

Salvation Army Fund to be established in WLCF

Local community leader Sam Spayd stepped forward in October and donated \$1,000 towards a special dedicated “agency fund” to be established within the Western Lane Community Foundation for the use of The Salvation Army in western Lane County.

“One hundred percent of the moneys raised for this fund will go toward the goal of \$10,000,” says Spayd. “Once we’ve reached this level and the fund is established, the Western Lane Community Foundation can begin sending checks annually to the Salvation Army.”

Officers who coordinate services in all of Lane County will be restricted to use these funds for their services within western Lane County which is specifically the areas of the



Sam Spayd and Florence Kettle Coordinator Janet Snow

Mapleton and Siuslaw school districts at this time.

Local residents have suggested to The Salvation Army that additional services to the homeless by aiding existing agencies in the area would be helpful.

Also, it was suggested that

The Salvation Army help recruit area church members and coordinate training with the local CERT organization for disaster preparedness and to store emergency supplies with local churches.

The Salvation Army’s Home Front War Relief director, Kim

Pettina, visited Florence on Veterans Day to discuss with local veterans ways their program could be of help. Major Nila Fankauser of the Cascade Division Headquarters also visited that day.

Anyone willing to help establish the Salvation Army’s Agency Fund with the Western Lane County Foundation should send their tax-deductible checks to:

The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1041, Florence, OR 97439 and write in the memo line “WLCF.”

For more information about this fund contact Bill Olson, director of gift planning, at 503-880-0680, or 1-800-481-3290.

You may also email him at bill.olson@usw.salvationarmy.org.

Operation Christmas Child collects gifts this week

Florence will soon become a local drop-off point for the world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child.

During National Collection Week, Monday, Nov. 16, to Monday, Nov. 23, Florence Evangelical Church will collect shoeboxes — packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement — from generous donors.

This year, Florence project coordinators hope to collect 500 shoebox gifts to deliver to children in need overseas.

The annual Samaritan’s Purse project is a favorite of many Florence residents, families, churches and groups who spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes for the holiday.

“Through the simple act of filling a shoebox, someone in Florence can make a tangible difference in the life of a child halfway around the world. Anyone can participate and bring joy to a child facing difficult circumstances,” said regional project director Michael Ishmael.

At Florence Evangelical Church, anyone can drop off a gift-filled shoebox to send to a child overseas.

The Florence team hopes to help reach Samaritan’s Purse’s 2015 global goal of reaching 11 million children in need.

Florence Evangelical Church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive. It is open every day of the week.

For more information, go to www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

International vocalist Ken Lavigne at FEC Saturday

Ken Lavigne has performed on many world stages, including New York’s Carnegie Hall and in England for Prince Charles — and he will grace the Florence Events Center stage this Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., in what organizers say will be a great date night or girl’s night out.

A few choice tickets remain. “Ken Lavigne. He’s got the looks. He’s got the charm. He’s most certainly got the voice. And now we’ve got him for Florence,” said Sandy Kuhlman, SEAc coast Entertainment Association board member and producer for the concert.

“Ken is a great tenor both in an operatic sense and in the tradition and stylings of the all-time great crooners,” said Kuhlman. “He has been labeled a charmer, a storyteller, a humorist and an inspiring messenger of hope.”

“He enjoys Celtic favorites, show tunes from popular Broadway musicals, and though he has a flair for the operatic, no one should pigeonhole him as just an opera singer. He’ll bring it all to the Event Center stage.”

Lavigne will also make an appearance for residents at Spruce Point Assisted Living earlier in the day on Saturday

as part of SEAc coast’s community outreach effort.

Critics around the world write of Lavigne, “His voice seemed to be liquid gold, a pure lyric sound that had surprising undertones in his unforced lower range. While it was always excellent, there were times when the focus was so precise as to soothe and excite at the same time.”

Lavigne is the second in a seven-performance lineup SEAc coast is bringing to the Florence Events Center this season that includes: guitarist Jesse Cook, Jan. 29; Ballet Fantastique, Feb. 20; the Glenn Miller Orchestra, March 18;

Shuffle (a group so multitalented they let the audience pick the playlist), April 7; and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America, May 13.

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips and more information are available at www.SEAc coastEA.org.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Tickets are \$30 each, and \$10 for those under 18.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 9	49	36	0.40
Nov. 10	52	38	0.00
Nov. 11	54	40	0.36
Nov. 12	52	39	0.08
Nov. 13	57	50	0.17
Nov. 14	59	51	0.00
Nov. 15	52	35	1.09
Nov. 16	50	32	0.62

Rainfall Week: 2.72”
Month: 6.29” Year: 45.19”

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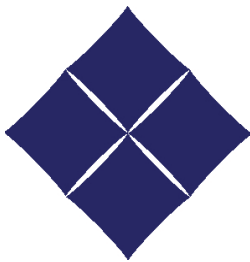
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Victorian Belles Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 20, 21 & 22
Friday, Saturday
10am - 7pm
Sunday, 10am - 3pm

Three Rivers Casino Resort & Event Center
Outside Family Entrance

~ Refreshments ~

Tole Painting • Ceramics
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Candles • Jewelry
Clothing • Knitting
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Artists and Crafters:

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Second Longest Running Bazaar in Florence