

GENERAL NEWS

Local 'Red Kettle' campaign entering final week

The Salvation Army "Red Kettle" Bell Ringing campaign is beginning its final week with its \$25,000 goal in sight.

Red Kettle Campaign Coordinator Sam Spayd said as of this morning, it's on track to exceed its \$18,000 level heading into the final week.

"With six more days of bell ringing, we could reach our goal," Spayd said. "The average day's totals so far have been between \$600 and \$800. Reaching our \$25,000 goal is doable."

Spayd said the main thing the campaign needs at this point are volunteers to be bell ringers.

"We have five active kettles

and if we man these for eight hours per day, that's 40 hours of bell ringing per day," Spayd said. "And with six more days there are 240 hours available to reach our goal."

Spayd said he is asking for two hours of time each day from volunteers.

"Two hours isn't much, but it can make a big difference. Even the busiest among us can hopefully find two hours to volunteer in the spirit of Christmas."

Ninety percent of all money donated will be used within Western Lane County.

To volunteer or make a donation, contact Spayd at 541-991-6139.

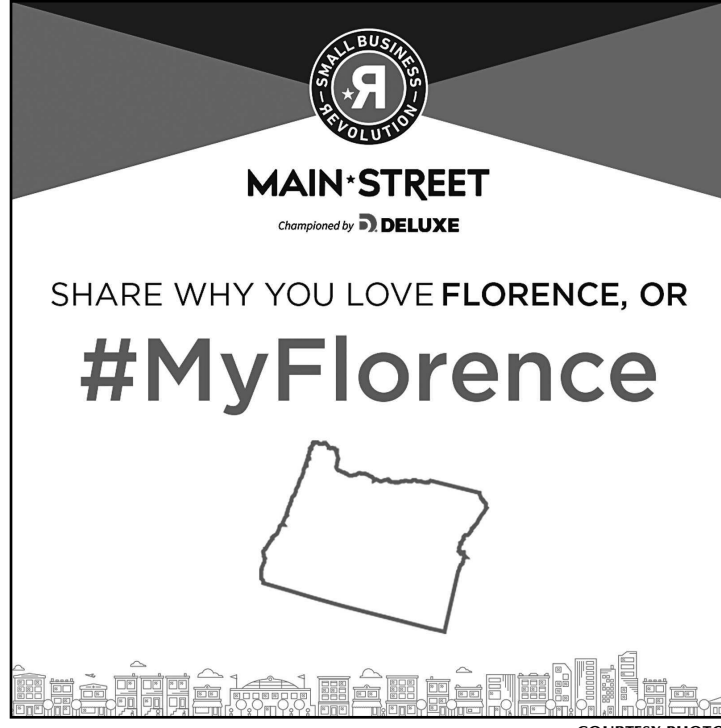
Florence among finalists for 'Main Street: Season 3'

Small Business Revolution announced its top 10 finalists Tuesday, Dec. 12, and Florence was included among them. This means that Florence is still in the running and has a chance to receive \$500,000 in revitalization assistance to be split between six local businesses.

On top of the funds received, Florence would also be featured in Main Street Season 3, which streams nation-wide on Hulu.

A team from the Small Business Revolution (SBR) will be visiting all of the top 10 finalists throughout the month of January to collect more information about the towns, the people in them and the local business community.

Florence can expect visitors from the SBR team Jan. 3-4. A welcome reception will be held Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Florence Event Center from 5



Representatives from Small Business Revolution will be in Florence Jan. 3 and 4, with a public welcome scheduled at the Florence Events Center on Jan. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m.

to 7 p.m. It will be an opportunity for the host of Small

Business Revolution to address the town, mingle and get to know the community.

After the town visits, the top 10 will be narrowed down to two or three finalists, which will be announced at the beginning of February.

After that, there will be a national vote that will determine the winner.

Community members and all Oregonians are invited to share what they like about Florence on social media, utilizing the hashtag #MyFlorence and tagging @smbizrevolution.

Seasons 1 and 2 of the Small Business Revolution Main Street series can be seen on Hulu or at www.deluxe.com/small-business-revolution/main-street.

For more information, contact Ellen Huntingdon at ellen.huntingdon@opbc.com or call her at 541-902-1509.

Santa to visit Justice today

The Florence Police Auxiliary will host Santa Claus at the Florence Justice Center, Ninth and Greenwood streets, today from 3 to 5 p.m.

