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How Bazaar!

Catholic Altar Society
hosts an annual institution

The Alter Society at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Cottage Grove welcomed parishioners and members of the general public to a Bazaar that drew large crowds to the parish hall on Friday and Saturday. The Society's Jan Thompson, pictured at right, said the Bazaar is one of a number of yearlong projects for the organization. Thompson offered janes and jellies for sale; books and knit items, cookies and a soup lunch were also among their wares.

"We're able to keep our prices low because our parishioners contribute the produce, jams and other items," Thompson said.

The Bazaar reportedly began over 20 years ago with just one table of goods and has since expanded exponentially. Its proceeds help fund the Altar Society's efforts to cook meals after funerals, provide clothing for local drives and a regular soup lunch.



photo by Jon Stinnett

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BFN prepares for winter

Beds for Freezing Nights, which opens a city-certified emergency warming center when the temperature drops to 29 degrees or below from Nov. 15 through March 31, is gearing up for winter. The group invites individuals that share the group's mission, "Warm hearts, warm beds on freezing nights," to attend a training meeting on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to Noon at OLPH Catholic Church Parish Center, 1025 N. 19th St.

The three shifts are: 6-11 p.m., 10:50 p.m.- 4 a.m., and 3:50 to 8 a.m. Responsibilities include setting up/taking down shelter supplies, checking guests in and out, and supervising the shelter. Volunteers will be assigned a shift according to their availability when the shelter is activated.

New volunteers who work with guests must consent to a \$10 criminal background check

for safety and insurance purposes.

For questions about the training and/or to register, call Christine at 541-521-8816. Additional information is available at www.freezingnights.com where volunteer applications can be downloaded and brought to the training.

Volunteer opportunities

Those with spare time to volunteer in and around Cottage Grove have several options among area organizations in need of help.

The City/Chamber Graffiti Rapid Response Team needs volunteers. To enlist, call Team Captain Marie Longfellow at 541-942-5658.

Those who would like to volunteer in an office, Community Sharing is seeking office volunteers most days from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For details, call 541-942-2176.

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society seeks volunteers to index historical documents and be a museum host. Those interested can call DJ at 541-767-0244.

And for those who like to read, Harrison School SMART program needs readers one hour per week to help read to elementary-school students. Call 877-598-4633 or go to www.getsmartoregon.org

Science Pub talks spiders

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council welcomes Rick Ahrens, local naturalist, for a talk entitled "Northwest Spiders: Creepy or Fascinating?" to Cottage Grove for its monthly Science Pub presentation. Costumes are encouraged for an event that begins at 5 p.m. at the Axe & Fiddle Festivities will continue after Science Pub with special guest MC "Tragedian"

Ty Connor hosting a watershed party featuring comedy, music and cake to celebrate a leadership transition in the organization — the departure of Director Pam Reber and the introduction of her successor.

Crafters wanted

The Cottage Grove Hospital Auxiliary is having its Craft Fair on Friday, Nov. 13 in the hospital lobby. Craft vendors are needed who will donate 10 percent of their sales to help the Auxiliary purchase hospital equipment. Those interested can Call Jo Butner to reserve your space at 541-767-2788.

The Creswell VFW is holding a Bazaar on Nov. 14 and 15 at the VFW Hall in Creswell, 111 S. 10th St. Vendors are needed for this "Early-bird Christmas Crafter's Bazaar". Call Dixie Beard at 541-782-2007 to reserve your space to sell.

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