

Salvatores named Volunteer of the Month at OCHS

For the first time, two volunteers have been selected as Oregon Coast Humane Society's (OCHS) Volunteer of the Month. Robert and Nancy Salvatore, Yachats area residents, have been driving to the OCHS animal shelter on an almost daily basis for more than a year so that they can ensure that they can give as many dogs as possible an opportunity to be outdoors for a walk or play date.

Nancy and Rob are often seen on the beach playing with, walking or running happy dogs. They share a deep personal dedication to helping the dogs to be both physically and psychologically fit by getting them out of the shelter for a break in the monotony of otherwise long days in their kennel pens.

There is a great shortage of volunteer dog walkers which is why Nancy and Rob make the trek from Yachats as many times a week as they do to walk the dogs.

While they are walking the dogs, Rob and Nancy encourage those they meet to consider becoming a dog walker too and in doing so "making the day" for another dog. There are 17 dogs now waiting for their forever homes. Those dogs spend much of their days with little to look forward to and days are longer if they don't have the opportunity for a walk.

As Nancy is quick to add, its "great exercise for both the dogs and the walker." Currently, with 17 dogs in the care of OCHS, there is a great need for more volunteers to walk these wonderful dogs and brighten their days.



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Rob and Nancy Salvatore

Rob and Nancy's dedication to improving the lives of all animals began many years ago and has continued even while they traveled and lived abroad. During their first visit to the Greek island of Santorini and taking their customary long walks, they came upon a very large fenced area with approximately 70 happy, beautiful dogs, many of which were purebreds.

They learned that a small group, initially comprised of just one kind hearted Greek lady, had begun feeding these abandoned dogs. They observed that the dogs seemed to be generally happy and in good health, so they found themselves coming back daily to walk

as many dogs as they could.

Nancy said that they "fell in love with dogs while there."

Before long, Nancy began photographing the dogs during their long walks on the beach and during what they call "play dates." She also began posting pictures of the dogs on Facebook, hoping to find them good homes. After a while, a German organization noticed their pictures and also became involved with the very small grassroots organization. With that, soon the numbers of adoptions continued to grow. A few years later, more than 600 dogs have been adopted into homes throughout the European Union. All this began with one caring, concerned Greek woman who cared enough to step forward and in the process saved the lives of so many dogs.

For more information and to see photographs of the Santorini dogs and the facilities, visit www.facebook.com/SantoriniAnimalWelfareOrganizationSawa/?fref=ts

Eventually leaving Europe and in time settling on the Oregon coast, Nancy and Rob began driving to OCHS to walk the dogs and "to get their dog fix," Nancy said.

Anyone interested and who has a few hours a day or a few hours a month to walk a dog can call Volunteer Coordinator Danielle Dickson at 541-999-5702 for more information.


Siuslaw Alumni Association scholarships announced

The Siuslaw Alumni Association (SAA) is helping beat the high cost of higher education. On the second Saturday of every September they hold an all-class reunion banquet with a raffle that raises thousands of dollars that enables them to offer scholarships to college-bound

Siuslaw students.

This year they are giving two \$3,500 scholarships from the SAA, a \$3,500 scholarship that is an individual gift by an SHS alumnus, and a \$1,500 memorial scholarship in honor of Wanda Ziemer Hoberg, a founder and the first treasurer of the SAA.

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Elk's announce student poster contest winners

Three Siuslaw Elementary School students were recognized by Florence Elks Lodge 1858 for their submissions in the Elks Youth Eye Service Annual Poster Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to educate children on the importance of eye safety and support local schools in their efforts to educate and motivate students.

"A total of 92 students participated in the contest this year," said Bob Catterton, Eye Poster Chair for the Florence Lodge. "We were really

pleased with the increase and with the support from the teachers. Without the help of Diane McCalmont in the school office we could never have reached as many classes and students."

Participation in the contest was offered to the fourth and fifth graders. The first place award of \$100 went to Joel Sissel and the second place award of \$75 went to Ella Mans, both students in Gina Halpin's fifth-grade class.

Chloe Aaron, a student in Sarah Barnard's fifth-grade

class, won \$50 for third place.

Sissel and Mans, along with their families and Halpin, were honored with a presentation and dinner hosted at the Elks Lodge.

Unfortunately, Aaron and her family were not able to attend due to her involvement in the Siuslaw Talent show.

Checks were presented by Exhaulted Ruler Joyce Middleton and Bob Catterton, Eye Poster Chair of the Florence Lodge.

All three students have had their posters forwarded to the

Elks' District Visual Chairman for judging on the District level.

District winners will be forwarded to the State Chairman for judging at the state level.

Awards are presented on the basis of the best presentation of eye injury prevention.

The Poster Contest is part of the Oregon Elks commitment to the OHSU Casey Eye Institute.

Cabaret to host Celtic harps, stories

The Starlight Cabaret will host Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter on April 6, during a special evening of Celtic harps, rare instruments and wondrous stories.

Lynne and Frankfurter are a multi-instrumentalist duo with Celtic harps, Swedish nyckelharpa, Ukrainian bandura, bouzouki, cittern and more.

They are new residents to Oregon and tour extensively, both having successful recording and performing careers built from years of street performing and a background as rock musicians.

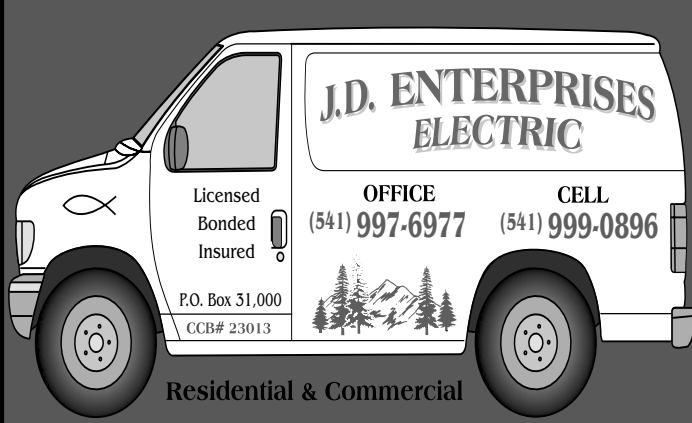
They have performed with some of the biggest names in folk and acoustic music and have sold well over a million albums combined.

Their music is a mix of traditional and original, with stories and humor entwined.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Music begins 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF), at Highway 101 and Heceta Beach Road.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Guests over 21 can BYOB. Healthy finger foods are welcome.

The event is free to the public but donations are appreciated.



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