Children will be able to select a toy and have their picture taken with Santa.

Anyone who would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy for pre-teens or early teens can drop them off at the Justice Center before Dec. 15.

The Justice Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Happy 105th, Essie Murphy!

Florence resident Essie Murphy (center) celebrates her 105th birthday today. Her daughter Peggy Meyer (right) said the community is throwing her three parties to commemorate her big day. Murphy also chose to get her hair set by the stylists at About U Hair and Nail Salon. "She's pretty active," Meyer said. "She works out twice a week with her personal trainer, and likes reading her Kindle and playing cards." Murphy came to Florence to live near Meyer, and retains her independence. Before she retired at 83, Murphy worked as a secretary. "She went from big ledger books to computers. She went through so much. It's heart and gratitude that's helped her live this long," Meyer said.

Watershed Council honors Jim Grano with 'Spirit'

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) has recognized and honored Jim Grano with its Spirit of Siuslaw Award for 2017. The Award is given annually by the SWC's Board of Directors to an individual or organization who makes outstanding contributions to health of the communities in the Siuslaw watershed.

Jim Grano was a science teacher for many years in the Mapleton and Siuslaw School Districts. In 1995, he started the Stream Team program in the Siuslaw School District, and the program is now in its 22nd year.

"Jim had a passion for the outdoors and saw a need to educate students in environmental studies," Current Siuslaw Middle School Principal Andy Marohl said.

Jim retired from classroom teaching in 2007, but did not stop in his efforts to educate the region's youth. He recruited and united partners to provide field-based learning opportuni-

ties to area students, writing grants that provided funding for students to get outside and learn watershed sciences on-site and from professionals that were dedicated to sharing their knowledge.

"Grano has organized and led hundreds of field trips (likely over 1,000) which have impacted thousands of students and raised likely over \$100,000's to provide unique experiences for our youth and

inspiration to numerous teach-

ers throughout the state, including myself, and serves as a role model for teaching science. He encourages students and teachers to look at the natural world with a curious eye."

The Siuslaw Watershed Council also recognized Jim for years of dedicated service on the SWC's Executive Board of Directors, beginning near the Council's inception in 1997 and continuing through 2007. Jim's work to foster natural resources learning and stewardship among our students, has made a lasting impression in watershed conservation and in our beautiful Siuslaw region.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS							
\$9.50 \$8.50 Sen/Student/Military \$8 Matinees Before 2 \$7.50 Child \$6.50 Members Performing Arts: \$19/\$15/\$10							
DECEMBER 15 - 21	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17	MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20	THU 21
FERDINAND - Classic novel brought to life PG 108 MIN - "Goofy, charming, faithful to its sweet source material, and all while advancing the standard "Be yourself" message with fresh challenges to gender expectations." 4.5/5 **s	1:20 PM 3:40 PM 8:30 PM	10:50 AM 2:35 PM 7:30 PM 9:00 PM	1:20 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM	1:20 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM 9:00 PM	1:20 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:20 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN PG 105 MIN - Hugh Jackman as PT Barnum Original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & illustrates the genius of PT Barnum						1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:35 PM	12:25 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:35 PM
JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE PG-13 119 MIN - Stars Duane Johnson "It's an entertaining, engaging, colourful picture in its own right." Screen International						12:25 PM 3:15 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	3:15 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM
LADY BIRD - 4 Globe noms! Best Picture, Actress R 93 MIN - "It is smart without being smug, insightful without being condescending, funny without being mean-spirited, genuinely moving."	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 9:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 9:10 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 9:10 PM		
THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS PG 104 MIN - With Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer. "A surprisingly fresh movie about a story we all know very well." Toronto Star	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 6:10 PM 8:55 PM	1:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 6:10 PM 8:45 PM	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM 9:00 PM	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM 9:00 PM		
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI PG-13 150 MIN. - "Easily its most exciting iteration in decades - the first flat-out terrific "Star Wars" movie since "The Empire Strikes Back." LAT	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:20 PM 2:45 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17	MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20	THU 21
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: FOLLIES 180 MIN - Imelda Staunton shines		11:00 AM					
ROYAL OPERA BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER 180 MIN - The holiday classic						6:00 PM	
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 130 MIN - Kiwanis Fundraiser!							12:30 PM 6:30 PM

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 22
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain	Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy
49°F 39°F	52°F 43°F	53°F 44°F	51°F 40°F	50°F 37°F	48°F 33°F	48°F 31°F

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