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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Annual march draws attention to issue

"We all have an obligation to help one another," said SOS Director Bob Teter in front of Siuslaw High School students and community members during SOS's annual March for Domestic Violence Awareness.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Sunday, Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) Director Bob Teter led a group of local students and concerned individuals on a somber march from Veteran's Park in Historic Old Town to the boardwalk at the Port of Siuslaw.

Members of the SOS Board of Directors, joined by Florence Mayor Joe Henry and his wife Pam, were participants in the silent vigil that made its way slowly down Bay Street.

Florence Police Department led



the way, with lights flashing, as people applauded and signaled encouragement to the marchers.

"This past year we have all been met by challenges, hardships, failed relationships and economic uncertainty. Social media and the news outlets are filled with stories of people screaming and yelling at each other for any number of reasons. Many feel their lives are spiraling out of control," Teter said.

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Mapleton Autumn Festival brings together community



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The 2021 Mapleton Autumn Festival was held on Saturday at 10650 Highway 101, which is the site of the former Davidson Mill just west of Mapleton center. The event featured classic automobiles, a chili cook-off, vendors, plants, animals and music.

The large open space was chosen as it allows for many people to gather in the outdoors, in close proximity to Mapleton's small business district, with some social distancing possible.

During the festival, the crowd moved between vendors and the music area.

Members of local veteran groups were on hand to post the colors and emergency responders from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, led by Fire Marshal Tony Miller, and Lane County Sheriff's Office brought ladder trucks and other lifesaving equipment as part of a county-wide push to bring attention to Fire Safety Month, which occurs during October.

The event was organized by

Mapleton-area resident Jami Crawford Sautner, who said she was pleased with the turnout and with the community wide support she received for the festival.

"I just want to thank so darned many people for making Saturday's third Autumn Festival a success," she said. "Sue and Phil Davidson allowing us to use the property was such a blessing."

She also thanked her "amazing friend Amy Clawson," who sang the National Anthem while the

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Mapleton woman dead after standoff following dispute

On Saturday, Oct. 2, just prior to 8:30 p.m., the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received the report of a domestic dispute at a residence involving a firearm in the 87000 block of Rice Road in Mapleton.

The caller stated that 28-year-old Jazmine Thein used a firearm to shoot at her brother. Her brother was able to flee to a neighbor's house.

LCSO deputies arrived and were able to confirm that Thein was still inside the residence.

Over the course of the next several hours, deputies worked to negotiate and de-escalate the situation so that she could be taken into custody safely.

Shortly after 6 a.m., however, deputies found her deceased in a bedroom from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot.

No shots were ever fired by deputies during this incident.

The incident is LCSO Case #21-5606.

According to LCSO Public Information Officer Sargent Tom Speldrich, the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office is conducting the post mortem.



Marching in Florence for reproductive rights

The fifth annual Women's March took place on Saturday, with this year's focus being

expanded the focus of attention to include other issues impacting women, such as unequal educational opportunities, sexual harassment and exploitation of women and girls in the area of sex trafficking.

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