

# Community News

## Community invited to celebrate retirement of SVFR Battalion Chief Dave Beck this Saturday

Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Beck is retiring after 40 Years of service to the community of Florence.

In honor of Chief Beck, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue will be hosting a social distance "Drive by Retirement Party" Saturday, July 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the west end of the SVFR main station.

The address of the main station where the event will be held is 2625 Highway 101 in Florence. Those wishing to celebrate are asked to drive into the Siuslaw Middle School Parking lot (2525 Oak Street) and

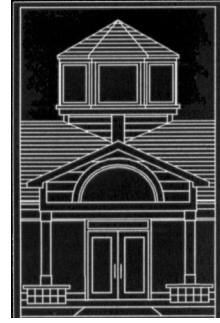
"stage" behind the SVFR ladder truck.

Staging will begin approximately around 12:45 p.m. The procession will begin, following the ladder truck east on 26th street, to the west-end parking lot at the main station where Chief Beck will be present to be honored.

SVFR asks that, community during the "party," community members not park on the front aprons of the fire station so that firefighting apparatus are not obstructed in the event of a call.

For more information, call SVFR at 541-997-3212.

## Library Tidings



### News about the Siuslaw Public Library

**Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.**

**Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge**

### Book Review "The Jane Austen Society" By Natalie Jenner

Just after the Second World War, in the small English village of Chawton, an unusual but like-minded group of people band together to attempt something remarkable.

In the early 1800s, Chawton was the final home of Jane Austen, one of England's finest novelists. By the 1940s, little remains of her legacy but a few distant relatives and their diminishing estate, including the cottage where Austen wrote or revised her books.

With the winds of change blowing through the country in the postwar days and the cottage's future now in the hands of fate, a group of disparate individuals fight to preserve both Austen's home and her legacy for the world.

These people — a farmer, a young war widow, the village doctor, an employee of Sotheby's, a Hollywood star, a local solicitor, the anticipated heiress to the estate, and a precocious house-girl — could not be more different, and yet they are united in their love for the works and words of Austen.

As each of them endures their own quiet struggle with the loss and trauma of war and other tragedies, they find solace, connection, and hope in rallying together to create the Jane Austen Society.

A charming and moving novel that explores the tragedies and triumphs of life, both large and small, and the universal humanity within us all, Natalie Jenner's *The Jane Austen Society* is destined to resonate with readers for years to come.

### Curbside in Mapleton!

So now that we've had several weeks of curbside pickup service in Florence, we have expanded to curbside in Mapleton. At this time, Mapleton or other up-river residents can pick up books and DVDs and other materials at the branch on Thursdays, between 3 and 5 p.m.

You can call the main library at 541-997-3132 from 10am to 1pm Monday through Friday to request books, but if you wish Mapleton pick up you must let us know and call no later than Wednesday, the day before.

### Computer Appointments

Need to check email or print something? You can

now make an appointment to use one of our computers!

Call the library at 541-997-3132, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to make your one-hour appointment for the following weekday.

We have a limited number of morning and afternoon slots available. We'll give you more information over the phone, or go to [www.siuslawlibrary.info](http://www.siuslawlibrary.info), to learn more.

### Creativebug

Have you checked out the library's newest digital service, Creativebug? It's been getting rave reviews from a number of library patrons.

Creativebug is a site offering arts and crafts instructional videos. After logging in with your library card number and then registering for free, you can enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes.

Watch the classes anytime, anywhere. Since the classes never expire, you can start and stop projects at your own pace. These classes are for all skill level and the videos are produced by renowned artists and creative experts.

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## Siuslaw Pioneer Museum cancels annual Pioneer Picnic

Due to concern for the safety and health of community members, the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum has regretfully announced it is cancelling its annual Pioneer Picnic.

The picnic was sched-

uled for Aug. 8 at the Elks campground off Mercer Lake Road.

The picnic, which honors pioneer families as well as provides a venue for interested people to learn more about Siuslaw

Valley history, is held each year to coincide with harvest time.

The museum, located at 275 Maple Street in Florence, will remain closed until further notice.

Messages for the muse-

um library staff can be left by calling 541-997-7884.

Volunteers can help with historical research and will return calls.

## Humane Society Thrift Store now open three days each week

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) Thrift Shop, 1193 Bay St. in Historic Old Town, has re-opened with limited hours after a three-and-a-half month.

The shop is now open Thursdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We're working to get back to our typical hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays,

and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays," said thrift shop manager Lynne Dixon. "But for now, due to all the new regulations and sensibilities, we're working with our heroic volunteers to set our hours."

According to Dixon, masks are required per COVID-19 protocols for shopping and dropping off contributions and appointments are recommended.

To schedule, shoppers and donors can call 541-997-5705.

The shop updates its most recent deals and treasures on its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/OCHSThriftShop](http://www.facebook.com/OCHSThriftShop).

Much of the store's inventory comes from estate

sales and is of excellent quality. This includes bargains on clothing, books, dishes, kitchenware, furniture, appliances and linens.

"People who want to contribute items to resell and raise funds for the shelter and its residents can schedule an appointment to bring them to the Thrift Shop at the corner of Bay and Kingwood streets," Dixon said. "We're currently accepting new or gently used dishes, utensils, pots and pans, appliances, clothing, and linens."

People can benefit the animals directly at the humane society with items such as kitty litter, bleach, gloves, cleaning supplies,

clean bedding materials, brushes and combs. Contributions can be dropped off by appointment at the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Dr., or at the OCHS Thrift Shop donation room during business hours.

"We will assist donors with unloading their vehicle and will provide a tax-deductible receipt. If they have larger items, we can arrange for them to be picked up by calling 541-997-5705," she said.

To learn more, adopt or foster a pet, volunteer or make a financial donation call 541-997-4277 or visit [OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org](http://OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org).

# Shoes for those in Need

## Men's Shoes are of great need at Siuslaw Outreach Services.

This July The Siuslaw News is having a shoe drive to help those in need in our community. Please help someone get on their feet by donating new or gently used and clean shoes, specifically men's size 10 and up. You may drop off your donated items at The Siuslaw News 148 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence

### Donations accepted until July 31st.

Other items needed for fall: Tarps, heavy blankets, socks, pocket ponchos, monetary donations for operations.

**SN Siuslaw News**

Need more info? Call us at 541-997-3441

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
JULY 22	JULY 23	JULY 24	JULY 25	JULY 26	JULY 27	JULY 28
AM Clouds/ PM Sun	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
64°F 51°F	65°F 49°F	66°F 49°F	66°F 50°F	69°F 52°F	70°F 53°F	67°F 53°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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