

PENDLETON

Red Kettle Campaign sees decline in 2015 donations

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The 2015 Red Kettle Campaign of The Salvation Army is seeing lower donations in the area served by Pendleton Corps.

After the first 15 days of the campaign, donations are down by 15 percent from where they were last year at this time, said Lt. Ricky Scruggs of The Salvation Army Pendleton Corps. Lower giving has put the Pendleton Salvation Army further behind in reaching its goal of \$50,000.

Scruggs is asking the community to come together to support the kettles, which ultimately means more services for those in need during the holiday season and upcoming year.

“It is absolutely critical that we meet our kettle goal as it will become more and more challenging to meet the growing need in our community,” Scruggs said. “Your spare change can literally change someone’s life when you donate to The Salvation Army.”

Donations given during the campaign help ensure that children get a toy this Christmas, families have food on the table and people receive assistance to keep a roof over their head. These are just some of the many reasons that people should drop money into a Salvation Army red kettle this season, Scruggs said.

The Red Kettle Campaign began in 1891 in San Francisco, and has become a Christmas tradition. The campaign raises money for The Salvation Army’s local community



Mary Corp of Hermiston rings a bell during the 2014 holiday season as part of The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign.

programs, providing children and youth programs, feeding programs, food boxes, family services and more.

Last year, The Salvation Army served 2,576 individuals in the Pendleton area.

Kettles are located throughout the area communities — including outside many big box stores — making it convenient for people to give. Money raised

through the campaign can make a difference in the lives of people’s neighbors in need. In addition, people can make a donation with their cell phone by texting Pendleton to 71777.

Also, people can still sign up to be a volunteer bell ringer. For more information, call 541-276-3369 and ask for Susan. For more about the Red Kettle Campaign, visit www.redkettlereason.org.

BRIEFLY

Irrigon Giving Tree at library/city hall lobby

IRRIGON — The city of Irrigon annual Giving Tree provides a chance for people in the community to give to children in need.

The tree is located in the Irrigon Library/City Hall lobby, 500 N.E. Main St. People can drop by during regular business hours to pick up a card or two and shop for gifts on the child’s wish list.

The gifts need to be wrapped and returned to city hall by Friday.

For more information, contact City Manager Aaron Palmquist at 541-922-3047 or manager@ci.irrigon.or.us.

Pendleton High School announces winter concerts

PENDLETON — Winter is in the air and sound of the season can be heard during a pair of Pendleton High School winter concerts.

The free events are Wednesday, featuring an instrumental concert with the concert band, symphonic band, jazz band and orchestra, and Thursday with the concert choir, a cappella choir and swing choir. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the high school, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Santa Claus heads to SAGE Center Thursday

BOARDMAN — Christmas-themed giveaways are included in a holiday event at the SAGE Center.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The free event also includes hot chocolate and a chance for kids to visit with the jolly ol’ elf. Canned food donations will be accepted and donated to the local food bank.

In addition, be sure to check out the Christmas Light Show, which runs daily from 4:30 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, call 481-7243 or visit www.visitsage.com.

Wildhorse hosts coat drive

MISSION — A benefit coat drive is being held in conjunction with the

premier showing of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.”

People are encouraged to bring a new or gently used winter coat in exchange for a \$5 off coupon good at the Wildhorse Cineplex concession stand. The coupon may be used through Thursday, Jan. 14. All sizes of coats, from infants and teens to adults, are needed. They will be distributed through the Department of Children and Family Services at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The coat drive takes place in the Cineplex lobby Thursday and Friday from 3-8 p.m., Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The Cineplex is located at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Highway 331, Mission. Movie times and prices can be viewed at www.wildhorseresort.com/cineplex/cineplex.

For more information, contact Tiah DeGrofft at 541-966-1628 or tiahdegrofft@wildhorseresort.com.

Power duo to perform at Pendleton Arts Center

PENDLETON — A duo who have been described as powerful and vocally driven, whose music stands out as pure, honest, and charming, will perform in Pendleton.

Caleb Klauder and Reeb Willms will present a concert Friday at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Admission is \$10 per person.

Their sound is elevated by Klauder’s distinct, lyrical mandolin playing and grounded by Willms’ unwavering guitar playing as they perform original songs and tunes, as well as their favorites from traditional and country repertoires. They tour regionally and internationally with both the Foghorn Stringband and the Caleb Klauder Band.

For more information, contact Isaac Callender at info@isaaccallender.com or visit www.theacoustiched.com.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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