

Three Rivers' toy, food drive hits record high

Brightening the holidays for children has always been the goal of Three Rivers Casino Resort's toy and canned food drive. Three Rivers extends the program to include Florence and Coos Bay properties.

In 2015, Three Rivers Casino Resort hit a record-high in donations with 7,364 pounds of food and nearly 2,000 toys.

The annual toy and food drive was held Nov. 1 through Dec. 16 in Florence. During that time, community members were asked to donate new, unwrapped toys and/or three cans of food for \$5 in free play at the casino. Three Rivers offered free play one time per week. All donations went to Soroptimists' annual Christmas and food drive.

"We were incredibly grateful to extend our annual toy and food drive to both Florence and Coos Bay communities this last year," said Three Rivers COO, Mike



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Three Rivers Casino Resort team members collect donations for the 2015 toy and food drive in Florence.

Rose. "We want to thank everyone who made a donation to the program."

Three Rivers Casino was also a participant in KDOCK radio's Bus Jam Challenge

program from Nov. 1 through Dec. 5, in Coos Bay. With a donation of three cans of food or a new toy, Three Rivers offered five dollars in Free Play.

Donations were awarded to winners chosen by KDOCK radio station.

For more information, call 541-902-6619 or visit Three RiversCasino.com.

Local student to perform National Anthem Sunday



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CROW student Nyah Vollmar will sing the National Anthem before the Ducks-Cardinals game on Sunday.

The family of Nyah Vollmar has announced that she will be singing the National Anthem in Eugene Sunday at the University of Oregon's basketball game against Stanford University. Nyah is a member of Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) and sings in many events each year.

"One of CROW's local kids will perform," said her

father, Scott Vollmar. Nyah will sing at Matthew Knight Arena on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m.

She will next sing in Florence at CROW's annual Share Your Heart Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

For more information about CROW and its upcoming events, go to www.crowkids.com.

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Community invited to help shape 2025 regional plan

Two chances for community members to help shape a vision for the Siuslaw Region are planned in Mapleton and Florence.

The meetings are the next step in nearly a year of exploration and conversations, led by the Vision Action Team from the Siuslaw Pathways Program.

The meetings will be held Thursday, Jan. 21 at Mapleton High School and Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Florence Events Center.

Both meetings will be from approximately 5 to 8 p.m., with open house format from 5 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

A formal presentation of the ideas and concerns will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at both meetings.

Anyone residing in Dunes City, Florence and upriver communities from Mapleton

to Deadwood is encouraged to attend either meeting or both.

The Siuslaw Visioning team has held 10 Focus Group meetings, inviting between 10 to 20 individuals to each meeting, ranging in scope from economy and business, education, health care and age demographics youth to seniors.

The 2025 Siuslaw Vision is the culmination of the work being done by the Siuslaw Region Visioning Project, supported by Rotary of Florence, The Siuslaw Public Library, the City of Florence and The Ford Family Foundation.

The work has grown out of the Pathways program, which was offered to the region by The Ford Family Foundation in 2014.

For more information, visit the Pathways website at www.siuslawpathways.com.

WORD ON THE STREET

What is one of your favorite memories of 2015?

Look for Siuslaw News' 2015 Year in Review next week!



"Besides the newspaper's historic 125th anniversary, the grand opening of the Oregon Coast Military Museum was such an achievement for many veterans in town."
—RYAN CRONK, EDITOR



"I'd have to say that moment when, while covering a basketball game at Siuslaw, I looked through the camera lens and saw my son scoring his first varsity basket."
—NED HICKSON, SPORTS EDITOR



"I started at the paper in January, and jumped straight into my first assignment about CROW. It's been a great first year."
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