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his organization after his rescued shelter dog Jordan, who was his motivation to highlight shelter animal welfare.

Rotunda encourages people to donate to local shelters, streaming the events via Facebook Live. He introduces the shelter pets, interacts with them and shows ways people can benefit their lives. All the money raised at each shelter goes directly to that shelter.

OCHS is fundraising for new kennels for its dogs. Currently, the humane society has about a dozen dogs available for adoption.

"The new kennels are being put in starting (Tuesday). It's going to take between two and three weeks to put in the new kennels," Thompson said. "We would like to raise \$15,000 for the install of the kennels. Anything that we can raise above that's going to go towards beginning the

modifications on our medical suite."

Once those upgrades are complete, the next step will be for OCHS to recruit a vet.

Monday's event brought in nearly \$5,000, and people can still donate through the link available at [www.facebook.com/OregonCoastHumaneSociety](http://www.facebook.com/OregonCoastHumaneSociety).

Oregon is the 39th state on the Jordan's Way tour, and Rotunda and his team did a second livestream after leaving Florence.

"It's so exciting, and what a blessing," Thompson said. "It is really fun. I'm so lucky. I can't believe I get paid to do this!"

Part of the appeal of the Jordan's Way events is the interactive component. OCHS volunteers and community members got whipped-



**The Jordan's Way event was a time to have fun while raising money for OCHS.**

cream pies to the face, received peanut butter kisses from the dogs, played games with marshmallows and got doggone silly as prompted by the donations that came rolling in.

Many of those activities benefited the pets, who got special treats throughout the day.

"A&W donated hamburgers for the dogs, and we're getting ready to do catnip and chicken for all the cats. Once we hit \$1,000, all the cats got rotisserie chicken," Thompson said.

OCHS Board President Shauna Robbers and Flor-

ence Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Bettina Hannigan stayed busy throughout the event, contacting every person on their social media, email and other friend lists to get people to donate. People were sending in donations from Florida, New York, even Chile.

"We are so fortunate to have found somebody like Elizabeth with her drive, enthusiasm, 'think out of the box' persona and her willingness to get involved with the community," Robbers said. "She has joined Rotary and Kiwanis, helped with fundraisers, reached out to the schools and other organizations like CROW, and that great calendar we've got going with them. Our board is absolutely over the moon. ... We look forward to a long relationship with her in the community."

For more information, visit [www.oregoncoasthumane-society.org](http://www.oregoncoasthumane-society.org).

**3 local organizations plan Community Giveaway**

Florence Food Share, Florence Habitat for Humanity and Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care, three local Florence organizations, are teaming up to provide a free Community Giveaway Event this weekend. The groups are working together to sponsor this giveaway, which will allow members of the Florence community and surrounding areas to have access to various items free of charge or by donation only.

Items one can expect to see during this event include furniture, bedding, home furnishings, home

décor, kitchen items and durable medical equipment. All items will be available on a first-come basis. Items cannot be put on a hold, so people should come ready to take any item of interest.

The Community Giveaway will take place at the Florence Food Share parking lot, 2190 Spruce St., and will run Friday, Oct. 15, and Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

People can contact DeAnn Hawkins at 541-997-6111 or [dhawkins@spruce-point.com](mailto:dhawkins@spruce-point.com) with questions about the event.

Save the date and plan to stop by!

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and bringing together academic, tribal, state and federal agencies to synthesize climate impacts on stream permanence."

Her first official day on staff will be Oct. 18.

"I am very much looking forward to leading the council to continued success," Pazdral said. "I am also looking forward to getting to know the larger Siuslaw community — hopefully somewhere on a kayak, log jam or dock!"

While searching for the director position, SWC did some restructuring, elevating some current staff and bringing on board others in order to continue their work.

Now, the SWC has two project managers, one to focus on field projects and one to take on the post-COVID revival of community engagement activities.

Caleb Mentzer also joined SWC in late August. Having previously worked as a project manager for other Oregon watershed councils, he will bring a wealth of habitat restoration knowledge to the Siuslaw. His initial work will center around culvert replacement, large wood placement and contract development and management.

