

FAHS seeks donation of yard-sale items

Florence Area Humane Society is looking to fill this year's Christmas Store with items such as holiday dishes, toys, wreaths, ornaments, lights, warm shirts and caps and anything that will help celebrate the approaching season. FAHS volunteers are asking the community to donate any yard-sale items that are not sold at summer yard sales by dropping them off at the FAHS

Thrift Store. Indicate that they are for the Christmas Store annual fundraiser. All sales from the Christmas Store help provide needed shelter and food for lost or abandoned dogs and cats waiting a home. Support is needed and always appreciated. The FAHS Thrift Store is at 1193 Bay St. in Old Town Florence.

Habitat ReStore expands hours, days of operation

The Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore is expanding its hours beginning Sept. 7 and will be open six days a week. New ReStore hours will be Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sundays. Volunteers are an invaluable and integral part of the Habitat for Humanity team and help make building houses possible. With the new ReStore hours, more volunteers are needed to

allow the store to be open longer. Volunteers take in donations, handle picking up donations and work in store sales. Anyone that enjoys tinkering with and fixing up appliances, clocks, electronics and light fixtures would be a perfect fit. Being a donor to Habitat's ReStore helps provide reusable building materials for sale in the store, which is always interested in receiving donations of

new or used appliances, bath fixtures, bricks and blocks, cabinets, doors, electrical supplies, flooring, furniture, garden tools, hardware, light fixtures, lumber and wood products, paints and stains. ReStore even offers pick up for items that are too big or awkward to fit in your vehicle. Building supply retailers can donate surplus and discontinued inventory; contractors can donate surplus new building

materials or reusable materials from remodels. Every purchase at the Habitat Restore provides financial support to Florence Habitat for Humanity and its goal of building houses locally for deserving families. For more information, come by the Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 2016 Highway 101, in the Grocery Outlet shopping center, or call 541-997-5834.

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Lovelin said. The digital readings help the PUD provide faster outage response, keep better track of power usage and deliver bills. It also allows customers to track their own monthly usage online. “If you have knowledge of what your energy consumption is, you can respond and understand. Once you understand, you can use less. Energy efficiency and energy conservation are a big part of our business,” Lovelin said. Central Lincoln Communication Manager Chris Chandler also gave an update. “Each month we include an advertisement from a 501(c)3 nonprofit in our bill. This month we will feature an ad for Last Resort Players’ ‘Chicago,’” Chandler said. Central Lincoln PUD has 125 employees and serves a long stretch of the Oregon coast. “Florence is a big part of our service area,” Lovelin said. The PUD receives power through the Bonneville Power Administration, which utilizes the Bonneville Dam over the Columbia River to create renewable electricity. When utility districts receive the power, they convert the voltage to a usable rate using transformers. Usable power for most homes is within 120 to 240 volts. For more information on Central Lincoln’s construction projects, rates or to view the “MyMeter” program, go to www.clpud.org. Follow Chantelle on Twitter @SNews_Chantelle. Email her at cmeyer@thesiuslawnews.com.

Quakers from 1A

persecution in the 1600s. But it followed them. “The first woman hung in Boston Commons was a Quaker named Mary Dyer,” Edson said. “The Puritans hanged her in 1659. Quakers were seen as different because of their way of worship. They were considered heretical. “It was because of that that William Penn converted to the Quaker faith and founded Philadelphia,” she added. More currently, Quakers refused to serve in World War I, World War II and all the United States conflicts since. In addition, they protested the internment of Japanese-American citizens during WWII. “There is a spot in Eugene where the Quakers made a garden that has a stone that says, ‘Quakers remember,’” Quaker Jeanne Kimball said. “That is the spot where the Japanese were put onto trains to be taken to internment camps. The Japanese community in Eugene remembers the Quakers bringing them coffee and donuts as they were being taken onto the trains.” According to Edson, the Quaker faith is based upon six Testimonies; integrity, sim- plicity, equality, community, peace and stewardship. “There are a lot of Quakers who use the Bible, but there are a lot who don’t,” Edson said. “We also have a book called ‘Faith and Practice.’ It tells about the history of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers and it tells about the Testimonies.” The group meets two Sundays a month at homes in Florence. The other two Sundays they travel to meet with the Coos Bay Quakers. “If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, we meet in Deadwood, where there is another group we get together with,” Kimball said. “Up to six people meet in the Florence area, nine meet in Coos Bay and up to 15 in Deadwood, because some come over from Eugene. “We have potlucks in Coos Bay and Deadwood and that might be the hook. We’ve always said that Quakers hook you with their potlucks,” she added. For more information, contact Jeanne Kimball at 541-997-4237 or Sakre Edson at 541-902-9511. Follow Jack on Twitter @SNews_Jack. Email him at jack@thesiuslawnews.com.

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