

SCHOOL ZONE

A Monthly Newsletter for the Siuslaw and Mapleton Schools and Florence Community PTA

Multiple scholarships available for students

Completed applications due in April

SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIPS

Soroptimist International Club of Florence is offering awards and scholarships for local students, but the April 15 deadline is fast approaching.

Applicants can obtain applications any of these ways: online at www.soroptimist.org or www.liveyourdream.org, contact your school, contact Liz Burletson at 541-961-6308 or contact any Soroptimist member.

Awards or scholarships are for technical school, community college or university, or continuing a woman's education.

WLCF SCHOLARSHIPS

A new Roger and Sherrie McCorkle \$500 scholarship has been added to the extensive list of 18 Western Lane Community Foundation scholarships for a total of \$31,000 that will be awarded this spring.

The foundation administers the scholarship program available to both Mapleton and Siuslaw high schools and the applications are available at each school's counseling office. Scholarships are available for traditional four-year colleges, community colleges and approved trade schools.

All Siuslaw and Mapleton seniors are reminded that the deadline for submitting applications is April 15. Completed and signed applications must be received at the Florence WLCF office at 1525 12th St., Suite 18, or at the mailing address, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439, by close of business on the 15th.

A list of scholarships may be viewed at the WLCF website www.wlcfonline.com.

GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Florence Garden Club invites Siuslaw and Mapleton high school seniors to apply for the 2014-2015 Garden Club scholarship.

Applicants must be planning a post-high school career in horticulture or a related field, such as forestry or environmental science.

Awards are typically \$1,000 or more. Applications are available through high school counseling departments. Deadline for applying is April 1.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1994, more than \$47,000 has been distributed to local students. The Garden Club raises funds throughout the year from donations, raffles and the spring community plant sale.

Florence and Mapleton area merchants have contributed merchandise and services for raffles as well as monetary donations to the club for scholarship fundraising.

For more information about scholarship applications, contact a school counselor or call Carol Jolley, scholarship chairwoman, at 541-902-9343.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Community Alliance of Lane County has announced the availability of six scholarships for Lane County high school seniors graduating in 2015.

New this year is a \$1,000 scholarship for one LGBTQ student who is planning post-high-school training or education.

Other scholarships include five Peace Scholarships of \$500 each for Lane County seniors who are planning post-high-school training or education as an alternative to enlisting in the military.

Detailed information about these six scholarships is available in all Lane County high school career centers and on CALC's website www.calclane.org/scholarships.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, and sent to CALC, 458 Blair Blvd., Eugene, OR 97402.

For more information, email Carol Van Houten at ckvanhouten@comcast.net or call 541-686-9721.



DINE OUT ON BOOKS



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PTA Treasurer Alice Burns (top) dresses up as "Ms. Frizzle" for the fair, during which elementary students helped serve customers.

BOOK FAIR DINER NETS \$4K IN SALES FOR SIUSLAW

On Wednesday, March 4, Florence Community PTA hosted the sixth annual Book Fair Diner to coincide with Siuslaw Elementary School's Scholastic Book Fair. About 320 free hot dog dinners were served to families prior to their shopping for books and gifts. The evening gives families a chance to get out, enjoy a meal together and share excitement about books and reading.

According to the PTA, the Book Fair earned

\$4,100 in book sales that evening, contributing to the total of nearly \$10,500 in sales for the week. The SES library and classrooms earn 50 to 60 percent of the proceeds toward the purchase of new books; \$2,000 worth of books has already been distributed to teachers for their classrooms.

Many thanks to those who helped in various ways: Alice Burns, PTA treasurer, for coordinating the diner event; Don and Ginnie Chehak,

Heather Goldsmith and Greg Jorgenson (cooks); Natalie Goldsmith, Jasmine Vazquez and Trinity Tavenner (cooks' assistants); Wendy Rohner, Diane McCalmont, Jamie Gorder and Vicki Rankin (cashiers); Vicki Welch and Darlene Case (fair staff); Jim Burns (table setup); Skyler Ecker and Nikkyla Jenkins (diner greeters); and Henry Rankin, Judiah Saindon, Rubus Summerslee, Silas Gorder, Nevin Goldsmith, Brayden Thornton and Avery Hart (waiters).



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CARRIE MCNEILL AND DEBRA FLEMING

Mapleton Elementary School kindergarteners recently met "Sluggo," the mascot from the Eugene Emeralds baseball team. The Ems stopped by to kick off a read-at-home program with all the students. Those who reach their goal will get free tickets to an Ems game.