

Latest 'BE the Whale' art winner announced

FLORENCE — Florence artist and River Gallery owner Jan Jagoe awarded a \$1,000 art scholarship to Brooks Jones, a Utah high school student, for her pen and ink drawing of a south-western willow flycatcher.

The project targets all types of endangered species, with a different animal chosen to represent each state. Jones, from Herriman High School in Salt Lake City, Utah, received the scholarship in December, 2015.

Paris Meyers, from Crescent Valley High School in Albany, Ore., received a scholarship in December 2014 for her water-color of a humpback whale.

Jordan Merz from Bonners Ferry High School in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, received a scholarship in May, 2015 for her graphite and charcoal drawing of a Woodland Caribou.

The ocelot has been chosen as this semester's endangered animal. High school students from Arizona submitting artwork April 1.

Siuslaw Middle School students have joined forces with Jagoe to promote her endangered species project, which awards \$1,000 scholar-

ships to high school art students nationwide.

The Siuslaw School District will now

receive 10 percent of the funding received by the "BE the Whale" project, to be divided between the elementary

school, middle school and high school. The funds will be distributed to classroom teachers and staff to buy needed school supplies and equipment.

In addition to the 10 percent of the gofundme account going to Siuslaw School District, a portion of all proceeds will be donated to various endangered species projects across the country.

Donations to help support this program can also be made at Oregon Pacific Bank, 1335 Highway 101, P.O. Box 22,000, Florence, OR 97439.

Checks should be addressed to the "BE the Whale" donation fund, which continues as additional funding becomes available.

Pictures of the winning artwork and information about the project can be found on the project website at www.bethewhale.com, "BE the whale" on Facebook and at The River Gallery in Old Town Florence.

Promotional items such as T-shirts and coffee mugs are available on the website and at the gallery.



COURTESY PHOTO

Herriman High School student Brooks Jones receives a \$1,000 art scholarship from Jan Jagoe.

Plans for annual Wings and Wheels event taking shape

FLORENCE — The annual Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show held July 4th weekend at the Florence Municipal Airport is taking shape with two enhancements for 2016.

Three major sponsors — City of Florence, Three Rivers Casino and Resort, and Oregon Coast Military Museum — are sponsoring the appearance of a WWII warbird, a P-51 from the Erickson Air Museum out of Madras, Ore. The vintage aircraft will be offering rides throughout Saturday, July 2, the day of the annual event.

Rides can be purchased directly from the Erickson Air Museum staff the day of the event, or purchase a raffle ticket for one ride

that will be given the day of the event.

A limited number of tickets are available at \$5 each, and are available at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce or at R&R RC Hobby Shop in Old Town Florence.

The winner must be 18 or older and present the day of the drawing and flight to win.

"This is a great addition to our event. For a variety of reasons, we cannot produce an actual air show, but the appearance of this beautiful aircraft will really enhance the air operation of our event," said committee chairman Mike Groshong of the Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club.

Another activity that will enhance the event is convoy rides

around the airport in vintage military vehicles compliments of the Oregon Central Coast Military Vehicle Group. Club member.

"This is something I've wanted to happen for a lot of years and it's finally coming about," said committee member Cal Applebee. "Our hobby is really interested in sharing its mission with the public and getting more folks involved. This will be a great way of doing it."

The annual event, which includes 100 hot rods and vintage vehicles, emergency apparatus, radio-controlled aircraft demonstrations, food by Ada Grange and Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club, plus more, takes place Saturday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

