

# Community News

## 'Women continue to lead' — Women's History Month 2021

Today wraps up Women's History Month, a month-long commemoration of the role of women in shaping the world as we know it. The month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the U.S. American women have struggled throughout our history to gain rights not simply for themselves but for many other underrepresented and disenfranchised groups in America.

The U.S. Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week."

"American women of every race, creed and ethnic background helped found and build our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways," President Ronald Reagan stated. "As leaders in public affairs, American women not only worked to secure their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also were principal advocates in the abolitionist, temperance, mental health reform, industrial labor and social reform movements, as well as the modern civil

rights movement." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week."

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9, which designated the month of March 1987 as



"Women's History Month."

In his proclamation, Reagan said, "Historians today stress all that women have meant to our national life, but the rest of us too should remember, with pride and gratitude, the achievements of women throughout American history."

Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

On March 1, President Joe Biden again

proclaimed the month. He cited recent examples of women working during the pandemic, as well as the global efforts to avert further loss of life.

"In our current moment of crisis, women continue to lead," the president said. "From vaccine researchers to public health officials to the countless heroines on the frontlines, women are working around the clock to defeat COVID-19."

He acknowledged other steps forward, this time through the role of Vice President Kamala Harris.

"This year has also marked an historic milestone of women's leadership 232 years in the making, with the inauguration of America's first woman Vice President," Biden said. "We have made significant progress in the United States, thanks to the persistence and tireless work of countless women."

The president declared his intent to further promote gender equality and civil rights through the selection of a record number of women to serve in Cabinet-level positions.

"During Women's History Month, let us honor the accomplished and visionary women who have helped build our country, including those whose contributions have not been adequately recognized and celebrated," Biden said. "And let us pay tribute to the trailblazers from the recent and distant past for daring to envision a future for which no past precedent existed, and for building a Nation of endless possibilities for all of its women and girls."

For more information, visit [www.womenshistorymonth.gov](http://www.womenshistorymonth.gov).

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## Foundation awards grant to Methodist Church free lunch

For 26 years, the Florence United Methodist Church has hosted the Free Lunch (FL) program from its certified kitchen and dining room. District Bishop Elaine Stanovsky closed the entire facility, as well as others within her jurisdiction, on March 15, 2020, due to COVID-19.

The FL program made arrangements with Subway to carry on its mission of serving a healthful, hot meal each Tuesday and Thursday to anyone in need. In February, the program surpassed 2,000

of the Subway meals thanks to support from the Peace Health Peace Harbor Community Foundation, Salvation Army and United Way of Lane County, as well as many generous, private donations.

The Western Lane Community Foundation has recently awarded a grant to FL to continue to sustain the Subway program while church officials explore how and when to reopen the church kitchen and dining room. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medi-

cine and science, the arts and social and civic services.

WLCF funds come from individuals, businesses and other organizations.

No date to reopen has been set as yet. FL is committed to returning to service by late summer.

At the closing of the facility, FL was comprised of six organizations — Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Baha'i, Florence First Christian, St. Mary's Lady of the Dunes, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the

Florence United Methodist Church (FUMC).

In June, FL volunteers will coordinate with these organizations to survey returning volunteers in order to continue in their rotation of serving a hot meal once a month from the church kitchen and dining room located at 333 Kingwood.

FL hopes to recruit the help of several new organizations to share the lunch rotation.

For information on how to help, contact P. Ziegelsch at 541-603-6948.

## Nonprofits can apply for Mapleton Community Foundation grants

Mapleton Community Foundation grant applications and guidelines for 2021 are available at the Mapleton and Deadwood Post Offices and at the Mapleton branch of the Siuslaw Public

Library on Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m.

The deadline for submission is May 7.

The following are the criteria for the grants:

- Funds are to be used to

benefit students or residents living within the Mapleton School District boundaries.

- Grant applicants must be a qualifying, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization.
- Funds will not be award-

ed to individuals, or for operating expenses.

For more information or to receive an electronic copy of the application, contact Kathy West at 541-268-4665.

## Mapleton cancels Easter Egg Hunt

To avoid any confusion, the Mapleton Lions Club is

canceled its annual Easter Egg Hunt, that would have been held this weekend, due to concerns with the spread of COVID-19.

"We appreciate your understanding," the Mapleton Lions Club announced.

People can contact Carl and Kathy West at 541-268-4665 with any questions.

## Food boxes still available

Knights of Columbus Council 15773 is continuing its Free Food Box Program through the month of April. The food giveaway takes place every Saturday in April from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church, 85060 Highway 101, south of the Siuslaw River Bridge.

The event is first come, first served as long as the baskets last and usually includes produce, milk, fruit and a main course.

People are encouraged to come out.

If anyone has any questions, contact Knights of Columbus representative Pat Beckham at 541-590-5501.

**CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS**

**GODZILLA VS. KONG** - 113 MIN - "A crowd-pleasing, smash-'em-up monster flick and a straight-up action picture par excellence. It is a fairy tale and a science-fiction exploration film, a Western, a pro wrestling extravaganza, a conspiracy thriller, a Frankenstein movie, a heartwarming drama about animals and their human pals, and...a voluptuously wacky spectacle that plays as if the creation sequence in "The Tree of Life" had been subcontracted to the makers of "Yellow Submarine..."

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