

GENERAL NEWS

Acupuncture, sustainable healthcare at Green Fair

Those curious about acupuncture can join local acupuncturist, Patricia Immel, M.Ac.O.M., L.Ac., to learn what this effective and safe medicine can do for better health.

Immel will also discuss how a collaborative-integrative healthcare model creates healthcare sustainability. She will be presenting at the Green Fair, June 11, at 2:15 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

Many people are utilizing acupuncture to help recover from injury, illness, stress related conditions and improve their quality of health and life.

The World Health Organization is an international proponent of acupuncture for a wide range of health concerns and diseases.

Acupuncture has the ability to stimulate the innate healing capacity within each of us through its affect on the nervous, hormonal, immune and

musculo-skeletal system.

It is also very helpful for people recovering from traumatic events.

The Veterans Administration recognizes acupuncture as an effective treatment and a way to decrease the need for medications for many veterans.

At Wellspring Clinic, Immel offers a variety of acupuncture treatment options including private, personalized treatment sessions and Points of Grace community acupuncture.

Together with Dr. Mark Immel, naturopathic physician, they are dedicated to inspiring and supporting people in their quest for a healthier, happier life utilizing natural medicine, wisdom and compassion.

Wellspring Clinic is located at 1845 Highway 126, Suite H, and online at www.TheWellSpringClinic.com.

WLCF awards \$26,000 in scholarships

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has awarded 19 scholarships totaling \$26,000 to deserving seniors both at Siuslaw and Mapleton High Schools this year.

On Thursday, Arlis Ulman and WLCF president Cindy Forsyth presented 18 scholarships at the annual Night of Excellence held at Siuslaw High School.

The following scholarships were awarded: Joan Orr Scholarship to both Reese Siegal and Holly Hicks; Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship to Mikaela Siegal; and the Dick and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship to Tyler Williams.

The Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship went to Kaylee Howland; the Hal and Lee Hylton Memorial Scholarship to Marshal Teter; and the Johnston Family Scholarship was awarded to Megan Donohue.

Hannah Bartlett was named the recipient of the Art and Jean Koning Scholarship; Nikita Williams earned the Art and Virginia Robertson Scholarship; Nicole Gordon



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WLCF 2016 scholarship winners

was awarded the Noel and Mary Dobyngs Scholarship; and Anna Stonelake won the Elmer Wait Scholarship.

The N. Judd Huntington Scholarship went to Meghan Pickell; the Justin Black Scholarship was presented to Anna Petros; Michael Mason received the Coccio Family Scholarship; and Taylor Richards was awarded the Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship.

There were three

Beachcomber Community Scholarships this year, awarded to Alexis Scheer, Taylor Dotson and Paige Williams.

These scholarships were made possible by the generous bequests of past and present individuals and or families in this community.

The scholarships represent the WLCF's ongoing mission of investing in the Western Lane Community's youth by encouraging and supporting their desire to further their edu-

cation. The Foundation was founded in 1974 and is a community trust, private nonprofit organization attracting, administering and distributing private charitable resources for the benefit of residents of Western Lane County.

Visit www.wlcfonline.org for more information.

To become a donor, contact our executive director Gayle Weiss at 541-997-1274 or email WLCF@wlcfonline.org.

Florence gives away FloGro compost June 11

Due to the large response of people that have come to the City of Florence's "FloGro" Class A composted biosolids product giveaways, Florence Public Works Director Mike Miller has announced the giveaway of one more batch of composted biosolids, which have received DEQ approval and are ready for use on local gardens.

"The demand for FloGro at our prior giveaways has been overwhelming. We ran out of the product in less than 2 hours at all of the events," said Miller. "We will be giving away the latest batch to the public on a first come, first served basis."

The event will be Saturday,

June 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 794 Rhododendron Drive. As long as supplies last, each community member that shows up will receive up to one free cubic yard of composted biosolids, nicknamed FloGro.

The Class A Biosolids Composting Project was established by the Public Works Department, with the assistance of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, as a pilot project in 2010.

Public Works Director Mike Miller saw the program as an environmentally friendly way to reduce the amount of money spent on hauling biosolids to the Short Mountain landfill, located just outside Eugene.

Since the program has been in place, the city has lowered its spending on hauling and disposal costs from \$80,000 per year to \$50,000 and expects to continue to reduce that cost to \$35,000 on an annual basis.

"We're able to produce a Class A biosolids product through a composting process that combines our chipped yard

debris with our biosolids. The end result is a sustainable compost supply for our community, which benefits our rate payers by reducing our biosolids costs and producing a great soil amendment," said Miller.

The program was expanded in 2013 after the City was awarded a Waste Diversion Opportunity Grant by Lane County.

Class A composted biosolids are a valuable resource, rich in plant-essential nutrients and organic matter. Using composted biosolids improves soil health and allows the soil to hold more water while letting it drain and breathe better.

"This program allows us to take care of two waste products — yard debris and biosolids — and produce a sustainable soil amendment for our community," said Miller.

The city has also created a raised bed demonstration garden at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Six of the raised beds have been adopted by the Florence Garden Club. The club has planted tomatoes,

raspberries, strawberries, herbs, sugar peas, green beans, flowers, eggplant, cucumbers, and zucchini. Public Works staff has adopted two of the raised beds and have planted radishes, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, zucchini, and onions. In each of these raised beds, the community can see firsthand the types of plants that grow well in the area.

FloGro is a beneficial amendment to soil and an environmentally-friendly alternative to petroleum-based and chemical fertilizers. Not only does FloGro help conserve water in the soil, it is safe, highly-regulated, and meets the most restrictive toxics standards.

FloGro is not packaged.

Members of the public wanting to receive FloGro samples must bring their own containers or a pickup truck.

For more information on the City's biosolids program, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.

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