

Community News

Florence Food Share receives funding from PeaceHealth Peace Harbor

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center has awarded Florence Food Share a \$40,000 grant to support the emergency food pantry's efforts to support families struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We truly appreciate the support of PeaceHealth during this time," said Colin Morgan, executive di-

rector at Florence Food Share. "We are very grateful for PeaceHealth's dedication and generosity towards our community."

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, part of a three-state, nonprofit healthcare system, has provided a total of \$140,000 in COVID-19 emergency grants to local organizations serving indi-

viduals and families in western Lane County.

The mission of Florence Food Share is to alleviate hunger and enhance the health and dignity of people in western Lane County.

The pantry is located at 2190 Spruce St. in Florence, and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from

4 to 6 p.m., and the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 541-997-9110 or visit www.florence-foodshare.org.

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center has been recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes

shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. Since opening its doors in 1989, Peace Harbor has provided a level of patient care in advanced imaging and technology that surpasses most other rural facilities.

Visit online at PeaceHealth.org.

Hannigan earns new title

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has awarded Executive Director Bettina Hannigan with a new title in recognition of her many accomplishments.

"While many non-profits use the title executive director, the board felt that president/CEO was more in line with her status and accomplishments," said Board Chair Neil Ecker, COO of Hyak.

According to board member and past-chair Russ Pierson, dean of Lane Community College Florence Center, "The new title better aligns with our mission and it suggests the gravitas of the position in a way that spotlights Ms. Hannigan's expertise."

Hannigan, who has served the Florence Chamber since April 2016, was elected to the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) Board of Directors late last year. OSCC is the largest grassroots organization for business which gives a voice in the state capital for large and small local business communities. She was also responsible for bringing the OSCC statewide convention to Florence in 2017.

"As a board we have been so very pleased with Bettina's commitment to professional development and for the way she is utilizing her ever-growing and considerable leadership skills for the betterment of our chamber members, the City of Florence and our greater community," Pierson said. "Her leadership through

this unprecedented period of disruption over these past several months has demonstrated anew just how fortunate we are to have Bettina securely at the helm of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. We are stronger together — and much stronger with Bettina's caring, professional, and insightful leadership."

Chamber leadership indicated that though the title evokes a higher recognition, appreciation, and status, it does not come with additional salary.

Since Hannigan's hiring, chamber membership, attendance at annual festivals, total room tax dollars, overall tourism revenue and tourism industry employment have all grown.

In addition, Florence has been recognized as USA Today's No. 1 "Best Small Town in the Northwest" and No. 2 "Small Town In America for Adventure;" Expedia.com's No. 1 "Most Beautiful Town" and No. 5 "Place in the US to Pop the Question;" The Oregonian/OregonLive.com readers' "Favorite Coastal Getaway;" Where to Retire Magazine's "Top 8 Coastal Places to Retire;" Flight.com's "8 Coolest Cities You Must Experience for Yourself;" TripAdvisor's "25 Best Family Weekend Getaways With Kids;" and USHarbor.com's No. 2 "Best Harbor in America."

For more info, visit FlorenceChamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

Mini Pet Mart contributes 600+ pounds of food to OCHS

In July, Mini Pet Mart, 2630 Highway 101 in Florence, donated more than a quarter-ton of food to Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS).

Owner Lorelei Ward says the store has been contributing to the humane society since it opened 10 years ago.

"Obviously, we love pets. We want to make sure the residents at OCHS are well fed," Ward said. "We get a lot of satisfaction from knowing they're eating a premium diet thanks to contributions from manufacturers, distributors and our awesome customers who buy a couple of extra cans every time they come in and put them in the barrel for OCHS."

The contribution, made at the end of July, included approximately 20 24-pound bags and seven 15-pound bags of Natural Balance dry dog food, as well as five cases of canned dog and cat food, all totaling more than 600 pounds.

OCHS Executive Director Charles Brown said, "Lorelei and the folks at Mini Pet

Mart are such important partners with us. Their contributions are critical to our success, but as generous as they are, and as large as this gift might seem to people, there is a constant need for dry and canned foods for all our cats and dogs. We cannot rely only on the tremendous generosity of Mini Pet Mart alone, but, man, do we appreciate it."

