

GENERAL NEWS

Recent concert benefits Helping Hands Coalition

A benefit for Helping Hands Coalition was held at New Life Lutheran Church on Dec. 6.

The concert, "Advent Contemplations," included classical music performed by New Life Lutheran organist Brian Lindsey and violinist Steve Avery, the St. Andrews Episcopal Church deacon.

The concert welcomed a full house. After the concert, a reception was hosted by Carroll and Cynthia Marohl.

A donation of \$577 was presented to the Helping Hands Coalition for winter warming needs of the homeless in the area.

A Helping Hands Coalition spokesperson said, "A huge thank you to New Life Lutheran, St. Andrews Episcopal churches and to musicians Brian Lindsey and Steve Avery for their beautiful concert on behalf of Helping Hands Coalition. It shows what can be done with a small group of giving, caring and generous folks. God Bless you all."

Helping Hands Coalition is



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From left: Organist Brian Lindsey, New Life Lutheran pastor Lori Blake, Helping Hands coordinator Elizabeth Perris, Helping Hands president Glen Stewart and New Life Lutheran council president Dave Braley.

a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to providing services, food, clothing and a daytime center for the homeless and others with unmet

needs. Their facility provides warmth, comfort and basic services for those in need within the community.

Donations are still needed to help this winter. To donate, visit the Helping Hands Coalition, 1339 Rhododendron Drive, or call 541-997-5057.

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'Girlfriends' host party to benefit Siuslaw Outreach

On Sunday, Dec. 6, Bettina Hannigan held the second annual "Girlfriends Party" to benefit Siuslaw Outreach Services and provide needed items for the shelter home.

The Hope House shelter provides a safe place for survivors of domestic violence.

The many generous donations included new and used clothing; cleaning supplies; towels, blankets; feminine hygiene products; hair brushes, combs and clips; travel supplies; food; bathroom supplies; Christmas decora-



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Women gather to help provide donations for needed items at SOS.

tions; perfume; shower gels; shampoo; conditioner; hand and body lotions; razors, shave cream; makeup; toys; games; books; gift cards, cash, checks, stuffed animals; hats; gloves; coats and purses.

A floral arrangement provided by Oregon In Bloom was raffled off and generated another \$140.

Hannigan provided treats and eggnog.

"SOS is so appreciative of Bettina putting on this event

for us, said SOS executive director David Wiegen. "This is an amazing example of the Florence generosity."

A third annual Girlfriends Party is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in December 2016.

WLCF grant deadline is approaching

The deadline is approaching for the Western Lane Community Foundation for the 2016 Discretionary Grant Applications.

Grants are awarded to local nonprofit organizations for projects and programs in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts and social and civic services.

In February 2015, the grant program distributed over \$90,000 in grants to thirty-seven nonprofit recipients covering most of western Lane County.

Information may be downloaded at www.wlcfonline.org.

Applications must be received no later than close of business Jan. 15, 2016, at the

Western Lane Community Foundation business office, 491 Laurel St. W, across the parking lot from Flowers in Bloom off Rhododendron Drive.

For more information, call 541-997-1274, email wlcf@online.org, or mail P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439.

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Rather Cloudy	Cloudy with a Little Rain	Rain with Drizzle in the Afternoon	Rain	Cloudy	Rain	Cloudy, Afternoon Showers
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