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"A friend of mine told me, the venture. 'You know, we should really get donations down there," Fritz and shoes down to a dull roar, ed until Tuesday afternoon, at said. "I was like, 'Okay!' Put a so we're not accepting those which time Fritz, her husband they make from their business, post on Facebook, and away it anymore," she said. "We're still went."

received 40 black bags of cloth- uct people want to send along. ing, "a couple bags of shoes, Toiletries, diapers, that's what some blankets and towels, plus we really need now. If peothree bags of toiletries."

"We're trying to keep clothes Thus far, Fritz stated she has socks. Any kind of food prod-

would be great too."

Donations will be accept-Mike and daughter Shannon Hillbilly Jams, Jellies & More, looking for blankets, coats, will pack their trailer and head can have a good Turkey Day."

Cash donations will also be accepted, and any help with time on our hands, but we ple want to send down toys the gas money would be greatly

Florence Food Share has also for Christmas gifts for kids appreciated, as the Fritz family donated 500 pounds of soup for who have lost everything, that expects to drive around 9 miles per gallon.

Fritz and her family are also donating all of the proceeds which has a booth at the Picclocated at the fairgrounds.

"We don't really have the made the time," Fritz said. "I'm just thankful we're able to do it and the community is coming together."

Drop off locations are at Frank's Place in Mapleton, located at 10788 Highway 126, or in Florence at the Florence RV and Automotive, located at 4390 Highway 101.

Donations will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, Nov.

Fritz thanked the community for coming together in this

"Anything helps," she said.

Operation Christmas Child gift collection continues

Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Drive, tors hope to collect at least 500 is once again the area col- shoebox gifts this year. Colleclection point for Operation tion hours at Florence Evan-Christmas Child, the world's gelical Church are Monday largest Christmas project of through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 its kind.

Florence residents, families, churches and groups can Nov. 19, from 8 to 10 a.m. 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

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 coordinap.m. Plus, Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Monday,

Donations to help with postage are also appreciated. For questions about dropping off shoeboxes or putting them together, call the church at 541-997-2523.

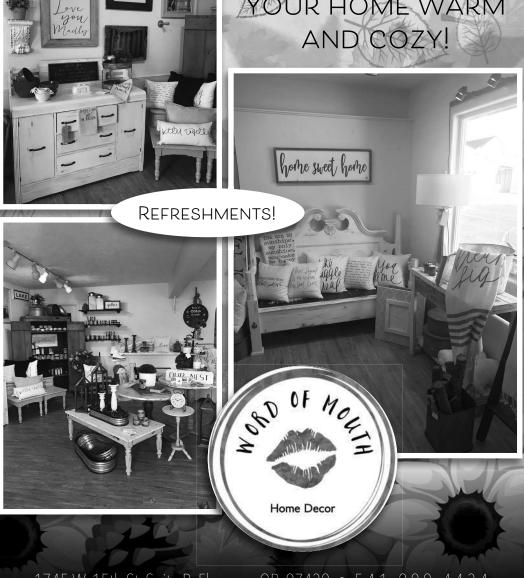
Operation Christmas Child has been an annual project of Samaritan's Purse since 1993.

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

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







GYM MASCOT from page 1A

consideration included a burly sailor, an anchor, a warship and the letter "M" accompanied by a slogan.

Although the Oct. 3 school board meeting was expected there were concerns that a full not been accounted for. This 2017, to comply. prompted the board to expand community.

for the design they would prefer to see in the center of the should get an equal vote."

to either keeping the original logo or an "M" accompanied lin High School in Portland stand that that is a real possiby the slogan "Home of the removed their Quaker mascot Sailors," the board committed amid complaints it violated the to upholding whichever design separation of church and state. the community favored.

munity was a decision made in condemnation. light of an influx of opinions, both in person and in writ- very little or none that stronging. While the initial question ly felt they weren't represented of Salty's future was framed as because of Salty," said Burruss. an opportunity for a modern, "It didn't end up being an isequitable upgrade, the subtext sue, which was interesting and ty and values. of gender inclusivity spurred good to hear." some public comments.

gender is a problem with a school mascot," read one comment on the district's website.

mascots are nothing new. Nationwide, controversy about Submitted concepts up for using Native American names conscientious and represent and imagery has been going on for years. Oregon itself passed a law in 2012 prohibiting Oregon tive American names, symbols or images as school mascots. At to reveal the board's final vote, least 15 Oregon high schools were affected by the ruling, inventory of local opinion had which gave schools until July 1,

the voting process to the entire controversy, other high schools have opted to change their "Anyone can cast their vote mascots in the face of public pressure: South Eugene High School changed their name Mapleton High School gym from "Axemen" to "Axe" after face the gym floor puts the bill floor," the school district said a heated debate on gender bias; at \$26,795. Should non-disin a press release. "Everyone South Albany High School dropped the name "Rebels" in which prohibit Salty, this num-With the choices pared down response to the 2017 Charlottesville, Va. riots; and Frank-

Giving the vote to the com- has not received such public pen."

"We have always been Sail- relatively mild compared to larger role in the conversation," ors! It is a sad country when more contentious mascot debates. Still, Burruss emphasized her and other board members' commitments to stewarding a gym, so that's what we're going Debates on discriminatory district that is representative of to do."

community values.

"We really are trying to be our student body — past, present and future," she said.

Also resting on the board public schools from using Na- members' minds was the issue of fiscal responsibility. In a non-binding recom-

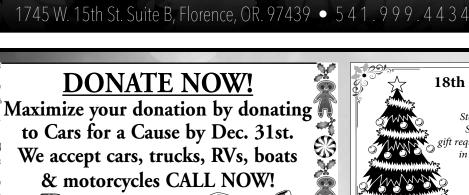
mendation from the Oregon School Board Association, legal counsel stated, "A mascot should not discriminate in any Outside the Native American way or have the effect of favoring one protected class over another (the protected class could be race, gender, religion, disability, etc.)."

A current estimate to resurcrimination laws be passed ber could rise. "We want people to under-

bility," said Burruss. "We went ahead and made the decision to put Salty back on there un-Mapleton's Salty, however, derstanding that that may hap-Despite the possibility of fu-

"In all of the feedback, we got ture state law changes, Salty's place in Mapleton's community has been solidified by a process which allowed the public a brief evaluation of their identi-

"If people were very offended Community concerns were by it, that would have played a said Burruss. "The majority of people were supportive of leaving Salty in the middle of the

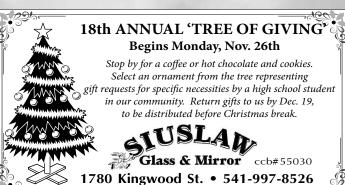




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