

# SVFR seeks grant writer

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) is looking for a volunteer grant writer who can locate, secure and administer grants for the Florence area's fire department.

This position will be part of the Fire Corps volunteer program that offers non fire-

fighting volunteer positions to interested community members.

Applications are available at the front desk of the main fire station, 2625 Highway 101, and online at [www.svfr.org](http://www.svfr.org).

The application period ends July 31.



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# Ladies of Elks award scholarships

Ladies of Elks, Florence Lodge No. 1858, recently announced the winners of its 2015 scholarship awards.

Fourteen graduating seniors from three local area high schools of Florence, Mapleton and Reedsport submitted applications for judging on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, motivation, extra-curricular service to their communities (school and local) and financial need.

Two former scholarship winners also applied for continuing education awards.

Scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to Jonathan Griffes of Siuslaw High School and Tucker Ford of Mapleton High School.

Zachary Burkhart of Siuslaw High School was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Former scholarship winners,



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**Scholarship chairwoman for Ladies of Elks Kate Wheeler presents a scholarship to Jonathan Griffes of Siuslaw High School during Siuslaw's Evening of Excellence.**

Cody Burkhart of Pacific University and Lara Zetzsche of Willamette University, have

been awarded \$1,000 each to assist them in continuing their studies.

## IN BRIEF

**Summer hours begin at LCC**

Lane Community College Florence Center will close on Mondays and Fridays for the summer through Friday, Aug. 13th

The Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Habitat holds sale**

Habitat for Humanity's

Faith Relations Committee is holding a sale to raise funds for home construction and repair.

The sale will take place today and tomorrow, July 3 and 4, at 2075 40th St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Singer-songwriter to perform in Yachats Sunday**

On Sunday, July 5, at 4 p.m., singer-songwriter Matt Nakoa will perform at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, 360 W. Seventh St. in Yachats.

The show will be held in the church sanctuary. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served during intermission.

**Coastal Women Vets to lunch July 10**

The Coastal Women Veterans will be holding its July luncheon at Morgan's Country Kitchen, 85020 Highway 101, on Friday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m.

All military women are invited and encouraged to attend.

RSVP to Nancy Coughlan at 541-997-4403 or email [ncoughlan@aol.com](mailto:ncoughlan@aol.com).

**Moose Lodge hosts open house July 11**

The Florence Moose Lodge will host an open house Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m. There will be an orientation and overview of what the Moose Lodge is all about.

The lodge is located off

Highway 101.

For more information, call 541-420-2156.

**SAPPSA meeting at library**

The Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse (SAPPSA) will meet Monday, July 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Siuslaw Public Library.

**Homegrown, Real Food, host summer shindig July 13**

Come to Homegrown Pub at 294 Laurel St. on July 13 and support local farms and the Siuslaw Elementary School garden.

The "Support Local Summer Shindig" at 5 p.m. is hosted by Real Food Co-op and Homegrown Public House. It celebrates local farms within 60 miles of Florence.

It starts with light appetizers and a family-style dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The Summer Shindig menu will include grilled local lamb, salmon and vegetables with wild rice and chanterelle pilaf. For dessert, there will fresh seasonal berries.

A dessert auction fundraiser will support the school garden. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Real Food Co-op and Homegrown Pub.

**Register now for AARP driver program**

The next AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered Wednesday, July 15. Class is held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Shorewood Retirement Apartments, at 15th and Spruce streets.

It is open to drivers of all ages.

Cost for AARP members is \$15; cost for nonmembers is \$20.

To register, call LCC Florence Center at 541-997-8444.

**Brown Hen holds spaghetti benefit**

The Brown Hen Cafe and friends of Liz Mobley invite the community to a spaghetti feed Wednesday, July 15, from 4 to 7 p.m., to help pay for Mobley's cancer treatment and expenses.

A silent auction will also be held during the dinner.

**Colorado Picnic returns in July**

The third semiannual Colorado Picnic is being planned for Sunday, July 19, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Woahink Lake picnic meeting place on Canary road

Bring a dish to share and your favorite Colorado stories. Anyone with a Colorado connection is invited.

For more information, call Donna Dobson at 541-997-7383.



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