

Community News

Air Academy shows appreciation for teachers



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Terry Tomeny (left) and Sam Spayd (right) receive Florence Air Academy awards of appreciation from (inside left) Liz Ocon and Elijah LaCrosse during a taping of *Our Town* on KCST.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, during a taping of the December edition of KCST Radio's "Our Town" two graduates of the Florence Air Academy (FAA), Liz Ocon and Elijah LaCrosse, presented awards of appreciation to Terry Tomeny and Sam Spayd.

The two former Air Force colonels conceived, created and taught the two-week course to 13 Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County (BGCWLC) members this past summer. FAA was held at the Florence Airport and included lesson in navigation, flight

planning, meteorology, air traffic control and flight dynamics. At the conclusion of the course, all 13 participants got to fly a plane, with the aid of a licensed pilot.

BGCWLC Executive Director Jack Davis said, "The FAA program that Sam and

Terry presented exemplifies one of the core missions of the Boys and Girls Club, to inspire our kids to grow and achieve their full potential. "Programs like FAA motivates our members to visualize and work toward achieving their vocational life goals."

Conf. Tribes seeks submissions for 'Charitable Giving'

The Three Rivers Foundation, the giving arm of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, has begun its next grant cycle.

"The Three Rivers Foundation is an exciting opportunity for us to invest in our local communities," said Mark Ingersoll, Tribal Council Chairman of the Confederated Tribes. "We are pleased to have the resources available to provide a new opportunity for nonprofit organizations that meet our criteria for additional support for their important work."

The Foundation, established in October 2011 and funded by proceeds from the Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence, is interested in supporting innovative ideas, collaborative approaches and grassroots efforts in the following areas:

education, health, public safety, problem gambling, the arts, the environment, cultural activities and historic preservation.

Interested parties are invited to review grant criteria and access an electronic application at www.threeriversfoundation.org. Grant applications for this giving cycle will be accepted from through 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Nonprofit organizations with 501(c) (3) designations and government organizations located in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane or Lincoln Counties are encouraged to apply. Additionally, applications from other Oregon nonprofit organizations with projects specifically important to Native American populations, projects that have "statewide impact" in Oregon, or other federally recognized tribes are also welcomed.

Soroptimist to distribute food baskets and toys

Soroptimist International of Florence has kicked off its annual Christmas Basket collection season to bring food baskets and toys to the community. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are still being accepted at collection points throughout city.

Drop off points include: Oregon Pacific Bank; First Community Credit Union; Banner Bank; U.S. Bank; Washington-Federal Savings; Lane Community College; AIC Insurance; Coastal Fitness; Hoberg Muffler; On Your Feet; Rite Aid; St. Mary's Catholic Church; The Shipping Shack; Three Rivers Casino and Resort; Stone Haven Acupuncture; Fred Meyer; West Coast Auto Body; Shervin's Tire; Florence Eye Clinic; State Farm Insurance; and Able Insurance.

The food baskets and toys will be distributed Saturday, Dec. 16. The food baskets will be distributed at Siuslaw Middle School at 2525 Oak St., between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Those picking up food baskets must line up on 27th Street between Kingwood and Oak Street. The baskets will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis. Toys will also be distributed between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene.

Toys are only for children ages infant to 12 years, and children will not be allowed in the distribution area.

For information on toys, contact Michelle Fraley at 541-997-3434 or email michelle@florencecpas.com. For information on the food baskets, call Carol Bennett at 541-991-3455.



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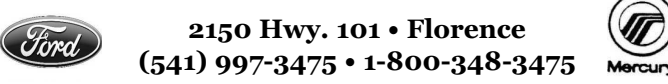
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- Plastic bucket with tightly fitting lid
- Plastic bags and ties
- Disinfectant, soap Improved toilet seat (5-gallon bucket or a coffee can)
- Paper cups and plates
- Plastic utensils
- Personal toiletries & hygienic needs
- Toilet paper
- Aluminum foil
- Paper towels

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