

Closing The Loop — What’s In Store For Florence In 2021?

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Who’s excited about a New Year? Boy, has 2020 been a wild ride. Now that we have it behind us, we can start looking forward to what the new year will bring. We all have so many concerns, aspirations and resolutions, because as you know, this is the time of year when we decide to make those big changes in our lives. That’s why in 2021, the Lane County Master Recyclers have created this monthly article to educate and inspire all of

you about making environmentally sustainable changes in your world. We are calling it Closing the Loop, because a circular regenerative economy is what will drive innovation, resource stability and cleaner communities. So we hope you will join us in our quest to Close the Loop and change our relationship with too much stuff! Looking ahead into 2021, we are proud to announce three upcoming Recycling Take Back Events hosted by EcoGeneration, a Cottage Grove based non-profit organization whose primary goal is to keep as much waste out of

the landfill as possible. Through the various recycling collection streams, they will provide the residents of Florence an opportunity to recycle more than just the typical “co-mingle” waste. Besides collecting the clean, dry, label free number 2, 4 and 5 plastics as we have in the past, we now have the ability to recycle number 1 PET bottles and jugs (containers with a screw top lid). We can also separately recycle clean and dry Personal Care Products, Health and Nutrition Packaging, Air Care and Air Freshener packaging, Disposable Razors and Packaging and plastic caps 6 inches in diam-

eter or smaller. EcoGeneration will also accept a limited amount of plastic bag and film and shipping materials with restrictions. Please go to their website at www.ecogeneration.org for all of the specific details on what they collect and how to clean and store the items for the next collection. Only clean and dry items will be collected due to contamination issues. Stay tuned for more details on location and times. There will be three Sunday collection dates in 2021, May 2, August 1 and October 3. These events are mostly powered by volunteers so donations and sponsorships are

gladly accepted. Please visit www.ecogeneration.org for more details on how you can help financially. And volunteers are needed too. Please email Nancy Rhodes at florence@ecogeneration.org to learn more about how to sign up to volunteer. Thank you Florence for keeping up the great work collecting your clean sorted plastics and much more!! Got ideas for future articles? Need more information about closing the loop? Have questions about your recycling efforts? Please contact me at britte.kirsch@gmail.com or visit Waste Wise Lane County.



Holiday Closure

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18. Regular hours resume the Tuesday. Any one ordering materials for curbside pickup on the previous Friday or

Library Tidings

over the weekend will need to wait until Jan.19 to pick items up.

Collection Highlight: Easy Picture Books

This year’s reading challenge (themed “Around the Library in 12 Months”) kicked off on Jan. 1. Each month we’ll be highlighting a different library collection, but you can read or enjoy things in any order. You only need to complete 12 categories (out of 18 possible) to enter the

grand prize drawing at the end of the year. You can find a game board in the lobby during curbside pickup hours or online at siuslawlibrary.info/reading-challenge.

January’s highlighted collection is “easy” or otherwise called “picture” books. Our library has a wonderful collection of easy books. These are beautifully illustrated, wonderfully written, books for children, where the illustrations are as important as — or more im-

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portant than — the words in telling the story. Children love these books as do adults, for both the artwork and the storyline.

This week the library has uploaded a YouTube video highlighting some favorite easy books, including “Ada Twist, Scientist” by Andrea Beaty; “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” by Judith Viorst; “Antiracist Baby” by Ibram Kendi; “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt; “Don’t Let

the Pigeon Drive the Bus” by Mo Willems; “Fry Bread” by Kevin Noble Miallard; “Hello Lighthouse”

by Sophie Blackall; and, a staff favorite, “Nothing Rhymes with Orange” by Adam Rex.

Community Foundation grant applications due Friday

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) continues to accept applications to its 2021 grant cycle. The application can be found at wlcfonline.org.

Grant requests for the 2021 grant cycle will be accepted until Jan. 15.

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 2020, over \$87,000 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.

The application may be downloaded at WLCF’s website, where applicants can review the Grant Guidelines included there. People can submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcfc@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

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 Sept. 30.

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 info, contact WLCF at 541-997-1274.

To our valued readers:

Help small businesses affected by coronavirus right now, including ours.

Businesses of all sizes have been hit hard in this challenging new age of social distancing and self-isolation, but the blow has been catastrophic for small operations that rely on in-person transactions. There are many ways to help this holiday season, like purchasing gift certificates or memberships, and yet there are many service-type businesses that don’t have that option.

As we look to a new year, we’re celebrating what connects us as a community, and what we can do to support our local businesses!

THAT’S WHY WE CREATED THE SUPPORT LOCAL TOGETHER CAMPAIGN.

The Support Local Together campaign will help local businesses who have to choose between promoting their business and paying the electric bill. It will also help support the *Siuslaw News*, who has seen a strong decrease in advertising revenue, but an increase in readership.

IT DOES TWO THINGS.

1. Funds advertising dollars for local businesses

Your financial support will go directly to fund advertising that our local businesses need to stay top of mind.

2. Supports local journalism

By becoming a supporting member, you are helping to replace some of the advertising revenue the *Siuslaw News* has lost over the past ten months, due to the pandemic.

HERE IS HOW TO SUPPORT:

• Call 541-902-3524

• Make a donation of your choosing.

• Choose a specific local business that you would like the advertising credit to go to, or leave that blank and we will designate it to a business we know needs help.

Our community is small but generous and we recognize there are many great organizations, like ours, that could use your help.

We believe the vast majority of our readers have always shared our view of the value and necessity of a strong local media and are willing to provide support equal to two or three cups of coffee a month to secure its future.

Thank you in advance for doing your share to secure a strong local economy in the community we are proud to serve.

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Yes, I would like to become a 2020/21 Support Local Together Sponsor
Call 541-902-3524

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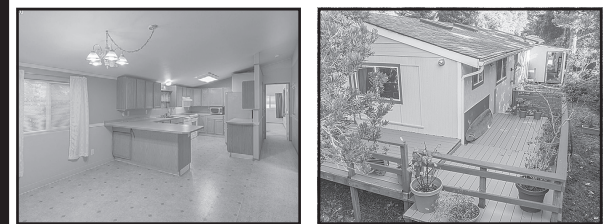
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