

**Testing** from 1A

ing is the best way to combat this."

The new free testing service has been in effect at the Peace Harbor walk in clinic since Friday, Nov. 18.

Yandel said, "Any new infection is concerning, but especially when prevention programs are not in place. We want to make sure this cluster of new infections does not grow."

Tyler Boyet, HIV Alliance Prevention Manager, said, "The first step to stopping new HIV infections is making sure everyone knows their status. The issue right now is that the people who are spreading the infection may not know they have it. Increasing access to test-

**Registration begins for 11th annual Nativity Festival**

Do you have a cherished nativity scene that you put up each year in December to begin your Christmas season? Would you be willing to share it for a few days to help others catch the true meaning of Christmas and bring joy into their lives?

The Florence Nativity Festival Committee is seeking community and coastal members who would like to participate in this year's festival, which will be held Dec. 2, 3 and 4, from 1 to 6 p.m. each day.

Displayers from past years



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Nativity scenes like these will be on display for three days in December. The public is invited to share their own.

are invited to return, and all nativity sets, large or small, are welcome.

The festival takes place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' building, 2705 Munsel Lake Road.

It is open to the public and is free of charge.

Contact Vickie Kennedy at 541-997-7404 or by e-mail at vdkennedy54@gmail.com for registration information if you are a new participant or have other questions about the festival.

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Hannigan said, "When you shop local, the money stays in our community, rather than going to another community. It's trickle down, or trickle around."

Saturday is also the Florence Holiday Festival in Old Town. It runs from 3:30 to 6 p.m., and many area businesses will have extended hours to accommodate holiday shoppers. Santa Claus will arrive on a Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue fire truck, and there will be free hot cocoa, hot apple cider, hay rides and music. Florence Mayor Joe Henry will light the Christmas

tree at Siuslaw River Interpretive Center on Bay Street.

Chamber volunteers and Florence Public Works crews finished putting up decorations and installing lights in Old Town last weekend.

Chamber Events Coordinator Nancy Pearson said certain volunteers, such as Kelly Hansen and Tia Allen, helped get businesses in Old Town interested in Small Business Saturday to coincide with the festivities.

"We eat down there, we play down there, we shop down there. I want every store, every business (involved). I'm really excited that it's inclusive," Pearson said.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce has a whole list of holiday deals and specials businesses and restaurants are offering at www.florencechamber.com/event/florence-holiday-festival/.

"People come to Florence for our dunes and our Old Town. We have a full resource to draw people here," Hannigan said. "Once they're here, we want to get them around town."

Pearson agreed. "Yes, go to your big stores. You know what your kids want for Christmas, but you also know what we have in Old Town and around town. That's the whole point of Small Business Saturday,"

she said. "I could be visiting some of these stores, and definitely dining out this weekend," she added.

Besides preparing for a full holiday season of events, the chamber is also looking for volunteers for 2017 committees. Committee members are needed for the annual Siuslaw Business Awards in February, the 110th Rhododendron Festival in May, the annual Fourth of July fireworks and celebration and the 10th annual Rods 'N' Rhodies in September.

"We're wanting to start getting committees together before events start happening," Pearson said.

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and vegetation. The colors suggested are light blue or gray, and green.

Lane County Public Information Officer Devon Ashbridge said, "There were

no appeals filed within the 12 days after the decision and the application is now in the process of obtaining a building permit."

Verizon has two years to complete the project from the date of the approval by the county.

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