

# Community News

## Author Andrea Scharf to speak at library



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Andrea Scharf, author of 'Saving Big Creek.'

The Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. will host Yachats author Andrea Scharf on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m., in the Bromley Room.

The author will discuss her book, "Saving Big Creek," about a decades-long battle to save almost 200 acres on the central Oregon coast from development.

"Saving Big Creek," published in 2018, is the story of a 40-year-long battle to save 186 acres of undeveloped land on the central coast between Yachats and Florence.

The property provides habitat for elk, Coho salmon, and the endangered Oregon Silverspot Butterfly.

When an out-of-state developer purchased the property in 1979 and subsequently applied for a zoning change in order to build a destination resort, local residents went into action, testifying at Lane County planning commission hearings, petitioning the Board of Commissioners, filing an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals and presenting arguments against approval of

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds to finance the resort.

In the process, the group expanded opportunities for citizens to have a say in local land use decisions.

In "Saving Big Creek," Scharf includes the history of the Big Creek and Tenmile area, from deep time when a shallow ocean covered the area, to indigenous settlements, homesteaders and more recent back-to-the-land communities, providing a long-term perspective on how land is used.

Within the story, the characters of many of the people who were involved in the campaign to save Big Creek emerge, including that of Tom Smith, a community leader and mentor to many of the young people who went on to continue fighting for the environment.

The story is an inspiration for anyone who cares about making sure we balance human needs with the needs of other inhabitants of the planet.

Scharf has an MFA in creative writing from Vermont

College of Fine Arts and has published short stories and articles on a variety of subjects. She has worked as a teacher, co-founder and manager of Portland's Saturday Market, as a small business entrepreneur, city planner, marketing director and association manager, among other positions.

Since moving to the Oregon coast, she has been active in protecting that world as founder and chair of View the Future, by monitoring

water quality and by teaching others methods in support of salmon recovery.

This free program is open to the public. As the event is sure to be popular and seating is limited, it is suggested attendees arrive early to this event.

For more information about this program, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, view the library's Facebook page, or visit [www.siuslawlibrary.org](http://www.siuslawlibrary.org).

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## There's still time to join the Community Chorus

While rehearsals and registration for the Community Chorus of Florence's Spring Concert began on Feb. 7, community members can still join the chorus beginning with the Thursday, Feb. 21, rehearsal.

The chorus is conducted

by David Aakre and auditions are not required.

All singers from high school age and up are welcome. There is a registration fee of \$70 to cover the cost of music and administrative expenses, but high school students will automatically

receive fee waivers.

The Community Chorus regularly rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

The concert will take place on Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m.

and Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m., both taking place at the Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call 541-997-3469.

Visit [www.communitychorusflorenceoregon.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceoregon.org) for registration forms to complete and bring to sign up.

## Florence Big Wave hosting Love Gone Wrong poetry contest Saturday

FRAA will host the annual Florence Big Wave Love Gone Wrong Contest this Saturday, Feb. 16.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., and the contest begins at 7 p.m. at FRAA, 120 Maple

Street in Old Town.

It is open to original poetry, prose, storytelling and song. Performance time limited to 4 minutes, former prize-winning work cannot be submitted.

First-place prize is \$100, second- and third-place prizes win gift certificates. Winners will be picked by ballot vote from the audience.

General admission is \$10, \$5 for LCC students and free

for those attending Siuslaw Middle School, Siuslaw High School and Camp Florence.

Come support this annual Love Gone Wrong spoken word contest. Refreshments will be available.

## Siuslaw Outreach Services offering energy assistance help through LIHEAP

The Siuslaw Outreach Services Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is currently taking sign-ups for those who have

not received assistance since Nov. 1, 2018.

Funds will be dispersed as long as they are available.

LIHEAP is an energy as-

sistance program designed to help low-income individuals and families during the colder months.

Sign-ups may be done in

person at Siuslaw Outreach Services, 1576 W. 12th St., via phone at 541-997-2816 or online at [www.lanecounty.org/energyassistance](http://www.lanecounty.org/energyassistance).

## 'Where Art Thou?' exhibit this Friday at Florence Events Center

Backstreet Gallery is inviting the Florence community to an artist's reception on Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Guest will have the opportunity to meet the artists participating in the Backstreet Gallery sponsored "Where Art Thou?" Exhibit in Galleries One and Five.

There will be food available along with music by local musician Denny Weaver.

