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**ANNOUNCING...**

Food Backpack for Kids (FB4K) has established an Endowment Fund!

**Definition of an endowment:**

*A fund maintained in perpetuity to provide an income stream to an organization.*

**Why:** The FB4K Endowment Fund ensures financial sustainability into the future so that no Florence or Mapleton food challenged child will go hungry on school year weekends.

YOU can help with a commitment to name Food Backpack for Kids as a beneficiary in your will or trust.

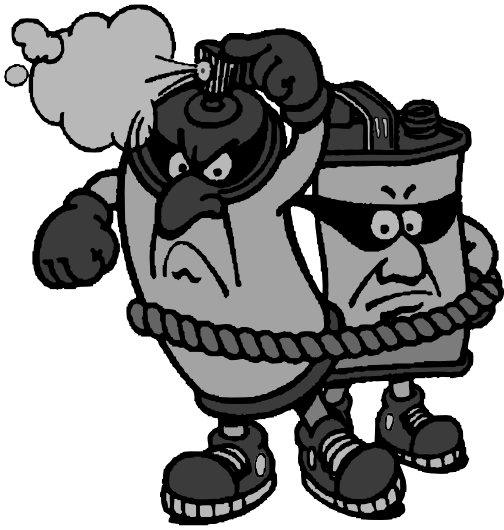
Western Lane Community Foundation's proven stewardship and investment programs will manage FB4K Endowment Fund in perpetuity to serve at risk children in Florence and Mapleton School Districts.

FB4K is a 501(c)(3) non-profit  
Donations are tax deductible

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 3347, Florence, OR 97439  
For more information,  
contact Linda Lauck at 541-997-6004



**Florence Roundup**  
**HOUSEHOLD**  
**HAZARDOUS**  
**WASTE**



Friday, April 12 — 12pm - 5pm  
Saturday, April 13 — 8am - 2pm  
Florence Transfer Site  
2820 N. Rhododendron Drive



Provided by Lane County Waste Management Division  
in partnership with the City of Florence.

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The volunteers logged 35,113 hours in the past year, equaling the equivalent of \$377,465 at minimum wage.

"But the fact of the matter is, all of you here are worth more than minimum wage," Wood said. "In your work, you have changed the face of Florence. And you help make our community a more loving and caring place. You have saved lives, changed lives and enriched us as a population."

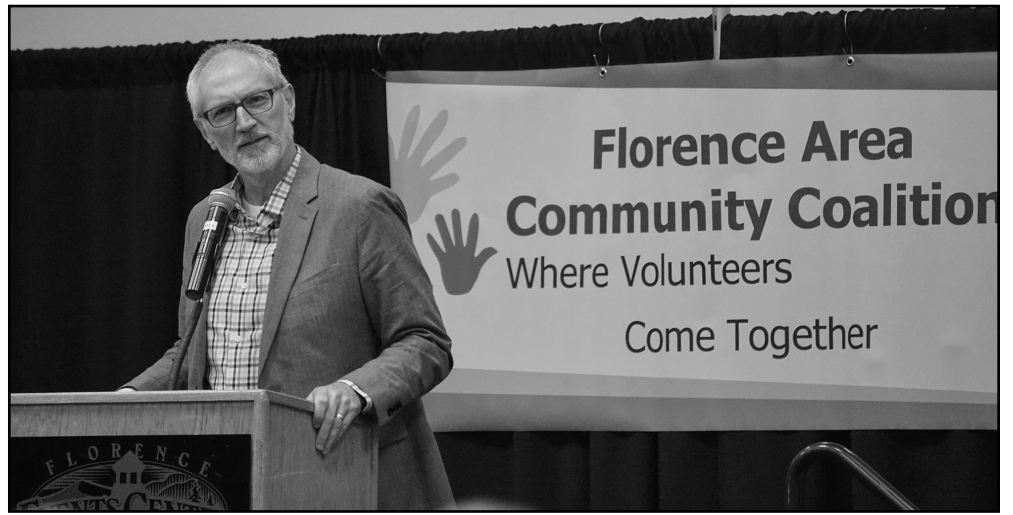
Wood polled the audience to see how long individuals worked with specific organizations. A quarter of the audience, which consisted of more than 100 people, rose their hand when asked if they had served for over five years. There was one volunteer who had worked with an organization for more than 30.

"It helps when we volunteer with a group, when we get to know people that we are working with, to hear the stories of how things have been, the excitement of how we have had success and how things have gone well," Wood said. "It assures some of us that it's okay to grow old in this organization, growing old and working. There's always a place for you."

Danielle Goldblatt was named the recipient of the Youth Volunteer of the Year award for her efforts with various organizations, including the Florence Area Arts Alliance, the Oregon Coast Humane Society, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor, Elks, 4H and various school activities, including the drama club, dance team and the choir, in which she had been selected as an Oregon Ambassadors of Music for a European trip.

"I have been involved in many community programs, and I've always loved volunteering and helping out where I can," she said while receiving the award. "It's been a big part of my life, and thank you."

The keynote speaker for the event was Lane Community



JARED ANDERSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

**Lane Community College Florence Center Dean Russ Pierson gives the keynote address at Florence Area Community Coalition's annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration on April 10 at Florence Events Center.**

College Florence Center Dean Russ Pierson, himself an active volunteer in the community.

