

STEP offers scholarship

Applications are available for the 2016 Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program's (STEP) Natural Resources Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is offered to a graduating high school senior residing in the Florence or Mapleton School District boundaries. The applicant must maintain a 2.8 grade point average or better and intend to pursue a career in Natural Resources.

Initial screening of applications will be done by the counselors at the high schools.

The committee will meet with the finalists Wednesday,

May 18. The scholarship winner will be announced on Monday, May 23.

"We have a strong education program in our schools and at our trap sites, and want to support students moving forward in their education as they pursue a course of study in the fields of Natural Resources," said STEP president Ron Caputo.

Counselors at both Siuslaw and Mapleton High schools have the applications.

For information, students should see their counselors or contact Caputo at 541-997-4981.

Seven Coldwell Banker brokers honored

Seven local real estate brokers at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate were recently honored for their 2015 production within the Coldwell Banker system. Of the approximately 85,000 Coldwell Banker associates worldwide, Chuck Gesik and Lynnette Wikstrom were awarded the International Sterling Society Award, placing them in the top 17 percent in terms of productivity.

Dave Forsberg, Dennis Pease and Diana Hackett were awarded the International Diamond Society Award, placing them in the top 12 percent.

Wanda Johnson and Rick Cox received the coveted distinction of International President's Circle, placing them in the top 6 percent of Coldwell Banker Associates worldwide.

Also in 2015, Andy Johnson, owner and principal broker of the local firm, received the "Office Manager's Award for Excellence," a distinction presented to only 213 of the 2,966 Coldwell Banker office man-



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Back row from left: Rick Cox, Chuck Gesik, Dennis Pease and Dave Forsberg; front row from left: Diana Hackett, Lynnette Wikstrom and Wanda Johnson

agers worldwide.

And lastly, the local firm garnered top distinction among the region as a "Premier

Office" recognized as a top producing company for its size.

"In small-town Florence, to have seven of our brokers receive such coveted recognition in the Coldwell Banker system is truly a rare and extraordinary achievement," said Johnson. "It is no doubt a by-product of their tireless work ethic and an outstanding ability to connect with people and serve their needs."

Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, one of Florence's longest established local businesses, is located at 100 Highway 101. The firm cele-

brates its 60th year in business in 2016 and has been an affiliate of Coldwell Banker, the nation's premier real estate network, since 1999.

Locally, Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate offers a global referral and marketing and online network among worldwide affiliates, and a dominant local presence in the real estate market.

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