, assembled a machine to grind plastic items into small, usable pieces, established an online

presence, and garnered the support of Florence Mayor Joe Henry — who has generously donated the first \$100 to the effort. There is also a viable pledge for matching donations up to \$5,000.

The group's next big challenge is to locate a site for the facility.

Although there is a strong motive to care for our environment, PPF also represents a unique opportunity for business, as well. Clearly, profit could be realized in the manufacture of new plastic products, but in creating a grass-roots plastic recycling center, and demonstrating the process, this endeavor has potential as an eco-tourism destination. Why not, when Florence is already a favored vacation destination for many?

PPF will have a booth at the Power of Florence this Saturday to provide information to the public and generate support. Please join us on July 21 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

For more information, visit PPF's website at: www.ppflorence.org or email info@ppflorence.org. There is also information regarding the project on FOR's Facebook page.

Donations may be mailed to Precious Plastics Florence, 2006 Hwy. 101, Box #319, Florence, OR 97439.

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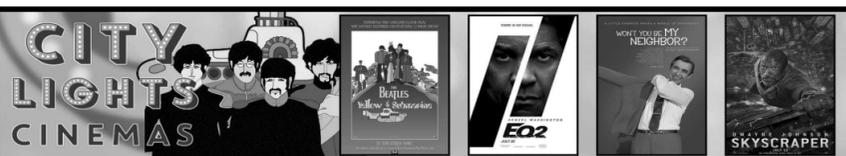
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THE BEATLES: YELLOW SUBMARINE G 90 MIN - "The blend of stunning music and innovative visuals make this a true festival of the senses." Total Film	2:30 PM 8:55 PM	2:35 PM 9:00 PM	3:05 PM 7:30 PM	2:40 PM 7:00 PM	2:40 PM 7:00 PM	2:40 PM 7:00 PM	2:40 PM 7:00 PM
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HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION PG 90 MIN - "With plenty of laughs, truly dazzling animation, and some more of the franchise's signature dance sequences, HT3 is a summer treat worth savoring." IndieWire	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:25 PM	11:00 AM 1:25 PM 4:10 PM 6:25 PM 8:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:15 PM 5:40 PM 7:45 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:40 PM
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT PG-13 147 MIN - PREVIEW							7:00 PM
SKYSCRAPER - PG-13 109 MIN - "He's a human wrecking ball, a human bridge and a human teddy bear rolled into one. He's a towering Dwayneferno." LA Times	12:30 PM 3:15 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:35 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 2:55 PM 5:20 PM 8:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM
WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR? PG-13 94 MIN - "[I]llustrates] the legacy of a man whose nature transcended the concepts of knowledge, understanding, age and love... May very well be the best documentary of the year." WeGotThisCovered	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	11:00 AM 2:20 PM 4:30 PM 8:50 PM	12:30 PM 2:30 PM 5:20 PM 7:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:45 PM 6:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:45 PM 6:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:45 PM 6:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:45 PM

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: SWAN LAKE 180 MIN - "There are superlative performances - and the world's most glamorous black tutu - in Liam Scarlett's new take on the classic." Guardian		11:00 AM					

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