According to Brown, contributions from OCHS members and the community have slowed due to COVID-19.

"This comes at such a great time, and as astounding as this contribution is, we still need contributions on a regular basis to sustain our full population," he said.

Mini Pet Mart also contributes toys — new, returns and those added to the barrel in the store by customers.

"Shelter animals love the toys. Entertainment is everything to a shelter animal. It keeps them occupied and happier," said Ward. "Customers can also contribute financially with cash or a credit card when they shop,



Mini Pet Mart owner Lorelei Ward loads up her car with donations to Oregon Coast Humane Society.

and can take part in our different promotions each year."

For more information on the Oregon Coast Humane Society, or how to volunteer or support it financially, contact 541-997-4277 or visit www.OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org.

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"I'm here to support the community and the Siuslaw News."

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Church Rummage Sale helps kids go to camp — next year

People from all over will be able to find a treasure they didn't know they were looking for.

Florence Evangelical Church is holding a rummage sale Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from this annual sale will help kids go to camp next summer.

The sale is at the church, 1318 Rhododendron Dr., on the corner of Laurel Street, one short block off Highway 101.

People are asked to wear a mask or face covering. Social distancing will be observed, which may cause waiting at times.

The sale organizers thank the community for its cooperation.

Florence's Popular Community-wide Garage Sale cancelled this year

Due to the current restrictions in place as our community takes action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, this year's Community-wide Garage Sale has been cancelled. The Siuslaw News and Florence Area Chamber of Commerce hope to have the next sale in September 2021.

Florence's Community-wide Garage Sale is usually held at homes throughout the Siuslaw region in the second weekend in September, along with the annual Rods 'N Rhodies classic car show.

"It's up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Siuslaw News publish-

er Jenna Bartlett. "Everyone, including young and healthy people, should avoid large gatherings during this time."

If having a garage sale is still in your plans, people are asked to consider the following tips:

- Display posters to remind customers about social distancing.
- Tables and chairs should be at least 6 feet apart.
- Use heavy-duty tape to form a flow for customers to follow throughout the sale.
- Ask customers to stand in a line, while spread apart, during high-traffic times.
- Make sure all merchandise is washed and dried

and/or wiped down with a disinfectant product before placing on a table or chair for sale.

- Clean tables and chairs several times throughout the day.
- Supply hand sanitizer on tables and elsewhere for customers.
- Wear masks and disposable gloves.
- Designate a person to take money from customers and washing hands after every transaction.

For current updates on the COVID-19 situation in Oregon, visit Oregon Health Authority at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

Yachats River Valley Farm Tour takes place until 4 p.m. today

The annual tour of the farms and ranches along the Yachats River Road will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring locally grown fruits, vegetables, grass-fed beef, baked goods, jams, refreshments and, in one instance,

live music.

Seven farms make up the roster this year, each featuring a different attraction, most with local produce or beef for sale. In addition, farm animals — and even llamas, alpacas and peacocks — will be at some of the farms.

Because of the pandemic, visitors must wear masks and observe social distancing protocols.

To get to the Yachats River Road, turn off Highway 101 just south of Yachats near the north bank of the Yachats River.

Admission to all venues is free. Parking is readily available.

For more information, along with a map, visit www.yachats.org. People can also go to "Visit Yachats Oregon Coast" on Facebook to find the event.



Fall/Winter Bowling League Registration going on NOW!

Team up with some new friends when you join a bowling league!

We also have open bowling, fun for the whole family!

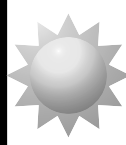






Everyone is Welcome at Holiday Bowl

Monday Night – Kids League
Tuesday Night - Open League
Wednesday Afternoon - Seniors
Wednesday Night - Mixed Social
Thursday Night - Men's League
Friday Afternoon - Seniors
Sunday Night - Mixed Social

Holiday Bowl

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AUGUST 15	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21
						
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
81°F 56°F	72°F 53°F	69°F 52°F	66°F 54°F	67°F 53°F	70°F 53°F	67°F 54°F

Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

- 1 Car Sanitation** - All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.
- 2 Hand Sanitation** - Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.
- 3 Give Customers Options** - We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.
- 4 Employee Illness is Serious** - We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.
- 5 Wipe Down High Touch Points** - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you.

We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.



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