

Volunteers preparing for Power of Florence

This year's Power of Florence will be Saturday, July 18.

In the past, there have been as many as 37 volunteer events in one day. This year could be even bigger.

The Power of Florence is an opportunity for the entire community to work together and have fun making a difference in the community by giving one day dedicated to volunteering.

The all-day event is set up like a community festival, with fun events all around town that anyone can take part in, like barbecues, car washes, face painting, etc., as well as fundraisers that raise money for our non-profits that work year around to support those in need in our community.

There are also service project events that beautify local parks, schools and beaches. In four years, there have been 130



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Volunteers gather during last year's Power of Florence volunteer event.

events and Power of Florence participants have raised \$32,000 in donations, completed 48 service projects and col-

lected more than 10,000 pounds of food for the Food Share and Humane Society.

If you or your group would

like to participate, choose an event and contact coordinator Kaylee Graham at powerofflorence@hotmail.com.

You could do anything from a service project like weeding around town, to a collection event for a non-profit, or by just going to different events and helping volunteer.

Events will be advertised in email blasts, on Power of Florence's Facebook page, on Power of Florence's website, in the Siuslaw News and on KCST 106.9 FM.

Work together to make this year the best Power of Florence yet. Help encourage others to be a part of this day of giving by joining together with hundreds of others in our community on July 18 for the Power of Florence.

Each one, one day, making a difference together.

Lions to present hat fashion show May 9

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club will present "Silhouettes in Time" by Linda Brown on Saturday, May 9, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Florence Senior Center.

Tickets are \$15 and includes lunch.

"Everyone is welcome to join us for a journey through time with hats women have worn over past decades," said Lion president Bob Brown.

Hat expert Linda Brown will transport attendees in time with her extensive knowledge of the trends of the time.

Following the presentation, her personal collection of fashionable hats will be shown.

A buffet lunch of assorted salads and desserts is included. Raffle prizes will be available at the event.

For tickets or information, call 541-997-3320 or email stinelines@gmail.com.

Funds raised provide scholarships to graduating high school students each year, as well as support for various charitable activities undertaken by the Lions Club in the local community.

Rhododendron Court Showcase at FEC May 6

This year's junior and senior Rhody Courts are gearing up 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.

The junior court is made 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, volunteering in the community and, most recently, rehearsing their talents for the fun-filled Rhody Showcase.

Court members will be judged individually on participation, mentorship, public speaking and platform presentation, pin sales, and talent.

Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be crowned at the end of the showcase, and both courts will make appearances in the the Kids Parade and Grand Floral Parade during the 108th Rhododendron Festival, May 15 through 18.

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

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