

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Empty Bowls



Holiday Arts



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The holiday season was in full swing over the weekend as visitors to the Florence Events Center had the opportunity to choose from more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls at this year's Empty Bowls fundraiser for Food Share. Members of Florence Regional Art Alliance (FRAA) were also hosting its Holiday Arts Festival. Both events took place on Saturday and Sunday.

PFLAG to host 'White Elephant' exchange, meeting

PFLAG Florence will add some frivolity at its regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13, with a "White Elephant" gift exchange. The celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence. "White elephants," loosely defined, are silly, useless or surprisingly good things people have in their "I'll-never-use-this" drawer. Craft items, canned goods, or fun-but-not expensive items (not to exceed \$5 in price) can also be in the mix. Refreshments will be served. PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT).

GOING... GOING... BUT NOT GONE!

Although we are closing our doors on December 24th due to an illness in our family, we are not gone! Robyn's Jewelry will be available at P.S. Winkles and Bay Street Family Tyes in Old Town, Florence. Thank you for supporting us over these past several years and hope you will continue in the future. Please stop by and say hello before December 24th!

Robyn Smith and Family

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Florence Food Share is your local community food pantry. We serve emergency food boxes to all those who qualify financially. Our hours are 9:30a.m.-1p.m., Monday through Friday. We reopen in the afternoons on Monday and Wednesday from 4-6p.m. We are also now open the third and fourth Saturday of each month, from 10a.m. - 1p.m. Please call us with any questions and/or for more information.



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Remember icy weather driving rules

Winter weather is here and with it come potentially hazardous road conditions and the need for extra caution when driving.

Lane County Road Maintenance Manager Orin Schumacher warns drivers to be aware of road conditions and prepare in advance for an icy commute.

"If you go to bed tonight and the roads are wet, you should assume there will be ice on the roads in the morning," said Schumacher. "Outlying county roads especially can become icy when temperatures drop because they tend to be higher in elevation than the metro area."

Tips to stay safe while driving in winter conditions:

- Pay attention to the weather. Check your local forecast before leaving and keep an eye on the temperature.
- Stay home if you can. If possible avoid icy conditions altogether.
- Change your route. Choose a route that avoids steep climbs or descents.
- Slow down. Vehicles, even with AWD and traction tires, can still slide. High speeds increase your chance of losing control and make it difficult to stop.
- Go easy on your brakes.

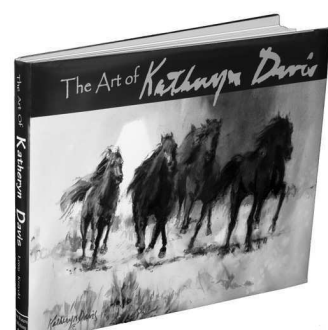
Braking hard can cause vehicles to slide on icy roads and increase the risk of a collision.

- Wear your seatbelt. Seatbelts should be worn at all times when you are in a moving vehicle.

"We want people to be more aware of their surroundings, especially if they're traveling on rural roads," said Schumacher.

For more tips on driving in winter conditions, visit www/exchange.aaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/AAA-How-to-Go-Ice-Snow.pdf.

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