

GENERAL NEWS

Port to review new fees

Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will meet tonight at 7 p.m., at the Port office, 100 Harbor St. This meeting will include a public hearing for increasing moorage and campground fees. Port meetings are open to the public. Following the regular meeting, the board will enter into executive session.

Siuslaw West awards grant to Helping Hands



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN WENZEL

Siuslaw West students participate in giving to the community in the Community 101 grant project.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Siuslaw West Community 101 class presented grants to nonprofit organizations in the library at Siuslaw High School.

The students of Siuslaw West Community 101, with support from the Harry and Marguerite Kendal Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust, awarded \$5,000 to local nonprofit organizations, including Helping Hands Coalition, Florence Food Share and various school groups.

The students began this project soon after the beginning of the school year. Their teacher, Sarah Gage-Hunt, led the class throughout the entire project.

As a class, they reviewed the grants from the previous year and wrote a mission statement. This year the students' chosen concerns were alcohol and drug addiction, juvenile crime, rape and sexual assault.

Once a mission statement had been agreed upon, the students began to research nonprofits in the Florence area. They looked at what the most important social causes were in this area, and who in Florence could meet the needs of the community.

In November of 2014, applications were sent to various organizations and, beginning in January 2015, the students began the review of the applications received.

The students could choose to give grants up to \$1,000 to various school groups and \$4,000 was available for grants in the community at large.

Every nonprofit that applied for a grant was interviewed by the students in the Community 101 class, either on campus or in visits to the facilities of the organizations who made applications.

The students voted on the amounts to be granted to each

applicant and once their decisions were made the recipients were invited to the ceremony held to award the grants. The winners of the grants were required to attend the event.

Helping Hands Coalition, which provides hot lunches, toiletries and other services to those in need in and around Florence, received a grant in the amount of \$2,000.

There was a brief review of the work done by Helping Hands. This Past April, Helping Hands served 642 people.

Hope Claussen, a student at Siuslaw West, said, "I didn't realize Helping Hands served so many before getting to know more about them through Community 101."

Glen Stewart, the founder and president of Helping Hands Coalition, attended the ceremony.

"This grant means a lot to us because Helping Hands is

strictly non-profit and the grants keep us going and able to provide services to the needy," said Stewart.

Treasurer Debe Hamilton said she had "always believed in alternative schools and this coming from the kids makes me feel good about the future."

Administered by the Oregon Community Foundation and the PGE Foundation, Community 101 is a classroom-based program that provides student leadership and civic engagement through charitable giving.

Community 101 students have granted more than \$2.2 million to Oregon nonprofits since 1997.

For information on how to become involved or to sponsor a class at your local high school, contact Jenessa Datema, the Oregon Community Foundation, at 503-227-6846.

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ALICE school safety training Friday

Florence Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies will be at Siuslaw Middle School on Friday, May 22, to participate in safety training with Siuslaw School District personnel.

Law enforcement will be providing Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (ALICE) training to school personnel, which is specifically designed to improve their ability to protect students and coordinate with first responders in the event of an emergency.

"We want to protect our kids and keep the community safe,"

said Chief Tom Turner. "This training will allow us to train for emergency response within a school facility."

School officials have scheduled an in-service day to provide the training to teachers, administrators, assistants, office staff, bus drivers and other school district staff.

There will be no school on May 22.

The training is not open to the public. Keep the area clear to allow for the trainings to take place.

Law enforcement and school officials will be able to answer community questions regard-

ing preparedness efforts once they have completed training.

"Our Florence Police Department has been so supportive of this effort. We appreciate all our officers making it possible to bring this training to our school and community," said Superintendent Ethel Angal.

The ALICE system has been employed across the country in the past few years and is now being conducted in schools across Lane County.

For more information on the ALICE system, visit www.alicetraining.com.

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