

Mapleton Community Foundation offering grants

Deadline for submissions is April 3

The Mapleton Community Foundation is currently accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations for community projects within the Mapleton School District boundaries.

The applications should demonstrate how the funding would educationally, culturally, physically or civically improve the students or resi-

dents of the area.

Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization.

Funds will not be awarded to individuals or for operating expenses.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Mapleton Post Office or by calling Kathy West at 541-268-4665.

Application deadline is April 3.

PeaceHealth named 2015 HealthStrong Hospital

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence recently announced it has been named as one of the nation's HealthStrong Hospitals by iVantage Health Analytics.

The study and announcement of the 2015 HealthStrong Hospitals, including Peace Harbor Medical Center, highlights top performing hospitals as determined through the Hospital Strength Index.

The annual Index study is the industry's most comprehensive rating system of hospitals and the results recognize

the top performing hospitals — measuring them across 62 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability and efficiency.

More information and study findings can be found at www.iVantageINDEX.com.

Fewer than 600 hospitals were awarded the HealthStrong designation out of more than 4,300 hospitals reviewed nationally.

"PeaceHealth Peace Harbor is proud to be recognized as a HealthStrong Hospital," said

Rick Yecny, CAO at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

"We place a tremendous emphasis on quality, performance and satisfaction, and this recognition is a great affirmation that our efforts are making a difference to the hospital and the local community that we serve," he added. "I am delighted to be able to celebrate this award with our physicians, staff and community."

Araby Thornewill, president of iVantage Health Analytics,

said, "iVantage seeks to help hospitals meet the demands of the new healthcare by providing a new level of transparency into the internal and external metrics which drive more informed decision making."

"As the industry continues to evolve toward value-based delivery models, the Hospital Strength Index provides a unique perspective into how hospitals are responding to unprecedented change as well as advancing toward the ultimate goal of higher quality care at lower cost."

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City

from 1A

The settlement is for \$350,000, plus half of the closing costs.

"Our Insurance Carrier, CIS (Citycounty Insurance Services), will pick up one quarter of that (cost) and pay that towards that purchase. That leaves approximately \$262,500 for the city to purchase the property," Miller said.

The escrow amount is \$1,400.

"The good news is that the \$87,500 that our insurance carrier will be paying does not have

to be reimbursed if the city decides later down the road that (the property) has become surplus and we want to sell it. There are no strings attached to the money. They did their cost-benefit analysis and it's of benefit to them to settle this matter and move on. ... They would probably have to expend a greater sum if it went to trial," he said.

Mayor Joe Henry said, "Looking at this from the glass-half-full standpoint, this is another little ugly thing that's been sitting around out there ... that could very well turn out to be a positive for the city. Rather

than just paying off a lawsuit, we're going to acquire a piece of property that, with an improving market and if we do the right things with that property, could end up breaking even or even become a positive for the city."

Councilor Joshua Greene said, "We're happy to put it behind us."

City Manager Erin Reynolds then asked the council to approve a budget change to pay for the property.

"We are asking for a resolution to transfer budget appropriations in the amount of \$375,000 from contingency to

the administration program. That's necessary to legally expend the money that you just authorized us to spend," she said.

"Financial housekeeping. It needs to be done," Greene said.

The council approved the transfer.

Henry said, "It could have some implications for our economic development as we go down the road. I think the staff has done a very good job of bringing this to where it is. It just seems like a pretty good deal for us. ... We bought property and we paid for it. What else?"

Club

from 1A

A work party groomed the grounds around the building on March 11.

Members of the Boys and Girls Club board, Cross Road Church and Eddie Osorio from All Creations Construction trimmed shrubs and trees and pressure-washed the building in preparation for painting the exterior. Osorio donated his time and equipment free of charge.

Ron's Paint is donating materials to paint the exterior. Gary Rose from Leisure

Excavation has offered to donate equipment and operators to re-grade the driveway and parking lot.

Board vice president Chuck Trent said, "This is a part of the overall re-launch of the new and improved Boys and Girls Club. We have people from across the community including employees, board members, various church groups and local businesses all offering support."

Board members and staff met again March 14 to clean out the interior of the Teen Center, reorganize the assets and prepare it for painting.

"It's amazing to see how much has been done in such a short period of time. It is clear that the whole community is behind us," Trent said.

In addition to the consolidation loan, Forsythe said that OPB has offered to help Boys and Girls Club develop a capitol campaign.

"Along with the reorganization of the club's management and staff, the consolidation loan and capitol campaign will go a long way to help the Boys and Girls Club create a new and brighter future. We have a long way to go and more changes to make, but the

new board is highly motivated and optimistic about the future," Forsythe said.

OPB President and Chief Executive Officer Ron Green said, "Oregon Pacific Bank fully supports and recognizes the need for the Boys and Girls Club in Florence. For more than 10 years, OPB has been a strong supporter both by staff volunteering time and financial contributions. We are happy to partner with them in serving the families and children of our community."

The Boys and Girls Club board has not yet set a date to reopen the Teen Center building.

According to Forsythe, the Boys and Girls Club board and staff plan to have all the club's summer sports and outdoor programs up and running.

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Dr. Robert Mans named 'Optometrist of the Year'



Dr. Robert Mans

Dr. Robert Mans of the Florence Eye Clinic was recognized by the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association as Optometric Physician of the Year at a recent meeting held in Vancouver, Wash.

Mans served on the Association Board from 1997 to 2008.

He was appointed by Governor Kulongoski to the Oregon Board of Optometry in 2008 for a three-year term.

He was reappointed to the position by Kitzhaber and continued as president until the end of 2014.

During the presentation, Dr. Mans was thanked for his 17 years of service to the profession while continuing to practice in both Florence and Reedsport, where he has been since 1994.

The American Optometric Association recognizes each state's award recipient at the National Convention, which will be held in Seattle, Wash., this June.

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