

Victim advocate Hickman to speak at next FACC meeting

Marie Hickman, advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS), will be the speaker at this month's Florence Area Community Coalition general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

Hickman's presentation will outline services provided to clients in cases of do-

mestic violence and sexual assault and how SOS collaborates with the Florence Police Department, Peace Harbor Hospital, Kids First and Department of Human Services.

She will share additional information about the many services provided to the community by SOS.

In addition, SOS expresses appreciation for all the donations to its emergency

supplies area and reminds the community that the annual "March to End Domestic Violence" will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Marchers will gather at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Bay Street at 12:45 p.m., then walk down Bay Street to the Boardwalk, where there will be a brief and inspirational program.

Everyone is welcome.

The Florence Area Com-

munity Coalition reminds individuals and organizations that it is time to renew memberships.

The membership year is from July 1 to June 30.

Individual memberships are \$25 and organizational memberships are \$50 per year.

For more information, call 541-999-2927.

LIVING IN THE SCREEN

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Over the past week, Siuslaw Middle School and City Lights Cinemas have sought to bring light to teenagers' online use through the showing of an award-winning documentary, "Screenagers."

On Tuesday, a specially-priced community screening was shown thanks to sponsorship from Florence

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"Something that is often misunderstood is that parents do have a lot of influence over their teens' behavior. We know from studies that teens are less likely to engage in the behavior if they know that their guardians, parents or trusted adults in their lives disapprove of that behavior."

— *Abbie Lee, Lane County Community Health Analyst,
& Healthy Directions Coalition coordinator*

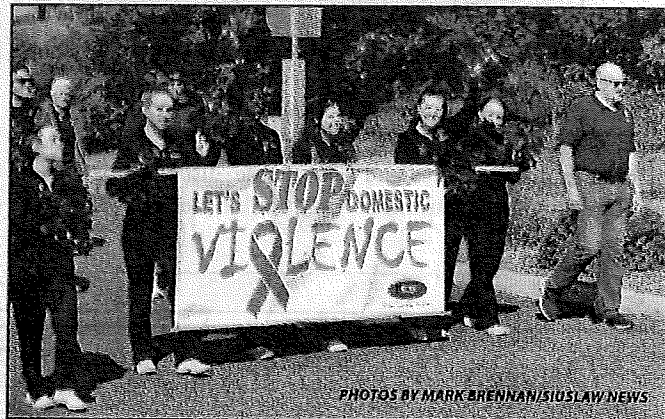
that, "You really do have a big impact on what your family and teen engage in. Be that role model and the person they can come to if they have an issue."

For Bob Teter, executive director of Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) and vice chairman of the Healthy Directions Coalition, he sees many examples of the way technology can

affect a home.

"I have seen over the years a kind of parallel with what the kids are being exposed to and the increase in domestic violence, because kids aren't learning consequences," he said. "If you have a disagreement, you don't work it out; you shut them off, or you retaliate. That's carried over into adults. ... So they're having problems. 'I can't deal with you, I can't work things out, so I'm going to retaliate.'"

'Domestic violence affects everyone'





Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) held a march Sunday afternoon in Historic Old Town Florence to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence. Dozens of community members walked from the Veteran's Park down Bay Street to the boardwalk at the Port of Siuslaw. SOS Executive Director Bob Teter shared statistics on instances of domestic violence in Florence with marchers before the group recognized the victims of domestic violence with a moment of silence. "SOS has been serving victims of domestic violence in the Florence area since 1986. Last year, we provided services to 299 victims of domestic violence, including both male and female, children and seniors," he said. "Domestic violence affects everyone."