

Local program recognizes art students nationwide

Siuslaw middle and high school students have joined forces with Florence artist, River Gallery owner and TR Hunter Realtor Jan Jagoe to promote her endangered species project, which awards \$1,000 scholarships to high school art students nationwide.

Alicia Hoxie of Reno High School in Reno, Nev., received a \$1,000 art scholarship in November for her charcoal, pencil, watercolor and pastel drawing of a Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly.

Zoey Zhao from Tucson, Ariz., received a scholarship in May for her colored pencil

drawing of a baby Ocelot.

Brooks Jones from Salt Lake City, Utah, received a scholarship in December 2015, for her pen and ink drawing of a southwestern Willow Flycatcher.

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

Paris Meyers, from Albany, Ore., received a scholarship in December 2014 for her watercolor of a humpback whale.

Pictures of winning artwork are posted online at www.bethewhale.com.



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Jan Jagoe (left) presents a certificate to Reno High School student Alicia Hoxie for her artwork.

High school students from Washington will submit their artwork during the spring semester of 2017.

The endangered animal chosen for Washington State will be announced in January, 2017.

The Siuslaw School District receives 10 percent of the funding received by the "BE The Whale" project. The funds will be distributed to classroom teachers and staff to buy classroom supplies.

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

Donations to help support this program can be made at Oregon Pacific Bank, 1335 Highway 101, Florence, Ore. 97439.

Checks should be addressed to the "BE the Whale" donation fund.

Budget from 1A

City staff recommended rounding the budget up to \$3.6 million to cover any unforeseen expenses.

In other business, the council approved accepting a \$125,000 grant from the Department of Justice Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) to partially fund a school resource officer (SRO) for Siuslaw School District.

Project Manager Megan Messmer said, "We have had one in the past, but we haven't had one in recent years due to needing to find room in both the city budget and the school district's budget."

According to Messmer, the COPS grant will help fund the position for three years. The

four-year agreement requires the city and school district to fund 100 percent of year four. The grant will cover approximately 42 percent of the first three years.

The resource officer will be a city employee.

Total cost of the four-year program is estimated to be \$572,087. The city's cash portion is estimated to be \$71,417. City administrative and overhead costs are estimated to be \$152,126.

The council also authorized city staff to sign an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Siuslaw School District to establish a working understanding of how the city and district will cooperate during the four-year program.

According to the IGA, the goals of the SRO are

1. To establish a positive relationship between the SRO and the student population, parents, staff and administration.
 2. Maintain a safe and secure environment on school grounds
 3. Promote positive attitudes regarding law enforcements roll in society
 4. Prevent and reduce incidents of school violence
 5. Reduce criminal offenses committed by juveniles and young adults
- The council also agreed to amend the city's ordinance on dog licensing.

Interim Finance Director

Andy Parks said, "You are generating approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year for the past several years. That is coming from (licensing) 200 to 250 dogs. We have approximately 2,600 dogs in town. Less than 10 percent are being licensed."

Parks said the city was losing money every time a dog is licensed.

The council approved Park's recommendation to repeal the licensing program and defer to Lane County's voluntary licensing program.

Reynolds from 1A

salary, bringing Reynold's annual base salary to \$117,780.

Council vice president Ron Preisler said, "Interim City Manager Larry Patterson couldn't believe how much the

staff had accomplished this past year, which is kudos to (Reynolds)."

Henry said that of the 155 items on the city's 2016 work plan, 101 items were marked complete and 53 are longer term and ongoing, and only one was cancelled.

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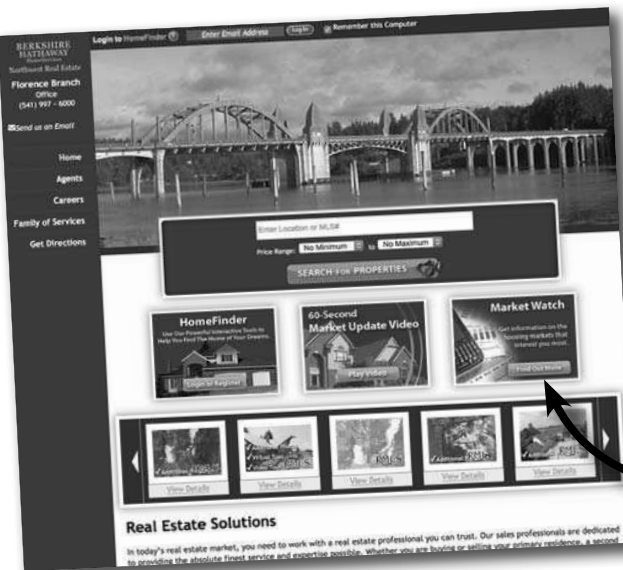
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