



Greater Florence Area Business Quarterly

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Florence Farmers Market to open May 11

This year, new Oregon Health Authority guidelines make it possible to reopen 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 florencefarmersmarket.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.

Coldwell Banker brokers receive honors

Twelve local real estate brokers at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate were recently honored for their 2020 production within the Coldwell Banker global network, according to company officials.

Of the approximately 92,000 Coldwell Banker Associates worldwide, local brokers John Barnett, Alva Bracey, Rick Cox, Diana Hackett, Shirley Hunt, Andy Johnson, Missy Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Randy Paredes, Alice Sighting-Burns, Aric Sneddon and Sadie Ward all received production recognition placing them among the upper echelon of the brokers in the entire Coldwell Banker system.

"In the middle of some crazy times with Covid restrictions and uncertainty, our company thrived amidst the adversity," said Andy Johnson, owner of Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate. "We have some new names and faces receiving recognition this year, which is awesome. In a small town such as Florence, to have a bounty of our brokers receive such coveted recognition in the Coldwell Banker system is truly an extraordinary achievement. It is a result



John Barnett



Alva Bracey



Rick Cox



Diana Hackett



Shirley Hunt



Andy Johnson



Missy Johnson



Wanda Johnson



Randy Paredes



Alice Sighting-Burns



Aric Sneddon



Sadie Ward

of their tireless work ethic, attention to detail, and an innate ability to connect with people and serve their needs.

"It's an amazing accomplishment, in my opinion."

Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, one of Florence's longest established local businesses, is located

at 100 Highway 101. The local firm is in its 65th year in business and has been an affiliate of Coldwell Banker, the nation's premier real estate network, since 1999.

Locally, Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate offers a global referral and marketing and online network among worldwide affiliates

and a dominant local presence in the real estate market. This past year in 2020, the firm was involved in 48 percent of all dollar volume sold in the Florence area, either on one side of the transaction or both.

For more information, call 541-997-7777 or visit www.cbcoast.com.

Oregon Coast Aquarium differentiates itself

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 covering 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 arrange-



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

ments, 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 experienc-

es 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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