# **GENERAL NEWS**

## **FAHS Christmas** Store seeks volunteers

Florence Humane Society (FAHS) is seeking volunteers to work in the FAHS Christmas Store through November.

Anyone interested in volshould stop by the Christmas Store during business hours and ask for Elaine, or call 5 p.m.

The Christmas Store is 2520 Highway 101, at 25th home.

Area Street, between Taco Bell and Mini Pet Mart.

> The store is open through Nov. 29, but is closed Thanksgiving Day.

Store hours are Monday unteering a few hours a week through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Lynda at 541-997-4457 after Florence Area Humane Society, feeding and caring for dogs and cats each waitopen daily at its new location, ing for their own forever

## Port prepares to lower boom on debris

To prepare for the winter storm season the Port of Siuslaw will begin placing protective log booms around its marinas. Booms will be placed around the East and West boat basins, and the boat launch located at the end of Harbor Street, the middle of November.

Increasing debris flow in the Siuslaw River over recent years requires the Port to take these protective measures.

Debris trapped in the basins

can damage docks and moored vessels, as well as hinder boat launches. The log booms are placed around the marinas to reduce the amount of debris that enters the basins.

Port staff still expend many hours per week removing floating debris that enters the basins in spite of the boom logs, or from when the booms are left open.

Boaters are advised to use care when operating around the log booms, and should not attempt to move the booms during strong winds or rough water conditions. Boaters are responsible for securely replacing the log booms after their boat enters or exits the marina or launch ramp area.

The port is investigating the purchase of new, lighterweight and easier to handle debris booms, but until those can be acquired, boat operators should give careful consideration to the current and conditions

attempting to move the log

Chains and shackles secure the booms, but handling lines are attached to each boom for ease of opening and closing the boom.

Instructions are posted at the docks for moving and securing the booms and port staff are available to answer questions or provide assis-

For more information, contact the port at 541-997-3426.

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### Rotary Student of the Quarter (SMS)



Siuslaw Middle School Student of the Quarter Justice Bolkan (far right) with Rotary president Crystal Farnsworth (far left) and Siuslaw Middle School teacher Heather Wiggins.

## **ODOT** promotes pedestrian safety

"Oregonians Crossing" campaign aims to increase awareness of Oregon traffic laws, promote safe and responsible travel behavior and ultimately reduce the number of people hit or killed by vehicles.

Included in the campaign is the Pedestrian Safety Program with a mission to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities and to facilitate walking to improve health and fitness.

Other safety tips offered pedestrians motorists in the brochures and videos include warnings against darting into traffic, making eye contact with the driver, treating every intersection as a crosswalk and "phone off/ eyes up" safety measures.

### SOS receives \$100,000 donation

Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) has received a donaand Patricia Hardison.

The funds are designated for the SOS endowment fund to provide for victims of domestic violence. The funds will be invested in the name of the John and Patricia Hardison Charitable Fund, and only the proceeds will be

The Hardisons expressed a funding sources, we are very

desire that their donation would encourage others to tion of \$100,000 from John also contribute, and also that they really love Florence and hope their efforts are beneficial, said SOS executive director David Wiegan.

"This is truly an extraordinary gift for SOS, and we will ensure that the funds are used appropriately," said Wiegan. "With the ongoing volatility affecting a number of our concerned with building up our endowment fund so that we can weather the inevitable ups and downs in resources that nonprofits typically face.

"So many of the domestic violence victims we serve have needs for relocation costs, emergency shelter, setting up a new place to live, and many other expenses. This fund will help provide for these kinds of needs in perpetuity."





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