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Community News

Florence Chamber names photo contest winner

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce announced this week that Dana Vion from Springfield is the winner of its 2019 photo contest.

"Dana's action shot of a kiteboarder at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River reflects the true spirit and beautiful scenery of Florence as Oregon's Coastal Playground," said Bettina Hannigan, the chamber's executive director. "Her photo really captured a fun 'playground' moment and expresses how great Florence is for outdoor fun."

Vion works as a professional photographer, freelances for area publications such as Eugene Magazine, and does photographic and video work for Eugene-area advertising and public relations agencies and non-profits. She entered the chamber's contest so that she could get more of her work known locally.

"We were with our dog out on the South Jetty on a windy day. I had my camera and tripod with me and I was exploring how to frame humans in the vastness of landscape photography," said Vion.

She had the unusual perspective of being beyond the breakers and looking back toward the beach when she snapped the winning photo.

A panel of chamber members selected Vion's photo from nearly 150 entries.

According to Hannigan, the contest was difficult to choose this year due to the amount of interest.

"It was a very close de-



"Kiteboarder at the South Jetty" by Dana Vion won the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's annual photo contest.

cision, made all the more difficult by the fact that we received scores of outstanding amateur and professional photos," she said. "Each shows different aspects of the best of our area's scenery, iconic buildings and natural wonders, and with families having fun in and around Florence. You can really see why we call this place Oregon's Coastal Playground."

For Vion, she said she loves telling stories through the lens of a camera: stories of the natural world, conservation issues and human and animal welfare. She has been to Africa seven times for photography and video and as a zoology graduate student, documenting human and animal struggles as well as working at a chimpanzee rescue center. Vion has also traveled to Borneo to study and photograph wildlife there, including endangered

orangutans.

"I am at home where the forest meets the ocean, that is my natural habitat, and the Florence area is one of my favorite places," she said. "I always try to have my camera and am chasing beauty wherever I go."

Vion was awarded a \$250 cash prize and her photo will be featured in the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's resource guide and other printed marketing pieces, at florencechamber.com and in social media.

Each year for the last three years, the Florence chamber has held a contest looking for the best amateur or professional photos to represent its slogan as Oregon's Coastal Playground.

"Dana's, and dozens of other excellent scenic photos, are also available to chamber members to use in their marketing," added Hannigan.

"They've been watermarked with the Chamber's 'Oregon's Coastal Playground' slogan to help protect copyright infringement."

Entrants granted the chamber and its members exclusive rights to use their photos for all manner of marketing the area for its rich recreational resources.

"Our chamber works hard for its members and the City of Florence to boost our economy by inviting visitors to vacation here, and, if they like it, to move their businesses and families here too," Hannigan said. "Florence is such a fun destination."

For more information about vacationing in, moving to or establishing a business in Florence — or volunteering at the Chamber's visitor center — visit FlorenceChamber.com, call 541-997-3128 or e-mail info@FlorenceChamber.com.

New Life Lutheran begins Lent with Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, is the first day of the Lenten Season. New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St. in Florence, will hold an Ash Wednesday service at noon.

For more information, call New Life Lutheran at 541-997-8113 or visit florencenewlife.lutheran.org.

The following weeks of Lent will have Wednesday services at 5 p.m. The community is welcome to attend any or all of these services.

"Holden Evening Prayer" will be sung each evening. The song was written in 1985-86 by Marty Haugen while on a musical residency at Holden Village, a small remote village in the Cascades of central Washington.

Lent ends on Thursday, April 9, which is Maundy Thursday, and when the Last Supper is commemorated.

This service and a Good Friday service will be at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday service on April 12 will be at 10:30 a.m.

Piano House Concert season begins March 1

Pianist/composer Kate Moody has been described as Mystical Romantic. Moody studied piano at Sonoma State University in California and composition at New England Conservatory. She continues to be actively involved in music education, teaching piano and composition.



Kate Moody,
pianist/composer

The Mainly Piano House Concert Series was developed by Parsons to showcase unique musical artists and bring them to Florence.

