

# Community News

## Rotary seeks submissions for annual 4-way speech contest

Any Siuslaw or Mapleton-area high school student (public, private, or home-schooled) in grades 9-12 who cares about ethical standards and behavior in today's world is invited to participate in the Rotary Club of Florence's annual Rotary International 4-Way Test Speech Contest.

The contest will be held virtually at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. The top three finalists at the contest will present their speeches to a virtual meeting of the Florence Rotary Club on Tuesday, May 4, at noon.

First place for the local contest receives \$750, second place prize is \$500, and third place will receive \$250. All participants will

be required to take the Rotary 4-Way Test and apply it to real life throughout their speeches. The 4-Way Test has four principles:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All speeches must be original and may not be less than 5 minutes or more than 7 minutes. Speeches should also be memorized.

For information on participating, including an application and guidelines, visit [www.theflorence Rotary.org](http://www.theflorence Rotary.org) and choose the tab "Club Youth Programs" followed by "Speech Contest."

## Oregon Coast Tourism Association joins Climate Emergency

NEWPORT—The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) has joined Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency, an international initiative that supports tourism businesses, organizations and individuals in declaring a climate emergency and taking purposeful action to reduce carbon emissions as per the advice from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to cut global carbon emissions to 55 percent below 2017 levels by 2030.

OCVA will be exploring voluntary, private sector solutions to this complex and global issue.

According to the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Roadmap, there is an immediate need for action across all economic sectors.

As stated in the 2020 Biennial Report to the Legislature, Oregon is currently "not on track" to accomplish its envisioned progress. Tourism, one of Oregon's largest economic

contributors, is stepping up to support climate change mitigation solutions on the Oregon Coast.

"Rising to the occasion and working together requires a little bit of grit and a lot of courage. I can't think of a more creative and lionhearted group than what we have on the coast and they will be key to this initiative's success," said OCVA Deputy Director Arica Sears.

Like all signatories, OCVA has committed to the following five actions:

1. Develop a Climate Emergency Plan within the next 12 months, which sets out intentions to reduce carbon emissions over the next decade.
2. Share an initial public declaration of our Climate Emergency Plan, and update on progress each year.
3. Accept current IPCC advice stating the need to cut global carbon emissions to 55 percent below 2017 levels by 2030 in order to keep the planet within 1.5

degrees of warming.

OCVA will ensure its Climate Emergency Plan represents actions designed to achieve this as a minimum, through delivering transparent, measurable and increasing reductions in the total carbon emissions per customer arising from its operations and the travel services it sells.

4. Encourage suppliers and partners to make the same declaration; sharing best practices amongst peers; and actively participate in the Tourism Declares community

5. Advocate for change. "We recognize the need for system change across the industry to accelerate a just transition towards carbon-free tourism," Sears said.

Beginning this spring, OCVA will synthesize existing research, resources and solutions that are compatible with Oregon Coast businesses and recruit courageous thinkers to join in the work.

This fall, OCVA will host sector-specific focus groups such as hotels, vacation rentals, retail facilities and food industry stakeholders to strategize holistic ways to reduce our carbon footprint in terms of transportation, energy efficiency measures and materials management.

For more information on this work, visit [visittheoregoncoast.com/industry/oregon-coast-tourism-declares-a-climate-emergency/](http://visittheoregoncoast.com/industry/oregon-coast-tourism-declares-a-climate-emergency/).

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association is the official Regional Destination Management Organization (RDMO) as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission, DBA Travel Oregon. This association is comprised of chambers of commerce, visitors centers/bureaus, resource management entities and 100+ private tourism businesses along Oregon's 363 miles of coastline.

For more information, visit [visittheoregoncoast.com](http://visittheoregoncoast.com).

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## Habitat ReStore accepting donations of left-over paint

Got Paint? Keep what you need, recycle the rest.

Florence Habitat for Humanity will take left-over paint, which is then either resold if in usable condition, or recycled.

