

Community News

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum to open on limited basis

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence, will open on a limited basis the weekends of July 4 and 5 as well as July 11 and 12. Hours will be noon to 4 p.m. The museum has put specific coronavirus safety measures in place. Visitors are encouraged to bring and wear masks, practice safe distancing and use available hand sanitizer.

People should keep in mind the Museum Research Library is available by appointment only until further notice. Siuslaw Pioneer Museum staff will reassess the opening procedures after this limited opening to determine whether it will resume regular everyday hours. For more information or to contact the research library, call 541-997-7884 and leave a message.

WLCF Continuing Education Scholarships deadline approaches

Western Lane Community Foundation's Continuing Education Scholarship deadline is quickly approaching at the end of June. WLCF is offering 14 scholarships totaling \$16,200 this year. These scholarships are designed for students who use permanent home addresses within the Florence/Dunes City/Mapleton/Deadwood geographical areas and have already graduated from high school (2019 or earlier), have their diploma, GED, or were home schooled and are eligible to enter higher education or a trade school or a graduate program.

This includes non-traditional students starting or returning to a program after a career or family change or job loss. Scholarships are available for traditional four-year universities, colleges, community colleges, and accredited trade schools and special arts programs. While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics

include financial need, outside activities, work history, and volunteerism to name a few. The application lists criteria specific to each scholarship. Those who meet these minimum qualifications are encouraged to complete an application. Applications can be obtained on the WLCF website, www.wlcfonline.org. Application packets can be submitted online, or by mail at P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439. The deadline for postmark or receipt is June 30.

Wantz announces candidacy for City Councilor

On June 11, dozens of cars circled Florence resident Sally Wantz's house on her cul-de-sac while following social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines. Citizens of Florence waited in line while in their own vehicles in order to sign a petition to place the name of Sally Wantz on the November 2020 ballot for Florence City Councilor. Each petition signer was given a clean clipboard, a sterile pen and a "thank

you" from Wantz and her spouse, Jennifer French. After 16 years of working in human resources for Three Rivers Casino Resort and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Wantz retired June 5. Following her completion of the Florence Civic Leadership program in 2004, Wantz said she has wanted to serve on City Council, and that "...the time has come to pursue that dream."

With what Wantz described as a "deep respect for what it requires to effectively serve," Wantz said she is committed to being an active and accessible city councilor "...working to ensure Florence is a vibrant, strong, safe and welcoming community for all who live, work and play here." For more information, contact 541-901-9904 or email her at SallyWantz2020@gmail.com.



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LCC presents Nonviolent Communication Basics Class

On Wednesday, June 24, from 3 to 5 p.m., Rosemary Alden presents "Nonviolent Communication Basics," the first of nine classes based on Marshall Rosenberg's nonviolent communication. This class will be held via Zoom through Lane Community College's Continuing Education Program. "Are you looking for a safe environment to practice more satisfying ways to

communicate?" asks Alden. "Then this is for you." The goal of nonviolent communication is "communication with empathy and integrity," with focus on transforming conditioned thinking and feeling. Marshall's book, "Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationships," is the basis for the class. To register for the class, go to <https://lanec.edu/soft.net> and follow the prompts for the Florence campus through to "Personal Enrichment/Self Improvement." There will be a link for "Nonviolent Communication Basics."

Celebrate the U.S. with 4th of July 'Porch Parade'

Florence Habitat for Humanity and the City of Florence are inviting community members to decorate their front porches and show community spirit thus July Fourth. With the Fourth of July Porch Parade, people can express their creativity and bring a smile to friends and neighbors by decorating their front porch. Don't have a porch? Decorate your lawn, the sidewalk, a window, garage door — anything visible from the street. The first 50 homes to register will have a Porch Parade yard sign placed at their home. All winners will receive a

winners yard sign and:

- First place: \$200 Laurel Bay Gift Card
- 2nd place: \$100 Habitat ReStore Gift Card
- 3rd place: Custom porch sign from Wren's Nest

Businesses can participate as well, with one business winning \$260 in advertising at KCST Coast Radio. To register, or for more information including guidelines, visit www.florencehabitat.org. Decorations must be fully up by noon on Wednesday, July 1, and able to stay up through Sunday, July 5. Judging will be held on Friday, July 3. Winners will be announced on the Fourth of July at 10 a.m. on KCST Coast Radio 106.9 FM. Fourth of July Porch Parade sponsors include: Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, Cascade Title Co., West Coast Real Estate Services, Inc., Keller Williams Realty, Berkshire Hathaway NW Real Estate, Windermere Real Estate and Laurel Bay Gardens.

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Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
65°F 49°F	68°F 52°F	71°F 55°F	73°F 55°F	69°F 54°F	67°F 53°F	66°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.
- 5 Wipe Down High Touch Points** - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you. We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.

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