

Medicare Workshop set for Sept. 12 in Florence

Dana Dane and Linda Clark-son of Futurity First are offering a Medicare 101 Workshop at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Siuslaw Public Library Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St. The hour-long workshop will explain Medicare Parts A and B, and explore options with Medicare Advantage Plans and

Medicare Supplements. Participants will also learn how prescription drug plans work, how to get help with the cost of prescription drugs and how Medicare works with the VA. The workshop is available at no charge. To register, call Dana Dane at 541-997-1410. Seating is limited.

Discuss 'Mind of Humanity'

On Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 until 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) service. Her message is titled "The One Mind of Humanity." In his essay "History," Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is one mind common to all humanity and every man is an inlet and an outlet to the same." Miller has been fascinated by this statement for a couple

decades now and will explore questions on what Emerson's words mean in practical terms and what they mean for us today. The fellowship 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 worship service. For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

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many in the community have come to depend on, and it has been a great enrichment resource for students," Grzeskowiak said. "Right now, the district is looking at shifting one grant source and restructuring another." In an attempt to offer some form of non-athletic after-school activities, Grzeskowiak and district staff have decided to redirect a small amount of available funds to support a reduced and streamlined slate of instruction. Now, the district will have after-school activities for kindergarten through fifth-grade students at Siuslaw Elementary from 2:50 until 5 p.m. The pro-

gram will begin on Monday, Sept. 10, and will follow the school calendar. "Currently, we are funding this stop-gap rendition of Twilight out of Federal Title I funds. Title I funds can be used for a variety of services, including small group instruction, individualized instruction and extended learning opportunities. An afterschool program fits right in that portion of Title I," Grzeskowiak said. "The majority of our Title I funds help with supplemental, research-based instructional programs for students with special needs in reading, English language arts or math. "Much of the work done with students in Twilight was homework assistance and sup-

plemental instruction or individual assistance, so this will allow us to carry on that work a bit longer with a minimal impact to the regular school day." Unfortunately, the elimination of funding means Grzeskowiak has had to decide which students to target with the limited resources available. "Looking at the population and needs, most of the resources will be focused at the elementary level," he said. "The after-school program will run basically as before, but shortened up with an end time around 5 p.m." Families interested in participating in Twilight can obtain an application at the Siuslaw Elementary School main office.

Spirituali-Tea explores need for cooperation

On Monday, Sept. 10, beginning 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 meeting is at 875 Seventh St. in Florence. This week, the Spirituali-Tea group will discuss "cooperation." According to Bahá'í teachings,

humans cannot live singly and alone; they are in need of cooperation and mutual help. "In this way, mankind represents one family. His Holiness Bahá'u'lláh has given instructions regarding every one of the questions confronting humanity. Among them are (the teachings) that to all members of mankind should be given the utmost wel-

fare and well-being," Bahá'í writings say. All thoughts will be important to the group as a part of this 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, contact Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0616.



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