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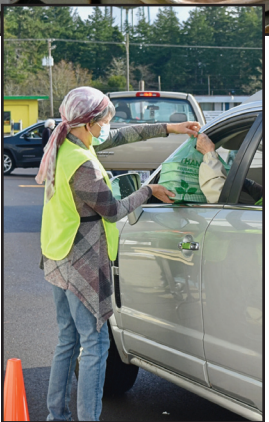
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Dishing up a drive-through dinner



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Lane to be among 21 'extreme risk' counties after gov.'s freeze ends

Current limits are expected to extend through December

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SIUSLAW NEWS

This past Wednesday, Nov. 25, the governor's office released a new chart identifying 21 counties currently identified as "extreme risk," with Lane County joining Portland metro counties Marion and Deschutes due to a continued spike in coronavirus spread. Other counties determined as "extreme risk" are Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

In addition, six counties — Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Hood River, Josephine and Lake — have been classified as "high risk," with four others — Curry, Harney, Lincoln and Morrow — determined to be "moderate risk."

Only five Oregon counties — Gilliam, Sherman, Tillamook, Wallowa and Wheeler — are categorized as "lower risk."

The Oregon Health Authority will re-examine county case data next week to make a final determination of where each county will sit when the freeze ends Dec. 3, with counties

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Cloudy with a high of 54 and a low tonight of 38.

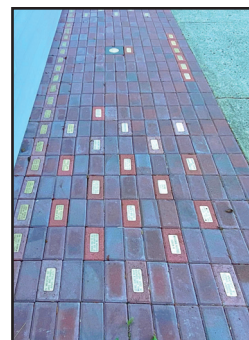
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Kiwanis hosts free drive-through holiday meal for Florence community

Kiwanis Club of Florence again hosted its free Florence Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. While continuing a 30-year tradition in the community, this year had a new format as people socially distanced under COVID-19.

"We had a wonderful turnout," said event coordinator Shannon Sheets. "We were able to fully distribute all of our meals in less than 35 minutes.

Truly a new record, but we didn't have much to compare it against."

Directional signs on Ninth, 10th and 12th streets led people to drive past the kitchen at Florence Elks Lodge #1858, where Kiwanis and community volunteers handed bagged meals to people in the cars.

Sheets said the first person in line arrived 90 minutes early for one of 500 meals Kiwanis prepared. Of those meals, 15 to 20 went to

people without vehicles, who walked up to the event. Thanks to coordination between Helping Hands and Sheets' family, they were able to heat up their plates.

"We were able to get a microwave going and paper plates so the people who were vehicle-less were able to warm their meals up as hot as they wanted and take it wherever they were going," Sheets.

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Planning Commission moves ahead on resolutions

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The City of Florence Planning Commission met Tuesday, Nov. 24, with four resolutions that required action by commissioners. The resolutions had been previously discussed by the commission, which was revisiting the items for a final discussion before deciding on the appropriate action for all three pending issues.

Chairperson John Murphey, who called the PC to order with all commissioners in attendance, introduced the first action item — Resolution PC 20 25, submitted by Driftwood Shores Maintenance. Continuing a discussion from Nov. 10, this was an application from Martin Alletson, on behalf of the Association Owners Driftwood Shores & Surfside Inn., for approval of a variance to architectural requirements for the 80' x 40' metal

building constructed at 88427 First Avenue at the northeast corner of First Avenue and Falcon Street in the Commercial District.

Planning Director Wendy Farley-Campbell reviewed the timeline for the project at Driftwood Shores and provided four general requests which the applicant was encouraged to meet before approval would be given to move forward.

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Things to do while home for the holidays

Note: Masks and social distancing are required to participate in each of these events

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
SIUSLAW NEWS

With the conclusion of Thanksgiving this week, the winter holidays are officially upon the Siuslaw Region. Many usual events are canceled or postponed, yet many more are popping up to get people in the holiday mood. Here is the beginning of a list for people and families to do this year in person or virtually.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS UPCYCLING CHALLENGE

From Dec. 1 to 12, take the time to upcycle items into gifts or decorations. The challenge includes scrap

wood, wreaths, kitchen items, etc.

Hosted by Florence Habitat for Humanity, 2016 Highway 101

For more information, go to florencehabitat.org

25TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP A LIFE

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice invites the community to remember their loved ones during the virtual Light Up a Life celebration. People will be able to attend a video memorial via Facebook on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.

Hosted by Peace Harbor Hospice, www.facebook.com/PeaceHarbor/

For more information or to participate, go to www.peacehealth.org/

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & TOY DRIVE

People are asked to bring a toy to donate to this Mapleton event, which features live reindeer, Santa Claus, a holiday bazaar, goodie bags for kids, story time, ugly sweater contest, live music, raffles, hot chocolate and a chili feed.

Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mapleton Grange, 10880 E. Mapleton Road
Hosted by Jami Crawford Sautner

FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Community members have gath-

ered to create dozens of trees worth hundreds of dollars. People can view and buy online at www.qtego.net/qink/ocmm, or over the phone at 541-902-5160

Auction will conclude Saturday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m.

Hosted by Oregon Coast Military Museum, 2145 Kingwood St.

For more information, go to www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Pick up a \$15 house kit from Florence Habitat and get decorating. Then, post a photo to social media. Gingerbread house with the most likes wins.
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