

# Rhododendron Court to compete in talent showcase May 6

Continuing a tradition that began more than 100 years ago in 1908, five Siuslaw High School senior girls, four Siuslaw High School senior boys, one Mapleton Elementary School girl and four Siuslaw Elementary School girls will participate in the Rhododendron Festival's 2015 "Rock 'n' Rhody" themed Royal Court during Rhody Weekend (May 15-17.)

The Rhododendron Festival High School Court is comprised of five outstanding young

women: Trista Lane, Courtney King, Natalie Madden, Kennedy Roylance and Bailey Wells.

The four outstanding young men are Keoni Castro, Trey Cornish, Joseph Dotson and Jonathan Griffes. This is the Rhody Festival's second year with young men included in the scholarship competition.

Applicants had to provide references, fill out an application and describe their personal achievements and goals. They also said which

college they would prefer to attend. The mission of the Rhododendron Court program is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism and to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young women and young men in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rhododendron Festival history and tradition.

The Junior Court is comprised of five

young ladies: Alize Giselle Castellanos, Adelaide Ficcadenti, Ariana Galvan Mendez, Olivia Moore and Elizabeth Perez. Mendez represents the Mapleton School District.

Since early March, court members have been visiting community events, business leaders, senior living centers, youth organizations and civic groups as part of the program's commitment to community service.



*Bailey Wells*



*Courtney King*



*Joe Dotson*



*Jonathan Griffes*



*Kennedy Roylance*



*Keoni Castro*



*Natalie Madden*



*Trey Cornish*



*Trista Lane*

## Community Chorus to present 'Hooray for Hollywood'



At 2 p.m. on May 3, a unique musical performance titled "Hooray for Hollywood" will be presented by the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon (CCFO). The program, under the baton of interim director Paul Guthmuller, will include many songs from popular motion pictures of the past. In addition to a medley of favorite tunes, the chorus will sing several other unusual favorites, including the theme from the James Bond series of movies.

Special guests performing at the concert include Florence favorite the Flo Tones. In addition, The Siuslaw Children's Choir, consisting of students in grades three to six, will also perform. Elise Arnold will direct both the children's choir and the Chorus' James Bond theme.

The May concert will highlight the chorus' scholarship program, with this year's scholarship recipient(s) being announced during the concert.

Tickets are available at the Florence Event Center box office and are \$15 for adults, with children under 18 years of age admitted free.

For more information or tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org), or the Community Chorus at [www.communitychorusflorenceor.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceor.org).