A drive-through drop-off point will be set up on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Florence Habitat ReStore parking lot, 2016 Highway 101 in Florence.

ReStore will accept house paint, primers, stains and sealers. All paint must be in the original container with the manufacturer's printed label, secure lid and no larger than 5 gallons.

For more information, call 541-997-5834, email [restore@florencehabitat.org](mailto:restore@florencehabitat.org) or visit the ReStore in the Grocery Outlet strip mall

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## PFLAG-Florence to meet virtually next Tuesday via Zoom

PFLAG-Florence, the local branch of a national organization in support

of LGBTQ+ people and their families, will meet online this month.

People are invited to attend the meeting via the Zoom meeting application on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

"We're going to test the waters with a virtual meeting on Zoom this month," said local

PFLAG leader Linda Yoder. "We'll see how this goes, and hope to include some programming as we get going. As venues open up, we will make every effort to meet in person again, when it is safe to do so."

People who need assistance connecting to the meeting should contact

Yoder at [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com).

To join the Zoom meeting, use this link: [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87284049246?pwd=MEltU2QyRFdlaGF2aTh0S1F0d3R6Zz09](https://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87284049246?pwd=MEltU2QyRFdlaGF2aTh0S1F0d3R6Zz09) Meeting ID: 872 8404 9246 Passcode: 320890

**Siuslaw News**

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## Siuslaw plans Kindergarten Kick-off for April 20

The Siuslaw Elementary School Kindergarten Kick-Off will be held on Tuesday, April 20, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. at Siuslaw Elementary School, 2221 Oak St. Either session may be attended.

During the kick-off, 2021-22 kindergarten students and their parents are invited to meet teachers and visit a model classroom during this

time.

Intent to Register forms will be available at the event and at the school office.

A student must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021, to start kindergarten. Oregon law also requires that students starting school be up-to-date on all age appropriate immunizations.

More information

about immunization requirements is available at [siuslaw.k12.or.us](http://siuslaw.k12.or.us).

Full registration for kindergarten and all other grades will be held this summer, Aug. 17 to 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Siuslaw Elementary School.

For more information, call the elementary school at 541-997-2514 or visit [siuslaw.k12.or.us](http://siuslaw.k12.or.us).

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<b>FRENCH EXIT</b> - R 110 MIN - "Pfeiffer's performance only becomes richer as her character reveals the kindness that's been buried within her cool, stylish persona all this time." RogerEbert.com	3:45 PM	3:45 PM	2:45 PM	12:45 PM	12:45 PM	12:45 PM	12:45 PM
<b>GODZILLA VS. KONG</b> - 113 MIN - "A crowd-pleasing, smash-'em-up monster flick and a straight-up action picture par excellence. It is a fairy tale and a science-fiction exploration film, a Western, a pro wrestling extravaganza, a conspiracy thriller, a Frankenstein movie, a heartwarming drama..." RogerEbert.com	1:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	3:30 PM 6:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM
<b>THE MARKSMAN</b> - PG-13 108 MIN - "The movie displays the measured pacing and tautness marking many of Eastwood's films, and Neeson delivers an Eastwood-style performance while also revealing an emotional vulnerability that proves fully relatable." HR	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	3:15 PM 6:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM
<b>MINARI</b> - Nominated for 6 Oscars, Including Best Picture, Best Actor - PG-13 115 MIN - "Minari is as American as apple pie and kimchi, which is to say it's what America is all about."	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	5:45 PM	1:00 PM 6:45 PM	6:45 PM	1:00 PM 6:45 PM	6:45 PM
<b>TOM &amp; JERRY</b> - PG 101 MIN - "First and foremost, cute. Animated animals - cats, a mouse, a rat, a dog, a goldfish, singing pigeons, peacocks and elephants - in live-action with real people New York city cute." Movie Nation	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	3:00 PM 6:00 PM	7:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	7:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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