

## Interact Club gets bottle filler fountains installed

After a year of fund raising and coordination, the Siuslaw Interact Club completed a community service project that would benefit its peers and SHS students for years to come.

In Spring of 2015, Claire Waggoner had researched the impact of plastic water bottles on the earth for a biology project and found that one of the best options to save thousands of bottles from reaching landfills is with bottle filler fountains.

The following September, she approached the Siuslaw Interact Club about installing a bottle filler fountain in the high school mall. In addition to the ecological benefits, it would improve hygiene and increase water intake. This became one of Interact's community service projects for the year and it took a year to complete.

School administration was the first to be consulted about the project. It was requested that another fountain for the gym be included in the project. The total budget for this project would be more than \$5,800.

This required putting together a community partnership from nonprofit organizations, local business owners and the Siuslaw School District.

Waggoner applied for a Western Lane Community Foundation Community Grant. The project was awarded a generous \$1,400 grant, which solidified the project. Interact Club had raised the \$500 through its fundraisers.

The local Rotary Club, which sponsors Interact, supported the project with a \$500 contribution.



COURTESY PHOTO

Community partners who helped Interact with Siuslaw High School bottle filler fountain project include (Back row from left): Sheldon Meyer, Western Lane Community Foundation; Pat Riley, Florence Rotary; Gina Castro-Brandt, biology teacher and Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club; Keri Tatum, Siuslaw High School principal; Curt Falkoske and Ken McCraw CFE Electric; (Bottom row from left): Claire Waggoner and Lis Farm, Siuslaw Interact Club; Nyra and Derrick VanDuch, West lane Plumbing (Not pictured: Levi Hilterbrant, CFE Electric installer)

The Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club also saw the value of this project and donated another \$500.

The final piece was private businesses. Derrick VanDuch of West Lane Plumbing and Curt Falkoski, who owns CFE Electric, donated their time, services and expertise to install both bottle fillers.

This was a significant savings and the fountains were operational by the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Waggoner and the Interact Club members will get to benefit from these fountains also.

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Backstreet Gallery (BSG) artists have also wanted this opportunity, so they are hosting a special event called "Where Art Thou" at the gallery on Friday, Oct. 21, starting at 6 p.m.

Upon arrival, guests will be given a numbered name tag. Drawings will be held throughout the event for door prizes donated by BSG artists.

Appetizers and spirits will be served, and there will be a table available where artists

are encouraged to place photos, or a small sample of their artwork, for others to enjoy.

During the event, a brief welcome and introduction to BSG will be given by president Pattie Brooks-Anderson.

"We have so many amazing artists in the Florence area with a wide variety of talents, and we urge you to come to this event as we talk and get to know each other," said Brooks-Anderson.

Backstreet Gallery is at 1421 Bay St., across from Mo's.

For more information, call BSG at 541-997-8980.

## Yard Debris Disposal

**Next Date is October 15**

**9am to 2pm**

**at the Kingwood entrance to the airport, located at Kingwood & 27th St.**

<p><b>COST</b></p> <p>Pickup load \$10</p> <p>Small Utility Trailer (Single Axle) \$10</p> <p>Medium Utility Trailer (10-12 ft) \$15</p> <p>Large Utility Trailer (12-18ft) \$20</p> <p>Greater than 20 cubic yards \$20 +\$5/yard over</p>	<p>2016 Collection</p> <p>Dates:</p> <p><b>October 15</b></p>	<p><b>Bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree Clippings</li> <li>• Leaves</li> <li>• Grass Clippings</li> <li>• Weeds</li> <li>• Prunings</li> <li>• Brush</li> </ul> <p><b>DO NOT Bring your:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; Household waste</li> <li>• Animal Waste</li> <li>• Plastics</li> <li>• Construction Debris</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NEW LISTING</b> New home in gated community of Fawn Ridge 3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 2019 sq ft <b>\$422,000</b> BH7353 ML#16136478</p>	<p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b> Woahink lakefront 1 acre lot located at Woods at Woahink. Some clearing, beautiful trees, sandy beachfront, amazing views, ready for your custom home. <b>\$349,900</b> BH6853 ML#14235405</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b> Fawn Ridge East. Stunning custom home in quiet Cul-de-Sac, fireplace in living room, formal dining, kitchen nook &amp; bar, split bedroom design + bonus room 3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 2158 sq ft <b>\$419,500</b> BH7327 ML#16009966</p>
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<p><b>FEATURED LISTING</b> Kla-Ha-Nee subdivision at the beach! Non buildable at this time, until City sewer is available. No yearly HOA dues at this time. Wonderful future investment lots .12 acre <b>\$34,000</b> BH7334 ML#16386243</p>	<p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b> Great investor buy or homeowner looking to downsize. Large corner, 2 tax lots, Fenced front &amp; back. 1 car garage &amp; sunroom 2 Bdrm, 1 Ba 792 sq ft <b>\$145,000</b> BH7282 ML#16079776</p>	<p><b>FEATURED LISTING</b> Boat &amp; dock access on Mercer Lake in Enchanted Valley. Lot #11. Water &amp; power available. .77 acre <b>\$69,900</b> BH7316 ML#16145425</p>