

# Unitarians to honor 'Day of the Dead' Sunday

All are welcome to join the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. to celebrate the sacred Day of the Dead. Nin Bebeau will lead this simple celebration titled: "The Thin Veil."

"There is a special energy about this time of the year. According to myth, the veil between the world of the living and that of the dead is thinnest," Bebeau said. "At this time, many cultures commune with loved ones who have passed beyond the veil. In Mexico, to honor the dead, people bring food and instruments

to the cemetery for a night of singing and music to celebrate lost loves."

Those who attend the service are encouraged to bring pictures and objects to honor those who have passed over.

The fellowship is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and

is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, visit [www.florenceuuf.org](http://www.florenceuuf.org).

## Soroptimist to speak at Florence Area Community Coalition

After an exciting Halloween night of trick-or-treating, come to the Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

The speaker for this month is Carol Bennett, representing the Soroptimist International of

Florence. Bennett will discuss the club's annual Christmas service project.

For the past 35 years, the Soroptimists have raised funds to provide food boxes and gifts to people in our community.

This year, their monetary goal is \$20,000, which will become 450 food boxes to be given out on Dec. 16.

Bennett will also tell about the collection of toys and gifts for children infants to 12 years old.

There will be a question and answer period after her presentation, where attendees can learn more about the Soroptimists, both locally and globally, and their service and humanitarian projects.

Participants are invited to donate funds or new unwrapped toys or gifts, and to volunteer with the many components of this broad-based community endeavor.

The Florence Area Community Coalition hosts public meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. It also holds a volunteer recogni-

tion event each year.

Everyone is invited to join FACC and help with its work. The annual dues are \$25 for an individual or \$50 for an organization.

Visit [www.florenceareacc.org](http://www.florenceareacc.org) or call 541-999-2927 for more information.

## City Club to feature Siuslaw Education Foundation

On Friday, Nov. 3, the City Club of Florence will host a presentation of the Siuslaw Education Foundation (SEF) by Ethel Angal, retired Superintendent of Siuslaw School District and current SEF Board Member.

Originally the SEF started in the 1980's, with the Property Tax Limitation measure and

loss of timber funds, which impacted school districts state wide.

Ashland was the first I-5 corridor district to create a private, nonprofit charitable foundation.

In April 2017, SEF received a 501(c)3 tax status, with the purpose to raise money for Siuslaw and Mapleton school

districts.

The City Club meets from noon to 1 p.m. in the club house of the Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Rd.

A limited lunch menu is available for purchase prior to the program.

Meetings are open to the public.

## OCHS CHRISTMAS STORE OPENING NEXT WEEK

The Oregon Coast Humane Society's (OCHS) Christmas Store is packed full of Christmas decorations and gifts for all ages, and will open its doors Wednesday, Nov. 1.

This year's Christmas store is located at 2775 Highway 101, between the Verizon Store and Domino's Pizza.

There is holiday home and outdoor décor and gift giving items for all ages. The store is smaller than in past years, so shoppers can return multiple times as new stock is brought in as space permits.

As in years past, volunteers

are needed to assist shoppers when the store opens Nov. 1.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the store can call Christmas Store Manager, Danielle Dickson at 541-999-5702, or stop by the store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Beginning Nov. 1, store hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

The store will be closed on Thanksgiving Day as per tradition, and will re-open the following day through Dec. 1.

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