

Farmers Market to allow walk-throughs

This year, new Oregon Health Authority guidelines make it possible to re-



open the Florence Farmers Market as a walk-through outdoor market from May to October.

The Florence Farmers Market meets every Tuesday beginning May 11 at Bay and Kingwood streets in Historic Old Town Florence.

The market will not be able to hold nonessential programming — including community partner booths, cooking and special classes — but it will have all the community's favorite local produce and products, live music and some limited sampling.

In addition, Oregon Trail customers can double their purchasing power in their "Double Up" program, up to \$20 instead of \$10.

"The safety of our shoppers is our number one concern, so there will be informational signs, and staff and vendors will wear masks," said market volunteer Joanna Henderson. "We request that our shoppers do the same to ensure a safe and easy shopping experience for everyone."

For those who find it more convenient, some

vendors will continue to accept on-line ordering for pick-ups at their booths. People can go to "On-line Shopping" on florencfarmersmarket.org for details about ordering and how to pick up their orders.

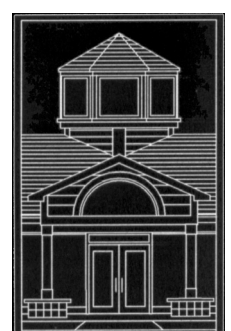
"We hope you'll celebrate turning this page with us in the summer ahead. We look forward to reconnecting and expanding our community in good health," Henderson added.

As a local 501(c)3 nonprofit, Florence Farmers Market relies on its community for support. Those involved in the market love its volunteers who make the market possible.

Florence Farmers Market is looking for a few more committed, enthusiastic folks who are available to work through the majority of the season, from mid-May to mid-October, every Tuesday afternoon. No contribution is too small.

People can contact Britte Kirsch at britte.kirsch@gmail.com or 435-729-0554 to learn about the various volunteer opportunities.

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 "Made in China" by Amelia Pang

In 2012, an Oregon mother named Julie Keith opened up a package of Halloween decorations. The cheap foam headstones had been five dollars at Kmart, too good a deal to pass up. But when she opened the box, something shocking fell out: an SOS letter, handwritten in broken English

"Sir: If you occasionally buy this product, please kindly resend this letter to the World Human Right Organization. Thousands people here who are under the persecution of the Chinese Communist Party Government will thank and remember you forever."

The note's author, Sun Yi, was a mild-mannered Chinese engineer turned political prisoner, forced into grueling labor for campaigning for the freedom to join a forbidden meditation movement. He was imprisoned alongside petty criminals, civil rights activists, and tens of thousands of others the Chinese government had decided to "reeducate," carving foam headstones and stitching clothing for more than 15 hours a day.

In "Made in China," investigative journalist Amelia Pang pulls back the curtain on Sun's story and the stories of others like him, including the persecuted

Uyghur minority group whose abuse and exploitation is rapidly gathering steam. What she reveals is a closely guarded network of laogai — forced labor camps — that power the rapid pace of American consumerism.

Through extensive interviews and firsthand reportage, Pang shows us the true cost of America's cheap goods and shares what is ultimately a call to action — urging us to ask more questions and demand more answers from the companies we patronize.

Browsing A Success

The library's opening for browsing five days a week has gotten off to a roaring and joyous success. Lots of friends, old and new, visited, browsed and checked out lots of books, DVDs, and other materials.

As a reminder, the current browsing hours in Florence are Monday through Thursday, 11a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays, 11a.m. to 6 p.m. In Mapleton, browsing is on Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m.

Curbside will continue for those who prefer to order books through phone or online, with pick-up hours matching the browsing hours.

Patrons are required to wear masks inside the library. Appointments are not necessary. There are

also new touch less check-out stations we encourage patrons to use.

There is no seating at this time and meeting rooms are not available. You can bring your kids in to select books but toys are not available and we cannot accommodate play groups or meet-ups. Restrooms are also closed to the public.

We have a library card "station" set up in the lobby so if you applied for a library card during our closure, you can pick up your physical card during browsing hours once you have provided photo ID and proof of your current street address. For new library cards we will provide applications to be completed out of the building, and then you will return for the card, again providing photo ID and proof of address.

Computer Appointments

We are offering a limited number of computers by appointment, twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call us at 541-997-3132 Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to make your one-hour appointment for that day or the following weekday.

For more information about the Siuslaw Public Library or its programs, stop by 1460 Ninth St. in Florence or 88148 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.info.

Oregon Coast Aquarium commonly mistaken as Newport Aquarium

NEWPORT—The Oregon Coast Aquarium (OCAq), located in Newport, Ore., is often mistaken as the Newport Aquarium, located in Newport, Kent.

OCAq encourages audiences to be aware of this common misunderstanding while reading news articles and purchasing tickets.

In light of recent news coverage concerning Newport Aquarium's decision regarding face cov-

ering accommodations, OCAq wants to clarify that anyone in need of special accommodations can contact us to make arrangements.

"We pride ourselves on the efforts we make to connect our guests to the Oregon coast," states Carrie Lewis, president and CEO of OCAq, "and that includes being aware of and proactive about their needs."

To make special accommodation arrangements,



People can visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Rd., Newport, now.

guest can reach out to OCAq via phone at 541-867-3474, via email at contact@aquarium.org or via social media.

OCAq believes everyone deserves the chance to experience the wonders of

the Oregon coast, and will continue to make the effort to ensure guests have equal access to safe and memorable experiences.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium creates unique and engaging experiences

that connect you to the Oregon Coast and inspire ocean conservation. An accredited Association of Zoos & Aquariums institution, this 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is ranked as one of the top

10 aquariums in the U.S. People can visit at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Rd., Newport, and online at aquarium.org. For more information, call 541-867-3474 and follow on social media for the latest updates.

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