

FIRST COASTAL RAIN WEEKEND JULY 13-14

The Oregon coast is getting a Startup Weekend of its own. A hallmark event in metropolitan entrepreneurial communities, Florence will host the region's first-ever Startup Weekend on July 13 and 14.

Startup Weekend Oregon Coast will bring together entrepreneurs and startup enthusiasts to share ideas, form teams and learn what it takes to launch a business venture.

It is sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank; produced by Oregon RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network), Lane Small Business Development Center, City of Florence, Pure Organic Energy; and supported by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and TechStars.

"This is an exciting new milestone for our region's innovation economy. A Startup Weekend is unheard of in a community of this size," said Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds.

On the first day, after dinner and networking time, participants will gather to pitch business ideas. Attendees then vote on the best pitches and form teams based on which project they want to work on.

On day two, teams will learn from local mentors as they develop a prototype of their

business. The event concludes Saturday night when teams present their projects to the audience and a panel of experts.

Oregon RAIN Coastal Venture Catalyst David Youngentob said, "There are many potential benefits of a startup weekend. Of course, we may see a team that leaves the event with plans to launch a company. But each and every participant will meet other innovators who could become future business partners, network with experienced entrepreneurs, and truly learn what it takes to launch a business venture."

Startup Weekend tickets are on sale at go.startupweekend.org/florence.

Admission includes three meals, benefits and discounts, expert speakers, networking opportunities and unlimited internet and coffee.

RAIN is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is run by experienced entrepreneurs and angel investors and serves entrepreneurs in Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

It is an Oregon consortium of government, higher education and the business community, founded by the State of Oregon's Regional Solutions network.

Kaylee Graham awarded scholarship from PEO

The P.E.O. Chapter DY recently sponsored Kaylee Graham, a graduating senior at Siuslaw High School, for a S.T.A.R. Scholarship.

Graham was awarded \$2,500 from P.E.O. International for the 2018-19 school year.

She will be attending Oregon State University in the fall to study kinesiology; this summer, she will be touring Europe with her family.

Graham has been active in the Florence community, where she started the Power of Florence in 2011, a yearly event which encourages the whole community to work together to help others.

In 2014, Graham was named the Prudential Spirit of Community State of Oregon honoree. She was then awarded the National Prudential Award for her outstanding service.

Graham was also chosen as Florence's Future First Citizen of 2018.

She has been involved in many activities during her school years at Siuslaw elementary, middle and high schools and maintained a high G.P.A. throughout.



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Kaylee Graham (third from left) with members of the PEO Chapter DY.

P.E.O. Chapter DY recognizes Graham as a deserving recipient of the S.T.A.R. Scholarship.

There are two chapters of P.E.O. in

Florence. Chapter DY and FQ both work actively to secure funding for exceptional women who are working to further their educational goals.

MCF ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS THROUGH JULY 16

Mapleton Community Foundation (MCF) and the Mapleton Lions Club are accepting applications for their continuing education scholarships for 2018.

Scholarships are up to \$3,500 and are for individuals who live the Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton, Swisshome or Deadwood areas, and who have already graduated from high school, have their

diploma, GED or were home schooled.

Scholarships are available for four-year universities, colleges, community colleges and accredited trade schools.

While academic achievement is one criterion used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics include financial need, outside activities, work history, volunteerism, etc.

Applications may be obtained at both branches of the Siuslaw Public Library, the Mapleton and Florence post offices and Lane Community College Florence Center.

Applications are also downloadable via an email request to jayh6539@msn.com

Application packets must be submitted to MCF, PO Box 237, Mapleton, OR 97453 by Monday, July 16.

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