

## Local nonprofits awarded \$90K

**Western Lane Community Foundation bestows 37 grants**

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Western Lane Community Foundation is excited to start out its next 40 years of philanthropy by giving more than \$90,000 in grants for 2015. Thirty-seven nonprofit recipients covering most of western Lane County received checks at the Rotary Club of Florence meeting on March 31.

These funds will further their worthy projects that fall within the four Western Lane Community Foundation grant areas of criteria: culture, medicine/science, education and social/civic services.

This year's grants covered a wide range of projects including partnering with the Deadwood Creek Services to restore their commonly used community center clerestory windows and the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery to preserve historical records.

Both Mapleton and Siuslaw School districts are benefiting by several projects funded to enhance the student's educational curriculum that are not covered with regular school district funding, like the Lego Robotics and MATE ROV Programs. The arts are represented through Florence Regional Arts Alliance's Outdoor Public Art Project, Florence Festival of Books, DanceAbility International and Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops' (CROW) production, "Once Upon a Mattress."

The Rotary Club of Florence established the Western Lane Community Foundation in 1974 as a community trust, a private non-profit organization, to attract, administer and distribute private charitable resources for the benefit of residents in western Lane County.

Through these resources the Foundation helps sustain and enhance the quality of life in western Lane County by supporting nonprofit organizations operating in all fields of interest.

See **GRANTS 9A**

## GNARLY FIND

Local filmmaker pitches 'Last American Media' documentary



COURTESY PHOTO

Sean Sisson and Omar Alaniz show off Sisson's collection of CEDs, a mostly forgotten videodisc system, which is the feature of their proposed documentary, "The Last American Media."

**F**lorence filmmaker Sean Sisson will host an event and screening to launch his new documentary project, "The Last American Media," on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m., at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101.

Guests over 21 are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a complimentary glass of wine and a meet and greet prior to the festivities. Following a brief live music performance, Sisson will lead the audience through a multimedia presenta-

tion that will shed light on the dramatic impact of mass media, from the dawn of radio through today.

Michael Falter, City Lights Cinemas owner and documentary programmer, said, "Documentaries seem like they are about one thing, but manage to pull threads from disparate places and weave them together. I think Sean's plan for 'The Last American Media' is going to take him to some fascinating places. He may have stumbled upon CEDs, but the idea to take on

a project like this has clearly been percolating for a long time — and it's a fantastic project."

According to Sisson, the project came about completely by chance. He stumbled across a mostly forgotten video system inside the Florence Area Humane Society Thrift Shop — a working Capacitance Electronic Disc (CED) player and 153 discs that provided him with an instant collection and a new obsession.

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## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Events demonstrate community solidarity for worthy cause

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Every April since 2008, Pinwheels for Prevention, a non-profit organization, has been promoting the nationwide pinwheel campaign to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This month, blue and silver pinwheel "gardens" will be sprouting up throughout the Florence and Mapleton areas, as community businesses, government and schools show their support by planting pinwheels on their premises.

Organizations such as 90by30, a University-of-Oregon-sponsored Lane County child abuse prevention group dedicated to reducing child abuse in Lane County by 90 percent by 2030, will plant pinwheels, make presentations and promote the cause of child abuse prevention throughout the month of April.

Three Rivers Casino and Resort has also planted a pinwheel garden to show support for the cause.

Other pinwheel gardens will be setup at Mapleton High School today, after the Easter egg hunt at noon, at Siuslaw Elementary School, the main branch of Oregon Pacific Bank and Florence City Hall.

In addition to pinwheels, the City of Florence will be issuing a proclamation in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month during the city council meeting, Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Siuslaw School District will be delivering a similar proclamation at 6:30 p.m. during the April 8 board meeting.

Lynn Anderson, co-chairwoman of the West Lane Regional Team of 90by30, will be making a presentation to the PTA on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Siuslaw Elementary.

Anderson said the 90by30 initiative would have a table at the Community Health Fair at Florence Events Center, April 17 and 18. Amy Tanikawa of 90by30 will also be giving a talk at 2:30 p.m. at the fair on that Saturday.

See **CHILD 9A**

## FIRST RESPONDERS MOVE QUICK TO DOUSE HOUSE FIRE

Firefighters, paramedics, Red Cross volunteers help family who lost dog, belongings

STAFF REPORT  
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) quickly responded Wednesday evening to a house fire in the 2100 block of 18th Street.

Reports of smoke sent 20 firefighters, two paramedics from Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) and eight emergency response vehicles to the scene within four minutes on April 1, at about 5:45 p.m.

The fire took 15 minutes to control and the rest of an hour to completely extinguish.

The three-member family was not home; however, their two dogs were present during the fire. One dog did not survive.

Firefighters were able to rescue the other dog, a dachshund mix, and paramedics resuscitated it on the scene. The dog was taken to a veterinarian in Florence and then to Eugene.

"According to the treating veterinari-

an," said SVFR Fire Marshal Sean Barrett, "the quick and professional response to assist the dog with the oxygen and resuscitation gave the dog its only chance to survive."

As of April 2, the dog is doing well and back with the family.

The fire displaced the members of the family, who are staying with friends, Barrett said.

American Red Cross disaster action team volunteers provided clothing, shoes, food, disaster health services support and information about disaster mental health services.

See **FIRE 9A**



PHOTO BY SEAN BARRETT

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue operations chief Marvin Tipler and Western Lane Ambulance EMT David Haberman resuscitate the surviving dog of a house fire on 18th Street. The family lost one other dog in the fire that originated in their kitchen. The case is under investigation.

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