

## Festival of Trees offers 'family fun' on Nov. 24

A "Family Fun Event" will be offered to the community on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the sixth annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Oregon Coast Military Museum at the Florence Events Center (FEC), located at 715 Quince St.

In addition to offering over 80 holiday themed wreaths and festively decorated table-top trees for immediate purchase, the young and young at heart are invited to participate in the following family friendly activities throughout the day at the Florence Festival of Trees:

All day long, there will be rock painting, open to the public. A special treat, face painting will available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A true holiday highlight will be the chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus throughout the day.

Dasher and Dancer, the "reindeer" basset hounds from Houndful Hearts, a local rescue for American Basset Hounds, will be making a special appearance for photo opportunities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., so all are invited to bring their own cameras to take memorable holiday photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their tail-wagging entou-



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rage.

Admission is free all-day Saturday, with plenty of parking available at the FEC.

The Florence Festival of Trees will also be displaying a collection of larger, exquisitely designed trees sponsored by local businesses that will be sold at Sunday evening's "Gala of Giving", a catered dinner and oral auction for ticket-holders and invited guests.

### The Florence Festival of Trees

The keynote speaker will be Mike Ehredt, a retired postal worker and Army veteran who formed "Project America Run — One Life One Flag" in 2010. Ehredt ran 4,424 miles across the United States, stopping every mile to plant an American flag with the name, rank, age and hometown of fallen soldiers from the war in Iraq.

Today, thanks to his ongoing efforts, there is now an invisible

wall of honor, a memorial highway, that stretches across our country 6,570 miles from north to south and east to west paying tribute to those fallen soldiers' valor.

All of the proceeds from the Festival of Trees will go to support the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

Tickets for the Gala of Giving may be purchased by calling 541-999-1523.

## Community Chorus dedicates Christmas Concert to Leah Goodwin

The Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will pay homage to Leah Goodwin at the Dec. 8 and 9 concerts.

Leah volunteered generously to the Chorus and other venues throughout the years before her unexpected death recently.

Taking her place in providing technical sound support to the Chorus this year

will be Topher Keppol, whom Leah trained in sound technology.

The Goodwin family generously donated the sound equipment for this concert.

The concert, "Sing We Noel", will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in

Florence.

These performances are free to the public and refreshments will be served after each concert. Donations will be gratefully accepted and

will be used to support the Siuslaw High School Music Program and the Community Chorus.

For information call 541-997-3469.

## OCCO concert to celebrate American immigrants

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra (OCCO) will open the 2018-19 concert season with a fall program featuring works by immigrants to America and children of those immigrants.

The new citizen artists took full advantage of the opportunities presented by an accepting America to celebrate the human spirit through music and song.

Simultaneously, America's growing global cultural presence enabled them to reach a world population eager to embrace their talents and devotion. Selections from orchestral composers Sergei Rachmaninoff, Eric Korngold, Victor Herbert, Pery Grainger and Igor Stravinsky

make up the first half of the program, while popular favorites from Leroy Anderson, Pete Rugolo, Henry Mancini and brothers George and Ira Gershwin complete the second half.

The audience will be invited to sing along with Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" to bring the concert to an end.

Performances are Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church in Yachats and Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, students and children under 10 are free.

Visit OCCOrchestra.org for more details.

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