

Arts & Entertainment

O'Flaherty to perform April 8 at Selma Center

By LINDA COREY-WOODWARD
For IVN

Oregon fans welcome the return of Irish balladeer Danny O'Flaherty in April, as he will tour Seattle, Eugene, Newport and Selma, along with other stops in the Pacific Northwest.

His irresistible Irish charm, Celtic music and humor can be savored on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Selma Community Center, 18258 Redwood Hwy. adjacent to Selma Baptist Church. An intimate evening is planned, including Irish refreshments and O'Flaherty's CDs available during intermission.

He travels widely across North America and the United Kingdom, presenting educational programs for schools. He spins tales about ancient Gaelic-speaking people, their lands and culture, and sings inspiring songs. He is a regular performer for the Council for Exceptional Children, whose theme song, *Every Child a Star* he wrote.

He targets programs for special-needs students incorporating a positive theme. Children enjoy singing along on tunes such as *The Leprechaun Song*, and hearing tales of magical little people in Ireland.

O'Flaherty will return to

Illinois Valley for the third consecutive year to perform a benefit show for the National Federation for the Blind of Oregon (NFBO). He loves Oregon so much that he says he eagerly anticipates each trip, when he can spend time with Oregon friends, walk on the wild coast, and see the scenic Siskiyou Mountains. He generously shares his music, stories and genuine interest in people on each visit.

He was born in Ireland and eventually made his way to America. In 1984, he, his brother and a friend fell in love with New Orleans and opened O'Flaherty's Pub, where it flourished until Hurricane Katrina ended it. O'Flaherty and his wife now make their home base an east Texas ranch, where he can travel to schools and festivals in Louisiana and worldwide, keeping alive ancient Celtic culture through music and storytelling.

The program April 8 will include traditional Celtic tunes and many of O'Flaherty's own engaging songs, tales and humor. He plays guitar as he sings haunting ballads of loves lost, the sea, and plays romping jigs and reels.

The concert will benefit NFBO. Proceeds will go specifically to a literacy program for blind children and their



Danny O'Flaherty (Photo provided)

parents, to help them learn to read in Braille. It also will celebrate the 200th birthday of Louis Braille, inventor of the system of raised symbols to enable visually impaired people to read books, signs, controls and door buttons for elevators and other public conveyances.

Concert organizer Elizabeth Rousseau-Rooney says

that all ages are welcome and promises a wonderful concert, along with refreshments and surprises. Admission is on a sliding scale.

Tickets are available at Coffee Heaven and Taylor's Country Store in Cave Junction; and at Larry's Music in Grants Pass. For information and other ticket outlets, phone 592-3376.

Soup for the Souls safe house benefit set April 11

By IRIS CHINOOK, IVSHA Development Coordinator

It's April again, and spring is on the way.

April is International Sexual Assault Awareness Month and time for Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) to host its third annual *Soup for the Souls* fundraiser. This event keeps getting better and better with delicious soups donated by area restaurants, and a variety of bread provided by Shop Smart Food Warehouse and individuals.

A \$15 suggested donation obtains all the soup and bread a person can eat, and attendees get to select a bowl to keep from an eclectic collection of thrift store finds and hand-crafted ceramic bowls. Suggested donation for children under 12 is \$5.

It's first come-first served on the bowls "so come early to get the best selection."

In the past, IVSHA has had a silent auction as part of this primary fund-raising event. This year the board of directors decided to forego the auction in recognition of the slump in the economy. Rather than ask area merchants and others for auction donations, the alliance is extending a special invitation to support their services by attending the event.

In lieu of the silent auction there will be a cake auction after dinner. So far, more than 17 different cakes are promised by generous supporters.

Established in 2000, IVSHA currently works with an average of 37 adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence each month. Only 11 percent of these survivors access services directly by walking through the front door in search of safety. The rest come to the organization by way of fund-raising and outreach events like the *Soup for the Souls* or the *Super Kids!*

summer program.

