

Toastmasters announce speech contest winners

The Siuslaw Talespinners hosted Toastmasters International Area 31 International Speech and Evaluation contests March 2, at the Siuslaw Fire and Rescue Station in Florence.

Contestants were Jim Wolak, Ann Machalek, Irma Geller and Noah Schultz.

In the International contest Wolak's speech was titled: "How it Feels Inside." Machalek's speech was "Cherish the Now," and Schultz's speech was "Verbal Escape Change Through Poetry."

In the evaluation portion of the contest, Wolak, Machalek and Geller evaluated a speech by Distinguished Toastmaster Jim Perry, titled: "Why do people join Toastmasters?"

First place in the International speech division went to Machalek. First place in the Evaluation contest was taken by Geller.

Both will move on to the district contest Saturday, March



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From left: Jim Wolak, Ann Machalek and Irma Geller

26, at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Special thanks to Safeway in Florence for its generous dona-

tion for the refreshment table.

The Siuslaw Talespinners meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Siuslaw Fire and Rescue

Station in Florence.

The public is invited to stop by and observe a meeting.

WLCF scholarship applications now being accepted

The Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) is accepting applications for 2016 scholarships, with a submission deadline of April 15.

Scholarships are available for seniors at Mapleton and Siuslaw high schools.

WLCF administers 15 scholarship funds, most of which are awarded annually and range from \$500 to \$2,500 each. The funds represent yearly earnings from funds WLCF manages on behalf of generous donors of our local community.

Applications can be obtained at local high school counseling offices or online at www.wlcfonline.org, and must be postmarked or received no later than April 15 at PO Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439, or submitted to the web address above by the same date.

Scholarships are available for traditional four-year colleges as well as community colleges and accredited trade schools.

While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, the

scholarship committee also carefully reviews outside activities, scholastic improvement, volunteerism, economic need and work history.

Several of the scholarships are directed toward students in particular fields of education or with other qualifying characteristics such as mechanical interest, nursing, etc

Last year, Western Lane Community Foundation awarded over \$25,000 in scholarships. Since WLCF established its first scholarships more than 40 years ago, more than \$250,000 has been awarded to both Mapleton and Siuslaw graduating seniors.

Watch for upcoming announcements concerning a specific LCC nursing scholarship and our second annual scholarships designed for already graduated students, re-entry students and other career changing adults.

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