What's happening in the Siuslaw region

Curtis Salgado returns to Florence April 4

International R&B superstar Curtis Salgado will be in concert on Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. This powerhouse singer/songwriter/harmonica master is hailed by NPR as "a blues icon … with a huge voice."

R&B performer Curtis Salgado and guitarist Alan Hager

Salgado grew up in Eugene, Ore., and, by his early 20s, was already well known on the local bar scene with his band, The Nighthawks. He would later become coleader of The Robert Cray Band.

Throughout his career, Salgado has constantly honed his craft, playing and singing in the tradition of Otis Redding, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and other blues legends.

"We can't wait for Curtis' triumphant return to Florence and to host him, his band and his brand of R&B and soul magic in our state-of-the-art theater," said Rachel Pearson, president of the Friends of the Florence Events Center, an all-volunteer non-profit dedicated to supporting the venue, arts and culture in Florence.

Tickets are $38 in advance through the Florence Events Center box office at 715 Quince St., by phone at 541-997-1994, or at EventCenter.org. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door the day of the concert.

According to Salgado's website, "Award-winning soul, blues and R&B vocalist Curtis Salgado's earth-shaking vocals and forceful harmonica playing have been devastating audiences around the world for more than 30 years. Guitarist Alan Hager has been wowing fellow musicians from his hometown of Portland, Ore., and beyond for decades. Hager has been jamming with Salgado since 2003 and joined his band full-time in 2015."

Reviews on Goldstar.com for some of Salgado's recent performances with Hager state, "Such a great concert! The music, the stories, the fabulous musicians and his singing soul mate. We left happy and joyful and so grateful we had come."

Together, the two blues fans and friends of Salgado and Hager took time out of their busy touring schedule to record "Rough Cut," a stripped-down album featuring a potent mix of newly written, timeless originals and carefully chosen blues covers.

"We did it for the love of the music," Salgado said. "This is where our hearts are. These are deep songs that we love to play."

Online reviews rave that their love of the music "comes through loud and clear on 'Rough Cut.' The 13 songs on the album (including six originals) range from plaintive to playful. Recorded in one live unrehearsed take, the original 'I Will Not Surrender,' with its haunting and sparse soundscape, showcases some of Hager's strongest guitar work, and some of the most profoundly emotive vocals Salgado has ever laid down."

Pearson adds, "You can expect an evening full of Curtis' inspired singing and world-class harmonica playing, and Alan's spellbinding guitar, to be a blues lover's dream come true. The concert promises a moving exploration of the joyful, emotionally uplifting power of passionately played and soulfully sung acoustic blues."

Salgado's website tells the story of when, in 1977, Salgado met actor John Belushi while Belushi was in Eugene filming "Animal House." Belushi spent hours with Salgado, playing old blues records and discussing the artists. Belushi would use this new-found knowledge to create The Blues Brothers, whose debut album "Briefcase Full of Blues" is dedicated to Salgado. Cab Calloway's character in "The Blues Brothers" film is named after Curtis.

Weekly

Florence Pickle-Ball Association
Monday, Wednesday and Friday — weather permitting
8:30 to 11 a.m.; Open to all ages and levels
Rolling Dunes Park, 35th St, Florence

Mondays

Band of Brothers Meeting
10 a.m., veterans meet for donuts, coffee and talking
Florence Elks Lodge #1858, 1686 12th St.

Coastal Babies Support Group
Second and fourth Mondays
Hosted by WellMama & Pregnancy and Parenting Center
10:30 a.m. to noon; new and expectant parents
1525 12th St., Ste. G

Helping Hands Coalition
Noon to 1 p.m.; open to those needing lunch or services
Florence Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101

Sit-n-Knit or Crochet Drop-in
Noon to 6 p.m.; $10
The Mustard Seed, 509 Kingwood St.
www.themustardseed1720.com

Suicide Survivors Support Group
With SVFR/WLAD Community Support Team
5:30 to 7 p.m.; open to those who have lost a loved one to suicide
Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, 2625 Highway 101

Tuesdays

Peace Harbor Farm Stand
Fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits free to people with OHP or who qualify for food assistance. Collaboration between PeaceHealth, Trillium Community Health Plan and FOOD for Lane County
PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, 400 Ninth St.

Florence Rotary Club
Noon; lunch purchase available
Florence Events Center
theflorencerotary.org

Dunesday Homeschool Social Club
1 to 4 p.m.; open to groups and individuals with admission charged
Dunesday Gaming, 375 Laurel St.
www.dunesdaygaming.com

Dunesday Tabletop Tuesdays
5 p.m. to close; admission charged; bring in tabletop games
Dunesday Gaming, 375 Laurel St.
www.dunesdaygaming.com

WellMama Peer Support Group
Second and fourth Tuesdays
6 to 7:30 p.m.; open to birthing parents and their support people
541-999-4880, birthingmamas.jen@gmail.com
Peace Health Medical Center Women's Clinic, 340 Ninth St.
www.wellmamaoregon.com

Wednesdays

Fun Connections Playgroup
For parents and children 5 and under
10:30 a.m. to noon
Open to families of young children
Pregnancy & Parenting Center, 1525 12th St., Suite G

Points of Grace Community Acupuncture
Experience relief from pain and stress
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; donations appreciated
1845 Highway 126

Florence Kiwanis Club
Noon; lunch purchase available
NEW: Florence Golf Links
www.florencekiwanis.org

Helping Hands Coalition
Noon to 1 p.m.; open to those needing lunch or services
Florence Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101

Celebrate Recovery
5:30 p.m.; open to public
Florence Church of the Nazarene, 1536 12th St.

