

Volunteers needed to help run Cold Weather Shelter

The Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is gearing up for the cold winter. The shelter at the Masonic Lodge will open at 5 p.m. on days when the wind chill threatens people without shelter.

The compassionate volunteers who run the shelter will have a get-acquainted and training session at Lane Community College (room 103) on Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. Anyone interested in helping out is invited.

More volunteers are needed to help run the shelter.

Duties include helping set up

in the late afternoon, welcoming guests, preparing and serving dinner and breakfast, committing to being on duty at one of three nightly shifts, taking care of pets, doing laundry and helping with administrative tasks, such as providing transportation and getting opening notifications out on short notice.

To volunteer, go to the website www.coldshelter.org and click on "Volunteer," or call the volunteer coordinator, Norma Wood, at 541-581-0396.

For more information, contact Bob DuBose at duboserv@gmail.com or 541-305-5413.

Local filmmaker wins award for 3-minute horror film

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On Halloween, Sean Sisson and his production team won a victory for coastal creative artists: In a competition with more than 50 submissions, Sisson's three-minute horror film "Glorious" won first place in the audience vote and second place in the juried show.

"The fact that we won the fan vote and got second for the jury was definitely awesome. We were this close to cleaning house," Sisson said.

"Glorious" debuted at Eugene Film Society's third annual 72 Hour Horror Film Competition on Halloween night, Oct. 31.

Sisson and his crew began the film process Oct. 22 and had to submit their final product the night of Oct. 25.

"We didn't do any rehearsals or have any dialogue written before," Sisson said.

The competition's only requirement for each two- to three-minute film was that it contain a mandated line of dialogue and prop.

Sisson described his film, which is not rated for all viewers, as a revenge story about pain, history and fate.

"This is what happens in our world where people don't



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Sean Sisson wrote and starred in "Glorious," which won the audience favorite award at Eugene Film Society's 72 Hour Horror Film Competition in October.

always have the best opportunities," he said. "Really, it's about somebody who is pushed past the brink and submitted to shaming and abuse. Eventually it's going to erupt. This is about that moment of a person reaching the breaking point."

Once it came time to film, Sisson called local business owners Michael Falter of City Lights Cinemas, John Flaherty of Florence Playhouse and Woody Woodbury of Grocery Outlet to use their spaces.

"I'd like to thank them," Sisson said. "All three of those guys got a phone call from me without notice and said I could use their space. We had the lay

\$1,000 — \$500 in cash and \$500 to be used for equipment rental — and the chance to expand the film to 15 minutes.

"One of the things I'm most thankful for is that really, anytime I've asked, people have just opened doors," Sisson said. "If anyone that's young is intimidated by what it takes to make a movie, just try asking, because there are people out there who want to give kids an opportunity."

This year, there were two submissions by Florence teams. Alexander Sevan also created a film.

Both films will premiere in Florence at City Lights Cinemas on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m., before the screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Sisson worked with Falter to get the controversial "Rocky Horror" to Florence. He looks forward to dressing in costume for the showing, which traditionally includes audience participation.

"We're going to have fun and still do what the movie begs the audience to do," Sisson said.

City Lights asks that attendees follow guidelines when participating in the show, and emphasize that nothing can be thrown at the screen or onto the stage.

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For every pound of food that the community raises, the anonymous donor will make an equal contribution in dollars.

"So, a thousand pounds will raise \$1,000," Wobbe said.

When she and Mon Ami sponsored the Pounding, they spread their donation throughout the year.

"Last year was one of our highest years at 8,000 pounds. I really tried to match that in pro-

duce wherever possible, because I want my contribution to be nutrient-rich food. That seems to be the thing that is donated the least. Everything is needed, but I liked donating fresh ingredients," she said.

Wobbe first started the Pounding with Coast Radio's Jon Thompson at Safeway in Florence.

She thanked both Coast Radio News Director Bob Sneddon, who annually provides live coverage of the food drive, and the Siuslaw News,

who featured the event prominently over the years.

"We get a real boost in the publicity that you only get in a small town like ours. Every dollar goes into the food, not into marketing," Wobbe said.

The event will again be at Grocery Outlet, 2066 Highway 101, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

"It's very strategic, because there is a huge run on the resources at Food Share that week before Thanksgiving. The idea is to really stock the pantry ahead of time," Wobbe said.

The staff at Grocery Outlet, led by owner Woody Woodbury, label many of the Florence Food Share's needed items.

Wobbe said, "The staff

makes it possible for people to make a big bang in an affordable way. The whole staff gets involved. They're very on board. It's a team that pulls this off."

She added, "Florence is a small town with a big heart, as I always say."

To donate to the Pounding, go to Grocery Outlet on Saturday, Nov. 21, and make a donation of canned foods, frozen turkeys, holiday treats and other goods.

For a full list of ways to donate to Florence Food Share, go online to www.florencefoodshare.org.

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"It's just a tragedy," Turner said. "The Circle family has been in the area forever. They are nice people. It's devastating for them and the community."

Gary Circle had been an employee with UPS Inc. in Eugene. Joseph Circle worked for Central Lincoln PUD in Florence.

Florence officers stayed at the scene throughout the


investigation. Turner stated that the public is not in danger and that this was an isolated event.

The City of Florence released a statement Sunday saying, "Thank you for your patience as our police department investigates. Our thoughts go out to all involved in this tragedy."

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