

GENERAL NEWS

Ocean Woods to be discussed Wednesday

Heceta South Home Owners Association (HOA) and concerned community members have scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4, to discuss the fate of Ocean Woods, a 40-acre undeveloped Lane County park that the county is considering selling. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Charlie Campione, president of Heceta South HOA, said, "The Lane County Parks Department has developed a draft master plan which recommends the sale. ... Ocean Woods is a 40-acre parcel that was deeded to Lane County

by the state of Oregon to be retained as park land. I am sure that you can predict the many adverse situations if this property is sold, such as negative impact on wild life and endangered species, decrease in property values, etc." Campione said that a petition against the sale already has more than 300 signatures. This meeting will provide background on the subject and a solicitation of recommendations on how to explore other solutions to preserving the parcel. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda, contact Charlie Campione at cnjcampione@gmail.com.

Local veterans donate backpacks of food

Florence's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 and the Band of Brothers have partnered with the Food Backpack for Kids Program by "adopting" two students for the 2015/2016 school year. With their donations, they have actually funded weekend meals for the entire year for these two students. The Food Backpack for Kids Program is beginning its fourth year providing three ready-to-eat, prepackaged, nutritious meals a day for the weekends during the school year. The filled backpacks are delivered to the Siuslaw and Mapleton school offices where they are privately distributed to the most at-risk children



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Salvation Army gears up to help out

The Salvation Army of Western Lane County will be hosting the visit of Kimberley Pettina, Divisional Director of Home Front War Relief and Emergency Disaster Services in Oregon and Idaho. Pettina will be in the Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade, displaying the EDS Van at 1 p.m. in Old Town, visiting the Oregon Coast Military Museum between 2 and 4 p.m., and appearing at the free food and concert for vets and military families at the Shorewood Retirement Home from 4 to 6 p.m. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11. More than 30 local supporters of The Salvation Army gathered together at the Siuslaw Riverside Restaurant on Columbus Day evening to discuss ways the organization could help fill any gaps in social services within western Lane County. Gayle Waiss, executive director of the Western Lane Community Foundation, will help set up a dedicated charitable fund to serve as a resource of The Salvation Army within the local area. Tax deductible donations can be received and 100 percent of the distributions made locally in accordance with the wide range of social services. Contributions can mailed to: WLC/Salvation Army P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439.

Kettle volunteers are needed for the Christmas season. Kettles will be located at major grocery stores and in Old Town Florence for the first time in many years. All donations will go into the WLC/Salvation Army Fund. The goal is to raise \$10,000 and many donations and volunteers will be needed. Interested persons can sign up at the Shorewood Retirement event Nov. 11, or contact volunteer coordinator Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063. The Salvation Army provides services to adults, families and children, as well as emergency disaster services. Sam Spayd of Florence made the first donation toward the establishment of this WLCF and Salvation Army Fund with a \$1,000 donation. A total of \$10,000 is needed to establish the fund so that it can begin distributing money for local services. The WLCF board will consider a proposal to create an agency fund to receive contributions in the near future. The "VIP Kettle Kick-off" will be hosted by Geraldine Lucio, owner of the Old Town Barbershop on Bay Street. This event will feature local dignitaries, celebrities, live music and take place just prior

to Thanksgiving Day when the official kettle campaign will begin. The Red Kettle campaign will last until Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed to stand at kettle. Interested persons can contact Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063. Snow is also available to speak to local civic groups and churches about The Salvation Army and to encourage organizational support. The Salvation Army is an international organization that operates in 127 nations and in nearly 8,000 centers in communities across the United States. Springfield, Eugene, Newport and Coos Bay have offices that provide social services and food assistance programs. Service extension support is available in Reedsport. Contributions can mailed to: WLC/Salvation Army P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439. Local Florence area supporters want to bring the services of The Salvation Army to Western Lane County. Anyone interested in joining this effort or having a presentation made to any local civic or church organization about The Salvation Army should contact Janet Snow by calling 559-289-3063.

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