



Read for the Need returns to FEC to help the hungry

The annual Read for the Need used book sale to benefit Florence Food Share will take place May 22 and 23. The sale, a creation of Siuslaw High School student Taylor Graham when he was still in primary school, has become a highly popular annual fundraiser for Florence Food Share.

The book sale will be held over the Memorial Day Weekend at the Florence Events Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 22, and again on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students at Siuslaw Elementary School are among those within in the community who collected books for the sale, with classes competing for prizes for the most books donated.

Anyone wishing to donate gently used books for adults or children can bring them to Florence Food Share any weekday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or drop them off at the Florence Events Center after 10 a.m. on Friday May 22.

For more information, call 541-997-9110.

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FloTones to perform concert 'For the Glory of Love'



"Glory of Love" musicians Lou Invernon, Marty Adams and Lynette Kristine. (Not shown: Ron Green and Randy Curtola

The Benny Goodman 1936 hit tune recording "The Glory of Love" spawned many covers, including the 1969 Jimmy Durante version and Bette Midler's 1988 appearance in the movie "Beaches."

Florence's jazz ensemble singing group, the FloTones, will use the song's lyrics as a framework for its May 29 and 30 appearance at the Florence Events Center for the "The Glory of Love" concert. The lyrics cover the gamut from disappointment to euphoria that lovers experience.

Songs will include such favorites as "That Old Black Magic" and "As Time Goes By," mixed in with Bobby Troup's "The Meaning of the Blues" and Dave Brubeck's tricky "Take Five" (with lyrics by Brubeck and his wife, Iola).

The performance, which will be accompanied by a group led by Marty Adams, will feature more than 20 classic tunes.

Adams is a favorite Florence musician who will be backed by three veterans of previous FloTone performances, along with one relative newcomer. Trumpeter Ron Green, bassist Lynette Kristine and drummer Randy Curtola all appeared with the FloTones in its 2013 production of "Down Memory Lane."

For "The Glory of Love," the FloTones will be joined by woodwind player Lou Invernon, who brings outstanding music experience from 22 years of teaching band music in Sacramento, Calif. His professional career includes stints with the Barnum and Bailey circus band, the Ice Follies, the Dorsey Brothers, Artie Shaw and Nelson Riddle road bands, and as back up for such artists as Johnny Mathis and Ray Charles.

Seating for the two performances is limited. Tickets are available now for \$15 at the FEC Box Office.

For more information, call 541-997-1994.