These events provide a critical entry point for community members to learn about the services offered at the alliance as well as provide invaluable general operating funds for IVSHA to keep the lights burning. This is very important, as most grant funds do not allow for the money to be used for general operating expenses and tend to be program specific.

Last year, *Soup for the Souls* raised slightly more than \$1,600. If this doesn't sound like much, just consider this: Only \$20 buys gas for two survivors to get to their court appointment in Grants Pass, formula and diapers for an infant or food

for a survivor and child for one day.

For \$50 a complete set of new locks or a car seat for a survivor fleeing for safety can be obtained; \$100 will buy a one-way bus ticket out-of-state or gas for five survivors to get to court to file restraining orders to protect them and their family. These are the kinds of essential services provided daily by the alliance that are paid for out of the general operating funds.

So have a fun *Soup for the Souls* meal in support of a worthy cause in the company of like-minded folks. It's an all-you-can-eat soup-and-bread dinner on Saturday, April 11 at I.V. Senior Center beginning at 5 p.m.

Extension offers compost tea class

Oregon State University Extension Service is offering a free class on compost tea.

Participants will learn how to make the many different blends for making organic compost tea, and the benefits and importance of this mixture to grow healthy nutritious plants.

The hands-on demonstration, taught by a veteran Master Gardener, will be held Wednesday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass.

Register by phoning OSU Josephine County Extension Office at 476-6613.

Danny O'Flaherty

Irish Balladeer & Storyteller

Selma Community Center
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

NFB of Oregon
Braille Literacy Initiative Benefit

Tickets available at the door - Adults \$10, Children \$5

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Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m., County Building, C.J.
to help or for info: 659-8403 or 592-3818

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 1

- Open mic, talent night, anything goes, 7 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, April 2

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, April 3

- Kent Stephenson (country rock), 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Lavender Blue, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Saturday, April 4

- Hope Mountain Radio benefit dance, 6:30 p.m. at the Dome School, 9367 Takilma Rd., Takilma live local music, food, friends, till late...

Saturday, April 4 continued

- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- Lavender Blue, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, April 5

- Pool Tournament (register at 592-3106) at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Monday, April 6

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Tuesday, April 7

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

PHONE 592.2541 to ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR. ONLY \$5 PER ITEM.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: scrapbooking, indoor soccer, homework help

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- * Baseball at Glendale Varsity boys @ noon
- * Softball at Glendale Varsity girls @ noon

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: yoga, drama club, homework help

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- * Golf at St. Mary's School (Stewart Meadows) Varsity girls @ noon
- * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: brain bowl, sewing, guitar lessons, indoor soccer, homework help
- * Track at Hidden Valley Varsity Co-Ed @ 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- * Golf at Phoenix (Centennial Golf Course) Varsity boys @ noon
- * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: yoga, drama club, homework help, (All 21st Century events are open to parents of students at any I.V. school. Also open to homeschoolers.)

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- Deuce
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- Steakhouse selection
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- Specify
- Aardvark's morsel
- Short flight
- Our planet
- Confer with
- Grassland
- Scotch ____
- Make, as money
- Divya's solo
- Wager
- Shirker
- Wednesday is this
- Complain
- Inquire
- Sever
- Alliance
- "____ Maria"
- Loosen, as laces
- Owed and payable
- Lair
- Relax
- Before

Down

- Pisces
- Choir voice
- Radar image
- Zilch
- Pass by
- Freshly painted
- Girdler material
- Monarch or emperor
- Left
- Pledge
- A sudden outburst
- Assault
- Movie theatre
- Small bite
- ____ green
- Flee
- Gallery display
- "Raiders of the Lost ____"
- Pizzeria order
- Sense organ
- Hearty brew
- Gym wear
- Cliffside dwelling
- Acquire a burden
- Happy
- Drift
- Exposed
- Adjutant
- Being acidic
- Deep ____ bend
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- Ignited

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- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

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