

Mapleton

Mapleton School District awarded \$2.9 million seismic grant

Mapleton School District has received \$2.9 million in grant funding from Business Oregon to rehabilitate Mapleton Elementary School and Mapleton High School to better prepare and withstand a major earthquake.

Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency, awarded 100 grants totaling \$125,000,000 to Oregon schools and colleges. Other Lane County districts included in this round of granting were Junction City School District (Oaklea Middle School — \$1,499,565), Lowell School District (Lundy Elementary — \$1,334,280) and South Lane (Lincoln Middle School — \$2,164,130).

Mapleton Elementary School received \$1,409,104 for retrofit projects including installing new shear walls, anchor bolts, roof sheathing and straps, and infilling the existing soft story.

Mapleton High School received \$1,500,000 million for retrofit projects including installing new shear walls, anchor bolts and removing the existing glass block windows. Blocking and additional edge nailing in the high school gymnasium will also increase the capacity of the existing unblocked diaphragm.

Since passing a \$4 million general obligation bond in May 2016 and receiving the matching \$4 million grant from the state of Oregon, Mapleton School District continued to seek additional funding. The seismic grant will allow the district to increase the scope of the planned bond projects to include costly seismic improvements.

In addition to the seismic grant, the district has also received \$75,000 in grant funds from USDA and ODE for other construction projects.



Solving Oregon's problems Mapleton students join SOLVE Spring Beach Cleanup

COURTESY PHOTOS

On April 1, students from Mapleton School District joined the SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup. Ten students from Mapleton middle and high schools volunteered to search for litter and debris on the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River. The students enjoyed a beautiful day with no wind or rain! According to SOLVE, nearly 5,000 volunteers removed an estimated 56,000 pounds of litter and marine debris from along all 362 miles of the Oregon coast. — Submitted by Maria E. McEldowney



Coastal Community

ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS

Four local students competed for a total of \$1,000 prize money at Rotary Club of Florence's annual 4 Way Test speech competition April 13 at Florence Events Center.

Mapleton High School student Gabrielle Gibney came in first to receive \$500, followed by second place winner and Siuslaw High School student Hanna Anderson, who received \$350, and Kiyah Cleveland in third for \$150. Ben Cahoon received fourth place.

Judges were Florence Rotarians Crystal Farnsworth, Jane Hanawalt and Pat Riley.

Vickie Kennedy of the Siuslaw Tale Spinners chapter of the Toastmasters International provided the official timing



COURTESY PHOTO

(From left) Hanna Anderson, Kiyah Cleveland, Benjamin Cahoon and Gabrielle Gibney

for this event.

Organizer Meg Spencer, Siuslaw Public Library director and Rotarian, said, "Each contestant this year did an amazing job of engaging the audience and talking about issues in the world they are passionate about in light of the 4 Way Test. Any of these four young people could have done a great job representing our region at the district level."

Gibney will go on to compete at the regional level in May in Albany.

Gibney shared with her audience that she will use her prize money to fund part of the cost of participating in a 4-H International program to South Korea this summer. — Submitted by Lauren Hesse

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