

WLCF 2019 GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Western Lane Community Foundation has announced the beginning of its 2019 grant cycle with the availability of the Grant Application. The application can be found on its website located at www.wlcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services. In 2018, more than \$73,000 was awarded to several of these worthy causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

Grant requests for the 2019 grant cycle will be accepted between Oct. 1 and Jan. 15, 2019. The application may be downloaded at WLCF's website and it is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there. Please submit applica-

tions to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcf@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15, 2019. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a Board Member for an interview regarding the request for funds.

Grants will be selected in February and then awarded in late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report by Aug. 31, 2019.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need, and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between \$100 and \$5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

For more information, contact the WLCF at the address above, or by calling 541-997-1274.

Baha'i to host celebrations marking 200 years

During the period of 2017-19, the Baha'i Community is celebrating two important events: The 200th anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, as well as the 200th anniversary of the birth of his forerunner, The Bab.

In honor of these twin celebrations, Irish singer-songwriter Luke Slott will present a musical journey through the story of Baha'u'llah who, in the 19th

century and while surrounded by religious fanaticism, promoted the unity of mankind, the equality of men and women, the essential harmony of science and religion, and the need for the building of a united world civilization.

This celebration will occur in the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St., on Monday, Oct. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

Education Foundation seeks part-time development specialist

The Siuslaw Education Foundation has received a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to hire a part-time development specialist. This contracted position is for one year.

The development specialist will work to create a blueprint for sustainable fundraising, grants acquisition, publicity, and financial management.

The development specialist will work with the board to

plan fundraisers, both passive and active, so watch for news of these.

The request for proposals for the development specialist position will be available Oct. 1 with an anticipated start date of Nov. 1. If you would like to be sent the RFP, please call or email Foundation President Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779 or Suzanne@siuslaweducationfoundation.org.

Okto-Fur-Fest lets the dogs out Oct. 13 at the FEC

Love Dachshunds, the small dogs with the biggest hearts? Get ready for the Florence Wiener Dog Races, now in a whole new event!

The Siuslaw News, Florence Events Center and the Florence Wiener Dog Races are partnering together to bring this fun new event to Florence: Okto-Fur-Fest!

On Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., join the community for great food and family fun. Enjoy traditional music as games will be held throughout the day at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Bratwurst, beer and wine will be served by the Friends of the Florence Events Center and Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

The Wiener Dog Races, annually sponsored by the Siuslaw News, will be a highlight of Okto-Fur-Fest. Every year, these fierce competitors go head-to-head — or perhaps head-to-tail — starting at 1 p.m.

Entry to Okto-Fur-Fest is \$2. Limited perimeter seating, for the best view of the races, is available for an additional \$5. Tickets are available at the Florence Events Center or at the door the day of the event.



The Florence Wiener Dog Races are featured at this year's Okto-Fur-Fest.

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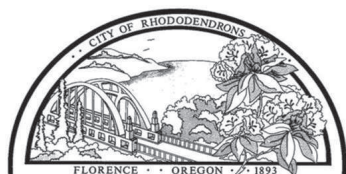
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