# **GENERAL NEWS**

## Culvert work to restrict traffic on Quince, 101

A contractor for ODOT will conduct exploratory work on culverts in the Florence area this week, creating intermittent lane restrictions on Quince Street and Highway 101.

Beginning yesterday, April 28, and continuing through Thursday, April 30, the contractor will be closing lanes on Quince Street, between 10th Street and Highway 101, and on northbound Highway 101, between Quince and 28th streets.

Closures may occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

During the lane closures, motorists will be directed to the available lane of travel via electronic reader boards. No significant delays are expected.

The culvert exploration is associated with a project to replace the storm drain liner beneath Quince Street and install a culvert liner beneath Highway 101. Construction of that project will occur in September.

Greener way of life

2015 Greener Florence Awards go to Food Share, Morgan Country Kitchen



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Florence Council President Joshua Greene and City Manager Erin Reynolds award Florence Food Share (left) and Morgan's Country Kitchen (right) the 2015 Greener Florence Awards on Monday, April 20. The City of Florence recognized and supported this business and service organization because they are mindful of their impact on the environment. All the applicants, which included Real Food Co-Op, Helping Hands and Siuslaw Genealogical Society, gave extra effort to reduce, reuse, recycle or compost in 2015. The award recipients received a certificate signed by Mayor Joe Henry and a plaque inscription on view in the Florence City Hall lobby, 250 Highway 101.

## PeaceHealth Hospice receives WLCF grant

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice has received a \$1,000 grant from Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) to help fund the annual Light Up A Life (LUAL) event held in December.

LUAL is an annual fundraiser and memorial service combined, sponsored by Peace Harbor Hospice Board.

Kathy Murphy, manager of Home Care Services, received the check at a Rotary luncheon in March.

"The Light Up A Life event provides an opportunity for families to come together as a community to reflect, remember and honor loved ones who have passed," said Murphy. "It helps increase awareness of health care needs during the end-of-life process and how hospice can help supply those needs by supporting patients, families and caregivers during times when they can feel most vulnerable."

There are a variety of expenses involved in putting on the annual LUAL event.

All expenses are deducted from the total donations that are received from the fundraising event.

Therefore, the funds received from WLCF will be applied toward a portion of the expenses that will be incurred. As a result, more of the money that is received from the fundraiser can be kept and used by hospice during the upcoming year to provide programs and services to hospice patients, their families and their caregivers.

Western Lane Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization chartered for the purpose of receiving, administering and distributing charitable funds for the benefit of residents in western Lane County.

Resources come from individuals, businesses and other organizations. WLCF selects qualified recipients for funding, based on need, in the form of grants, scholarships and donations for specific projects.

The areas served by the Foundation include Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City and Deadwood.

The foundation's mission is to improve life throughout Western Lane County by encouraging and maintaining philanthropic activity.

WLCF focuses its giving in four major areas: culture, medicine and science, education, and social and civic services.

#### Junior and senior Rhody Court Scholarship Showcase at FEC May 6

This year's junior and senior

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Parade applications still available at the Florence Chamber visitor center and on-line at www.florencechamber.com

#### **Rhody Showcase (May 6th)** tickets available at the FEC

for the Rhododendron Court Scholarship Showcase set for Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

Formerly known as the Rhododendron Pageant and now held in advance of the annual Rhododendron Festival. this year's event features nine senior high students from Siuslaw High School who will compete for scholarships and titles Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast.

Rhody Courts are gearing up of five princesses representing grades 1 through 5 from both Florence and Mapleton.

> For the past several weeks, members of the Senior Rhody Court and Junior Princesses have been serving as ambassadors for the festival by visiting senior residences and volunteering in the community.

Most recently, the junior and senior courts have been rehearsing their talents for the fun-filled Rhody Showcase.

Court members will be judged individually on partici-

speaking and platform presentation, pin sales, and talent.

Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be crowned at the end of the showcase.

Both courts will make appearances in the Kids Parade and Grand Floral Parade during the 108th Rhododendron Festival, May 15 through 17.

Advance tickets are on sale now for \$13 and are available through the Florence Events Center box office.

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