

GENERAL NEWS

SOS receives \$5K grant from Chambers

Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) received \$5,000 grant from the Eugene-based Chambers Family Foundation. The grant will be used for vouchers for people in crisis or emergency situations.

"We were really pleased to receive this support, especially since we have depleted our

emergency funds in recent months and we have had a high number of people seeking assistance, especially families with children," said SOS Executive Director David Wiegan.

Last year SOS provided 843 emergency vouchers for shelter, prescriptions, utilities, food, showers, laundry, transportation

and other basic needs. Recipients are seniors, disabled, homeless or experiencing a financial or medical crisis. The vouchers are redeemable at local businesses.

Chambers Family Foundation was founded in 1999 to build stronger communities and support human needs.

Roblan promotes septic loans

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State Sen. Arnie Roblan and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Senior Policy Advisor Karen Tarnow met with concerned citizens at the Florence Events Center during one of two town hall style meetings held on the coast Monday.

Gov. Kate Brown signed Roblan's bi-partisan Senate Bill 1563 into law May 24. The bill was created to provide low-income families and small businesses with low-cost loans for septic system repairs.

According to the Oregon DEQ, approximately 6,000 septic systems fail every year in Oregon.

In addition to potential pollution to lakes and rivers from failed septic systems, Oregon coastal lakes are seeing increasing outbreaks of blue-green algae blooms.

"For me this became a big issue because almost all of our coastal lakes have become blue-green algae growing places," Roblan said. "Nitrates in the water generally cause it. There are arguments all the time about whether it is from septic systems or whether it is from fertilizer they are putting on the forests. To me it didn't really matter."

The initial bill was passed with a budget of \$250,000.

"It is pretty straightforward," Tarnow said. "It provides \$250,000 to DEQ. DEQ must give away at least \$200,000 in a grant to an entity that is going to develop an administered loan program."

Roblan said, "The \$200,000 will be the little bit of money this institution is going to have to start loaning out to do repairs and start fixing septic systems. In my estimation we need between \$5 and \$6 million over time put into that program."

According to Roblan, the funds would come partly from nonprofit organizations providing grant money and from money authorized by the legisla-



PHOTOS BY JACK DAVIS/SUSLAW NEWS

Sen. Arnie Roblan addresses local residents about septic system repairs at the Florence Events Center on Monday, June 27. The Florence town hall meeting was one of two coastal town hall meetings Roblan held that day.

ture. He said the program was modeled after one Washington State has had for several years that has interest rates tied to household incomes, with lower incomes receiving lower rates and more generous pay back terms.

The key to making the program work is getting enough funding to service enough loans to take care of the problem.

"We have to put the pressure on legislators and others to be able to say this is important to put resources into," Roblan said. "If you replace a system that costs \$20,000, with \$200,000 you get to replace 10 of them. We have 6,000 failed systems per year. We have to figure out how we get the money over the next three to four years to fund this program once it gets going."

Roblan said the legislature passed a law several years ago that required all homes being sold with a septic system must be able to prove the system is working. This program can help offset the cost of repairing and maintaining those septic systems.

Dunes City recently passed a septic system ordinance requiring residents to inspect their systems every five years and to repair any system that did not pass the required test. This was passed in order to prevent faulty

septic systems from leaking effluence into local lakes.

Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede, who attended the town hall meeting said, "On behalf of Dunes City, we are especially happy to learn of Senate Bill 1563. The bill appears to address the question of 'What about those who simply cannot afford to comply with our septic ordinance?'"

Tarnow said, "We are hoping to get the Request For Proposal out in July. I'm guessing it will be a 30-day period for people to put bids in, and then it should go pretty quickly. We should have a contract (with a lender) in place this fall."

Roblan said with just \$200,000 initially available to loan, the effectiveness of the program will best be evaluated by selecting a single community to use as a test market.

"The coast is one of the areas they will look at, not the whole coast, but a select place," he said. "It could be around Tenmile Lake, or it could be around Devils Lake."

Ruede hopes that Dunes City might make the short list.

"Dunes City is one of many small towns that has grappled over the affordability issue surrounding septic maintenance. After all, it's our precious water that is at stake," she said.

Deadwood man dies in motorcycle accident

Oregon State Police (OSP) report that Richard F. Araujo, 68, of Deadwood, died in a collision between a motorcycle and pickup truck on Highway 36 on Thursday.

On June 30 at 3:30 p.m., OSP troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a crash near Deadwood involving a motorcycle and a pickup on Highway 36 near milepost 12.

Preliminary investigation indicates that Araujo's 1992 Harley Davidson motorcycle

was traveling westbound on Highway 36 when it failed to negotiate a corner, crossing the centerline and sideswiping an eastbound 2007 Dodge pickup.

The motorcycle and rider came to rest in the north ditch after the collision. Araujo was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Dodge, Elaine R. Beers, 63, of Swisshome, was not injured.

The roadway was restricted to one lane for approximately

three and a half hours.

OSP was assisted on scene by the Oregon Department of Transportation and Western Lane Ambulance.

Speed is being investigated as a contributing factor in the crash. More information will be released as it becomes available.

This marks the fourth fatal motorcycle crash on Oregon's highways in less than a week.

For information on motorcycle safety, visit oregon.gov/ODOT/TSP/pages.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

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THE BFG PG 115 MIN - Steven Spielberg Returns! "*****Five Stars: The extraordinary detailed motion-capture technology alone, which stretches Rylance's human performance to giant-sized proportions, is river-straddling bounds beyond anything you've seen before." The Telegraph	12:50 PM 6:05 PM 8:40 PM	10:50 AM 4:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:50 PM	11:50 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	12:50 PM 6:05 PM	12:50 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	12:50 PM 6:05 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 6:05 PM 8:40 PM
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