

Call to artists for 'Everything Odd-Umn' exhibition

The Florence Events Center (FEC) invites artists to submit artwork, including 3-D and photography, for an October exhibit that is both seasonal and unusual. Fall lends itself to great artistic opportunities with autumn colors, the fall harvest and wildlife preparing for winter. Applications are available at www.eventcenter.org under the Gallery section, or pick up an application at the FEC office, 715 Quince St. The fee is \$15 per rod for up to three pieces (depending on size of art pieces), or up to three pieces of 3-D art for the glass case. Applications for submissions are due Sept. 21. For more information, call Julie Peake at 503-516-5594.



Members of the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble

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Community band looking for musicians for new season

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble is looking for musicians in all sections as its 2018-19 season begins.

Percussion players are especially needed, but all woodwind, brass, string bass and percussion players are welcome to join this non-audition, community band.

The first rehearsal of the new season will be held in Florence, in the Siuslaw High School band room on Monday, Sept. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

People wishing to join should be able to read music and have an instrument of their own, rented or borrowed.

The band is made up of high school and adult players, ranging in proficiency from advanced beginner to professional. Many members have resumed playing after a decade or more hiatus, and find they quickly regain their proficiency as well as

the pleasure of playing once again in a concert band.

The band's repertoire favors transcriptions of light classical pieces, Broadway show tunes, marches and seasonal favorites.

Regular concerts are held in Yachats, Florence and Newport, the first being the Seasonal Celebration Concert on Dec. 9 in Yachats.

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble rehearses alternately in Florence and Waldport. Following the initial rehearsal at Siuslaw High School, the next rehearsal will be held in the Crestview Heights music room in Waldport on Sept.

27, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The band is currently under the leadership of Jerry Lees and David Olson. Lees is new to the band, having moved up from a career as band teacher and professional trumpet player in southern California.

Olson has conducted the band for several years, as well as conducting choral groups in Florence.

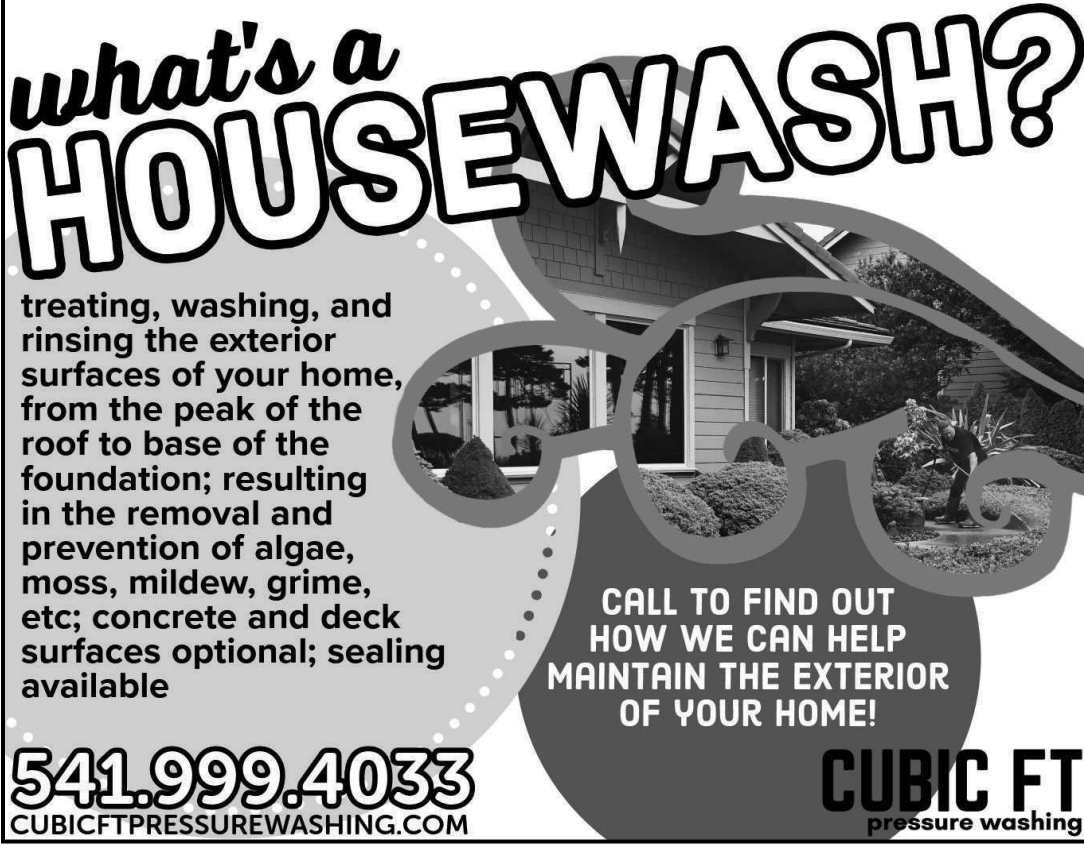
For more information, visit Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble at www.snagglebunnytribe.net/PCWE_Home, on Facebook or contact Eric Bigler, band secretary, at 541-563-7642.



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Amy Stewart to be keynote speaker at book festival

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the eighth annual Florence Festival of Books will take place at the Florence Events Center. Authors and publishers are invited to register now before the tables are filled.

The public is invited for free. This event is hosted by the Friends of the Florence Events

Center, along with the event planning committee, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An author's panel and evening with New York Times best-selling author Amy Stewart will take place on Friday, Sept. 28. Tickets to see Stewart are on sale now online and at the box office.

This festival offers the community a chance to meet the authors and publishers of books. Large and small publishers, fiction, non-fiction, and children's authors all participate in the festival.

For more information, visit www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

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