

GENERAL NEWS

Distribution dates for annual Christmas baskets announced

The 2017 Soroptimist Community Christmas Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Distribution will take place at Siuslaw Middle School, 2525 Oak St. All cars must line up on 27th Street, between Kingwood and Oak streets. Basket will be given out on a first come, first served basis. Toys will be handed out Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, at 12th and Nopal streets. Toys are only for children from ages infant to 12 years. Children will not be allowed in the distribution area. For more information, contact: • Toys — Michelle Fraley at 541-997-3434 or michelle@florencecpas.com • Food — Carol Bennett at 541-991-3455 or dumplady@hotmail.com.

ShelterCare addresses homelessness in Lane County

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As part of an ongoing collaboration by Kaiser Permanente Northwest and PeaceHealth to address community health needs in Lane County, the two organizations are partnering with ShelterCare to support some of the most vulnerable residents in the county. Kaiser Permanente and PeaceHealth are jointly contributing more than \$590,000 to ShelterCare for the creation of a transitional housing program that will provide emergency, short-term housing to Lane County residents who are homeless and battling severe mental illness or medical conditions.

The funds will help ShelterCare transition participants to affordable, permanent housing within six months to a year and address root causes of homelessness by providing health and social support services, including mental health services, primary care placement, money management training and employment assistance.

“We are embarking on this very critical endeavor to meet a very critical need in our community. And, it’s through powerful collaborations such as this that we are to provide bridge housing for this vulnerable population until permanent housing can be secured. This is important because safe, affordable housing has been proven to increase opportunities for positive health outcomes,” said Rand O’Leary, chief executive, PeaceHealth Oregon. “This is about access — access to housing, medical care, behavioral health support and other services.”

“Safe housing is a key determinant of health,” said Imelda Dacones, MD, president and CEO, Northwest

Permanente, P.C. “There are too many people who end up in the hospital sicker than they would have been because of lack of housing.”

“With PeaceHealth and trusted community partners, we are addressing an urgent need in Lane County,” said

current programs move on to stable housing.

The new program will directly address the ongoing affordable housing crisis in Lane County, which has created extremely limited vacancies and multi-year waitlists.

“Lane County governments

key to unlocking the effectiveness of other community service supports,” Ban said.

As part of this initiative, Kaiser Permanente and PeaceHealth will work closely with ShelterCare and other community agencies to develop a plan to collaboratively address longer-term transitional housing needs in Lane County.

The initiative with ShelterCare is the first of several planned community health initiatives by Kaiser Permanente and PeaceHealth.

In November, the two organizations announced a collaboration to increase access to care and improve health in Lane County.

Other focus areas include access to dental care for people in need, strengthening school-based health centers, and workforce development efforts to support community health workers.

More community health initiatives supporting Lane County nonprofits will be announced in the coming months.

Founded in 1970, ShelterCare is a private, non-profit human-services agency directed by a board of community volunteers. It offers a range of housing solutions combined with support services for vulnerable community members who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness.

The organization works to ensure everyone has access to stable, affordable housing and the support to live as fully and independently as possible.

Prevention, outreach and housing services are complemented by behavioral health services and social service case management support to promote housing stability and personal well-being.

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Janet O’Hollaren, chief operating officer, Northwest, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals. “We will provide short-term emergency housing for people with behavioral health challenges, and ongoing assistance to help them find permanent housing.”

According to Lane County’s 2017 Annual Homeless Point in Time Count, more than 1,500 individuals were reported as homeless, with 45 percent struggling with behavioral health issues or substance abuse disorders.

ShelterCare, with its proven results of assisting more than 1,200 adults annually with severe mental illness or medical conditions, is uniquely suited to address the housing and support needs of the community.

More than 70 percent of families facing homelessness who complete ShelterCare’s

and non-profit service partners have passionately and collaboratively worked to end homelessness for nearly three decades,” said Susan Ban, executive director of ShelterCare. “In spite of the social and economic factors that fuel a growing homelessness crisis, our community has made progress and hosts several exciting models that work. In just the past year, our shared embrace of yet another new approach demonstrated improved housing outcomes while measuring a significant cost savings to the community.”

This Kaiser Permanente — PeaceHealth grant will facilitate a new leap forward toward even greater successes by providing additional housing for people with severe mental illnesses or medical conditions. The grant will act as a bridge to permanent supportive housing.

“Accessing housing is the



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KIWANIS SELLING SEE’S CANDY FOR ANNUAL PROGRAMS

The Kiwanis Club of Florence is selling See’s Candy as a fundraiser at the Florence Sears store, 685 Highway 101, now through Dec. 22, or until the candy is

gone. Candy sales are open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the candy sales go to Kiwanis projects like the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Head Start Harvest Festival, school supplies for Mapleton and Siuslaw schools, Rhody Days Kids Games, Key Club, Builders Club, Florence and



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Mapleton Food Shares, and others.

Candy includes the traditional boxes of chocolates, but peanut brittle, truffles and holiday boxed chocolates will also be available.

The Kiwanis Club of Florence will hold its See’s Candy fundraiser throughout the month of December at the Florence Sears store.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14
COCO - A new instant classic from Pixar PG 128 MIN - "Pixar's latest original work and one of their very best, truly does transport you. The results are magical." Playlist	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM	12:30 PM 2:50 PM 5:10 PM
DADDY'S HOME 2 PG-13 100 MIN - Mark Wahlberg & Will Ferrell return joined by Mel Gibson & John Lithgow	3:30 PM 8:50 PM	11:00 AM 3:45 PM 8:50 PM	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	3:50 PM	1:00 PM 7:50 PM	3:50 PM 8:30 PM
LADY BIRD - future Oscar nominee R 93 MIN - "It is smart without being smug, insightful without being condescending, funny without being mean-spirited and genuinely moving. It's unique and original and fresh and wonderful, and can you tell I loved it?" R. Roeper	1:30 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 8:50 PM	11:00 AM 1:45 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM 8:50 PM	1:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	1:30 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	1:30 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	1:20 PM 3:30 PM 5:40 PM	1:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI PG-13 150 MIN - So impressed was Disney by The Last Jedi that they hired Director Rian Johnson to make 3 more Star Wars films and a live action television series.	Buy your Advance Tickets Online or box office						7:00 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM
WONDERSTRUCK PG 117 MIN - "Alive with the magic of pictures and the mysteries of silence." HR	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	1:15 PM 6:00 PM	3:30 PM	3:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:20 PM	1:00 PM
WONDER - Stars Julia Roberts PG 113 MIN - "A poignant tale about embracing one's uniqueness and overcoming prejudice." St. Louis Post Dispatch	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	11:15 AM 4:00 PM 6:20 PM 8:30 PM	1:20 PM 3:50 PM 6:20 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14
BOLSHOI BALLET: LE CORSAIRE NR 215 MIN - ENCORE		11:00 AM					
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: FOLLIES 180 MIN - "Imelda Staunton leads an evening of star turns in this glittering, bittersweet dissection of midlife regret." The Guardian						6:00 PM	
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