Florence 'Earth Day' celebration event April 15-22

Backstreet Gallery re-opens Thursdays-Sundays

Coronavirus Style Artist and photographs of their April.

work.

is April 22 and, despite Covid-19 restrictions, the Earth Day committee is planning a people-friendly, safe event for the Florence area community.

The Florence Earth Day Porch Parade will commence April 15 and can use their imagina-

entry and in-person

viewing, Backstreet Gal-

lery, 1421 Bay Street in

Florence, reopens 11

a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday,

Friday, Saturday, Sunday,

days soon.

next week.

businesses — or pairings of both — can decorate and more encouraged. their porch or yard to celebrate Earth Day.

"Restore Our Earth." Community members

With a new Facebook gallery's new Facebook mation about the artist artists

Meet the Artist will stories.

Follow the stories on

Backstreet Facebook.

themes of recycling, cli-Individual homes and mate, tree planting, green energy, beach clean-up

In addition, certificate awards will be present-The theme this year is ed for a variety of categories including "Best Child-Created Display," "Most Imaginative" and

Facebook by Googling allow many friends to infuses ink overlays with

enjoy their delightful

introducing a different Pattie Anderson joins of subjects in a dramatic

photographer Stephanie

Ames as the Featured

This year's Earth Day continue through the tion in decorating, with "Best Representation of Theme."

> Yard signs will be available beginning April 12. For more information, visit Facebook.com/ florenceoregonearthday or email teenasan67@

> > now

Anderson's spectacu-

vivid color; Ames' dy-

namic photography cap-

through

gmail.com.

art to help OCHS The Florence Region- noon. There will be an

Middle schoolers create

has announced it is in the front of the midsupporting the Siuslaw Middle School Social Justice Club with its cur- have created an Anirent fundraiser.

According to teacher Lauren Suveges, who heads the club, St., from today through "Students talked about April 11. several relevant issues that they care about, including civil rights, environmental rights and animal rights."

The club will be hosting a fundraiser to focus on The Oregon Coast an amazing bunch of 7th Humane Society today, March 13, from 9 a.m. to

al Arts Alliance (FRAA) animal supplies drop-off dle School.

> In addition, students mal Art Show and Sale art which will be exhibited at FRAA, 120 Maple

> > All artworks were created by Siuslaw Middle School artists, with proceeds being given to the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

> > "The participants are and 8th graders," said Suveges.

Western Lane Red Cross continues free virtual preparedness classes

way.

Sharing the page will lar water media painting

Water media artist tures light on a variety

In honor of March be- Informed. ing Red Cross Month, the Red Cross Cascades Region is hosting a series of free emergency preparedness presentations throughout the month.

How to prepare for emergencies:

Taking place every Tuesday in March from 6 to 7 p.m., classes will cover the most common disasters we face in the Pacific Northwest and how to prepare for them.

Whether you're motivated to start building your preparedness kit, or need a refresher course, these classes are designed to help families and individuals learn how to be better prepared.

Information and links can be found at redcross. org/cascades.

• March 16: Earthquake Safety

• March 23: Flooding Safety

Safety

gencies looks a little dif- shelter, food, relief items, ferent right now, but the emotional support and three basic action steps other assistance. remain the same: Build a Kit, Make a Plan and Be cross.org/VolunteerTo-

Reception.

with plans to open more appear every two weeks

Backstreet invites the member artist that in-

community to visit the cludes interesting infor-

In addition to the preparedness series, the Red Cross Cascades Region has a free downloadable "Prepare! Guide" available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Russian. For nearly 80 years, U.S. presidents have proclaimed March as Red Cross Month to recognize people giving back through its lifesaving mission — which is powered more than 90 percent by volunteers.

They include people who volunteer to provide emotional support, psychological first aid and referrals to community assistance for families coping with disasters during the pandemic.

How to help

You can help ensure that families don't face emergencies alone - especially during a pandemic:

• Donate: Support our • March 30: Home Fire Disaster Relief efforts at redcross.org/GivingDay. Red Cross recognizes A gift of any size makes that preparing for emer- a difference to provide

positions and local opportunities.

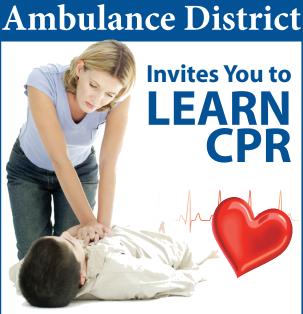
• *Give blood:* If you're healthy and feeling well, make an appointment clude our Psychological at RedCrossBlood.org. Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for a patient in need.

• Learn lifesaving skills: others.

day for most-needed Take a class in skills like CPR and first aid to help in an emergency at redcross.org/TakeAClass.

> Online options in-First Aid for COVID-19 course, which covers how to manage stress and support yourself and





CPR Certifications

Adult CPR - \$50.00 Child Infant CPR Supplemental - \$25.00 Total - \$75 for both 2nd Saturday of every month 9am to 1pm at Western Lane Ambulance District



• Volunteer: Visit red-

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We hope all of our student athletic teams have a ball this year! We applaud each student athlete's hard work and dedication both on and off the field, and we wish you much success in the coming season. Good Luck!



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