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## Library

from 1A

Spencer estimates that more than 100 volunteers donate 4,800 hours each year.

That's not even counting the Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library, who donate time, raise funds, complete projects and hold book sales to support the library.

"The Friends of the Library was established in 1977. Since then they have been raising all kinds of funding for the library," Spencer said.

Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors President Ian Jarman said, "Friends of the Library is instrumental in promoting the library, raising funds for special purchases and hosting many friendly receptions at the library."

One of the recent projects donated by Friends of the Library was updated lighting

in the Florence branch's great room. Another patron built on the Friends' donation and provided racks to hang quilts in the atrium.

"I am in love with our library, as it is a community treasure," said Jarman. "The library offers something for everyone."

Besides volunteers, the Siuslaw Public Library District has 21 employees and a five-member board of directors.

"We're our own municipal government with our own budget and human resources. We do everything in house," Spencer said.

Look for more programs throughout the year, she added.

"I want us to do more outreach where people can find us in unexpected places. The Green Fair is part of that," Spencer said.

Representatives from the library will attend the May 2



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**Assistant Library Director Gayle Waiss, or Miss Gayle, reads to children during Story Time in the Children's Room at Siuslaw Public Library's Florence location. May 7 marks 100 years of having a public library in Florence.**

event and hold one demonstration on creating greeting cards from books and one on book repair.

"The library has all kinds of things to offer — books on green living, organic garden-

ing, building solar cells, converting trash to treasure and Kill-a-Watt services," Spencer said.

When the library was called "Florence Public Library" in 1950, it was only open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Now, Siuslaw Public Library in Florence is open seven days a week and the Mapleton branch is open Tuesday to Saturday.

Like the Siuslaw News reported in 1950, "The library's value to the people is only limited by the use they make of it. Its purpose is, and always has been, to serve."

Siuslaw Public Library invites guests to come to a May 7 celebration of 100 years of library services in the Siuslaw region from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Florence location, 1460 Ninth St.

The Mapleton branch is at 88148 Riverview Ave.

Access the library online at [www.siuslawlibrary.org](http://www.siuslawlibrary.org).

Look in Siuslaw News' Wednesday, May 6, edition for a special commemorative keepsake all about the Siuslaw Public Library.

## Rain

from 1A

Klupenger began to develop a hypothesis that the mean precipitation on the Sunday of Rhody Fest would be less than the mean precipitation of the surrounding days.

And so her study began.

Klupenger looked at weather patterns on the West Coast from 1947 to 2014 for her analysis.

She picked those 67 years, she said, because the festival was held more consistently after the end of World War II.

Most years, the festival has been held on the third weekend in May. The other years, the festival took place on the fourth weekend in May.

She chose rainfall data sources like National Climatic Data Center, Climatological

Data, weekly weather submitted by Roger Cunningham to Siuslaw News, City of Florence records and daily rainfall statistics from 1997 to 2010 reported by David Franzen.

Her data included daily records of precipitation over the 10 days centered on the Saturday and Sunday of the festival. She looked at Florence, Newport, Yachats, Reedsport/Gardiner and North Bend to compare data. One difficulty Klupenger noticed in documenting rainfall was that each station measured at a different time of day.

However, once she created a system, her results began to speak for themselves.

"The data indicated that the days leading up to and including the Rhododendron Festival had less rainfall than the days following the festival," she said.

On weekends where it did rain, recorded rainfall indicated that it did not rain on the parade.

Overall, there have been more dry parades than rainy ones.

Klupenger calculated that rain did not fall on 67 percent of the parades. She hoped that her results would be more decisive, or at least more dramatic. As it stands, she could not prove that human intention helped the weather stay sunny.

"However, I can say with confidence that we really do tend to have less rain during Rhody Fest than average days in May," she said.

Klupenger is willing to share more of her research with interested community members. She will hold a discussion from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 4, in the Conference Room at Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

## Fest

from 1A

An old favorite returning for the 65th year is the carnival by Davis Shows NW, a popular perennial attraction since 1950.

Davis Amusement Company of Portland started its long-standing run of appearances in our community, located at the "new grounds especially made for this feature on airport road," according to The Siuslaw Oar coverage that year. Davis Shows representative Pat Davis recalled spending most of his birthdays in Florence during Rhody Days.

"Florence is like working from home. If they will keep having us, we will keep coming and we are third generation, going on fourth," he said.

Pre-sell tickets are on sale now at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center for \$20 each, a savings from \$1-\$4 over regular admission.

A new adventure this year is Airboat Tours Northwest. The

15-passenger airboat experience will tour the Siuslaw River from the Port of Siuslaw docks.

Enjoy this everglades-type experience for \$25 per 45-minute ride. This water adventure promises to add a lot of thrills to the festival.

Rhododendron Parade entries are rolling in with familiar groups and floats and a few new faces signing up. The chamber is still accepting parade entries with a \$15 application fee.

Youth ages 9 to 17 who wish to volunteer during the parade as banner carriers and pooper scoopers can sign up at the Visitor Center. They get one free ticket to the Davis Shows carnival for their help.

The Junior Parade is held on Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m. and travels from Miller Park, down Oak Street and culminates at the Kiwanis' Kids' Games at Siuslaw High School.

The primary Vendor Fair will offer food and a variety of

booths on Maple Street in historic Old Town during the festival. There also will be a portion of the Vendor Fair on Highway 101 in the parking lot of the Shippin' Shack.

A Festival Information Booth will be open on Friday and Saturday in the parking lot at the junction of Highway 101 and Highway 126.

Commemorative Rhody pins are for sale at locations around Florence. Festival apparel is available at both the Visitor Center and the Shippin' Shack.

For more information, stop by the Visitor Center at 290 Highway 101 or go online to [www.florencechamber.com](http://www.florencechamber.com).

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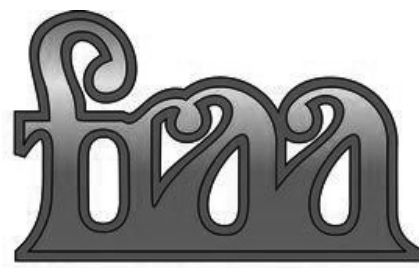
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## MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: KIDS CLASSES

### Oil Painting with John Leasure

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For kids ages 13 and up

Fee: \$25 per session. Discount for 2 or more from same family.

Learn to paint realistic looking birds, fish, flowers, and more. Parents are welcome to join the class also. Each session is a separate class so you can attend one or all 3. Call John to sign up, 541-991-2754

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Instructor: Kassy Keppol: 541-999-6451, or [kkeppol@gmail.com](mailto:kkeppol@gmail.com)

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### FAIRY CAMP

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All age: 3 to 85 Fee: \$25

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Thursday, May 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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### COPIC CLASS: Making greeting card

Monday, May 18th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

(Bring 3 or 4 Copic pens)

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### Face-painting during rhody days weekend.

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