## Western Lane County Foundation awards nearly \$90,000 to local nonprofits

Director Gayle Vinchesi recently announced that 29 local nonprofit organizations will be receiving grant awards totaling \$89,974.83 in the 2021 grant cycle.

These grants represent the WLCF's ongoing mission of supporting projects or programs providing needed services or facilities for which public funds are not available, or insufficient, and to contribute to the cultural, economic, educational or social betterment of our community.

is to award large enough sums to make a significant and visible impact

en Skulley and Executive in western Lane community.

founded in 1974 and is a community trust, private nonprofit organization attracting, administering and distributing private the benefit of residents of meeting. western Lane County.

Only the income generated by invested foundation assets is awarded as grants each year. Current assets are over \$9.4 million under the auspices of Oregon Community Foundation.

The foundation's intent than \$382,000 has been space

meet in person with the organizations to present The Foundation was each with their check and offer them an opportunity to speak, the discretionary grants recipients were announced officially at the March 16 charitable resources for Rotary Club of Florence

Awardees included:

Boys & Girls Club Florence Air Academy for the summer aviation program; Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County for club van replacement; Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool for improvements; awarded for scholarships, CASA of Lane County; grants and agency funds. CROW for dance shoes

WLCF President Kar- on a demonstrated need members were unable to abled American Veterans Florence United Methfor building repairs; Eco-Generation for recycling "take back" events scheduled for Florence; Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors for Mapleton Place-based science education; First Step Florence Solutions for Housing Security for HVAC updates in three transitional homes; Florence Art Culture and Entertainment (FACE) to support the Florence Festival tal expenditures; Oregon of Books; Florence Farmers Market to support the support the Sarah So far in 2021, more playground and outdoor Food Share to replace ex- Foundation for CT scan isting garden beds, phase equipment; Pregnancy two; Florence Habitat for & Parenting Center for Humanity to help restore online pregnancy and Although foundation and art supplies; Dis- its pickup/delivery truck; parenting education; Siu-

odist Church for the free for iPads; Siuslaw High lunch program/Subway voucher program; Food Backpacks 4 Kids to provide food to our local students; Friends of 90x30 for its "welcome baby" project; KXCR Community Radio for equipment upgrades; Lane Senior Support Coalition for emergency support fund; Mapleton School District for preschool capi-Coast Humane Society second-annual "fill your Fund; PeaceHealth Peace pantry" event; Florence Harbor Medical Center

slaw Elementary School School for soccer field barrier netting; Siuslaw Outreach Services for community resource center planning as well as ADA improvements to its safe house; Siuslaw Pioneer Museum for relevant website creation; Siuslaw Watershed Council for its outdoor recreation programs and Triangle Food Box for summer kids boxes and holiday meals.

For more information regarding how to leave a legacy or contribute to an existing fund, contact **Executive Director Gayle** Vinchesi at 541-997-1274 or email her at wlcf@wlc-

## Learn about lamprey at Siuslaw Watershed Council meeting to be held March 31

Council is hosting a Virtual Watershed Community Meeting on Wednesday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the video meeting application Zoom.

The meeting will also lamprey eels.

Lamprey are fish that live in most Siuslaw Zoom-based

Watershed many of people may nev- welcome a panel of guest include: er have seen one.

> Though not highly visyears, and an important lamprey recovery. cultural one in the Pacifslaw for millennia.

meeting, ed. streams and rivers, yet where the council will

speakers and a film, all ible today, lamprey have knowledge about lamplayed an important eco- prey's (very) long history, logical role in rivers and as well as work currently

The film is called "The feature a presentation on ic Northwest and the Siu- Lost Fish," and was produced by Jeremy Monroe Join the SWC in its of Freshwaters Illustrat-

The evening's speakers

- Ralph Lampman, bringing a wealth of Pacific Lamprey Project Biologist, Yakama Nation ing, the SWC will an-Fisheries
- John Schaefer, Tribal streams for millions of being done to support Biologist, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
  - Paul Burns, Fisheries Biologist, Siuslaw National Forest

The meeting will be us/meeting/register/tJIv- visit Siuslaw.org.

hosted via Zoom, and is cOyvrz0rE9LTZxGafWfree to attend.

Also during the meetnounce the Winter Photo Contest winner.

Registration is required, and is easy to do. Register in advance for this meeting by using the following link and following on-screen instructions www.zoom.

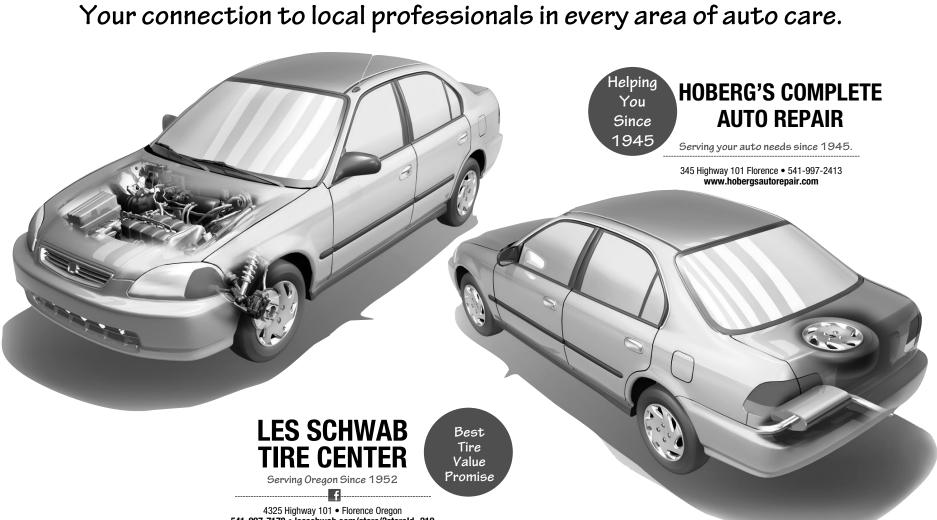
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After registering, people will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If people have any trouble registering, they can contact watershed@ siuslaw.org, or call 541-268-3044 for help.

For more information,

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