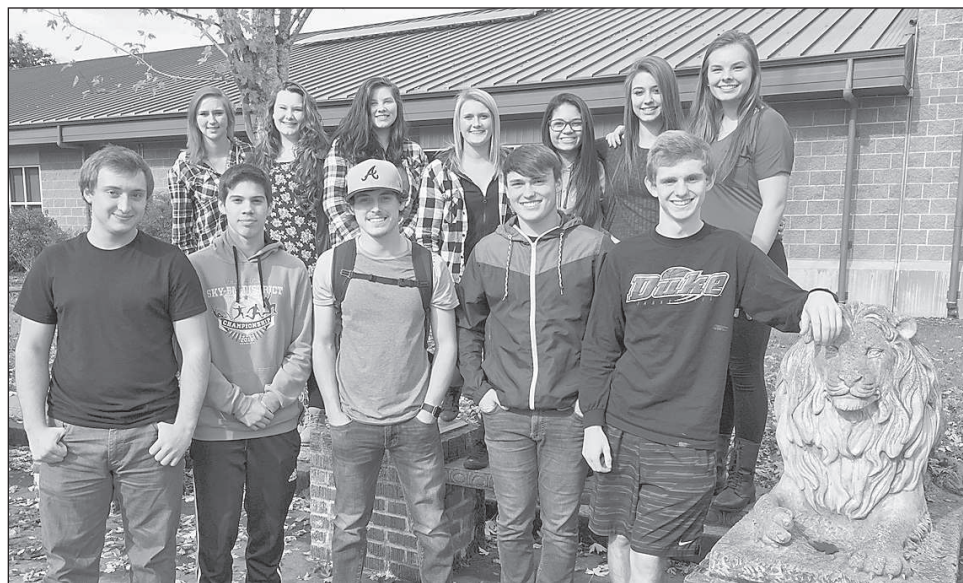


Cottage Grove students will grant \$5,000 to local nonprofits

With a generous donation from the Coast Fork Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation, the Cottage Grove High School Link Leader Class has partnered with the Community 101 program in order to grant \$5,000 to a nonprofit organization in this area. Students participating in the Community 101 program learn to identify community issues, research and interview nonprofits and review grant applications.

The student body and Link Crew class have decided to focus on organizations that help provide resources that enable our community to overcome challenges and create a stable environment. This may include programs dealing with drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, teen pregnancies and stress/mental health. Grant applications are available to nonprofit organizations within South Lane County and are due by Dec. 15. For more information, contact Ricky Knutson at (541) 942-3391 or Ricky.Knutson@Slane.



courtesy photo

Pictured from the Link/Community 101 class are: Back, Shyenne Jones, Shahalee Bates, Jessica Powers, Kassadee Hilgendorf, Kalea Borrelli, Madison Boyer, Lauren Fields. Front, Hunter Hall, Alex Clifton, Brett Ollivant, TJ Bellamy, Tucker Porter. Not pictured: Saydie England.

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"Over the last four years the Community 101 program has provided students with an excellent opportunity to learn about the amazing nonprofit organizations and the services they provide for our community," Knutson said.

Administered by The Oregon Commu-

nity Foundation and the PGE Foundation, Community 101 is a classroom-based program that provides student leadership and civic engagement through charitable giving. Community 101 students have granted over \$2.2 million to Oregon nonprofits since 1997.

VFW announces essay contest winners

Voice of Democracy

First Place: Savannah Palis, Senior at Cottage Grove High School
Second Place: Max Gause, Senior at Cottage Grove High School
Third Place: Adrienne Farris, Senior at Cottage Grove High School

Patriot's Pen

First Place: Sophie Morton, eighth grade, home school
Second Place: AJ Vazquez, seventh grade, Lincoln Middle School
Third Place: Gerard Morton, seventh grade,

home school

First-place winners will go on to compete at District level in December, and the winners will be announced in January. The winners at state level will continue on to compete at the national level.



Pictured at left is Antonio (AJ) Vasquez, second place winner of the Patriots Pen contest.

Fishing: A new Thanksgiving tradition

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages Oregonians to start a new family tradition during the upcoming

Thanksgiving holiday weekend – take the family fishing.

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, fishing, crabbing and clamming in Oregon will be free. That means no licenses, tags or endorsements are needed on those days. (Though all other fishing regulations apply.)

The ODFW website offers ways to help get started.

While the weather can be challenging at Thanksgiving,

fall can be a great time to go trout fishing: many ponds and lakes have been stocked this fall and fish are feeding hungrily for the winter. In addition, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is waiving day use fees at state parks (Friday only), some of which include great fishing opportunities.

"We're hoping anglers have so much fun and success at this free fishing weekend, they'll

want to participate in a second free fishing weekend scheduled for Dec. 31 and Jan. 1," Hargrave said.

The additional free fishing weekends were authorized by the 2015 Oregon State Legislature as a way of introducing new anglers to the sport.

For more help deciding on your holiday fishing destination, check out the ODFW Recreation Report for the latest conditions.

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