

GENERAL NEWS

Community turns out in strong show of ‘Goodwill’

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Hundreds of customers lined up Thursday morning for the opening of Goodwill Industries new retail location at 1310 Highway 101.

Members of the leadership team of Goodwill of Lane and South Coast Counties joined Florence City officials, staff and more than 200 from the community who turned out for the highly anticipated opening of the relocated Goodwill store.

Goodwill's stated mission is to enhance the dignity and quality of life for individuals and communities by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunities and by helping people in-need to reach their full potential through learning and the power of work.

The completely refurbished Goodwill building, previously owned by Rite-Aid, had been empty for the past several years and was highlighted by the City Council as one of the strategically important spaces in the city to have occupied and operating.

Mayor Joe Henry was the host of the opening ceremony and said he believes the event is a major step forward in the city's growth.

"The Rite-Aid building is one of six catalyst sites identi-

fied early on in our city council workplan when we became a 'City in Motion.' We have focused much time and resources on these sites, but more to those in Old Town than to the Rite-Aid site," Henry said, "... other than the outstanding support given to the Goodwill people by our City staff, I cannot say that we worked hard enough on the Rite-Aid building. Fortunately, the Goodwill organization rode in and saved the day with a truly amazing success."

The excitement for the new Goodwill store was apparent on the faces and in the full carts of the public that attended the opening. It was also echoed by President and CEO of Goodwill Industries for Lane and South Coast Counties, Jim Martin, who was extremely pleased by the turnout for the opening and the enthusiasm of the community.

"The turnout for today's ribbon cutting was incredible and we greatly appreciate the support we have received from Mayor Henry, City Council President Greene and Councilors Preisler, Lacer and Woodbury, Chamber of Commerce President Bobby Jensen and Executive Director Bettina Hannigan, and the staff with the Florence Planning Department," said Martin. "It's been a privilege to work with the City



More than 200 community members, along with local and county dignitaries, waited outside of the new Goodwill location Thursday morning for the center's grand opening.

on this project and turn what was once a vacant structure on Highway 101 into a beautiful location for our donors, shoppers and the Florence community"

The refurbished building has been completely updated and not only has a large, well-stocked retail area but an adjunctal office that brings an important additional element to the store: a Job Connections service for area

residents.

"An important part of the new Goodwill facility is its employment center, which will have a dedicated staff to provide employment counseling to many underserved people in our community," Mayor Henry said. "Not only will they hire and train 25 to 30 employees in their store, they will help them to learn the skills necessary to

transition to other employment in the community. In their discussion they will touch on the issues of affordable housing and hopefully find partners that can help to fill that need."

Libby Schafermeyer, spokesperson for Goodwill of Lane and South Coast Counties, thinks the Job Center is one of the most important ways that Goodwill can help to fulfill its mission of

service to the community.

"Our Job Connections services, located inside the Retail Store and Donation Center, will provide individuals in Florence with access to one-on-one personalized service designed to address individual employment needs during the job search, effective resume and interview skills coaching, and referrals to local employers based on employment goals, experience and skills," Schafermeyer said. "We also provide assistance with the application and interview process, follow-up on job search progress, and access to computers, email, fax machines and telephones."

The hundreds of individuals that were there for the opening of the store were followed by many hundreds more during the store's first day of business, selling tens of thousands of dollars in merchandise, much of which is donated by the members of the communities they serve.

Goodwill CEO Jim Martin summed up the experience of the day's opening with a smile, "The Florence community once again demonstrated their incredible support for Goodwill. We are extremely grateful for the donations we receive and the opportunity to turn those donations into employment and job training opportunities."

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PAC introduces two new ‘Art Exposed’ artists

One of the joys of public art is the opportunity for the public to be introduced to new artists as well as new work from well-known artists.

With the "Art Exposed" Outdoor Gallery program, public spaces are being made available on a rotating basis for artists to share their vision and display their extraordinary work in Florence.

Two of the newly selected artists for this program recently installed their work along Bay Street in Old Town.

"Copper Leaf Tree"
by **Pancho Clark**

Clark's work "Copper Leaf Tree," made of steel and copper, was installed in Old Town Park and is a perfect fit for that location with its bright shiny copper leaves glistening alongside the other vegetation in the park.

"The copper leaf tree was

inspired when I was commissioned to build a tree with glass leaves," Clark said. "The installation at the Kadison Mansion in Hollywood California was a huge success and admired by all. When I was asked to submit a sculpture designed to be installed on Bay Street, I thought the tree with copper leaves would be appropriate for our area."

The roots, trunk and branches of the tree are hand-forged in Steel. The leaves are hand-forged in copper and the leaf pattern is ground on the surface to reflect light. The wire used to attach the leaves is made of stainless steel beryllium.

Clark is a local artist and is best known for his metal sculpture and musical instruments, but he also works in wood and stone.

He grew up on the West Coast of California and, at age 18, traveled to Europe and studied the arts in Spain. Returning to New York several years later, he became a master welder in the shipbuilding industry. From there he became diverse in the broad field of metal, from jewelry and silver-smithing with the Native American Indians

in New Mexico, to kinetic and large sculpture and architectural design and application.

"Transformation"
by **Paul Reimer**

"Transformation," made of recycled railroad track, was installed at the Eastern end of the Interpretive Center, next to the Waterfront Depot Restaurant. It is fitting that this work is placed next to a building that was a former railroad depot.

"This artwork represents the transition from an industrialized economy to a 'greener' economy where we take care of our environment in order that it may sustain us for generations to come," said Reimer.

Reimer lives and works in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada. He began his career as an artist-blacksmith at age 15 and, over the past 29 years, has worked on numerous large-scale residential commercial and public art projects.

Reimer's sculptures are collected by art enthusiasts in many countries around the world. He takes inspiration from a variety of sources: architecture and design, culture, history, relationships and nature. In recent

years, Reimer has applied his knowledge of working metal to the art of transforming railroad track into contemporary sculpture.

He is one of the very few artists in North America with the expertise to create art using this highly specialized and technical process.

These two works, along with the others in the "Art Exposed" program, are for sale and will be displayed for two years, unless sold, in which case they will be replaced with another work by the same artist (if possible).

If the artist isn't able to replace the location with a new work, another piece will be installed after a "Call to Artists" is implemented. The City of Florence Public Art Committee (PAC) will continue to offer fresh artwork to the public through this program.

To learn more about Public Art or how to get involved, visit the City of Florence PAC website: ci.florence.or.us/bc-pac.

Pick up a copy of the Florence Art Passport for a self-guided tour of this project and others at the Siuslaw News office or at a participating location.

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