

State grants available for veterans, war memorials

The Oregon Heritage and Recreation Department is offering grants for the construction or restoration of veterans and war memorials.

"The program is designed to honor Oregon's soldiers and veterans by commemorating their service to the country," said Kuri Gill, coordinator for the program. "Local governments may apply to build or repair monuments on public land."

New monuments should recognize veterans and wars not already recognized.

Grants for restoration could be used for broken monuments, missing elements of monuments or the related design elements of monuments for veterans or earlier wars, such as World War I.

Details and the application information are available at www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx.

The application deadline is Dec. 15.

For more information, contact Kuri Gill at 503-986-0685 or email Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov.

Funds secured to purchase new flower baskets

The Downtown Revitalization Team (DRT) of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce has secured \$15,377 in funding for its Old Town flower basket project.

A total of 42 large, decorative flower baskets will be placed along Bay Street and Maple Street in late April.

This is a public and private partnership project that the Downtown Revitalization Team has been working on for well over a year.

The hope is that it will inspire even more businesses, both in Old Town and elsewhere, to add baskets in the future.

These baskets are from the

same supplier that was used in the very successful program in Old Town Reedsport last year.

So far, 39 of the 42 baskets have been sponsored by a variety of individuals, businesses and the City of Florence.

The remaining three may be sponsored at \$75 each by contacting executive director Cal Applebee at the Chamber Visitor Center, 290 Highway 101 in Florence, or by email at cal@florencechamber.com.

In addition, a significant component in the project is a watering and maintenance agreement, which is funded by the Florence Chamber.

A Request for Proposal can be found at www.florencechamber.com/chamber/flower-basket-rfp.

The hanger arms for the light poles will be funded by the Florence Urban Renewal Agency and will also serve as banner holders for a future project.

The DRT worked with Public Works director Mike Miller to identify the poles and several buildings which will best serve for this project.



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Flower baskets like these will hang in Old Town Florence in April.

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WLCF math grant helps third graders

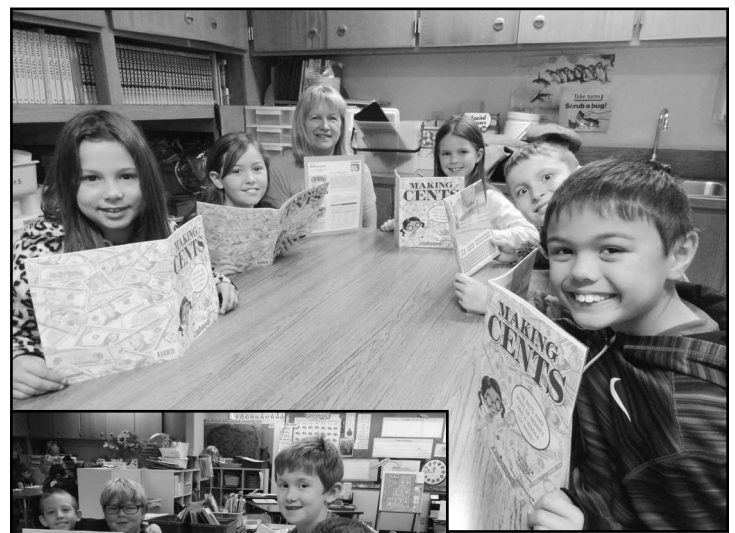
Thanks to a generous grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation, Siuslaw Elementary students in grade 3 have the opportunity to use the Scholastic Math Reads kit this year, in conjunction with the current Saxon Math core program.

Math Reads was developed by Marilyn Burns, a well known and highly respected mathematics educator.

The program uses literature to enrich children's mathematical understanding of a multitude of math concepts.

Children in grade 3 have the opportunity to read books that help them to understand the concepts of fractions, place value, money, time, multiplication, estimation, measurement, problem solving, geometry and more.

The books work nicely in small groups, where children can discuss the books and benefit from a literature-based approach to mathematics.



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Dolly Greene's third grade class shows math-themed books received from Western Lane Community Foundation.

The grant request was written by grade 3 teacher, Dolly Greene at Siuslaw Elementary School.

Vocalist Ken Lavigne at FEC Saturday

Ken Lavigne has performed on many world stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall and in England for Prince Charles — and he will grace the Florence Events Center stage this Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., in what organizers say will be a great date night or girl's night out.

A few choice tickets remain. "Ken Lavigne. He's got the looks. He's got the charm. He's most certainly got the voice. And now we've got him for Florence," said Sandy Kuhlman, SEAc coast Entertainment Association board member and producer for the concert.

"Ken is a great tenor both in an operatic sense and in the tradition and stylings of the all-time great crooners," said Kuhlman. "He has been labeled a charmer, a story-

teller, a humorist and an inspiring messenger of hope. "He enjoys Celtic favorites, show tunes from popular Broadway musicals, and though he has a flair for the operatic, no one should pigeonhole him as just an opera singer. He'll bring it all to the Event Center stage."

Lavigne will also make an appearance for residents at Spruce Point Assisted Living earlier in the day on Saturday as part of SEAc coast's community outreach effort.

Critics around the world write of Lavigne, "His voice seemed to be liquid gold, a pure lyric sound that had surprising undertones in his unforced lower range. While it was always excellent, there were times when the focus was so precise as to soothe and excite at the same time."

Lavigne is the second in a seven-performance lineup SEAc coast is bringing to the Florence Events Center this season that includes: guitarist Jesse Cook, Jan. 29; Ballet Fantastique, Feb. 20; the Glenn Miller Orchestra, March 18; Shuffle (a group so multitalented they let the audience pick the playlist), April 7; and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America, May 13.

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips and more information are available at SEAc coastEA.org.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Tickets are \$30 each, and \$10 for those under 18.

Library Friends seek book donations

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library now welcome book donations on a year-round basis. Donations can be left at the circulation desk. Larger donations needing assistance can be arranged by calling the library at 541-997-3132, or email siuslawlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Donation receipts are available on request.

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

While the Friends welcome all donations and find good homes for most materials they

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