

Community News

SWC streams 'Beaver Believers' film



The Siuslaw Watershed Council is offering its first online event on Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. — and people will be able to meet the filmmaker after the event.

Presented in partnership with McKenzie River Trust and the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, Siuslaw Watershed is bringing this film event planned earlier this year to people's homes by holding the event virtually. Afterward, there will be a live Q&A with the film director, Sarah Koenigsberg.

All attendees will be entered into a raffle and will learn how to make the "Busy Beaver Buzz" drink to enjoy during the film. People are encouraged to purchase a take-out meal from their favorite local restaurant for a dinner and a movie night.

Space is limited to 200 ticket holders. Tickets can be purchased at www.siuslaw.org/events/ from \$5 to \$15.



Sarah Koenigsberg directed "The Beaver Believers," which will be streamed on Tuesday, May 26, through Siuslaw Watershed Council.

"The Beaver Believers" is the urgent yet whimsical story of an unlikely cadre of activists who share a common vision: restoring the North American Beaver, that most industrious, ingenious, bucktoothed engineer, to the watersheds of the arid West.

Sometimes the best solutions to the biggest problems can be found in the most unexpected places. Meet the beaver believers:

five scientists and a sassy, spicy hairdresser, tackling climate change, one stick at a time.

As a keystone species, beaver enrich their ecosystems, creating the complexity and resiliency our watersheds need to absorb the impacts of climate change. Beavers can show us the way and even do much of the work for us, if only we can find the humility to trust in the restorative power of nature and our own ability to play a positive role within it. Shot in eight western U.S.

states, Mexico and Canada, through desert drought, raging wild fires, spring floods and wetland tranquility, this film will change the way you think about climate change and inspire you to step up confront the challenges we face.

"The Beaver Believers" encourages people to embrace a new paradigm for managing our western lands, one that seeks to partner with the natural world rather than overpower it. Koenigsberg, director of Tensegrity Productions in Walla Walla, Wash., is a filmmaker, photographer and educator whose work focuses on stories of art, environment, and community in the American West. Her films and teaching cross disciplines, illuminating the power of storytelling as a medium through which to explore complex science and policy issues.

For more information, visit siuslaw.org and www.thebeaverbelievers.com.

Oregon Air Nat'l Guard to conduct flyover of Peace Harbor

The Oregon Air National Guard is scheduled to continue flying multiple F-15 Eagle flyovers over hospitals and other locations throughout Oregon on Friday, May 22, and Monday, May 25, to salute Oregonians on the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The flyovers are a joint effort between Oregon's 173rd Fighter Wing, based in Klamath Falls, and the 142nd Wing, based in Portland, aimed at supporting and thanking healthcare workers, first responders and other essential workers

who are working to keep Oregonians safe and healthy each day.

The tribute also hopes to unify and boost the spirits of Oregonians and to recognize military members who have lost their lives in service to our country.

Anyone living in and around these hospitals and other locations should see and hear the jets. People are encouraged to view the flights from the safety of their own homes and practice physical distancing.

The flyovers listed below



The Oregon Air National Guard will fly over Peace Harbor and the Central Oregon Coast on Memorial Day.

are scheduled for the following locations at the approximate times Monday, May 25 and include previously approved Memorial Day flyover locations.

11:18 a.m. — Peace Harbor Cottage Grove Com-

munity Med. Center, Cottage Grove.

11:40 a.m. — Peace Harbor Medical Center, Florence.

11:44 a.m. — Lower Umpqua Hospital, Reedport.

Heart of the Coast to merge with First Step

Heart of the Coast Housing Alliance, a nonprofit organization addressing the housing needs of our local low-income workers and seniors, announces its formal merger with First Step — Florence Solutions to Housing Security, a like-minded nonprofit organization.

"Both organizations have been working toward the same goals of helping families in need of housing achieve stability and a safe place to live," said Heart of the Coast Board Secretary Priscilla Washington said.

"We feel this is a good combining of energy and resources and we are very excited to be able to reinforce all of our efforts through this merger. We are looking forward to working with First Step."

First Step is in the midst of a two-year transitional housing program for families. Currently 3 families are living in First Step properties and working towards independent living.

Heart of the Coast has spent the last two years developing plans for affordable housing in the

Florence and Western Lane County areas.

As a unified organization, using the First Step name, they will continue their specific focus while developing a permanent site for the transitional housing program and affordable apartment housing.

The group also owns a 2.8-acre site on the north side of the city and is beginning development plans.

For more information about First Step, contact Greg Wood at 804-908-9663 or visit firststepcommunity.com.

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- Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County
- CASA of Lane County
- CAFA
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- Deadwood Creek Services
- Delta Gamma
- Florence Food Share
- Florence Regional Arts Alliance
- Florence Events Center
- Food Backpack for Kids
- Friends of Florence Events Center
- Helping Hands Coalition
- Lane Arts Council
- Last Resort Players
- Mapleton Elementary School, Otter Sports
- Mapleton Food Share
- Mapleton High School
- Mapleton Community Preschool
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- Oregon Coast Emergency Repeater, Inc.
- Oregon Coast Humane Society
- Oregon Trail Council Boy Scouts of America
- Peace Harbor Hospital Foundation
- Pregnancy & Parenting Center
- Project Graduation
- Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Schools
- Seacoast Entertainment Association
- Siuslaw Education Foundation
- Siuslaw Elementary School
- Siuslaw High School HOSA Chapter
- Siuslaw Mat Club
- Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.
- Siuslaw Pioneer Museum
- Siuslaw Public Library
- Siuslaw Watershed Council
- UofO Foundation/Ctr for Prevention of Abuse & Neglect

Community People Helping Community People

Western Lane Community Foundation, founded in 1974, is a community trust, private non-profit organization. The Foundation's mission is to improve life throughout Western Lane County by encouraging and maintaining philanthropic activity.

WLCF focuses its giving in four major areas: culture, medicine and science, education, and social and civic services.

WLCF also manages funds designated for use by other nonprofit organizations.

To learn more about creating a community legacy or contributing to an endowment, please contact us.

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28	MAY 29
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
61°F 47°F	65°F 51°F	67°F 52°F	65°F 50°F	69°F 52°F	72°F 54°F	74°F 55°F

Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

1 Car Sanitation – All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.

2 Hand Sanitation – Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.

3 Give Customers Options – We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.

4 Employee Illness is Serious – We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.

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