In addition, Kevin Whitaker joined the SWC field crew as a restoration technician this summer and

works on new and ongoing projects throughout the watershed.

SWC's mission is to create sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.

The SWC, like many publicly oriented groups has had to adapt to COVID related restrictions and still work towards accomplishing their mission.

"Staff at the Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) have responded to COVID as necessary over the course of the pandemic," Moffett said.

While some employees worked from home until vaccines were widely available, crews were still able to work in the field. The office reopened in June and continues to follow pandemic safety precautions.

Although the activities SWC is usually involved with have been reduced or modified, there are other projects which the group is working on to further their mission.

"We have a project currently underway in Upper Deadwood Creek placing logs instream to restore native salmon habitat as part of the Siuslaw Coho Partnership Strategic Action Plan," Moffett said. "In preparation for winter, the field crew is protecting native plantings by removing the surrounding vegetation and building or maintaining enclosures. The field crew is also surveying tide

gates on the Siuslaw and assisting with lamprey surveys at the Fivemile-Bell restoration site."

In addition, SWC staff are preparing for the next planting season by continuing to maintain potted native plants and collecting seeds. Some of these will be distributed to the community through the Native Plant Distribution in February.

SWC is also coordinating the upcoming year of community events, including the Summer 2022 Exploration Camp. The camp incorporates education, restoration, and recreation for fourth- through 12th-graders in the Siuslaw watershed.

Moffett also wanted individuals to know while volunteer opportunities are still limited, those interested in participating can contact SWC at [nativeplants@siuslaw.org](mailto:nativeplants@siuslaw.org).

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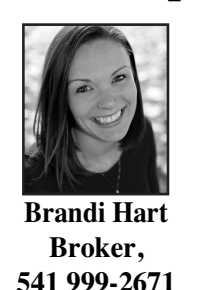
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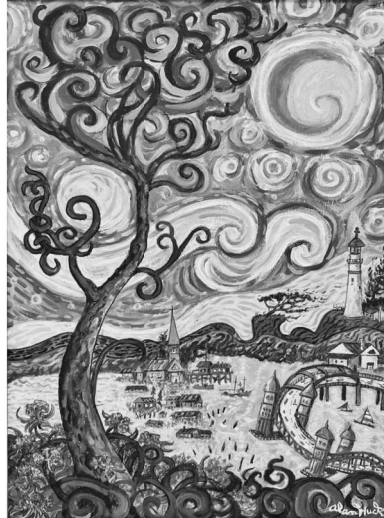
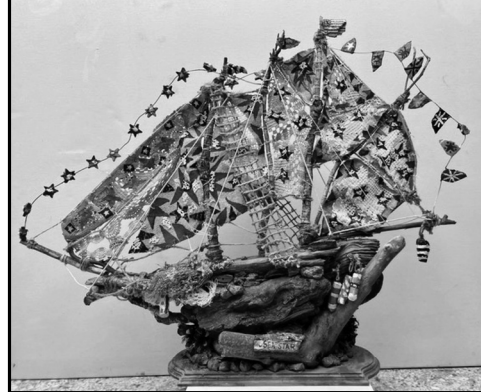
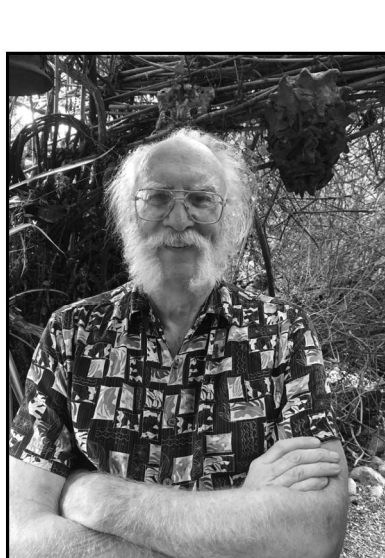
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