

## Florence 'Earth Day' celebration event April 15-22

This year's Earth Day continues through the next week. Individual homes and businesses — or pairings of both — can decorate their porch or yard to celebrate Earth Day. The theme this year is "Restore Our Earth." Community members can use their imagina-

tion in decorating, with themes of recycling, climate, tree planting, green energy, beach clean-up and more encouraged. In addition, certificate awards will be presented for a variety of categories including "Best Child-Created Display," "Most Imaginative" and "Best Representation of Theme." Yard signs will be available beginning April 12. For more information, visit Facebook.com/florenceoregonearthday or email teenasan67@gmail.com.

## Middle schoolers create art to help OCHS

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) has announced it is supporting the Siuslaw Middle School Social Justice Club with its current fundraiser. According to art teacher Lauren Suveges, who heads the club, "Students talked about 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 Humane Society today, March 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be an animal supplies drop-off in the front of the middle school. In addition, students have created an Animal Art Show and Sale which will be exhibited at FRAA, 120 Maple St., from today through April 11. All artworks were created by Siuslaw Middle School artists, with proceeds being given to the Oregon Coast Humane Society. "The participants are an amazing bunch of 7th and 8th graders," said Suveges.

## Backstreet Gallery re-opens Thursdays-Sundays

With a new Facebook entry and in-person viewing, Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street in Florence, reopens 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, with plans to open more days soon. Backstreet invites the community to visit the gallery's new Facebook Coronavirus Style Artist Reception. Follow the stories on Facebook by Googling Backstreet Facebook. Meet the Artist will appear every two weeks introducing a different member artist that includes interesting infor-

mation about the artist and photographs of their work. Sharing the page will allow many friends to enjoy their delightful stories. Water media artist Pattie Anderson joins photographer Stephanie Ames as the Featured artists now through April. Anderson's spectacular water media painting infuses ink overlays with vivid color; Ames' dynamic photography captures light on a variety of subjects in a dramatic way.

## Red Cross continues free virtual preparedness classes

In honor of March being 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.

day for most-needed positions and local opportunities. Take a class in skills like CPR and first aid to help in an emergency at redcross.org/TakeAClass. Online options include our Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 course, which covers how to manage stress and support yourself and others.

- **March 16:** Earthquake Safety
  - **March 23:** Flooding Safety
  - **March 30:** Home Fire Safety
- Red Cross recognizes that preparing for emergencies looks a little different right now, but the three basic action steps remain the same: Build a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed. 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 Disaster Relief efforts at redcross.org/GivingDay. A gift of any size makes a difference to provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance.
  - **Volunteer:** Visit redcross.org/VolunteerTo-

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## GO, TEAMS!

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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APPETIZER  
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ENTREE  
Bison Strip Steak - \$39

DESSERT  
BONFIRE Baked Alaska - \$9

### Blue Bills

MARCH SPECIALS

TACO OMELET - \$13  
SERVED DAILY 7AM-11AM

MEATLOAF MELT - \$13  
SERVED DAILY 11AM-9PM

SMOKED SALMON PASTA - \$19  
SERVED DAILY 4PM-9PM

### Riverside FOOD COURT

MARCH SPECIALS

Burger Bar: BUFFALO CHICKEN SANDWICH - \$10

Mamma Mia! ROCK SHRIMP DELIGHT PIZZA - \$11

Coastal Roasters IRISH CREAM LATTE - \$5

### Blue Bills

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17  
11am to 9pm

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