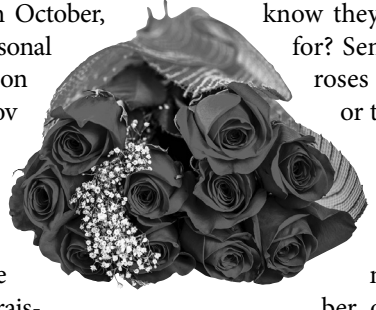


Soroptimists host annual Rose Sale

Soroptimist International of Florence (SIF) will be selling roses again September through October, with personal delivery on Tuesday, Nov 2 — (Election Day). This annual sale will be the only fundraiser this year for SIF due to COVID-19.



a special someone, make a friend smile or “just because” to let someone know they are cared for? Send a dozen roses ... or two or three.

To order, contact any Soroptimist member or call the chair, Jo Hine, at 541-997-2233. If you have ordered in the past you will be contacted by a Soroptimist member. Orders must be submitted by Oct. 15.

Members of SIF thank and appreciate the community's support every year.

Register cell phones to receive Emergency Notification Alerts

On its Facebook page Tuesday, the City of Florence posted about the large amounts of smoke people were experiencing in the air. On Monday night, the local 911 dispatch center was overwhelmed with the amount of calls from people wanting to know where it was from.

Below is some information on how to sign up for emergency alerts and get information without overwhelming the dispatch center.

AlertSense: People can sign up to receive local emergency alerts through www.ci.florence.or.us/community/register-your-cell-phone-receive-emergency-notification-alerts.

This service allows fire, police and other emergency response agencies to issue emergency alerts to warn citizens of events such as severe weather, fire, flooding, hazardous materials, need for immediate evacuation, civil danger, local area emergencies and missing persons.

People can also enter their address or zip code to receive advanced warning of severe weather or emergencies that directly impact the area. In the event of a life threatening emergency, alerts will be delivered through priority channels including phone calls and/or priority text messages.

Non-emergency notifications are received through text and email.

Emergency voice alerts

sent from Lane County will come through with the following CallerID displayed: 541-972-3177.

FEMA Alerts: Another useful resource is to download the FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) app on cell phones to receive weather and disaster alerts.

Many people would have received alerts for the wind and smoke event through this app.

The City of Florence also gave information on the 911 Dispatch Center and how it triages calls during an event like the beginning of the week.

The Florence Police Department operates the 911 dispatch center. Dispatchers answer the 911 call,

non-emergency calls and dispatch for local public safety entities.

Calling 911 or the non-emergency line to get information that is available elsewhere, rather than to report an emergency, congests those lines for actual emergencies.

It also makes it difficult for our dispatchers to communicate with public safety and utilities to address issues being reported.

Information on confirmed issues that are matters of public safety will be shared through official sources like the City of Florence, Lane County Government, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, Western Lane Ambulance District and local media partners.

— SIUSLAW VISION TEAM SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS —

Siuslaw Vision is looking to add a few new volunteer members to the Vision Team to begin serving this fall and help move forward the goal of building a better

community together. Siuslaw Vision is a grassroots effort to improve quality of life for residents living in the western Lane County area, including

Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton, Deadwood and Swisshome.

The Vision was created following two years of input from over 1,200 local residents. It focuses on six inclusive elements, all centered on the people of the Siuslaw region: Working People (jobs and the economy), Happy People (health

and human services), Educated People (lifelong learners), Connected People (infrastructure and public services), Creative People (arts and culture) and Active People (recreation and the outdoors).

“The Vision Team serves primarily as a connector, convener and catalyst for Vision-related project ideas

brought to us and supported by the community,” said Susy Lacer, Vision Team co-chair. “We usually aren’t hands-on with projects, but instead empower community members and help connect them with the resources needed to bring their dreams to life.”

The Vision Team and staff often work with Lane County agencies and organizations to ensure that the needs of western Lane County are heard as the organizations plan for expanded and new services.

“One of the keys to effective community building is to be profoundly inclusive, and that’s an area we continue to work toward,” said Stephanie Sarles, Siuslaw Vision coordinator. “We want to be sure our Vision Team represents a wide variety of voices in our community. Anyone who wants to help build a better community together is welcome

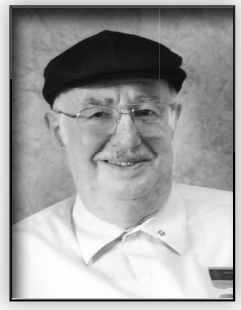
to get in touch.”

The Vision Team is a working committee that meets at least twice monthly and requires a minimum commitment of 6 hours a month. Special events and projects require additional time.

Right now, the team is meeting virtually due to COVID-19.

“We ask that you serve for at least 3 months, with hopes you would continue for a 1-year term,” said Sarles.

To learn more about Siuslaw Vision and what the Vision Team does, visit www.RiverCal.org/JoinTheVT. There’s a full job description for Vision Team volunteers, a slideshow with an overview of Siuslaw Vision and the Team and an interest form to fill out. Interested community members can also contact Sarles at vision@siuslawvision.org, or 541-590-2425.



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