

GENERAL NEWS

New applicants being accepted for LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded utility assistance program designed to help low-income households deal with increased winter heating costs.

Recently, LIHEAP has announced some of its funds went unspent this past season. Therefore, Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) is accepting new applicants for the program until Aug. 31.


Those who have not received LIHEAP funds since Nov. 1, 2015, are eligible to apply.

For more information, contact SOS at 541-997-2816.

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New Life Lutherans donate quilt for raffle

The New Life Lutheran Church Quilters (NLLQ) have donated a child patterned quilt to Alice Brauer Christian Preschool. The quilt was designed and handmade by the quilting group and includes characters from Sesame Street along with bright colored patterns.

Alice Brauer Christian Preschool is selling tickets for \$5 for the quilt as a fundraiser for the preschool, with the drawing to be held Friday, Nov. 18.

NLLQ works diligently on quilts each Tuesday at 10 a.m. throughout the year and, after a prayer ceremony during church, send them to the Lutheran World Relief program to be used worldwide.

Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket to help raise funds for the preschool can contact Meggan Haslett at 541-603-1562.



COURTESY PHOTO

This quilt will be raffled to benefit the Alice Brauer Christian Preschool Nov. 18.

Crash kills Waldport man north of Florence

On Sunday, Aug. 7, at about 8:46 a.m., Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency crews responded to the report of a two-vehicle, head-on collision on Highway 101 near milepost 174, about 14 miles north of Florence.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2008 Honda CRV operated by Eugene Earl Weigant, 92, of Waldport, was



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One lane of Highway 101 at milepost 174 was closed for several hours Sunday following a head-on crash that killed a Waldport man.

traveling northbound when it crossed the center line striking a 1994 Chevrolet Imperial Van operated by Tanner Benjamin

Dickinson, 23, of Columbus, Ohio, head-on. Both vehicles sustained heavy front-end damage.

Weigant was transported by Western Lane Ambulance to Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence, where he later died from his injuries. Dickinson was transported by Pac West Ambulance to Peace Harbor and treated and released for minor injuries.

One lane of Highway 101 was closed for about four hours while the investigation was conducted. Oregon State Police was assisted by Central Coast Fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

PeaceHealth to host health care forum

The City of Florence and PeaceHealth Medical Group are sponsoring a health care town hall to inform the community about the national provider shortages, the impact this is having on the greater Florence area and what PeaceHealth is doing to shore up these critical resources.

The public is invited to participate in this free event, which will occur from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Florence Events Center.

During this forum, PeaceHealth leaders will address issues including:

- Nationwide health care provider shortages and the

challenges of hiring for the Florence market.

- What action plans have been/will be implemented by PeaceHealth to recruit permanent and temporary providers.
- How PeaceHealth will keep its patients informed when new providers become available.

The City of Florence and PeaceHealth recognize the recent provider changes can leave our community and patients in a state of unease.

“The PeaceHealth Talent Acquisitions team has been very supportive, and have been dedicating an amazing amount of resources to help us find viable, promising candidates,”

said Nena Harvey, director of operations for PeaceHealth Medical Group in Florence. “PeaceHealth leadership at all levels committed to finding providers to care for the health needs of this community.”

Nationwide physician shortages are expected to balloon in the next five year, estimating that by 2020 there will be 90,000 fewer physicians than needed, according to the new Association of American Medical Colleges work force projections.








Questions from the public will be solicited before the meeting and included in the discussion.



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