



## COAST RADIO'S ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY

On Thursday, Oct. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m., KCST/KCFM Coast Radio is holding the 31st annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway. All local families are invited to attend to get a free pumpkin, enjoy free hot dogs and root beer, and play prizes. The giveaway takes place each year in the Old School Furniture parking lot on Highway 101 in Florence. It is presented by Florence True Value Hardware with help from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club and more. For more info, visit [kcfmradio.com](http://kcfmradio.com).



## SEAcOAST adds new benefit for season ticketholders

As Florence's SEAcOast Entertainment Association prepares for its 2019-20 season lineup of events, it continues to innovate how it delivers exceptional value to its season ticket holders and engages with local businesses. This year, SEAcOast introduces the Season Ticket Holders' Exclusive Dining Savings Card program. SEAcOast season ticket holders will receive a dining card that entitles them to \$5 entrée saving at any of the participating restaurants every show day. SEAcOast Board President Winette Tomeny said, "We are so excited about this program. There's something wonderful about combining a great show with a great dining experience. Going to a live SEAcOast event featuring a world-caliber performer is special. With this program — enticing season ticket holders to enjoy a fabulous dining experience, as well as the event — the whole evening is elevated and made even more

memorable." Each participating restaurant is within a convenient distance to the event venue, the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., and the discounts are a great reason to re-visit an old favorite or try out something new. This season, there are seven restaurants participating in the program: Beachcomber Pub, Waterfront Depot Restaurant, 1285 Restobar, ICM International C-Food Market, Nosh Eatery, Bay View Bistro at the Best Western Pier Point Inn, and Mari's Kitchen. "We are so proud to be working with these amazing restaurants for our program," added Marisa Hawk, member of SEAcOast's director in charge of PR and Marketing. "These types of relationships underscore how SEAcOast is part of the community fabric in Florence and the appreciation for the arts and culture we share." Visit [www.seacoastea.org](http://www.seacoastea.org).

# Festival of Trees returns to Florence

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM) presents Florence Festival of Trees and the Gala of Giving at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.



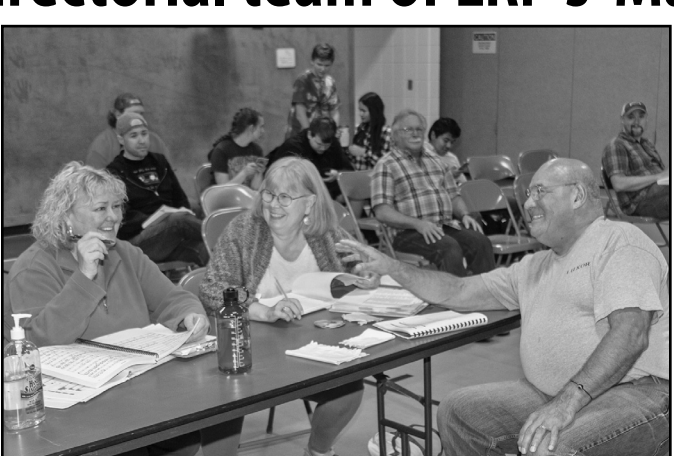
The theme for this event is "I'll be home for Christmas." "We're very excited about the progression of our Festival of Trees — from a very small event to one that everyone looks forward to each year," states the group's Facebook page. "Our goal is to change it up a bit every year to keep it fresh and an exciting event to attend."

The Festival of Trees free family fun day is Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community members will be able to walk through a forest of community-decorated Christmas trees. From table-top to towering, many of the trees and a variety of wreaths will be available for sale that day and the next, Sunday, Dec. 1, during the Gala of Giving dinner and auction, from 4 to 8 p.m. The dinner and auction will be a ticketed event limited to 208 attendees. Tickets are \$400 per table of eight, or \$55 for individuals. Tickets can be purchased FTS Computer Repair, 1431 Bay St. in

Historic Old Town Florence. Community members still have the chance to sign up to design a tree. Contact FTS Computer Repair for more information. "We've been very lucky to have such a great following for the Florence Festival of Trees," stated organizers. "This event is our main fundraiser to allow us to continue with our museum and its motto: 'To educate the coastal communities concerning the role our military members, both past and present, have played in defending the freedoms that we all enjoy.'" New this year at Festival of Trees is the Hallway of Heroes, a dedication to area veterans. For more information, contact Shelly Medeiros at 541-999-4896 or [florencefestivaloftrees@gmail.com](mailto:florencefestivaloftrees@gmail.com).

