

## Van Fans seek drivers

The Friends of Florence, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is in need of volunteer drivers.

The only requirement is drivers must have a clean driving record and be under the age of 80.

Friends of Florence drivers

provide free transportation, Monday through Friday, for cancer patients seeking treatment in the valley. Drivers usually only drive one day each month.

For more information or to volunteer as a driver, call 541-997-8663.

## Ambassador from 1A

"In addition to his ongoing years of service in the role of an ambassador to our city, Mike has served on numerous boards and helped our community in a variety of ways," Foglio added.

Bones was selected as the 2005 Florence First Citizen, a title granted to an individual who has given selflessly to the community, based on community involvement, leadership and overall impact.

When asked about this latest recognition, Bones was hesitant to accept any praise.

"It's a very humbling and great honor to have been chosen. I was raised in this caring community. Giving back by volunteering is a way to show that appreciation, besides making me just plain feel good," he said.

Bones has been volunteering for so long that his memories of Florence are extensive. He has some particularly memorable stories.

"It's extremely difficult choosing just one favorite memory from 50 years of volunteering, but my first thought is about helping Kaylee Graham with Power of Florence by working with the American Legion to clean up the sidewalk across from the Veteran's Memorial Wall," he said.

Typically, Bones has taken the latest praise and directed it towards encouraging others to also volunteer.

"Giving back and helping others is a very rewarding experience in itself, besides helping our community look good and prosper," Bones said. "There are many opportunities for everyone to volunteer in our community. Do your part, volunteer."

## LESSONS FROM A 'MASTER CLASS'



PHOTOS BY  
KATHLEEN  
WENZEL



Last Resort Players perform a preview of the upcoming Maria Callas play, "Master Class" at Backstreet Gallery during the May Second Saturday Gallery Tour. Music Director Jennifer Weier played accompaniment for performers Mary Conley and Patrick Rawley after Director Leah Goodwin introduced the performance. "Master Class" opens at Florence Events Center on Friday, June 9, and runs weekends through June 18. For tickets or more information, visit [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org).

Last Resort Players Present:  
**Maria Callas  
Master Class**

A play by:  
**Terrence McNally**  
is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York  
Directed by Leah Goodwin  
**Florence Events Center**  
**June 9-11 & 16-18**  
**Fri. & Sat. 7:00 • Sun 2:00**

For tickets and show information go to [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org) or call the Florence Event Center at (541) 997-1994  
Starring Annie Schmidt as Maria Callas • Music Direction by Jennifer Weier  
Produced by Kathleen Wenzel and Paula Ziegelasch  
*Some Content by not be suitable for all patrons.*

## Wheel from 1A

A second name was pulled, and once again it wasn't West. Again, the person had already left.

West's patience paid off.

"I was literally the very last person left who got to audition," she said.

West's journey to appear on

"Wheel" continued a couple of weeks later when organizers contacted her to say she had made the final cut.

She was invited to a second set of auditions in Portland.

The audition in Portland also went well, and West received a letter and phone call a few weeks inviting her to Hollywood to appear for real on her favorite game show.

"I am a real game show lover and a dreamer who believes in a Cinderella story," said West. "I have always watched game shows, particularly 'The Price

is Right' and 'Wheel of Fortune.' I'm older than both shows, so I have watched them as long as they have been on television."

Producers of "Wheel of Fortune" tape six shows in a day, so 18 actual contestants and two alternates are there for the filming of the show.

West had no reservations about the costs associated with the appearance. As a faithful viewer, she knew that all contestants on "Wheel" receive a cash prize, regardless of how well they do.

"If you are a contestant you are guaranteed to walk out of there with \$1,000, and a lot of people probably think of that as travel money, I know we did," she said.

West ultimately won \$22,665 and a trip to St. Martin for her efforts — and a memory that will last forever.

"It was the opportunity of a lifetime," she said. "About 10,000 people a year audition for 'Wheel' and only about 600 are picked to appear. I feel really lucky to have been one of those people."

# Gifts of the Heart Auction An Evening of Giving



**Saturday, June 10th**  
**5-7pm at Siuslaw Middle School**  
**Free Admission! Everyone Welcome!**  
**Benefits Malakai's Bone Marrow Transplant**

- ☺ Hand crafted table- by Tod Graham
  - ☺ 4 -\$25 gift certificates from Polished
  - ☺ 4-Gift Certificates \$50 from Silver Lining
  - ☺ \$100 gift certificate to Osburn Veterinary Clinic
  - ☺ Multiple massage gift certificates
  - ☺ Hand Crafted Jewelry
  - ☺ 2-registrations for soccer gift certificates Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association
  - ☺ 2-\$100.00 gift cards from Pacific Frameworks
  - ☺ Basket of gifts from Kitchen Klutter
  - ☺ Original Art Work pieces
  - ☺ 1 year family membership and 10 movie passes to City Lights Cinemas
  - ☺ Tanning package for 5 tans from Kreations Salon
  - ☺ Stoneware platter --Kim Pickell
  - ☺ 3-Full day fishing boat rental certificates for Westlake Resort
  - ☺ 2- night weekend stay with 2 kayak rentals at Westlake Resort
  - ☺ Art class certificate -Kirsten Marohl
  - ☺ Travel mug and 1 pound coffee from Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters
  - ☺ \$50 Gift Certificate from Premier Landscaping
  - ☺ Viking Gear
  - ☺ Handmade quilts and afghans
  - ☺ Service for 12 Roberts and Belk stainless silverware set
  - ☺ Golf for 4 at Ocean Dunes Golf Links
  - ☺ Dinner and a Show at Three Rivers Casino & Resort at Three Rivers Casino
  - ☺ Many Themed Auction Baskets
  - ☺ Gift certificate for C.R.O.W. Summer Camp (\$225 value)
  - ☺ Salmon Fishing Trip for One HuntingFish Charters
  - ☺ Gift Basket from The Chicken Coop
  - ☺ Shilo Lodging SCRIP
  - ☺ Handmade insulated bags
  - ☺ Handcrafted wine rack with drawer and wine opener by Steve Galbraith
  - ☺ Wall cabinet
  - ☺ Guided Winter Steelhead Fishing Trip with Steve Neverick on the Siuslaw for 2
  - ☺ \$200 gift certificate --Les Schwab
  - ☺ Ukulele, Stand Up Double Bass, & 1989 Ovation Acoustic/Electric Guitar
  - ☺ 2-Sonicare toothbrushes & Toothpaste- \$350 value- Dr. Clement Family
  - ☺ \$50.00 gift certificate Florence in Bloom
  - ☺ 3 sets of 2 passes for Yoga class or tanning from Studio Florence
  - ☺ Gift certificate for Big Splash Birthday Party at Coastal Fitness
  - ☺ Three one-month passes to Coastal Fitness
  - ☺ Two Season Tickets to Class Act Theatre Two Season Tickets
  - ☺ Backyard fire pit with S'more fixings - Carrie McNeill
  - ☺ 2-different ~1 week Mexico Vacation packages
  - ☺ \$200 Gift Certificate to the Florence Dental Clinic
  - ☺ \$120 Gift Certificate toward purchase of an Interstate Battery from Brian Long Automotive
  - ☺ Authentic Fossil Handbag ~ \$80 value
  - ☺ Restaurant Certificates from: Bridgewater, Maple Street Grille, Los Amigos, Beachcomber, Fresh Harvest, Ichiban, Ixtapa, Brown Hen, Bay Street Grille, Le Bouchone, Traveler's Cove, and A Taste of Hawaii
- AND MUCH MORE!!