

Community News

RHODES HONORED BY LAST RESORT PLAYERS

Kevin Rhodes, recently retired director of the Florence Events Center, was recognized for his accomplishments in that role on July 21, by the Last Resort Players (LRP), resident theater troupe of the event center. Here he is pictured with LRP board members from 2020-21.

"With our deepest appreciation and gratitude, Last Resort Players hereby salutes Kevin Rhodes with a standing ovation for his dedicated and tireless service to the arts at the Florence Events Center from 1996 to 2020," said LRP Board Member Annie Schmidt.

Rhodes oversaw the growth and development of the FEC for nearly 20 years before his



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retirement in 2020. This was the first in-person meeting of LRP since the lifting of COVID restrictions. The group wanted to recognize the work done by Rhodes as soon as it was safe for the recipient, his family and the many volunteer well-wishers Rhodes has inspired over the years to participate in the ceremony.

"I think that of all the people present, I'm the only one who has seen Kevin through his complete tenure at the FEC," Schmidt said. "I have found him to be unfailingly helpful, considerate and unflappable. He's been absolutely terrific to work with."

For more information, follow Last Resort Players on Facebook.

Latter-day Saints deliver 40,000 lbs. of food to local food shares

On July 21, Florence and Mapleton food share pantries were the recipients of a large donation of staple food products from the Florence Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The delivery is part of an ongoing effort by members of wards nationwide to support the communities where they live and others, during this time of uncertainty and for many, food insecurity.



The Florence Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Florence Rotary Club worked with volunteers on July 21 to donate food to the Florence and Mapleton food shares.

Larry Farnsworth, a bishop of the Florence Ward, was on hand to coordinate the delivery of tons of food to the two food share locations. These were just a small part of the more than 1,000 similar projects in 152 countries.

"The far-flung effort to help America's food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic is now the biggest humanitarian project in the

history of the church. Florence Food Share and Mapleton Food Share are receiving their second delivery, sharing a truck loaded with 40,000 pounds of food needed by local residents," Farnsworth said.

The local efforts were assisted by members of the Florence Rotary Club and food share volunteers.

"We are grateful that we

can support local charitable efforts to help those who are food insecure and hungry," Farnsworth said.

Food donations are only part of the work being done by the church to provide support to local communities as they have also committed to provide a large number of COVID vaccines and tangential support to fight the pandemic across

the globe.

According to Farnsworth, "The church's humanitarian projects include giving monetary support to prominent global COVID vaccination partners to procure and deliver vaccinations, monitor diseases and respond to outbreaks. For example \$20 million has been committed to support UNICEF's global vaccination efforts."

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July 30 - Aug 5 (*Closed Mon & Tue)	FRI 30	SAT 31	SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5
JUNGLE CRUISE - PG-13 127 MIN - "Jungle Cruise is an epic adventure - a throwback blockbuster we've been missing, a la THE MUMMY (99), PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, THE AFRICAN QUEEN & ROMANCING THE STONE rolled into 1. A thrill ride you'll want to see repeatedly. The most fun you'll have at the movies all Summer." Courtney Howard	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM			1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
OLD - From M. Night Shyamalan - PG-13 108 A tropical holiday turns into a nightmare when a family visits a secluded beach that's somehow causing them to age rapidly - reducing their entire lives into a single day.	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM			1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM
ROADRUNNER: A FILM ABOUT ANTHONY BOURDAIN R 118 MIN - "If you miss Anthony Bourdain - and for many, the celebrity chef's death in 2018 felt like the loss of a close and troubled friend - Morgan Neville's "Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain" is a salve." Boston Globe	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	2:00 PM 4:35 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM			12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
SNAKE EYES - PG-13 121 MIN - Henry Golding is Snake Eyes, a tenacious loner who is welcomed into an ancient Japanese clan called the Arashikage after saving the life of their heir apparent. Upon arrival in Japan, the Arashikage teach him the ways of the ninja warrior...	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM			12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM
THE SUICIDE SQUAD - PREVIEW! R 132 MIN - "A no holds barred, superhero/comics bonanza." Fico Cangiano							7:00 PM

Events & Performing Arts: \$12/\$8	FRI 30	SAT 31	SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5
CARMEN ON THE LAKE - 140 MIN - Exquisitely staged Bizet on the floating stage of Lake Constance, Bregenz, Austria		11:00 AM					

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

'Art for the Animals' to benefit Oregon Coast Humane Society

On July 31, The Cottage Preschool, 1665 Highway 101 in Florence, will hold its first annual "Art for the Animals" event to support the animals at Oregon Coast Humane Society. Students from the preschool and community have been busy making art for several

months to sell. The money raised will be donated by the children to support their furry friends at the Humane Society.

Chalice Carkhuff, founder and director of The Cottage Preschool, is thrilled to be able to support the community's lost and neglected animals.

"I hope our annual Art for the Animals continues to grow for generations to come," she said. "I am so grateful to be teaching our young to love and care for animals. It makes my heart happy."

Oregon Coast Humane Society Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson is also inspired by the children's commitment to helping animals.

"We are seeing the next generation of animal rescue superheroes growing up right before our eyes. What a testament to their families and support systems that helping animals is important at such an early age," she said.

Thompson has had a sneak peek at the art, and is impressed with the talent of the budding artists.

"We are so grateful for the

children's support, and I can't wait to buy some new art for my office. It will be hard to decide with so many great pieces available, especially since the money goes to support my favorite friends — the animals!"

In addition to the children's art sale, Just Ice will have its shaved ice truck onsite and there will be activities for kids. The free event runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Cottage Preschool.

Oregon Coast Humane Society is a nonprofit, limited intake shelter promoting a lifetime commitment to pets.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
JULY 28	JULY 29	JULY 30	JULY 31	AUGUST 1	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
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