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up a distribution center in a local funeral home to hand out survival supplies, tarps and blankets.

According to Stent, the Southern Baptist Convention disaster response mobile kitchen prepared the meals.

"They respond to disasters all over the country and prepare thousands of meals a day," she said.

Stent joined the Red Cross in 1996, when she lived in Texas, but became more active after moving to Florence in 2009.

She is one of five local Red Cross volunteers and helped with Red Cross flooding emergencies in Monroe, La., last

spring and Rockaway Beach, Ore., last December. Stent is a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT).

Florence Red Cross Volunteers arrive on the east

coast days after a hurricane inundates the area

with flood waters and high winds.

"We're always looking for new volunteers for the Florence DAT. We meet once a month and respond on an oncall basis for local emergencies, as well as being deployed on state or national disasters," Stent said.

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For more information on getting involved, contact Florence area DAT captain Tom Zahara at tomograms@yahoo.com.

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Moyer said the results early in the program are encouraging, but there are some minor difficulties associated with the new endeavor that were unexpected.

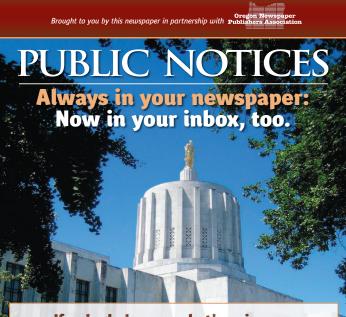
"One of the challenges has been supplies," she said. "For example, we have 12 groups and maybe they need eight brooms, so we had to purchase

Moyer pointed out that as the program becomes more familiar to people in the area, the needed support will be forthcoming.

She also singled out an important recent donation to the effort.

"We had an amazing donadonated rakes and garbage cans and a couple of gallons of paint and some cleaning supplies and

The inspiration for the "Beyond Me" program came



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from a simple desire to contribute to the Mapleton community.

Moyer said, "We have such an amazing school and we have a great sense of community. It's just a great place to be, so we thought, how can we showcase this and maybe kick it up a notch?"

Moyer said that the process for creating the program was simple and straightforward.

"There is a school in Seattle that we kind of emulated and made some

changes to their program so it would work in Mapleton," she said.

The end result was achieved by employing a common but effective technique.

Moyer said that while the main goal of the program is an improvement to the student's physical space, the benefits run much deeper.

She said, "It's not just about their environment, it's about leadership and ownership and school pride."

Moyer added that people

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Be Ready

He said, "Another important speaker will be Andrew Phelps, the Director of Oregon's Emergency Management Team and Dr. O'Driscoll from the University of Oregon. He is in charge of the early warning system we are trying to put on our coast." As of the most recent update, GeoHazards



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"Beyond Me" students use tools and cleaning supplies to work in 12 different environments.

interested in helping either with a donation or in mentoring a senior are encouraged to participate.

Terri Johnston is the coordinator for the program.

"She would love to talk to people about our needs and how they can help," Moyer said.

For more information on how to help with the "Beyond Me" program, contact the Mapleton School District at 10868 E. Mapleton Road or at 541-268-4322.

Awareness Coordinator Karen Parmelee will likely replace Phelps as the representative from the Office of Emergency Management.

AGEN

Admission is free with a donation of canned goods to Florence Food Share.

The Oregon Coast Be Ready Disaster Preparedness Expo will be presented at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.





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