Thursdays

Women's Empowerment
A safe space for encouragement, life skills
4 to 6 p.m.; open to women
Siuslaw Outreach Services, 1576 12th St.
Call 541-997-2816

Siuslaw Talespinners Toastmasters
First, second and third Thursdays
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Open to public
Port of Siuslaw Office

Community Chorus of Florence
7 p.m.; open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 | 541-999-7575

Coastal Writers Meet
First and third Thursdays
7 to 9 p.m.; open to writers at all stages
Shorewood Residences meeting room, 1451 Spruce St.
541-902-8575, nicholskaren222@gmail.com

Fridays

Florence Testing for HIV & HepC
Second and fourth Fridays
Hosted by Alliance for Men's Wellness and HIV Alliance
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Free to public
PeaceHealth Oregon Cardiology, 310 Ninth St.

Helping Hands Coalition
Noon to 1 p.m.; open to those needing lunch or services
Florence Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101

Live Music at Three Rivers
7 to 11 p.m.; 21+
Blue Bills Sports Bar at Three Rivers Casino Resort

Saturdays

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March 7

Siuslaw Dunes 2020
Hosted by Daybreak Racing and Siuslaw Dunes Trail Run
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 50K and 25K races
Register at www.daybreakracing.com
Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park, 84505 Highway 101

Scotch Broom Removal Volunteer Work Party
Hosted by Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
10 a.m. to noon; open to public; bring and wear sturdy work gear
Heceta Dunes off Joshua Lane north of Florence
www.saveoregondunes.org

Florence Home & Garden Show
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; $2 admission, kids free
4 to 6 p.m. — admission FREE
Florence Events Center

Florence Area Democratic Club Meeting
Q&A with Candidate Melissa Cribbins for State Senate, District 5
11 a.m.; open to public
Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

March 8 — Daylight Saving Time Begins

Set clocks forward 1 hour starting at 2 a.m.

Mapleton Lions Club Breakfast
Pancakes, Eggs, Ham and/or Sausage, OJ and Coffee
7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Cost $8 for adults, $4 Kids
Mapleton Lions Club, 88148 Riverview Ave.

Florence Home & Garden Show
Hosted by Coast Radio and Siuslaw News
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; $2 admission, kids free
Florence Events Center

March 9

"Price, Promote & Profit From Your Artwork"
Hosted by FRAA and Lane Arts Council
10 a.m. to noon; $20-25
Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St.
Fraaoregon.org

Coastal Babies Support Group
WellMama & Pregnancy & Parenting Center
10:30 a.m. to noon; for new & expectant parents
1525 12th St., Ste. G

March 10

Florence Community PTA Meeting
4:30 p.m.; open to public
Siuslaw Elementary School Library

Mapleton Cribbage Club
5 p.m.; open to public
Mapleton Branch of Siuslaw Public Library, 88148 Riverview Ave.

Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support Group
With Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff
5 to 7 p.m.; Open to public
Ichiban Restaurant
541-999-4239

March 11

"Spring into Action with Google's Business Insights Tools"
Hosted by Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, LCC, Hyak and City of Florence
8:45 to 10 a.m.; register at http://bit.ly/37pRb9s
Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

Garden Club Rhododendron and Plant Auction
1 p.m.; open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101

Last Resort Players Board Meeting
6 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center conference room
www.lastresortplayers.com

Learn American Sign Language with Sarah Severy
Session runs 4 Wednesdays
6 to 8 p.m.; $100 per course
The Mustard Seed, 509 Kingwood St.

March 12

Lunch & Learn Noon Forum
With Florence Area Chamber of Commerce
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lunch available to purchase
Best Western Pier Point Inn, 85625 Highway 101

March 13

Coastal Women Veterans' Luncheon
11:30 a.m.; open to women vets & their guests.
Mari's Kitchen, 1277 Bay St.
RSVP to 503-679-2745 or ananorth@protonmail.com

March 14

Childbirth & Newborn Care Class
Free class on all aspects of delivery, lactation and caring for your newborn
Hosted by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open to expectant parents and labor partners

Aglow International Area Event
Presented by South Central Oregon Area Team
Featuring speakers, fellowship & refreshments
10 a.m.; open to public
Florence Vineyard Church, 2610 Kingwood St.

CROW Spring Dance Showcase Auditions
For solos, duets & groups
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; open to all dancers 6+ with nearly complete routines
CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 | Crowkids.com

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour
3 to 5 p.m.; Open to public
Various locations around Florence
2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com

Rotary Club of Florence presents "Mad Hatter's Tea Party"
Annual auction and scholarship benefit
5 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center
www.theflorencerotary.org

March 15

Oregon Coast Humane Society Volunteer Appreciation
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; for OCHS volunteers
The Mustard Seed, 509 Kingwood St.

A Weekly Listing of Community Events in the Florence Area

Submit all events information to PressReleases@TheSiuslawNews.com

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• Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday) 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. – Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant • Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.
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• Cardboard (flatten) and Paper (magazines, junk mail, newspapers, scrap paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons)
• Plastic milk jugs and transparent drinking bottles (rinse – no lids)
• Metal food and drink cans (rinse – no lids)
Florence recycling picked up on same day as your trash.
541-997-8233
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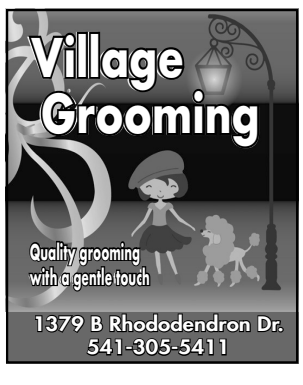
wasteconnections.com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