

Dinner, auction to raise funds for Mapleton Pre-K program

A lasagna dinner and auction fundraiser will be held Saturday, July 9, in the Mapleton Elementary School cafeteria, with all proceeds going to establish a Pre-K program in the Mapleton School District.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at Banner Bank in both

Florence and Mapleton, Mapleton Food and Fuel on Highway 126 and the Deadwood Market. Dinner is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., with a silent auction from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and a live auction at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for adults or \$7 for children age 11 and under.

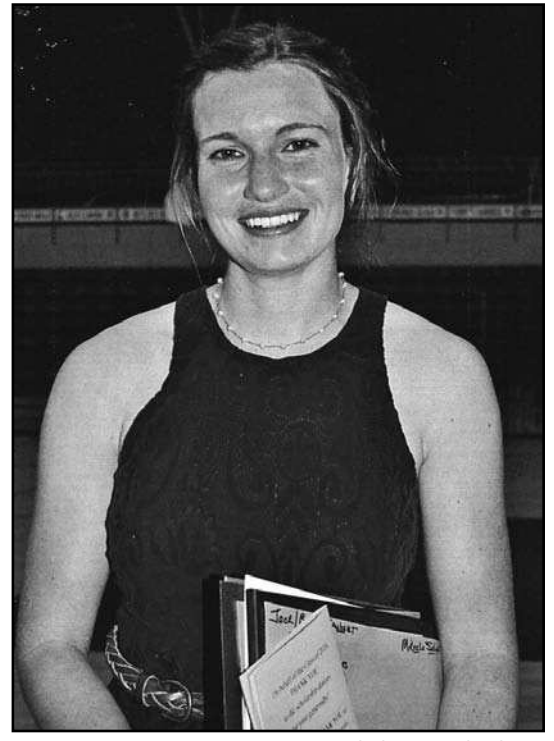
Florence Garden Club awards pair of scholarships

At the Siuslaw High School 2015-16 Scholarship Awards Night, held May 26, the Florence Garden Club awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each to graduating seniors Paige Williams and Mikaela Siegel.

Beginning this fall, Williams will be pursuing a major in biology at Western Oregon University; Siegel will be majoring in biology at the University of Idaho.

Since 1994, the Florence Garden Club has awarded more than \$53,000 in scholarships to qualified students whose educational goals lead to a career in horticulture, biology or a field in environmental studies.

The Garden Club raises money for its scholarships during its annual plant sale and raffle, supported by local merchants and the Florence community.



PHOTOS BY CAROL JOLLEY

Paige Williams (left) and Mikaela Siegel each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Florence Garden Club during Siuslaw High School's annual Scholarship Awards Night.



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Go on the road with LCC's summer Outward Ventures

Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., is offering a few summer road trips through its Outward Ventures program.

On Tuesday, June 28, Outward Ventures will head to Veneta for

stops at two small wineries for tastings and a picnic lunch.

Mike Bones will take groups out clamming to share his favorite spots to dig for mud clams on Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 23.

The program will also visit Eugene to experience two musicals: on Sunday, July 10, for the Actors Cabaret for brunch and a matinee production of "The Little Mermaid," and on Sunday, Aug. 7, to the Shedd Institute for a

matinée of "On the Town."

For other summer trips and more information about the program, visit www.lanec.edu/ce or call Marsha Sills, program coordinator, at 541-997-8444, ext. 4825.



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ice machine. He said he did not have a report yet, but that the Port of Umpqua would have a commercial ice machine operational by August.

"We will have an ice machine available to us within 20 miles down the road," he said.

Leskin updated commissioners on the port's new schedule of weekend summer activities on the boardwalk, called WindFest. The schedule is

entering its third weekend of activities, including informational presentations, lawn concerts and wine and beer tasting.

He said the port would start looking for sponsors for WindFest beginning in 2017. "It is a great event for sponsor-

ship," Leskin said. "We think we will have an event later this summer that will allow us to cover our costs. Moving forward, we want to have a smooth flowing event that sponsors can attach their name to with pride and we have a ways to go to get there."

Museum from 1A

The next part is holding OCMM's one-year anniversary during Wings and Wheels on Saturday, July 2.

"We're not going to have a lot of stuff going on, but we're going to have Pop's Smokehouse of Mapleton doing hamburgers for donations to the museum. A pair of Civil War re-enactors will be roaming, just like last year. We want people to come in and enjoy the museum, and see how things are progressing," Applebee said.

The museum is also cosponsoring a World War II Warbird, a P-51 Mustang, from Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras,

Ore., that will be on display at the Florence Municipal Airport.

Preparing for the anniversary has made several things clear to the board: the need for adapting.

"Now that we've been open for a year, we've been accumulating artifacts left and right. The reality is, we're starting to run out of room," Applebee said.

OCMM's space is filled by permanent displays created by Judy Murphy — which show dioramas of significant military conflicts — a library and video room, U.S. military branch displays, a cantina, a gift shop and a "touch and feel" area to interact with headgear, uniforms, replica weapons and half of a military vehicle.

"How do we keep adding things, creating and making it a fresh experience for folks?" Applebee asked.

He and the board have their own ideas they are building into the strategic plan, but they also seek input from the veteran community — about 20 percent of the area's residents — and the community at large.

"This is the community's museum, built by this community to honor our veterans. It's important that we seek your input. Do you want to see us grow and expand, or do you

want us to stay small and intimate? Those are the things we need to find out," Applebee said.

He has created a survey at www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com to gather community input. Completed surveys are due by June 30.

Applebee said, "We need to look at what else we can do to make the rest of the displays more lively and more engaging over time. The goal is to have something in place so it guides us into future years."

The board will consider expanding the museum, adding revolving or seasonal displays, creating a mission, seeking grant funds and developing a mobile museum to go along with the blue jeep Applebee has already started to take to events.

"People actually see a sampling of the museum, and that encourages them to come visit here and Florence," Applebee said.

The museum hopes to be an ambassador for the community in other ways as well. Besides featuring the U.S. Coast Guard and local Station Siuslaw River, OCMM also plans to support Florence's bid for "Coast Guard City USA."

"Mayor Joe Henry is launching this new effort to create Florence as a Coast Guard

City," Applebee said. "His goal is to bring together all the veteran organizations with synergy as we cooperate and do greater things for the veteran community. That's going to be exciting to see happen."

Whatever else the museum's strategic plan entails, fundraising will continue to be a major part. OCMM relies on community donations to operate, lease its property and promote itself.

"We're coming up closer to grant season," Applebee noted. "But right now, there are a bunch of things we need to get a handle on and get under control for managing the operation."

The grants he pursues will depend on the board's direction.

"The whole intent for us was to create something that would be revolving and evolving constantly. When people come visit Florence or residents bring their families to visit, they can bring them to OCMM occasionally and see different things, newer and fresher things. Part of that goal is to have things that people can touch, interact with and experience our military heritage," he said.

OCMM is at 2145 Kingwood St. For more information, go to www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

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