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COURTESY PHOTO

Fallen tree causes severe damage to a WLAD vehicle.

AMBULANCE from page 1A cy medical service (EMS) to 17,500 people over 564 square miles. Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue provides an all-hazards emergency response to 14,000 people over 98 square miles. Together their agencies include full-time, part-time and volunteer personnel that respond to an average of 4,500 calls per year. On Oct. 1, 2019, the administrative offices of Siuslaw Valley Fire/Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance District combined to form Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority. Learn more online at wlfea.org.

Oregon Department of Transportation personnel and snowplows were in the area and stopped to assist the ambulance crew and helped to secure the scene until the ambulance could be towed to Florence.

While damage to the front of the ambulance is thought to be considerable, Fire/EMS Chief Michael Schick stated, "We are grateful that no one was injured in this accident."

Western Lane Ambulance District provides emergen-

VACCINE from page 1A

Vaccines available are:

- 1st, 2nd doses of Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Pfizer
- Booster doses of Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Pfizer
- Pediatric doses for ages 5 and older

People in Oregon age 18 and older are eligible for booster shots six months after a second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or two months after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Boosters provide added protection

from serious illness from COVID-19.

Additional information and any updates will be shared on the FEC website at www.eventcenter.org, as well as the Lane County and OHA websites, lane-county.org/vaxclinics and healthoregon.org/coronavi

The Florence Events Center is among four new high-volume vaccination sites opening across the state to provide easy access to COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots. Other locations include Pony Village Mall in North Bend, the

Roseburg Public Library and Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde.

"These sites will offer all three COVID-19 vaccines, boosters and pediatric doses," OHA announced Dec. 23. "The vaccines are safe, effective and free. You do not need health insurance.

No appointment is necessary." There are an additional six high-volume sites across the state, along with other options through local medical providers. For more information about vaccination clinics and providers, go to GetVaccinated.Oregon.gov.

Editor's Note: Due to a printing error in the Friday, Dec. 24, edition of the *Siuslaw News*, the *News* is reprinting some of those stories. The stories are also available to read at www.TheSiuslawNews.com. Thank you for your understanding.

Police arrest driver in September's four-vehicle crash on Highway 126, which left one dead

On Dec. 22, Oregon State Police announced the completion of the investigation into the Sept. 20 four-vehicle crash on Highway 126 near Walton, which led to the death of Springfield resident Sarah Susman, an employee with Western Lane Ambulance District who was 25 years old.

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towing a boat, operated by Randall Tokich, 70, of Eugene. The Dodge Ram then struck an eastbound Ford Mustang, operated by Jordyn Tippett, 20, of Coquille. Susman sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced

deceased. McVay and Tippett were transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend with injuries. Tokich had minor injuries. Susman was a part-time Western Lane Ambulance District employee and was

driving to work when the accident occurred. She was recently hired with WLAD after completing the EMT Intermediate program at Lane Community College. She had previously been an EMT and volunteer fire-

fighter for three years. During the initial incident and subsequent investigation, Oregon State Police was assisted by Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Department of Transportation.

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On Sept. 20 at approximately 7:14 a.m., Oregon State Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a four-vehicle crash on Highway 126 near milepost 37. Preliminary investiga-

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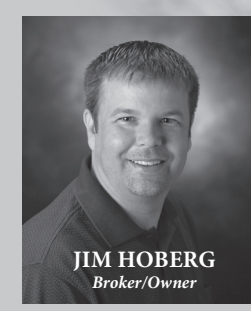


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