

**OBITUARIES**

**CHILDERS**—Robert Childers, 81, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. No services are planned,

arrangements under the direction of Dunes Memorial Chapel.

**GRADUATE NOTES**

**Holly Hicks** of Westlake, a senior at George Fox University and graduate of Siuslaw High School, was among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox for the fall 2018

semester. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list.

**County Health Dept. offering school immunization clinic**

To help parents get their child's immunizations up-to-date for this year's Exclusion Day, Lane County Public Health's (LCPH) Communicable Disease Program will be hosting a 2-day, walk-in immunization clinic, Tuesday, Feb. 19 and Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Every year, Lane County Public Health officials review more than 50,000 records in order to make sure children's immunizations are up-to-date. For those children whose immunization record is incomplete, a letter has been sent out to their parents asking them to schedule the required immunizations for their child.

"We know that it can be challenging for parents to find the time to schedule their child's immunizations, hopefully these clinics will ease that burden," said Lane County Communicable Disease Supervisor, Cindy Morgan.

This year, LCPH sent out just over 1,600 letters as compared to last year's 1,606 and 2,222 the year before. The increase is good news for public health officials but highlights areas for improvement. In order to achieve what's called "community immunity" or "herd immunity", which protects any given population from widespread communicable disease outbreaks, 94 percent of the population must

be immunized and that is still not the case.

"It's easy to think of your child's immunizations as exclusive to their own, individual health," said Lane County Chief Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke. "The fact is, each and every one of our children's immunizations affects their health, the health of their classmates and the health of our entire community."

The clinic will take place on the 3rd floor, in room 310, at Lane County Health & Human Services Charnelton Building at 151 W. Seventh Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families who live in neighboring communities within Western Lane County can call Lane County Public Health at 541-682-4041 to schedule an appointment at one of the other Community Health Centers of Lane County Clinics.

Cost should not be a barrier to required immunizations, which are covered by the Vaccine for Children program. Children can also receive their required immunizations at their private provider, or school-based health clinics.

**Important:** Children whose parents choose to exempt them from required immunizations may still be excluded in the event of an outbreak at that school per OAR 581-022-2220.

**Siuslaw Watershed Council to offer non-native plant management tips**

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the Siuslaw Watershed Council will host a meeting to share how residents can help manage non-native invasive species throughout the Siuslaw Watershed.

Armand Rebischke from the Siuslaw National Forest will give a talk about integrated weed management and managing invasive species. Rich Peterson from the Siuslaw Watershed Council will follow to discuss the tools of the job and some helpful hints on maintaining equipment for managing non-native species and some of the work he does throughout the watershed.

There will also be some other important updates from the Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWSC) as well as information from the OSU extension office on managing non-native species.

The meeting will be held at 10868 E. Mapleton Rd. in Mapleton, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This will be an informative meeting, open to the public, especially for those who recently received free native plants from the SWSC. Come learn how to ensure those plants thrive and grow to their full ecological potential.

**Siuslaw Outreach Services offering energy assistance 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)

**On The Record**

**ReVision Florence to hold community pre-construction meeting**

The Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) and the City of Florence will be hosting a ReVision Florence community pre-construction meeting for community members and business owners.

ReVision Florence is a streetscape project that will

include new sidewalks, utility undergrounding, new lighting, landscaping, bike lanes and gateway plazas.

In addition, ODOT will be repaving Highway 101 between the Siuslaw River Bridge and the Highway 126 intersection.

The meeting will be held

Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

During the meeting, the City and ODOT will present the details of the project. The presentation will occur at 5:30 p.m.

City staff, ODOT, the contractor and the design team

will review the project details and the timeline for construction. They will also be available after the presentation to answer questions.

Find out more about ReVision Florence at [www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal/revision-florence](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal/revision-florence).

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**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Florence Event Center**

The 3 finalists will present their speeches to the Florence Rotary Club at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The local first place winner will compete at the Rotary District 5110 Conference in Coos Bay, OR on the morning of Saturday, May 4, 2019 (Cash Prizes awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

**Contest Conditions:** You must be a high school student (public, private or home-schooled) in grades 9-12. All speeches must be original and your own, must not be read, and may not be less than 5 or more than 7 minutes. You may refer to notes.

For an application and more information, contact Mr. Orr or Mr. Moser at Siuslaw High School or Ms. Moyer at Mapleton High School or call Rotary Sponsor Meg Spencer at 541-999-2627.

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