

THOSE DEMARTS!

Siuslaw Public Library's demARTS draws people to workshops



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Dozens of local artists shared their love and enthusiasm for the creative process on Oct. 6 at the fifth annual demARTS celebration, held at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence. There were workshops for all ages as artists offered variety of craft and art sessions during the day-long event. In addition, the library's Main Lobby was dedicated to longtime district employee Mary Colgan-Bennetts in recognition of her contributions to local public art displays and demARTS in particular. All of the day's events were presented free of charge to the public.



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For those traveling to, or residing in, Eugene, the Lincoln Street ballot drop box at Lane County Elections will be open through Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 5 p.m. to make it easier for voters to drop off completed registration cards.

"We are opening the drop box to accommodate Lane County citizens who may not be able to come to our office during regular business hours," said Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart.

For more information regarding voter registration or elections in Oregon, visit www.lanecounty.org/elections or call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.

Lane County Elections is located at 275 W. 10th Ave., on the corner of 10th and Lincoln streets in downtown Eugene. Public office hours are 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Election Day, Nov. 6, the Lane County Elections Office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters should receive their State of Oregon Voters' Pamphlets this week. Ballots will come in the mail next week, with drop boxes throughout Lane County opening on Oct. 18. Florence's drop box is located at the Florence Police Department, 900 Greenwood St.

For those who want to learn more about local elections, several events are on the calendar.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the "Rally to Support Siuslaw Schools" hopes to attract proponents, opponents and undecided voters to Siuslaw High School, where information on Measure 20-291, a school bond for Siuslaw School District, will be available. The rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the high school parking lot, 2975 Oak St., weather permitting. If there is rain, the rally will move to the overhang at Siuslaw Middle School.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., is the site for a Voter Information Event that seeks to inform voters and help with barriers to registration. The noon event in Room 103 also offers free pizza and soft drinks. The League of Women Voters will also be in attendance. For more information, contact Leonora Kent at 541-463-4835 or kentl@lanec.edu.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST!

Support our Siuslaw Valley FIRE AND RESCUE

Enjoy a "Hope Breakfast" at Shorewood.
Thursday, October 25th, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Pancakes, eggs and more! - \$15/Ticket

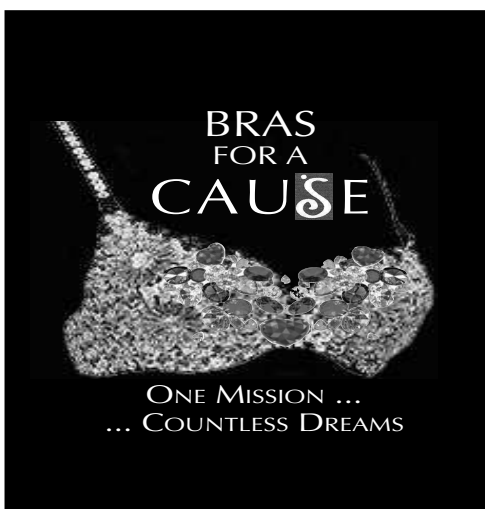
Hear some of the needs and success stories from our local fire crew. It is support like this that keeps Florence going!

Tickets available on line at the Chamber web site and at the door at Shorewood Senior Living
1451 Spruce Street • Florence



3rd Annual BRAS FOR A CAUSE

Soroptimist of Florence Fundraiser



Tickets Available NOW \$50

Come and join us for an evening of FUN!

OCTOBER 20, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence

Contact: Frankie Jorgensen 541-902-7948

Shasta McMullen 541-991-2353

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WLAD is a growing organization with annual increases in calls received and units deployed. The district has added emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and raised the level of training undertaken by its employees to better serve their constituents. It has also recently undergone structural upgrades to the organizations main building which increased seismic tolerances and added a sleeping area for personnel assigned to overnight shifts.

The district has taken a proactive stance on the recruitment of new trainees, and House has provided consultation and advice as Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and WLAD have combined administration services under an intergovernmental agreement.

The work done by House in the two years since he accepted the chief of operations responsibility for WLAD has drawn praise from his supervisor Chief Director Jim Langborg.

"This award is well deserved," Langborg said. "Matt has really done a fantastic job for the district. He is a gem and another example of the high quality of people that make up WLAD and SVFR. I hope people in the community appreciate the effort and dedication that our EMTs and firefighters bring to their duties, because it is first rate."

One of the reasons Langborg gave for the high level of performance by area first responders is the additional training overseen and supported by House. He has worked with the WLAD Board of Directors to surpass the training usually offered to EMTs in smaller communities like Florence.

"We have known in a lot of ways that we lean in a direction of EMS (emergency medical services). There are not many ground transporting agencies that have ten critical-care paramedics. That is where we have kind of set a different standard," House said. "We just hosted a critical-care class last week and it was good to hear that other local fire departments were sending their firefighters to this class, because the transporting they do requires the next level of education and training, which we can help with."

The level of professionalism that first responders in Florence exhibit is one of the criteria considered when determining the individuals selected to receive the annual awards from the Oregon Health Authority.

WLAD Board President Rick Yecny said he believes House and his position as chief of operations are a vital and important part of attaining the long-term goals of the district.

"We are extremely proud of the work done by Matt and for his receiving the EMS System Administrator of the Year Award from the Oregon Health Authority. It is well deserved for someone who has distinguished himself through many noteworthy contributions to our community," Yecny said.

Another important aspect included in the decision-making process is the size of the district and the assets available to the leadership of those organizations.

"What I liked about it more than anything is we are a small district, and the little guy won one of the bigger awards," House said. "The state looked at the accomplishments, what we have done, and they felt we were the most deserving of the award."

Florence Food Share

Ask us about volunteer opportunities.
2190 Spruce Street • P.O. Box 2514
Florence, Oregon 97439
(541) 997-9110
info@florencefoodshare.org

Florence Van Fans

We are looking for new volunteers to join our team and help out with new ideas and support. Van Fan volunteers raise money to help keep the busses running 5 days a week transporting cancer patients from Florence to Eugene. Our success is because of our volunteers. Please help us help others by volunteering your time. Meet 1st Wednesday of every month
Shorewood Senior Living
Luncheon Meeting (8.50)
1451 Spruce St
541-991-3209 or sgelmstedt@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity

Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a place to put your talents to work. From customer service to furniture repair, we offer volunteer opportunities geared toward individual interests and skills. By giving your time, you help Florence Habitat ReStore do more to support building projects that benefit families in our community.
2016 Hwy 101 or email volunteer@florencehabitat.org
Store hours 9am - 5pm Monday- Saturday 541-997-5834
www.facebook.com/restorefflorence

Meals on Wheels and Cafe 60

Meals on Wheels are available to people over the age of 60 who cannot get out much due to illness or advanced age and who are not eating properly, regardless of income. Cafe 60 is available for those who prefer to make new friends in a dining room setting.
1570 Kingwood, PO Box 2313, Florence
541-997-5673
lanesenior meals.org

Peace Harbor Volunteers

Join the Peace Harbor Hospital Volunteers, you will find an area of interest in a caring organization.
400 9th Street, Florence
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