

Santa at Volcanoes Stadium Saturday



Santa arrives at Volcanoes Stadium via helicopter Saturday, Dec. 2. He will be on-hand from noon to 3 p.m. taking requests and posing for photos with visitors.

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Cadet Lt. Col. Noah Egli accepts the first place trophy for Marching Units at the Albany Veteran's Day Parade.

Marching to 1st

McNary's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps won a first place trophy at Albany's Veterans Day Parade for Marching Units.

place at the parade for the first time since 2012, the first year of the McNary program.

After the parade the unit made a quick visit to Avamere Courts to thank veterans there for their service.

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Rangers, hosts, and volunteers are transforming the Silver Falls State Park's Historic District into a Christmas wonderland for the 40th annual Christmas Festival. The event will be on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the South Falls Historic District.

Musicians and choral groups provide the sounds of the holidays. Visitors can enjoy cookies and cocoa as they gather in the South Falls Lodge area to hear seasonal stories and music in the afternoon. Or they can get in the spirit by creating make-

and-take projects such as holiday cards, gingerbread houses, festive ornaments, wreaths, nature crafts, and more. There will be guided hikes to enjoy the park in its winter splendor. The Salem Audubon Society is supplying parts, tools, and expertise for bird nest boxes. There is a \$5 materials fee for the bird nest boxes. All other crafts and activities at the festival are free.

The Silver Falls Lodge and Conference Center will be offering roasted chestnuts, popcorn, coffee and cocoa, as

well as holiday craft stations and carnival style games with prizes. There will be snowflake flurries each hour. A small selection of lunch items will be available for purchase in the hall. A shuttle bus will run continuously between

the conference center and the South Falls Day Use area.

South Falls Nature Store offers Christmas gifts and souvenirs including hand-made hats, pens, and ornaments to field guides and nature toys.

Symphony performs Dec. 1 at WU

Oregon Symphony musicians will welcome guest conductor Leo Hussain and world-renowned pianist Andre Watts for a holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at

Willamette University's Smith Auditorium.

In addition to Grieg's Piano Concerto, a perennial audience favorite, the concert features other music from Scandinavia, including Danish composer Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 5, which depicts the chaos and terror of World War I.

General admission tickets are priced from \$35 to \$50, while tickets for students, Oregon Trail Card holders and Salem for All participants are \$10.

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