

GENERAL NEWS

New WLCF scholarship deadline is April 15

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

The scholarship program is 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 coll-

eges and approved trade schools.

The deadline for submitting all 2015 scholarship applications is April 15.

Completed and signed applications with all documentation must be received at the Florence WLCF office at 1525 12th St., Suite 18, or mailed to P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 by close of business April 15.

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

Reaching the summit



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Mayor Joe Henry, city staff and area representatives met at Florence Events Center Thursday in the first Economic Development Summit. One of the 2015 goals for the Florence City Council is to encourage economic development and vitality. The meeting was held to create a successful strategy and to engage community effort in making Florence a more economically viable place. The 37 attendees compared Florence livability factors with other Oregon cities and answered questions in an open session. The Florence City Council will meet in a work session on May 6 to follow up.



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Hosts needed for exchange students, chaperones

The 4-H International Programs are seeking host families for two programs now open for applications.

Applicants do not need to have previous or current 4-H involvement.

The summer program involves hosting a Japanese student, ages 12 to 16, for four weeks, July 26 through Aug. 22.

The 4-H International also seeks hosts for the Japanese chaperones. Such host families do not need to have children in the home.

The Year-long program involves hosting a student from Japan, South Korea or a nation in Eurasia. Host families can be without children or with children of different ages than the delegates.

Summer program youth delegates are matched by age and interest with families applying to host them.

American families must have a child within two years of the hosted youth's age and of the same gender.

No specific activities need to be planned; these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends and

improve their English.

The Year-long program focuses on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others and engaged citizenship.

Families hosting an international student do not have to have children at all, or can have children that are of any age.

This is because the expectation is that the delegate will be actively involved in school, extracurricular activities and sports, as well as area service projects.

The 4-H provides a network of support for families, including a local Lane County Coordinator and state coordinator.

International students are highly selected, have strong English language skills and

have very high standards to qualify.

Consider how much you and your family will gain from opening your home and your lives to the international community in this way.

All applicants will complete either online or paper applications which include a background check among other information.

Contact Lane County Coordinator Lauren Hesse by email at stang-hesse@msn.com or call 541-268-6943.

You can also call the Oregon 4-H International Program Office at 541-737-1303.

Read more about the programs at www.oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs.



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'People's Rights' presentation April 2

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) Northwest organizer, Kai Hushke, will present

"People's Rights over Corporate Harm: Changing the Oregon Constitution to Secure Our Right to Decide" on Thursday, April 2,

at 6:30 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Learn about the recently filed proposed Oregon constitutional amendment and how to be a part of making the right to decide your community's legal future.

A short petition signature gathering training will follow.

The presentation is sponsored by Community Rights Lane County and is free to the public.

Donations will be accepted.

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