"It's both an incredible honor, and humbling, to be able to speak at a gathering intended to honor the people who truly represent the heartbeat of our community. That's each one of you," he said.

Pierson based his speech around quotes that he believed represented the heart of volunteerism, starting with George W. Bush: "We can find meaning and reward by serving some higher purpose in ourselves. A shining purpose, the illumination of a thousand points of light."

"There are the FEC volunteers who literally shine lights so theater goers can find their way in the dark," Pierson said. "But every one of you know that we, collectively, are making the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time. Whether you're serving on the board of Siuslaw Outreach Services, helping to distribute the essentials of Food Share, are a volunteer firefighter, whatever it may be, you are lighting your corner of the world."

Pierson then mentioned Mahatma Gandhi's famed "Be the change you want to see in the world" quote, and likened it to the Power of Florence, an annual day of service in Florence that began in 2010.

The event was created by then 10-year-old Kaylee Graham, who last year passed on the responsibilities of running the program to two other Siuslaw School District students.

"Kaylee's vision has inspired thousands of hours of volunteer service on an annual basis," Pierson said. "Her tender age makes it a unique and powerful story, but in this room, there are countless stories of people of every age who decide to be the change."

Pierson then used one of his own favorite quotes, "If you don't have a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu." He commented, "When injustice makes you mad, that's a good reason to follow your heart and volunteer. When you're looking out for the interests of others, and particularly the underserved, you're doing good and necessary work, and that's true of so many of you in this room."

Finally, Pierson quoted John Chrysostom, the Archbishop of Constantinople in the late 300s.

"What we possess is not personal property. It belongs to all. God generously gives all things that are more necessary than money, such as air, water, fire, the sun, all such things. All these things are to be distributed equally to all."

Pierson said that being a volunteer is not about balancing what one gets by what one

gives. Instead, "It is recognizing that each and every one of us, the server and served, are beneficiaries of countless grace notes in the music of our lives. Those grace notes are written by others, our forebears, our fellows in community. Even the universe itself."

He spoke on the history of the name Jehovah, written as four consonants, YHWH.

"There is an interesting thread that suggests this name is the sound of breath itself," he said, saying "yah" is a breath in and "way" is a breath out. "Every time we breathe, it is a literal homage to the very life force of the universe. While this suggests to some of us that we ought to be looking up to consider a being greater than ourselves, it should cause all of us to look around us. To recognize that we literally breathe the very same air that comes to us. All the others in this room, all the others in this planet, and especially to the people we serve. It is a reminder that all of us are one."

The mission of the Florence Area Community Coalition is to improve the quality of life in Western Lane County through partnerships, networking, volunteerism, community involvement, education and awareness. For more information, visit [www.florenceareacc.org](http://www.florenceareacc.org).

**COCBR**  
offering three  
scholarships

The Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors is offering scholarships to Florence area residents dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and achievement of dreams.

Three scholarships are awarded by the COCBR each year in three categories: Siuslaw High School graduate, Mapleton High School graduate and a Florence resident wanting to attend Lane Community College.

The application deadline is May 4.

For more information or to get an application, contact the COCBR office at 541-902-2560 or visit [cocbr.net/cocbr-scholarships](http://cocbr.net/cocbr-scholarships)

**NEDCO to host 'Financial Wellness' classes**

Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) is offering two free Financial Wellness classes at the Siuslaw Public Library in the coming weeks. The events are free but advanced registration is required at [nedcocd.org/florence-classes](http://nedcocd.org/florence-classes).

On Saturday, April 27, is the "Financial Foundations Course" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This first class is great for everyone to attend. Are you working to build more financial stability in your life? Are you working to a big financial goal? Financial Foundations is great course for you.

This all-day course covers the steps of:

- Knowing your financial picture.
- Building a budget.
- Saving for goals.
- Tackling debt.
- Planning for the future.
- Building your credit.

Then, on Saturday, May 4, attend the "ABCs of Homebuying" - great for people who want to become homeowners in the next four months or four years. This class, also from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., builds on "Financial Foundations" and walks attendees through buying a home and how to save money in the process.

Does buying a home seem overwhelming? Learn tips to save money, reduce the stress

of buying and find the right home for you.

This fast-paced eight-hour course, covers:

- Financial planning and credit prep.
- Shopping for a home.
- Finding an affordable mortgage.
- Opportunity for down payment assistance.
- Community Land Trust Opportunities.
- Protecting your investment long-term

NEDCO is Oregon's first community economic development non-profit with a mission to help individuals and communities build assets towards financial stability.

**Growing your farm or ranching business**

On Wednesday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the

Siuslaw Watershed Council presents a Siuslaw Watershed Gathering. Come learn from Ecotrust's Ag of the Middle Manager, Maia Hardy, on strategies, tips and tricks for how to grow your farm or ranching business. You will walk away from this presentation with the knowledge and resources to help you grow and preserve long-term wealth for your family.

Hardy has a decade of experience working at the intersection of community development, finance and agriculture. She has advised thousands of business owners on how to grow while maintaining their commitments to their values.

The event will be April 24 at the Siuslaw Watershed Council Offices on the Mapleton School Campus at 10868 E Mapleton Road in Mapleton.

Visit the new website at [www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org).

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