Visitors will be able to place their vote for the "People's Choice" award.

| CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS  |   |  |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |
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| \$9.50   \$8.50 Sen/Student/Military   \$8 Matinees Before 2   \$7.50 Child   \$6.50 Members   Performing Arts: \$19/\$15/\$10   |   |  |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| February 15 - 21   | FRI 15                                    | SAT 16   | SUN 17                         | MON 18                         | TUE 19                         | WED 20                         | THU 21                         |
| <b>ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL</b> - PG-13 122 MIN - "Robert Rodriguez's best film in many years. It's an ambitious, impressive, visually spectacular production with great performances." IGN   | 12:45 PM<br>3:35 PM<br>6:10 PM<br>8:45 PM | 12:45 PM<br>3:35 PM<br>6:10 PM<br>8:45 PM            | 12:45 PM<br>3:35 PM<br>6:10 PM | 12:45 PM<br>3:50 PM<br>6:40 PM | 12:45 PM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:40 PM | 12:45 PM<br>3:50 PM<br>6:40 PM | 12:45 PM<br>3:50 PM<br>6:40 PM |
| <b>GLASS</b> - PG-13 129 MIN - "This movie treats comics not as a narrative format to be recycled and adapted, but as religious myths to be followed and fulfilled. It is a single, impassioned vision that is totally uncompromising and utterly its own." The Film Stage                                       | 12:35 PM<br>3:20 PM<br>6:20 PM<br>8:25 PM | 1:15 PM<br>4:00 PM<br>6:20 PM<br>9:05 PM             | 12:35 PM<br>3:20 PM<br>6:20 PM | 12:35 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | 12:35 PM<br>3:35 PM<br>7:00 PM | 12:35 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | 12:35 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>6:30 PM |
| <b>HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD</b> - Preview! - PG 104 MIN  |   |  |                                |                                |                                |                                | 6:00 PM                        |
| <b>THE LEGO MOVIE 2: THE SECOND PART</b> PG 106 MIN - "A delightful all-ages adventure with the potential to reach even the most cynical and weary of us." The Wrap  | 12:50 PM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:05 PM<br>9:05 PM | 10:55 AM<br>1:40 PM<br>4:00 PM<br>6:45 PM<br>9:05 PM | 12:50 PM<br>3:45 PM<br>6:05 PM | 12:50 PM<br>4:00 PM<br>6:50 PM | 4:00 PM<br>6:50 PM             | 12:50 PM<br>3:20 PM            | 12:50 PM<br>3:30 PM            |
| <b>THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD</b> R 133 MIN - "By applying cutting-edge restoration techniques to footage shot at the time, Jackson has crafted a historical portrait of matchless immediacy and power, in which young souls lost in a century-old war stare out across the years and meet our gaze." The Telegraph | 12:55 PM<br>3:10 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:50 PM | 10:50 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>5:50 PM<br>8:40 PM            | 12:55 PM<br>3:10 PM<br>6:00 PM | 12:55 PM<br>3:20 PM<br>6:30 PM | 12:55 PM<br>3:20 PM<br>6:40 PM | 12:55 PM<br>4:00 PM<br>6:50 PM | 12:25 PM<br>3:20 PM<br>6:30 PM |

| Events & Performing Arts:   | FRI 15 | SAT 16   | SUN 17 | MON 18 | TUE 19              | WED 20  | THU 21 |
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| <b>BOLSHOI BALLET 2018: LA BAYADERE</b> NR 180 MIN - "Visually intoxicating." Guardian  |        | 11:00 AM |        |        |                     |         |        |
| <b>JONI 75: A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b> - Encore NR 120 MIN - A who's who celebrates Joni Mitchell's 75th Anniversary - \$19/\$15/\$10 |        |          |        |        | 12:30 PM<br>6:30 PM |         |        |
| <b>ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: QUEEN OF SPADES</b> 180 MIN - "A thrilling and terrifying card game has deadly consequences..." 4/5 *s - CW     |        |          |        |        |                     | 6:00 PM |        |

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Film | 1930 HWY 101 | [www.citylightscinemas.com](http://www.citylightscinemas.com) | Times: 541-305-0014

| WEDNESDAY    | THURSDAY     | FRIDAY       | SATURDAY     | SUNDAY       | MONDAY       | TUESDAY      |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| FEBRUARY 13  | FEBRUARY 14  | FEBRUARY 15  | FEBRUARY 16  | FEBRUARY 17  | FEBRUARY 18  | FEBRUARY 19  |
|              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| AM Showers   | Rain         | Thunderstorm | Rain         | AM Showers   | Mostly Sunny | Showers      |
| 46°F<br>38°F | 45°F<br>39°F | 45°F<br>39°F | 45°F<br>35°F | 47°F<br>34°F | 47°F<br>38°F | 46°F<br>37°F |

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