

Help families in need through Tree of Giving

REEDSPORT — Reedsport's local Tree of Giving program has families signed up and ready to be adopted.

Any business, service group, church, or individuals who would like to buy gifts for all the children in one family can sign up or get more information at the Family Resource Center.

Tags for individual children are available at Bank of America, Umpqua Bank, First Community Credit Union and Ace Hardware.

Stop in, choose a tag and purchase a new gift for that child based on suggestions listed on their tag. Unwrapped gifts must be returned to one of the tag distribution locations no later than Dec. 14 at the close of business.

With the community's help, Tree of Giving supplies gifts for approximately 200 children in the community whose families need a little help during the holidays.

Once the applications are returned,

individuals, businesses, non-profits and other groups may also participate by adopting a family (and supply gifts for all the children of that family) or by taking an individual child's tag from a local tree.

The Tree of Giving trees will be placed in public places around the Reedsport community.

For more information, contact the Family Resource Center at 541-271-9700 or stop by at 5 St. Johns Way in Reedsport.

Holiday musical returns to Sprague Theater

BANDON — The Bandon Playhouse presents the return of the Christmas musical, "Bethlehem Road," a holiday comedy that transports a bickering modern-day family back to the first Christmas.

"Bethlehem Road" opened Nov. 28 and continues every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 13 during its three-week run at the Sprague Theater in Bandon. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students and are available at Bandon Mercantile, Bandon Ace Hardware, or by calling 541-290-8343.

Hear the sounds of Christmas at annual Wurlitzer concert

COOS BAY — This traditional Christmas concert will once again be presented in its rightful home at the Egyptian Theatre. The power of the mighty Wurlitzer Organ will again delight those who attend this event.

Lee Littlefield will evoke the rich sounds offering Christmas music and sing-along tunes. The Christmas Brass Ensemble, featuring Wilbur Jensen, will add their skill and merriment to the program. This free concert begins at noon on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Egyptian Theatre,

229 S. Broadway in Coos Bay. Jensen and Littlefield have made this melodious concert a holiday tradition for more than 40 years.

Concertgoers will enjoy the power and presence of the Wurlitzer, one of a few still in existence that thrilled audiences several decades ago. There has been a tremendous effort to restore this wonderful instrument to its former glory as well as vast improvements to the building.

Currently, a new marquee is being installed. The City of Coos Bay and many

devoted fans have worked toward this end.

The Christmas Brass will offer memorable traditional holiday music and novelty tunes. Ensemble members include Wilbur Jensen and Steve Krajcir, trumpet; Nancy Orbison, French horn; Ted Terry, euphonium; Stephen Simpkins and Ken Masters, trombone; Bill Harsh, tuba; and Tom Beckstrom, percussion.

Donations are appreciated, and theater concessions will be available. Any donations will be applied to the Egyptian Theatre Restoration Fund.

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