

## 'Pounding' for Florence Food Share today

The 18th annual "Pounding" to benefit Florence Food Share will be held today, Nov. 18, at Grocery Outlet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hosted by local businesswoman Cindy Wobbe, this annual food drive aims to fill the local food bank's pantries with much needed canned, boxed and frozen food items in time for the holiday season.

Started in 2000 and held the Saturday just before Thanksgiving, Wobbe matched the public's donations pound for pound, resulting in over 80,000 pounds of donations over a 15-year span, until she sold her restaurant.

In 2015, an anonymous donor stepped in to continue the sponsorship, matching pounds with dollars.

"I've never asked who it is," Wobbe said. "I'm just deeply grateful that someone stepped in to help. Over 600 families in our community rely on food share to keep from going hungry each month and this food drive has been a godsend year after year." This is the third Pounding this same anonymous donor has offered to match the total poundage with funds.

An additional sponsor, Top Hydraulics, has just announced that it will also match the total number of pounds donated.

"I'm thrilled for Food Share," Wobbe said. "Florence Food Share is facing a crisis right now. Donations of food and money are at a critical low, and the need for services continues to rise."

The addition of Top Hydraulics' matching donation means that for every pound of food received at the Pounding, Food share will receive a match of \$2.

"What a wonderful and timely gift for food share," said Wobbe, who will be joined by local radio personality Wayne Sharpe of KCST Radio, who has conducted a live radio remote on location every year since the beginning.

Grocery Outlet owner and operator Woody Woodbury will mark specials throughout the store of items most desperately needed at the food bank and plans to have extra staff available during the event to help with pushing grocery carts, loading boxes of canned foods and ringing in customers at the checkstands.

Last year's event raised a record 11,111 pounds of food, and both Wobbe and Woodbury said they hope an even larger turnout this year.

Grocery Outlet is located at 2066 Highway 101.

## Photos of loved ones sought for Hospice Light up a Life

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice is reaching out to community members for photos of loved ones who have passed away.

These photographic memories will be included in a slide show at Hospice's 22nd annual Light Up A Life Ceremony, set for Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The event includes an opening prayer and introduction of the local Peace Harbor Hospice team, followed by a ceremonial reading of the names of loved ones, with music performed by Peace Harbor's Strings of Compassion.

Hospice welcomes photos of any loved ones who have passed, whether or not they were involved in Hospice care.

As the photos will be shown to a public audience, a signed release form is required. Families can visit the Hospice office at 2230 Kingwood St. in Florence to pick up a form; forms will need to be signed and returned with a photograph no later than Nov. 30.

The Light Up A Life Ceremony ends as the house lights are dimmed and the lights on the holiday tree and Menorah are lit.

There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served. Family and friends are invited to share in remembrance and compassion for those who have passed.

Light Up A Life is Peace Harbor Hospice's only fundraiser.

Stars may be purchased in memory of a loved one who has passed. All stars will be inscribed with the loved one's name and will be hung on either the holiday tree or placed on the Menorah table. Peace Harbor Hospice is a nonprofit 501(c) organization. All contributions are tax deductible, and 100 percent of the funds benefit Peace Harbor Hospice and the community it serves.

To learn more, contact Jackie Guy at 541-997-3418.

Signed release forms and photographs can be mailed to Peace Harbor Hospice, 400 Ninth St., Florence, OR 97439 or dropped off at the Hospice office at 2230 Kingwood St. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is closed from noon to 1 p.m.

## CRIS NOAH OF EUGENE JOINS OREGON PACIFIC BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Oregon Pacific Bank recently announced that Cris Noah has been welcomed as the newest member of the Bank's Board of Directors. Noah will be Oregon Pacific Bank's 11th board member, bringing with her a unique set of skills and expertise to add to the board's collective base of knowledge.

"We are thrilled to have Cris join us as our newest board member," said Ron Green, president and CEO of Oregon Pacific Bank. "We look forward to Cris' help in growing our professional banking services in the Eugene and Springfield area, as well as her contributions to the bank's strategic planning and financial risk management processes. She brings with her a high level of professional expertise that will further aid us in meeting the needs of the Lane County community."

Noah was born and raised in Eugene, where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Oregon, with an emphasis in marketing and accounting.

Throughout her high school



Cris Noah

and college years, she gained experience within the banking industry.

After graduation, Noah's career path led her to become a Certified Public Accountant, where she would spend some time working for a CPA firm before moving into the medical industry. She spent a significant part of her career with the Oregon Medical Group as Controller, Director of Finance and CFO, before being promoted to Chief Executive Officer where she was heavily involved in the organizations strategic planning, growth and development.

As of June 2016, Cris retired from her position of CEO at the Oregon Medical Group.

In her retirement, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, skiing and playing tennis.

Passionate about helping her local community, some of her previous commitments include the position of executive committee member of the United Way Health Care committee, helping to expand access to care for thousands of Lane County residents, and she was a previous member of the United Way 2016 HealthCare Investment Committee.

"I am eager to be a part of Oregon Pacific Bank's Board of Directors," said Noah. "I am proud to support community based business thriving in our local cities."

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