

Habitat celebrates latest home dedication



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The Egan family at the dedication of their Habitat home on Oct. 19, which marked the 30th family to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project in Florence.

Florence Habitat For Humanity recently celebrated with Megan Egan and her family as her new home was dedicated.

On Oct. 19, Mike Harklerode, FHFH Board president, welcomed Egan's family and friends, Habitat volunteers, donors and neighbors to the celebration.

The Egan home on Nopal Street has been "refreshed" as the 30th Habitat residence in Florence after the previous homeowner relocated out of state.

Following a thorough selection pro-

cess in summer, Egan completed "sweat equity" hours by working with Habitat volunteers in painting, repairing and completing landscaping projects.

Her two sons and her grandmother will share the home.

Egan expressed her gratitude to "everyone who supported (my) dreams and helped make them a reality."

Janell Morgan, Habitat Executive Director, acknowledged the generous contributions of the Florence Elks Lodge, Grocery Outlet, Banner Bank, Morn-

ing Star Quilters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Bones Nursery, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Florence in Bloom, Best Western, Berkshire Hathaway and additional supporters and donors.

Sylvia and Jack Napoles were Habitat Family Partners with Egan, and Alice Sighting-Burns was project coordinator.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in Habitat activities and home construction projects by contacting the HFH office at 541-902-9227.

Operation Christmas Child gift collection to begin

Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Drive, is once again the area collection point for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind.

Florence residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for them. The gifts can include

school supplies, clothing and toys for children ages 2 to 14.

From the distribution sites, boxes are flown to countries around the world, and then delivered to communities by trucks — and even donkeys, camels or canoes.

This year's National Collection Week is Monday, Nov. 12, to Monday, Nov. 19.

Florence project coordina-

tors hope to collect at least 500 shoebox gifts this year. Collection hours at Florence Evangelical Church are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plus, Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 19, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Donations to help with postage are also appreciated. For questions about dropping off shoeboxes or putting them to-

gether, call the church at 541-997-2523.

Operation Christmas Child has been an annual project of Samaritan's Purse since 1993.

The project has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children, in more than 150 countries and territories.

For information, visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

Elks Lodge to commemorate Marine Corps anniversary

Saturday, Nov. 10, will mark the United States Marine Corps 243rd anniversary since the Continental Congress authorized its creation in 1775.

Former Marines, any local active duty Marine as well as any FMF Corpsmen, along with their spouses or significant others are invited to a birthday celebration to be held at the Elk Lodge, located at 1686 12th St., on the Nov. 10.

The celebration consists of a no-host open bar from 5 to 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The Marine Commandant's Message, traditional cake cutting, remarks and a raffle on a number of baskets containing Marine Corps memorabilia, as well as a live auction, will be held from 7 to 8 p.m.

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