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Family shares need for heart-health awareness through glove giveaway program

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

A brisk fall morning was the perfect setting for the Fuller family to begin distributing 650 pairs of new gloves to Siuslaw Elementary School fourth and fifth graders on Nov. 20, as part of Nathan and Amber

Fuller's heart-health awareness campaign, "It's About Heart."
"Last year, our son Thomas passed away from heart disease," said Amber Fuller. "We are trying to spread the word and let everybody know they need to have their hearts checked."
The gloves came in a multitude of girl and boy friendly

colors with special fingertips that allow the wearer to use a smart phone while having the gloves on.
Each pair of gloves came individually packaged with an attached message from the Fullers that read: "Always remember to check your heart. It can save your life. In memory of Thomas Fuller."

"The reason our son passed away is because his condition was undetected," Amber said. "His heart condition was something he was born with. That is why we are doing this."
"We want everyone to know that it is an important thing to do."

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Siuslaw Elementary School students choose their favorite pair of gloves donated by the Fuller family to promote heart health.

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BLACK
YELLOW
MAGENTA
CYAN

PILE ON THE PIE



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Members of the Siuslaw High School senior class served pies to Florence seniors during the Thanksgiving Pie Social held at the high school Tuesday. The event was hosted by the KCST radio "Viking Hour" broadcast crew to help high school seniors and community seniors connect.



Dawn of a new age for Senior Center

All welcome when age restriction is lifted Dec. 14

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Florence Senior Center will be able to host events for a larger age range starting Monday, Dec. 14, when the 60-and-above age restrictions are lifted.

The City of Florence received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct the Senior Center on city property at 1570 Kingwood St. It was completed in 2010.

The CDBG included restrictions that limited the use of the facility to seniors 60 years or older, as defined by the state and federal governments.

According to the grant contract, the restrictions would end after five years.

"We are thrilled to finally open our doors to the entire community," said Christine May, senior center board president.

During the Florence City Council meeting Nov. 16, Assistant to the City Manager Megan Messmer outlined what the changes will mean for the city's management agreement with the center.

"As you know, our senior center was completed about five years ago when we entered into the current agreement," Messmer said. "The term of the agreement takes us to 2031, or 15 more years."

The agreement now reads, "the primary purpose of the facility is for seniors in our community, but it can be utilized by people of all ages."

The council agreed to the revised agreement, including reducing reports to the council to one a year.

"Our purpose will not change," reiterated May. "We will still provide services and activities geared to our senior population, but there will be no arbitrary age limits."

In the past five years, the senior center lost a number of rentals due to the age restrictions.

"Now we don't have to ask if every member of a group is 60 or older," said May.

Once the restriction lifts, the center can rent space out to local groups for meetings and events, in addition to their regular programming.

This will allow the center to supplement its income with use fees.

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Thief steals port boardwalk Christmas lights

BY JACK DAVIS
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This holiday season will look a little less bright at the Port of Siuslaw, where strands of Christmas lights had to be removed from the boardwalk's lampposts after a thief stole more than 60

lightbulbs over two nights.
Last Saturday, port staff hung 10 strands of LED lights from the 10 lampposts along the boardwalk east of Old Town.

"I got to see them after dark and it looked awesome," interim port manager Dina McClure said.

The next day, staff discovered 36 bulbs missing.
Undeterred, the port ordered replacement bulbs on Monday. The replacements arrived Tuesday, but when a staff member went to replace the missing bulbs, he discovered 27 more had been stolen.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce met with port staff to remove the lights on Wednesday. The chamber may use them elsewhere in town.

Chamber Director Cal Applebee said, "There has been a big effort on the part of the Port of Siuslaw, the

City of Florence and Central Lincoln PUD to bring our Christmas holiday festival up a notch and it's too bad this has to happen."

"I hope whoever is doing this gets coal in their stocking," McClure said.

The port filed a report with the Florence Police.

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