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Last year saw a dramatic increase, with the nights averaging 17 people spending the night and between 20 and 25 meals served. While Monday's numbers weren't quite as high, it is still early in the season and word of the shelter opening is still spreading.

The cost to run the Florence Cold Weather Shelter can be high, generally \$360 a night to pay for overnight staff. As of right now, the program has funds to run a typical winter, but if the early start is a bellwether, more funds may be needed.

"Right now, we assume a typical winter is 12 to 15 nights," Wood said. "If that's a typical winter, we're fine. We're not hurting or begging yet, but we do like to be prepared. If we were open 22 nights or more, we would be at that point."

The program received a whole host of donations last year, including a generous donation of socks from the Siuslaw School District's Kindness Club.

"We are so thankful for the support from last year," Wood said. "Already some of the support that's been coming in. The employees at Oregon Pacific Bank have made some generous contributions to us through their

casual Friday denim day program. We're thankful for the support we've had. We've had offers of people to come in and cook meals and help out with moving the materials around. We have a new laundry person this year. It's amazing, the support that we have."

What the program is short on is snacks and clothing.

"This year we would like snack crackers, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers or granola bars that we can use to supplement the meals that we're serving," Wood said. "We also would be happy to receive donations of hats and warm gloves, and we're always looking for cash donations."

The shelter, which is located at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, located at 3996 Highway 101, opens at 5 p.m. with dinner being served at 6.

There is free transportation to the shelter, with pick-up locations at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.; Fred Meyer, 4701 Highway 101; and near the bus kiosk on the north side of Highway, 700 Highway 101.

The van, which is white in color and marked with a "Emergency Cold Shelter" designation on it, picks up people between 5 and 6 p.m.

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As no crime was involved in the accident, he eventually ended the search and left the area without locating the individual believed to have been Stapp, who lives within a short walk of the scene of the accident.

According to authorities, the unoccupied vehicle had white hair on the interior that appeared to be animal hair. Paperwork found in the vehicle indicated the driver may have been Patrick Stapp. Stapp's dog has since been located and is safe.

That same night, Stapp reportedly had plans to have dinner with a friend and did not show up.

Stapp's family, including sons John and Shane, as well as daughter-in-law Alyshia, have not heard from Stapp since the incident on Friday and are concerned for his safety.

As of Monday morning, 48 hours had passed since his disappearance, allowing the family to officially reported him as a

"missing person."

According to LCSO Sargent Carrie Carver, the department is looking into the disappearance but has no new information. The LCSO is hoping community members can provide further details regarding Stapp's whereabouts.

"The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance locating 58-year-old Patrick Stapp of Florence, who was reported missing by his family on Dec. 3," stated a release from LCSO issued early Tuesday afternoon, which described Stapp as being a white male, standing 6 feet tall and weighing approximately 165 pounds. He has short brown hair and brown eyes, as well as a short beard and mustache.

Friends and family members have met on at least two occasions since Friday to search on their own for Stapp, with no success.

"So far, nothing. We had about 10 people searching yesterday for him for a good six hours," said Alyshia Stapp.



Patrick Stapp is often seen around town and with his dog.

"They were all volunteers from Facebook and one was an ex-fire rescue marshal. Besides getting actual rescue crews involved or hiring professional search dogs, he admitted we've done all we can do."

She added, "But Pat doesn't just disappear like this. He always contacts his boys or friends — someone to let them know he's still kicking. He doesn't just go missing, especially after something like this."

Anyone with information regarding the disappearance of Patrick Stapp can call his son John at 541-913-3526 or the LCSO at 541-682-4141.

Editor's Note: Preliminary reports placed the accident on Mercer Lake Road. Siuslaw News verified through Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue that the incident occurred on Sutton Lake Road, just past Mercer Lake Lane.

Cindy Wobbe Estate Sales hosts Holiday Business After Hours Thursday

Cindy Wobbe and the team at Cindy Wobbe Estate Sales invite the Florence community to kick off the holiday season at Business After Hours on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at her showroom in the Florence Antique District.

Cindy has chosen this event to launch the first public preview of The TERNYK Collection and will showcase select artifacts, memorabilia and artwork curated over the lifetime of the late Wilbur and Joyce TERNYK.

View firsthand the private offering of this and several other

noteworthy estates, sign up for some fun door prizes, and plan on enjoying a fabulous selection of nibbles and nosh personally catered by Cindy and her team.

Cindy Wobbe Estate Sales is located at 498 Highway 101.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours events are free and open to the public. These Thursday events are held throughout the month. For more info, visit florencechamber.com.

Come out to mix, mingle and do some business.

Latter-Day Saints craft group meets this Friday

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' local craft group will be meeting this Friday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m.

The project this month will be fancy fold card making for those who wish to participate. People can also bring their own project to work on.

Scrapbooking, journaling,

painting, origami, crochet and much more are among the activities people often work on.

Bring your supplies, paper, lunch and creative energy and join us at the Church of Latter-Day Saints, near the corner of Munsel Lake Drive and North Fork Road.

There is no charge to participate.

LRP to hold auditions for upcoming murder mystery

Florence's Last Resort Players will be holding open auditions on Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9, for a comedy murder mystery.

The performance dates for the comedic show will be Feb. 9 and 10.

The murder mystery cast requires four men with stage ages between 25 and 70 and six women of any age, with one having a stage age of a teenager.

Auditions will be held on the main stage at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

People do not need to have experience to audition.

For more information, visit lastresortplayers.com or find Last Resort Players on Facebook.

Windermere Real Estate to 'Share the Warmth' this winter

Real estate brokers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington are gearing up for Windermere Real Estate's annual Share the Warmth campaign.

Through Dec. 19, Windermere brokers will be collecting new or gently used adult-sized coats and twin-sized blankets for the local community.

In the Florence area, the donations will benefit Siuslaw Outreach Services, a local nonprofit that helps people and families in need. The charity is also adding new socks to its wish list. The public can stop by participating Windermere offices to drop off donations.

The Florence office of Windermere is located at 1625 12th St.

"Beyond helping people buy and sell homes, our real estate brokers have always been committed to their local communities," said Scott Mitchelson, President, Windermere Real Estate/Oregon & SW Washington. "Not only do they raise a substantial amount of funding through the Windermere Foundation, they give back in other ways too, whether that is collecting coats and blankets for the needy or volunteering at a local charity."

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Classes, Workshops & Events

NEW! Felting 1 with Ginny Kliever
Friday, January 11, 2019, 1:30-4:30 pm
Learn the art of felting making a coin purse. Bring a shank button; other material provided. Pre-registration req'd at FRAA or with Ginny. 541-521-3513

NEW! Alcohol Ink Wine Glass Workshop with Denise Tarvin
Saturday, January 19, 2019, 2-4 pm
Learn to apply alcohol ink to wine glasses. All materials provided. Pre-registration req'd at FRAA.

Next Art Change-Out Day
Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 9-11 am
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to help keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

Winter Music Festival
Vendors still welcome to apply.
Sponsored by FRAA, held at the FEC,
Saturday, January 26, 11-5 pm and
Sunday, January 27, 11- 4 pm
Join us for this annual event full of music, food and great art.

Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and January 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Celebrate the New Year with Poetry! Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Writers on the River - Creative Writing Workshop with Catherine Rourke
2019 Annual Writers Boot Camp
Reboot your writing for the new year!
Sat., January 19, 2019 10 am - 12 noon
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