



Greater Florence Area Business Quarterly

Siuslaw News' Business Quarterly is a way to seasonally highlight local businesses and economic development updates.

To advertise, call 541-997-3441. To submit, email pressreleases@thesiuslawnews.com.



To share a cup of tea

Six women entrepreneurs visiting from Pakistan joined representatives from Florence and area businesses for tea at The Bodega on Tuesday as they visited the coast with Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN). Read more about these inspirational women and their cross-cultural story in next week's edition of the Siuslaw News.



PEO offers luxury viewing experience of 'Mamma Mia!'

PEO Chapter FQ is offering an extraordinary opportunity for viewing "Mamma Mia!" from a private "sky box" located above the main seating area with superb, unobstructed views and personal service throughout the performance.

Included in this experience is limousine service* to and from the FEC, tickets to "Mamma Mia!" with seating in a private booth above the main floor, Greek-themed snacks and sparkling water upon arrival, a mezze plate during Act I and Baklava during Act II. Red wine will be served with the mezze plate and white wine with dessert. Soft drinks and sparkling water will be available as an option.

When Act 1 begins, people can watch the performance either in their seat or push their comfortable chairs back and dance to their hearts' content. As this musical is high energy and infectious, it will be hard to stay in your seats.

The Sky Box Experience, for up to four people, is priced at \$1,000 and will help support PEO scholarships for local women who are pursuing educational opportunities. Please note, the sky box is not handicapped accessible. There are 18

stairs up to the sky box level.

PEO's core mission is to promote educational opportunities for women. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 109,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than \$344 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans and the stewardship of Cottey College. PEO has evolved over recent generations into a deliberately diverse, community-based organization with nearly 6,000 chapters and some 230,000 members.

PEO Chapter FQ awards scholarships to local women ranging from high school seniors to doctoral students. In addition, Cottey College, an independent, liberal arts & sciences college for women in Nevada, Mo., has been owned and operated by the PEO Sisterhood since 1927.

To reserve the Sky Box, people can call 541-999-9192 and ask for the PEO Fundraiser. Reservations and payment must be made by Oct. 23.

A Sky Box experience is available for each performance of Mamma Mia! on November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9* and 10. *No limousine service is available on Nov. 9. The price for that date is \$750.

Medicare Open Enrollment continues through Dec. 7

Open enrollment for 2020 Medicare Plans is now through Dec. 7.

If you're over 65 (or turning 65 in the next 3 months) and not already getting benefits from Social Security, you need to sign up to get Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). You won't get Medicare automatically. One option is to sign up for Medicare online through www.medicare.gov. People can also contact local insurance company Abel Insurance Agency. Located at 875 Highway

101 in Florence, as well as by phone at 541-997-3466 and online at www.abelinsurance-agency.com. Abel Insurance offers risk management and consultation services.

This time of year, local staff are hard at work helping community members navigating the healthcare they receive through Medicare. These Medicare supplemental plans (also called Medigaps) help cover the gap in insurance that Original Medicare Parts A and B do not cover.

"Medicare can be a com-

plicated topic. Our experts can help you to determine which plan is the best fit for you," states Abel Insurance's website. "As a reminder, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is the only time you are able to make changes to your Medicare Advantage Plan or Stand-alone RX coverage."

Medicare is the USA's health insurance program for people age 65 or older. Certain people younger than 65 can qualify for Medicare, too, including those with disabilities and those who have permanent kidney fail-

ure. If a person is eligible at age 65, their initial enrollment period begins three months before their 65th birthday, includes the month they turn 65, and ends three months after that birthday.

"We look forward to being of service to you during the annual open enrollment period," Abel Insurance's website continued. "Remember we also have dental and vision options available."

For more information about Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov or contact Abel Insurance.



Oregon community development receives boost with merger

This fall, NEDCO announced the completion of its merger with Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services. The entity is now officially DevNW, an organization dedicated to growing vibrant Northwest communities by empowering the region's individuals, families, small businesses and neighborhoods; to opening doors to progress and equity and opportunity — and keeping them open.

"We have a seat at the table to advocate for public policies that ensure resources and guidelines are in place that promote health, safe and stable housing, and thriving communities," said DevNW Chief Executive Officer Emily Reiman.

As a merged organization, DevNW brings more than 60 years of experience of helping people find and make homes, start small businesses, revitalize neighborhoods and achieve their goals, and in whatever shapes those goals may take.

DevNW envisions a future when Northwest individuals, families and neighborhoods have access to financial opportunity, affordable homes, vibrant small businesses and thriving, healthy communities.

As a result of the merger, DevNW has expanded its capacity and service offerings. Its service area has expanded to six counties and it now offers programming in Spanish in Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion counties. DevNW is committed to these ideas:

- The concept of wellbeing applies to a person's finances, living situation and community as much as it applies to their health.

- Thriving communities are built one success story at a time. It's important to provide people with the tools to succeed, and that success looks different for everyone.

- A shared sense of responsibility and local ownership turbocharge communities. Neighborhoods

thrive when individuals, families, businesses and local governments work side by side toward progress.

- A shared respect for each other and the places that people call home binds everyone together.

- It's possible to break through longstanding barriers and injustices to create positive, equitable changes for our communities.

To learn more about these exciting changes, visit www.devNW.org.

Oregon Community Foundation holds meetup

The Oregon Community Foundation invites the community to attend an informal meetup in Florence on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. The meetup will be held at Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tearoom, 195 Nopal St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

Oregon Community Foundation wants to learn how communities on the Central Oregon Coast are working to meet local needs and discuss how the foundation can help support those efforts.

Community members are invited to share their story with the foundation while mingling with neighbors and Oregon Community Foundation staff. Through this exchange of information, people will also learn

about Oregon Community Foundation grant opportunities, its long-standing partnership with Western Lane Community Foundation and its work in rural Oregon.

Beverages and food will be served.

There is no charge for the event, but people can RSVP to Tina Garland at SWVevents@oregoncf.org or 541-431-7099.

Get Results...List With Aileen.



Aileen Sapp
Broker
541 999-5396



5455 Woahink Dr - .47 acre lot with large 32'x60' shop waiting for your toys and hobbies. Shop comes with 240 power, built-in storage, and three 10'x12' garage doors. Come see this before it's gone! \$125,000. #3022-19527920

1749 Highway 101 • 541-997-1200

Computers

Internet

Upgrades

Support

Networks

Hosting

OregonFAST.net

Locally Owned and Operated since 1999

COMPUTERS & INTERNET

Full Service Computer Store
New Computers & Laptops
Repairs • Upgrades • Support
Fiber & Wireless Internet
Web Design • Hosting & Streaming



WIRELESS BROADBAND

Powered By OregonFAST.net Fiber

\$39.99
Per Month

1735 Kingwood St
Florence • Oregon

902-1566
www.oregonfast.net

We have never
Changed our prices
since 1999