

# South Valley Resource Alliance moves to new location in Cottage Grove

South Valley Resource Alliance (SVRA) recently announced that the Friday Food Share, serving South Lane county residents who experience hunger or food insecurity, is now distributing food from its new loca-

tion in Cottage Grove, operating from the Rural Organizing Project building at 632 Main Street. Since April, the group has served the community from an outdoor location at the Health Hub on

Main and 11th streets. SVRA and its dedicated core of volunteers sorts and packages about 4,000 pounds of food received from Food for Lane County every other Friday, feeding about 180 people during each Fri-

day Food Share. Individuals and families with incomes up to 300 percent of the poverty level are welcome to take advantage of the free program. Prior to March of this year, Food for Lane

County estimated that nearly 42 percent of Lane County households suffered from some sort of food insecurity. That number has grown dramatically since the outbreak of the pandemic along with busi-

ness closures and mass layoffs. SVRA relies on the generous support of our community to provide the Friday Food Share. Contact us at svra4cg@gmail.com to volunteer or donate.

**Grant** from A1 digital learning resources. They are also provid-

ing stipends of \$4,000 to each awarded district to address home internet connectivity for kids in need, finances SLSD intends to make good use

of. Following a spring semester in which schools were still adapting to a rapidly shifting public health environment, the district has been quick to point out it has achieved a higher level of preparedness for the new school year.

tions set in has revealed that many are in need of devices and internet access to participate in distance learning. Just shy of 900 Chromebook were distributed to families in a district of roughly 2,600 students in the spring and following surveys have seen requests for around 600 more.

families are predicted to still be in need of assistance. "All of our families need access," said McCasline. "So what we're going to do for families that can't access it with their own connectivity, that can't access it through our hotspots and that can't access it by purchasing their own internet plan ... Then we're busing them into school and we're going to provide access to technology at our schools."

McCasline. Additionally, the LEGO Foundation is donating \$2 million-worth of LEGO Education solutions to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) learning at home and in school through the grant program.

"We were made aware that there's a great need for our families to have access to technology," said McCasline.

The grant will help supply fully-configured Chromebooks to families still in need of these devices.

Limited in-person instruction is allowed under current regulations. As long as certain COVID-19 infection metrics are met, exceptions are made for students under certain categories such as English-language learners, special education students and those without internet access.

From this, SLSD is receiving 300 sets to offer students grades K-8 a playful STEAM learning experience based on LEGO machine sets.

First Book recently released the results of a nationwide survey of their network of more than 475,000 educators that shows 40 percent of children in need do not have reliable internet and almost 40 percent are without access to functioning devices.

Still, a recent survey conducted by the district has found that just under 10 percent of families do not have internet connections in their homes. To address this, the district is using its \$4,000 to set up more than 100 hotspots for households with reliable cell service.

Even with these efforts, however, some

In all, the addition of the devices, connectivity access and materials will help create the underlying framework for a CDL model which as seen about 70 people put in more than 900 hours of planning and development work for both distance and hybrid learning.

In Cottage Grove, school district communication with families since pandemic restric-

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K-3 students are also allowed in-person education as part of this exception.

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