

# Community News

## Rotary Club donates to SOS

The Florence Rotary Club has been gathering cold weather items, clothing and holiday gift items for the last month or so. Crystal Farnsworth and Janet Huston delivered eight sleeping bags, two tents and a large bag of socks, clothing, toys, games and other personal items to Siuslaw Outreach Services on Dec. 1.

The sleeping bags and tents are the kinds of items SOS provides year around but the other items are particularly needed during the holiday season.

Huston also decorated the Christmas tree as another Rotary Club donation, and it was auctioned off at the Festival of Trees to benefit the Military Museum.

Sue Gilday of Sue Gilday State Farm Insurance purchased the tree, then donated it to SOS. Other volunteers, including Mayor Henry, delivered the tree.

“Our thanks to all of the many donors who made this possible,” said executive director David Wiegan. “We are so appreciative of all of these gifts, especially now during what is typically our busiest time of the year.”

“Last December we had 827 walk-ins at our office, and so many of our clients were able to have a better holiday because of the generosity of this community.”

## Siuslaw Awards nominations due Dec. 11

The eighth annual Siuslaw Business Awards event is fast approaching. The awards banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will take place Jan. 20, at the Florence Events Center.

This prestigious event recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Nonprofit Achievement, Community Caring, and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

This year, the Florence Chamber has added a new category: Innovation in Business. The recipient of this award will be a business that has introduced an innovative product or service, or operates in a mode where innovation is built into the culture of the company.

The Siuslaw Awards also recognizes two outstanding individuals in the community by honoring them with the Future First Citizen Award and the First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes that individual who has given selflessly to the community based on community involvement, leadership and overall community impact.

The Future First Citizen Award recognizes that student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the community.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of its time and efforts in supporting the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

Applications are available at the Florence Chamber Visitor Center or online at [www.florencechamber.com](http://www.florencechamber.com).

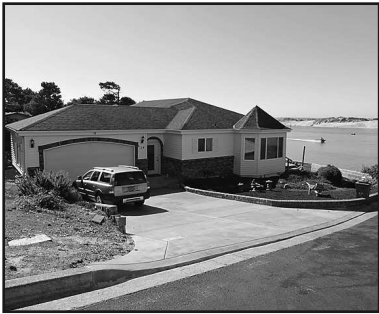
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**Florence Rotary's Crystal Farnsworth and Janet Huston deliver Christmas donations to SOS executive director David Wiegan.**

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## SHS HOSTING FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Siuslaw High School (SHS) ASPIRE is holding a Financial Aid Night on Monday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the SHS library.

The event will be open to all area high school seniors and their parents, including students who are homeschooled or from Mapleton High School.

Lane Community College will provide current updates on filing for federal and state

funds and the Oregon Promise.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the key to opening financial aid opportunities at any qualifying post-secondary program, from certificates to degrees.

At the event, find out additional information and sample food prepared by the SHS culinary arts' catering program.

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## SIUSLAW OUTREACH SERVICES

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**Please contact our volunteer coordinator**

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