

## Kiwanis Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Project continues

People can continue to make pillowcases for the Kiwanis Club of Florence's Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Project. There are pillowcase kits available at Coast Insurance, 777 Maple St., for people who want to make them at home.

jean@coastinsurance.com, or call Coast Insurance 541-997-3455 to make arrangements.

Completed pillowcases will be delivered to Doernbecher Children's Hospital by the end of March. Finished pillowcases are due by March 26.

# Community News

## Artists prepare for 'A Novel Call for Art'

As people venture through best practices, fear, stocking up and being kind to others, they may or may not have a place to express their thoughts. BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery is hosting a call for art related to the current times as a way to encourage healthy and positive behavior.

"A Novel Call for Art: Expression of Feelings, Thoughts, Connections and Beyond during a Pandemic" is open to all artists — visual, literary, performing, culinary and beyond.

Ideally, a show or exhibition will be created from what is submitted, though the deadline has yet to be finalized.

The parameters are big for the exhibition since this call includes various types of expression. Currently, images, videos and more will be linked to a special gallery site available online.

BeauxArts owner Jo Beaudreau decided to host

the art call after the pandemic caused her to temporarily work from home.

"As a person who studied art, visual arts and American studies, our expressions,

"If it is food, write down the recipe and flavors, take an image or video, and eat it up," she said.

It's an acknowledgement that things are ephemeral,

store's social media page. Content will be posted in a special online gallery once art has been submitted.

"As more and more people are self-quarantining, we want to celebrate you and what you create," Beaudreau added. "Contact BeauxArts if you need inspiration or ideas."

Some project ideas could be to:

- Create a book. Books can be all sorts of things, think outside of the Book! Keep a portfolio of what you create and add notes about your thoughts.
- Make a journal with day to day updates that include who you talked to, your feelings, poems, short stories and experiences.
- Perform a song and record it.
- Make a gourmet meal or try a new recipe.
- Write a poem.
- Draw, paint or color, using whatever materials you already have.
- And many more.



thoughts and interactions matter," Beaudreau said. "We may not see it now or later, but others will. Keeping records of day to day and expressions of our life and interactions have value. We can learn more about ourselves and others, work through various issues and empower each other."

She encouraged people to make something, save it somehow and share it with others.

and the way people are being asked to live is very fluid right now.

"Expression helps us process, take action and motivate us," Beaudreau said. "We can share our experiences to our next generations and those who are far away."

To participate in "A Novel Call for Art," people should email Beaudreau at to BeauxArtsFAM@gmail.com or contact her through her

## Oregon Pacific Bank announces Community Emergency Loan Fund

Oregon Pacific Bank has developed a Community Emergency Loan Fund to help local businesses and nonprofit organizations. The bank has committed to lending up to \$5,000,000 to local businesses and nonprofit agencies that are headquartered and operate in the communities of Coos Bay, Eugene, Florence, Medford and Roseburg. These funds will be invested in local communities to reduce the economic impact of COVID-19.

"We believe small businesses and nonprofits are the social and economic drivers of the communities we

serve," said Ron Green, President and CEO of Oregon Pacific Bank. "Collectively throughout Oregon, our small businesses represent the largest employer of our community members. They are the people that volunteer on our local boards, are involved in our civic organizations and sponsor our local youth sports teams. During these unprecedented times, many of our small businesses and community organizations that we rely on are at risk. Oregon Pacific Bank is committed to helping our communities succeed, and we will invest in the viability and success of our small businesses."

Oregon Pacific Bank's Community Emergency Loan Fund will make it easier for business owners and nonprofits to qualify for a draw down line of credit. Each loan is not to exceed \$100,000 or 50 percent of its 2019 revenue. The loan will

start with 12 months of interest-only payments, with zero-percent interest for the first 6 months. After 6 months, the loan will convert to a 4-percent interest rate. At the end of 12 months, the loan will be amortized over a 7-year period at a fixed interest rate of 6 percent, with monthly payments of principal and interest.

The amount the bank has set aside could support at least 50 businesses, though not everyone will qualify or need to borrow up to the maximum limit.

"We are proud to be able to offer additional resources to our local community, but respectfully ask that applicants consider their true financial need before applying," Green said. "Oregon Pacific Bank will be there to help our local businesses, but we will first want to determine what other resources are available that you could invest in your business or nonprofit organization."

nization."

The bank recommends looking at some less-common solutions during this emergency. Some examples could include considering private capital from friends or relatives, selling under-utilized equipment, extra property or inventory, or talking to a financial advisor about an early withdrawal from your IRA.

"If your business is viable, and you have no other alternatives, please apply," added Green. "The intent of our Community Emergency Loan Fund is to provide assistance to those who truly need funds to cover operating expenses, so that their business will remain viable through the economic recovery."

Oregon Pacific Bank's Community Emergency Loan Fund online application can be found online at [www.opbc.com/community-emergency-loan-fund](http://www.opbc.com/community-emergency-loan-fund).

## Meals on Wheels continues service three days a week

Senior and Disability Services is continuing to operate Meals on Wheels routes across Lane County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operations have been amended to ensure precautions that prioritize the safety of meal recipients, staff and volunteers are at the frontlines of these efforts.

All Meals on Wheels

routes are continuing to operate with volunteers, who will have no direct contact with meal recipients in order to minimize health risks for all parties.

These health risks are being alleviated by a "knock and drop" approach that allows volunteers to make deliveries and also check on consumers while maintaining appropriate social dis-

tancing measures.

Florence's Café 60 participants have been temporarily put on Meals on Wheels routes, which are delivering on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

For more information about Meals on Wheels, call the Aging and Disability Resource Connection at 541-682-3353 during business hours.

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