"We're getting ready for the first concert of the season," Parsons said.

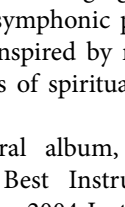
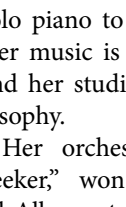
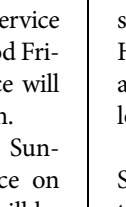
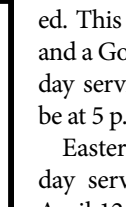
Moody has produced seven albums of her work, ranging from solo piano to symphonic pieces. Her music is inspired by nature and her studies of spiritual philosophy.

Her orchestral album, "The Seeker," won Best Instrumental Album at the 2004 Just Plain Folks Music Awards. Her music

with spiritually-oriented music and Connect & Glow guided meditations. Listen to music and learn more about her at www.katemusic.com.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 at the door for the concert. All donations go to the artist. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing Parsons at kathypiano@gmail.com or calling her at 541-999-9720. The address and directions will be given when reservations are made.

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63 UP - NR 144 MIN - "The best of art makes you think of life. Michael Apted has achieved more than all but a handful of filmmakers. Cherish 63 Up, like you cherish life." Globe&Mail	3:30 PM	4:20 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:00 PM	3:05 PM
THE CALL OF THE WILD - PG 105 MIN - "The film's avoidance of cruel Gold Rush realities is more than made up for by its spirited kineticism and by its deepening of the man-dog bond that forms the heart of London's story." Slant	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	11:00 AM 1:25 PM 3:50 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	12:10 PM 2:35 PM 5:00 PM 7:25 PM	12:10 PM 2:35 PM 5:00 PM 7:25 PM	12:10 PM 2:35 PM 5:00 PM 7:25 PM	12:10 PM 2:35 PM 5:00 PM 7:25 PM	12:10 PM 2:35 PM 4:45 PM 7:15 PM
COME AS YOU ARE - Think Peanut Butter Falcon NR 106 MIN - "This is a funny and moving crowd-pleaser." SF Chronicle	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	11:10 AM 2:10 PM 6:30 PM	12:00 PM 4:45 PM	12:00 PM 4:45 PM	12:00 PM 4:45 PM	12:00 PM 5:10 PM	12:00 PM
KNIVES OUT PG-13 130 MIN - The biggest audience pleaser of 2019 takes a victory lap this week.	12:50 PM 6:40 PM	11:10 AM 1:30 PM 7:15 PM	12:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:10 PM 5:05 PM	12:20 PM 6:20 PM
ONWARD - Preview! - PG 109 MIN - Pixar							6:30 PM
PARASITE - Winner - Oscar, Best Picture R 132 MIN - "A flawless ensemble cast."	3:40 PM	4:30 PM	4:40 PM	4:40 PM	4:40 PM	2:20 PM	4:40 PM
THE PHOTOGRAPH - PG-13 106 MIN - "Through cinematographer Mark Schwartzbard's lens, it feels like a gentle throwback to romantic movies that left their audiences in good spirits as they filed out of the theater." RogerEbert.com	1:20 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	2:00 PM 7:25 PM	2:20 PM 7:05 PM	2:20 PM 7:05 PM	2:20 PM 7:05 PM	12:30 PM 7:50 PM	2:20 PM
UNDERWATER - PG-13 95 MIN - "Yes it's 'Alien but underwater,' and that's a good thing." We Got You Covered	3:55 PM 8:50 PM	4:20 PM 8:50 PM	2:35 PM 7:30 PM	2:35 PM 7:30 PM	2:35 PM 7:30 PM	2:55 PM 7:30 PM	2:35 PM 7:30 PM

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BOLSHOI BALLET: GISELLE - ENCORE		11:00 AM					
CATVIDEOFEST 2020 - 90 MIN - The best cat videos of the year. Why deny yourself?			12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM		12:30 PM
IN SEARCH OF CHOPIN - NR 110 MIN						6:00 PM	

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