## Meet the directorial team of LRP's 'Mamma Mia!'

The directorial team of "Mamma Mia!" is excited about bringing Last Resort Players' fall musical to the Florence Events Center stage during the first two weekends in November. Everyone on the team is a seasoned professional who has brought much well received entertainment to Florence audiences.



**Musical Director Pat Sapp, Assistant Director Rosemary Lauria and Director David Lauria prepare to start a musical rehearsal of "Mamma Mia!" — the upcoming fall production of Last Resort Players.**

Director David Lauria is enjoying the challenge of staging such a well-known, iconic play and making it fresh and original. Rosemary Lauria, assistant director and David's wife, emphasizes that the show generates fun. She feels that anyone who likes musical theater and especially ABBA fans will love this show. They both believe that audiences will be singing and dancing their way back to their cars with ABBA songs stuck firmly in their minds. Choreographer Melanie

Heard is impressed with the cast and how well they are picking up the dance steps she's giving them. "They have taken my note to make everything 'sharp' and are running with it. It has been a total blast," she said.

For Musical Director Pat Sapp, it's a family affair. Two of her daughters are principles in the cast. She has assembled a very talented group of musicians to bring the music of ABBA in an authentic way. They are using new technology that mimics the unique sounds of ABBA that will be familiar to the audience. All four directors agree that Florence has a tremen-

dous amount of talent for such a small community and that the cast and choreography will have people thinking that they are seeing a professional company. Rosemary said, "This show will have the audience bringing friends with them when they come back to see it again." Mamma Mia! will be performed at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Nov. 1 to 3 and 7 to 10. Thursday, Friday and Saturday showings will be at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org), by phone at 541-997-1994 or at the box office, 715 Quince St. David sums it up best by saying, "Everyone young and old will find something to love about this show. Whether you are familiar with Abba's music or not, the music and dance will capture your heart."

## Peace Harbor names program director of development

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center is delighted to announce that Heather Quaas-Annsa, MBA, CFRE, has accepted the position of program director of development for the Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation. Quaas-Annsa, who had been serving in this role on an interim basis for several months, is managing the foundation donor portfolio, which includes major giving, planned giving and annual giving. She works closely with the foundation board, as well as with PeaceHealth Oregon Chief Development Officer Tim France and Peace Harbor Chief Administrative Of-

ficer Jason Hawkins, to build and strengthen relationships with community members and caregivers, while ensuring successful completion of campaigns and events. Quaas-Annsa joined PeaceHealth as a paralegal in 2015. She later worked as a grant writer and, most recently, as program coordinator for planned giving for the PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation. In this role, she was responsible for grant proposals to foundation, government and corporate sources, as well as board governance and planned giving. She oversaw the Foundation's internal website and

organized donor and employee fundraising events. Quaas-Annsa earned her Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive. She was recognized by The Register-Guard as a 20 Under 40 Rising Business Star in 2017, and volunteers at many local non-profit organizations, including United Way of Lane County and Parenting Now. PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a non-

profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with more than 1,200 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. PeaceHealth embraces spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its mission. For more info, visit [peacehealth.org](http://peacehealth.org).



Heather Quaas-Annsa

## Three Rivers Casino names new food and beverage director

Three Rivers Casino Resort has announced Kevin Thompson as its new Director of Food and Beverage. Thompson officially started in May 2019. Thompson brings over 20 years of experience in the

hospitality industry, specifically working in casinos and resorts to conceptualize and develop outstanding culinary experiences. "We are thrilled to have Kevin on the team," said Rich Colton, Director of Mar-

keting. "His experience and vision for what we can offer our guests will not only build upon our current cuisine but allow us to expand what we are able to offer our guests." Prior to this position, Thompson was the owner of Northwest Joint Ventures

LLC, a hospitality consultancy, where he assisted businesses with everything from operations to finances, to data-driven time and labor management. For more information about Three Rivers Casino Resort, visit [www.threeriverscasino.com](http://www.threeriverscasino.com).



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