

Marine Corps's Toys for Tots foundation serves large numbers of families in need

Less fortunate families can still have a Merry Christmas

BY SAM WRIGHT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

The South Lane County Fire and Rescue Department in Cottage Grove hosted the annual Toys for Tots event, a program run through the Marine Corps. The event takes donated toys for lower income families to be able to provide their children with gifts for the holidays. This year, the program served 387 different children coming from 180 different families around Lane County. The program also benefited 47 children from the Family Relief Nursery. Eager parents lined up and filled large bags with toys and left looking like Santa Claus himself on Sunday. One beneficiary, who wished not to be named, said that she is extremely grateful for the community's efforts to help her family and others like it:

"I feel really blessed that they do this, everyone wants to be able to provide their children with a great Christmas every year."

Toys for Tots is helped by many local volunteers. Carmen Adler, a teacher at Cottage Grove High School, tries to attend every year to help hand out



Carmen Adler and her son Blakely enjoy coming to help out Toys for Tots each year.

toys. "I just think it's a great cause to help families less fortunate be able to have a great Christmas like so many of us are lucky enough to have," Adler said. Michelle Parent, another volunteer and already a volunteer for the fire station, says it's all about giving back to the com-

munity. "I love this town and to me I just want to help give back to people less fortunate," she said. Sgt. Sicario and Sgt. Gonzales represented the Marine Corps that day. Sicario says that programs like this are what it means to be a Marine. When

asked what brought him to the event, he said: "We're Marines, this program is run through the Marines, and this is what we do." The Marines and the Toys for Tots program will continue to provide for families around Lane County and Oregon.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SLSD budget committee

The South Lane School Board of Directors will be selecting a community member to fill position six of its budget committee. All positions serve a three-year term, and eligible candidates must be a qualified voter in the District but not be an officer, employee or agent of the District. Interested citizens are asked to obtain an application from the District service center at 455 Adams Ave. and return it to Superintendent Krista Parent or Board Secretary Mary Dubbs at P.O. Box 218 in Cottage Grove. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 31.

Creative dance classes

DanceAbility International will be offering creative dance classes for people across the full spectrum of abilities and disabilities that are interested in dance or recreation. During the classes a Certified DanceAbility Teacher will guide participants through creative movement games designed to build camaraderie, physical awareness and expressive capabilities. Attendees who cannot see or hear are welcome, as are people in power wheelchairs, people with mental disabilities, experienced dancers without disabili-

ties, etc., as classes are always designed for FULL inclusion. Teacher Jana Meszaros is a choreographer, dancer and movement educator based in Eugene, Oregon. She has a BA in Dance from the University of Oregon. Class fees are \$80 per eight-week session, with full and partial scholarships available. Information and registration can be obtained at www.danceability.com or 541-357-4982. The winter session runs Jan. 11-March 14 with youth class from 4-5 p.m. and adult class from 5-6 p.m. at the Opal Center, 513 East Main St. Cottage Grove.

Pet Tree of Joy

For animal and pet lovers, a Tree of Joy has been set up in the Cottage Grove Veterinary Clinic, 1221 E. Main St., by the Humane Society of Cottage Grove. There are many needs for local animals and their pet owners in the community, and tags are for those who are able to take a tag and fulfill a wish, such as dog or cat food, treats, blankets, even a gift membership to the Humane Society.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS


BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

Tonight, Dec. 16, will bring the Crow Middle/High School winter concert at Applegate Elementary at 7 p.m. There are several activities scheduled Thursday, Dec. 17. First, Lorane Rebekah Lodge has a bake sale at their hall where guests can save

themselves some work for the holidays while supporting the Rebekah's. Those who missed the high school drama production last night have another chance tonight, Thursday, Dec. 17 from 1:30-3:15 p.m. This is open to the public, so come enjoy a great holiday performance — "What, No Santa?" and "A Cowboy Christmas." The program is free to all students and open to the public. School gets out early (at 11:50 a.m.) on Friday for elementary and noon for high-school students. School resumes on Jan. 4, 2016. There is still time to give canned or boxed goods to help


those in the community in need. Remember, anything that can be used to prepare meals and any staples are always needed, and those interested in donating may drop items off at the Lodge on Thursday. Christmas baskets will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 19. There are still some cards on the Angel Trees at the Family Store and at Crow M/HS. These need to be turned in soon to be included in the baskets. Questions can be directed to Marissa Cooper at 541-517-6608. The 2015 S.A.N.T.A. giveaway is this Saturday, Dec. 19 at Veneta Elementary School. All participants need is proof of residency in the Fern Ridge

or Crow-Applegate-Lorane school districts and proof of each child's age. NO income verification required. Children are not allowed in the gym during giveaway. These are gifts for families in need during the holidays. Everyone who attended the Lorane Grange Christmas dinner on Sunday had a wonderful time while enjoying good company and a delicious meal. Remember, school will be out after Friday, Dec. 18 for two weeks. Watch the roads for those riding or walking along them.



The Cottage Grove Lions Club will be offering wonderful See's products to benefit their sight & hearing projects in our community.

Our sales trailer will be located in the Pinnocchio's Pizza parking lot on Main Street.
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Worship Directory



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<p>Calvary Baptist Church 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm</p>	<p>Cottage Grove Faith Center 33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet www.cg4.tv Dec. 24th - Candlelight Services 4 & 8pm Dec. 27 - 10am service only</p>	<p>Grove Community Church 77820 Mosby Creek Rd. Cottage Grove, OR 97424 541-942-0123 Pastor: Bryan Parsons Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery: Infant - Pre-K Kid's Church: K to 5th grade</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi Catholic Churches 1025 N. 19th St. 541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712 Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J. Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm Sun. 10:30am St. Philip Benizi, Creswell: 552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686 Sunday: 8:30am</p>
<p>Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza) 541-942-6842 Pastor: Jeff Smith Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am Wednesday Service 6:45 pm Child Care 10:45am Service Only Youth Group Bible Study: Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm www.cgcalvary.org</p>	<p>Covered Bridge Nazarene Church 152 S. M St. 541-942-4422 Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker Sunday School: 9:30am Worship 10:30am</p>	<p>Hope Fellowship United Pentecostal Church 100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061 Pastor: Dave Bragg Worship: 11:00am Sunday Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday www.hopefellowshipupcc.com "FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"</p>	<p>St. Andrews Episcopal Church 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb "Church with the flags." Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome</p>
<p>Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove 700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center) Rev. Bobby Lee Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m. (907) 230-5070 www.facebook.com/CSLCottageGrove</p>	<p>Delight Valley Church of Christ 33087 Saginaw Rd. East 541-942-7711 Pastor: Bob Friend Two Services: 9am - Classic in the Chapel 10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium</p>	<p>Living Faith Assembly 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Pastor Rulon Combs Sunday School All Ages 9am Worship & Children's Church 10:30 am "The Bridge" Sat Evening Service 6:00pm Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm Children's Breakout Class: Wed. 6:30pm</p>	<p>Seventh-day Adventist Church 820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: Kevin Miller Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Church of Christ 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 301 S 6th St 541-942-8242 Pastor: Steve Johnson Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11:00am Come Worship with us</p>	<p>Non-Denominational Church of Christ 1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-767-0447 Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm www.pennoyeravccoc.com</p>	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church 6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups tlccg.com</p>

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