

What's happening in the Siuslaw region

Tuesdays
Florence Rotary Club
 Noon; Zoom attendance possible
 Lunch purchase available
 Florence Events Center
 theflorence Rotary.org

Florence Farmers Market
 3 to 6 p.m.; open to public
 Fresh produce and local products
 Intersection of Kingwood and Bay streets

Wednesdays
Florence Kiwanis Club
 Noon; Zoom attendance possible
 Lunch purchase available
 Florence Golf Links
 www.florencekiwanis.org

Aug. 21
Take-Out Pancake Breakfast
 8 to 11 a.m.; by donation
 Supports the Pregnancy and Parenting Center in a drive-thru format
 First Baptist Church parking lot, 1935 25th St.

KXCR hosts fundraiser
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open to public

KXCR Station, 1509 Ninth St., and streaming at 90.7 FM.

Aug. 22
Wall Flowers & Wine
 6 p.m.; tickets required
 Artist John Leasure presents "Turtle Flight"
 Florence Events Center
 eventcenter.org

Aug. 23
Last Resort Players Hold Auditions for "John & Jen"
 6:30 to 9 p.m.; open to singer-actors stage age 20 to 45
 Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101
 lastresortplayers.com

Aug. 28
LRP Holds Auditions for "John & Jen"
 Noon to 2:30 p.m.; open to singer-actors stage age 20 to 45
 Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101
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Aug. 27
Siuslaw Student Art Show "We Built This City on Heart & Soul"
 5 to 7 p.m.; open to public
 Proceeds will go to the students
 Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Aug. 25
Grant Writing Workshop
 5 p.m.; open to public
 Lane County Cultural Coalition and FRAA present workshop
 Florence Regional Arts Alliance

FEC 25 Year Celebration
 5:30 to 10 p.m.; open to public
 Live music, free food, BJ's Ice Cream, fun and games
 Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Cornhole Tournament
 6:15 p.m.; \$20 team entry
 Florence Events Center
 www.eventcenter.org/general/page/cornhole-tournament

A Weekly Listing of Community Events in the Florence Area
 Submit all events information to PressReleases@TheSiuslawNews.com



COURTESY PHOTOS

Emergency crews battled a blaze at the Florence Dairy Queen early morning Wednesday.

FIRE from page 1A

Janey Turner was a guest at the Lighthouse Inn located just north of the location of the fire and witnessed the fire and emergency response.

"It was a huge explosion, which woke us up," she said. "We came outside and there was a big burst of fire and smoke that just exploded into the sky. There was a lot of noise and it was really scary to watch. I wasn't sure if we were going to be safe, but the fire department got here really quick."

The investigation into the cause of the fire is underway and is being led by SVFR Fire Marshal Tony Miller, who has been at the scene on multiple occasions since the initial early morning call reporting the blaze.

SVFR maintained a cordon around the restaurant property for much of the day on Wednesday, releasing the scene for clean-up to begin after insuring the fire was completely out. Repair crews worked on the scene Thursday to clean the debris



and burnt materials which littered the restaurant parking lot.

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue provides an all-hazards emergency response to 14,000 people over 98 square miles. Western Lane Ambulance District provides emergency medical service (EMS) to 17,500 people over 564 square miles. Together, the agencies include full-time, part-time and volunteer personnel that respond to an average of 3,800 calls per year. On Oct. 1, 2019, the administrative offices of Siuslaw Valley Fire/Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance District combined to form Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority.

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 BOTH MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD. WATCH SIUSLAW NEWS FOR RESUMPTION
 • Tuesday Evening Group (2nd Tuesday) 5-7 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant
 • Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff attends.
 • Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday) 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant
 • Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.
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County distributes funds to residents in need

As of Aug. 17, the Lane County Human Services Division will provide funds available to help low-income households with their home heating and energy bills through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

ARPA payments can be applied to electricity, gas,

wood, pellets, oil and propane. Households may be eligible for this assistance even if they received assistance through LIHEAP or CARES.

To be eligible for ARPA funding, households must live in Lane County, be at or below 60% of area median income, and the account holder must live in the household.

To get on the waiting

list, visit www.lanecounty.org/arpa or call 541-682-3378. Households will be connected with a local social service agency who will screen for eligibility.

If the waiting list is full, applicants can check back the first business day of the following month.

The ARPA Program will run through Sept. 30, 2022 or until funds are expended.

This message is sponsored by Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue.

FIRE PREVENTION GUIDE | AT HOME

Wildfire Preparedness Tips

When you think of dangerous fires, your mind likely associates them with your home, office or other structures. But wildfires have become a devastating force of nature leaving millions of people displaced or evacuated from their homes.

Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk of wildfires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. But how do you know if you fall into this category?

One way to know is to contact your local planning and zoning office to find out if your home is in a wildfire risk area, and if there are specific local or county ordinances you should be following.

If you are part of a homeowners association, work collaboratively to identify regulations that incorporate preparedness landscaping, home design and building material use.

You can also talk to your local fire department about how to prepare and when to evacuate in the

event of a wildfire. The more prepared you and your neighbors are, the better chance you'll have of avoiding injury during a wildfire.

SAFETY TIPS

Here are some preparedness tips from the NFPA:

To prevent embers from igniting your home, clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks.

Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.

Remove flammable materials within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings.

Wildfires can spread to tree tops, so prune your trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained, as dry grass

and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.

STAY ALERT

Wildfires generate media attention, so stay tuned to your local news stations for the latest updates on wildfire activity. If your neighborhood or region is under an evacuation order, be sure to follow the guidance of your local officials. The NFPA recommends leaving as early as possible, even before you're told to evacuate. Promptly leaving your home and neighborhood clears roads for firefighters to get equipment in place to fight the fire.



- Will your home be spared? Loss prevention reminders:**
- Keep a clear space around the house, free of brush or debris. Flammables stored safely.
 - Fire extinguishers & smoke alarms in good working order.
 - Woodstoves, heaters clean & in good repair.
 - Electric outlets not overloaded.

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Is Your Insurance Policy ready for a fire claim?

If you are a Homeowner:
 Will your coverage be enough to replace the home?
 Will the personal property coverage be enough to replace your stuff?

If you are a Renter:
 Do you have enough coverage to replace your stuff?
 Do you have enough liability coverage to pay if you are at fault for the fire?

Take time to review your options before the fire! 🔥



Congratulations Kaylee Graham!
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