

# SHS Class of 1956 reunion this weekend

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1956 will be holding its 60th reunion this weekend, beginning Friday, May 13, and continuing through Sunday, May 15.

Friday, classmates are invited to kick off festivities at Abby's Pizza on Highway 101, beginning at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, the group will have a chance to visit and share memories from noon to 6 p.m., at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

Then, on Sunday, there will be a farewell breakfast buffet, from 9 to 10 a.m., also at the Senior Center.

For more information, contact Irene Wittwer at 541-999-4108.



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**Class members include (back row, from left): Ron Estep, Darrell Hinderlie, Peggy Stitt, Jerry Ashard, Sharlee Tompkins, Larry Stonelake, Pat Bernhardt, Donna Horn, Bill Bond (Hanstad) and Bill Shepherd; (front row from left): Terry Parsons, Anita Ryan, Gerald Wallace, Jim Carlson, Donna Helms, Lonnie Woosley, Twila Wilson, Irene Colwell, Ginger Kippes and Betty Jordan.**

# Friendship Club holds plant sale Thursday

The Siuslaw Friendship Club will hold its annual plant sale at its next monthly meeting, tomorrow, May 12, at Driftwood Shores, 88416 First Ave. in Florence, beginning at 11 a.m.

The club will also sell Partylite candles, with 40 per-

cent of proceeds going to local charities.

Everyone is welcome.

The club sponsors card games like pinochle, Hand and Foot, 5 Crowns and Triple Play.

For more information, call 503-708-5038.

# Rhody Quilt Guild sponsors 'Sew-In' for stitching Saturday

The Rhododendron Quilt Guild will be sponsoring a Sew-In at Wenz-daze Quilters Emporium on the second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The next Sew-In will be on Saturday, May 14. Everyone of all skill levels is invited to attend.

Bring a sewing machine,

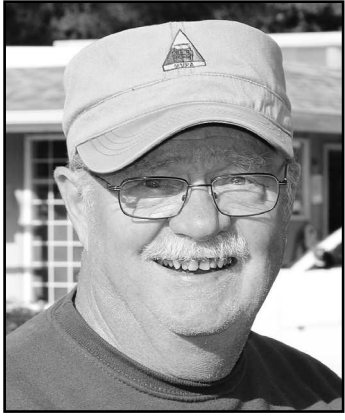
hand sewing or just yourself and enjoy the afternoon meeting and stitching with some of the Guild members.

Wenz-daze Quilters Emporium is at 5045 Highway 101, next to Ron's Paint.

For more information, call Cyndie Wenz at 541-997-3293.

## CAR CHRONICLES —

# Pick-up and pranks



By CAL APPLEBEE  
Special to the Siuslaw News

Even though the Plymouth Fury in the last article was a great car and definitely ranks as one of the finer cars I owned earlier in my collection — particularly since it was free — about this time in my vehicle life I evidently developed the need for constant change, which would follow for life and hence the 90-plus inventory.

I would spot some other vehicle that would capture my imagination, and pretty soon, I'd convince myself I had to have one, then find one and trade off my current ride for the new dream ride.

That's what happened to the Plymouth. For whatever reason, I decided I needed a pick up and soon the Plymouth was gone and in its place sat a 1948 Chevy 3100 pickup.

It was two-tone black and blue, both semi-gloss, which in recent years has become a pattern first in rat-rods and now starting to appear on customs.

The primary body was the light blue while the top from the belt line up was flat black. It still had the original 216 straight six-cylinder engine and four speed transmission, but a prior owner had modified the exhaust into a split

exhaust with two chrome stacks going up the back corners of the cab.

This truck sounded great and was a blast to drive. And, like the Plymouth, I soon found it being borrowed by my college buddies for all sorts of uses, including pranks!

Since it was such a stand-out vehicle and easy to identify, it was no surprise that I got called on the carpet after loaning it one weekend, when my buddies used it to appropriate a farmer's outhouse and relocate it into the lobby of the freshman girl's dorm.

Of course, with such a distinctive two-tone paint job and loud, chrome exhaust stacks, it wasn't difficult to identify which vehicle was responsible.

I think that was the first time I ever implemented positive manipulation to avoid the responsibility of that stunt.

The 1948 Chevy 3100 was the first year of production of Chevrolet's "Advance-Design" series of trucks that would be produced through 1955.

Improvements over the post-war models included bench seat accommodating three passengers, wider doors, enhanced interior with more functional dash and larger cab glass treatment that they called "Observation Car Vision."

Minor changes took place over the production years such as a vent wing, push button door handles and a new grill and windshield in 1955.

Production numbers were difficult to verify but it appears around 597,000 Chevy trucks were produced for 1948, with 398,000 or 67 percent, being the 3100 half-ton.

values today at \$7,750 for low retail up to \$46,500 for high retail. Online shopping found specimens offered from \$4,500 for a project up to \$92,000 for a high-end custom hot rod.

I dropped out of college shortly after that — no connection to the outhouse escapade — and moved to Washington, D.C., for a year.

When I returned to the Hill family in Idaho I found my 1948 Chevy pick-up had been stolen by yet another ward of the state, and destroyed in a car chase.

Mom and Dad Hill offered their family car as a replacement; a 1960 Chevy Biscayne two-door sedan, a car I was well acquainted with from my high school years.

That Chevy pick-up would be the first of two vintage General Motors trucks I would own. Only a couple vehicles later, I bought a 1950 GMC FC 101 that, although it was fire-engine red, was fairly stock and didn't get the attention the '48 Chevy did.

Again, I honestly do not recall how much I paid for it, nor what vehicle replaced it eventually (I think a 1960 Caddy, but that's another story), but I did enjoy that truck. It was certainly built more stout than the Chevy, with a beefier 228 six-cylinder, as well as more deluxe appointments.

And although it shared so much in style with the Chevrolet counterpart, GMC called theirs "New Design." I always felt the GMC grills on that model as well as subsequent years, were much more aggressive and attractive than Chevy's.

Production figures were impossible to find for the Jimmy. To match the beefier

GMC truck, the original MSRP was a heftier \$1,362, but NADA values only ranged from \$3,775 for low retail up to \$19,300 for high. Likewise, internet shopping values were much less.

Despite the lower values on the GMC, it was obvious that once again, both trucks are considerably more valuable today than when I drove and owned them.

Darn...again!  
Travel safe!



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1576 W. 12th Street or contact  
Ask for Lori @ 541-997-2816 ext.14 [lori@florescesos.org](mailto:lori@florescesos.org)

# Women's Wellness retreat next weekend

What can you do to re-focus on your life's balance, creativity, wellness, and sense of community? Consider participating in the 2016 Siuslaw Women's Wellness Retreat at Big Bear Campground in Walton.

This event is from Saturday, May 21, to Sunday morning, May 22, with sessions including senior stretching, yoga, Zumba, Zentangle arts, nature walk or hike, herbal remedies, a bonfire and singing.

The \$45 ticket covers all instruction, meals and overnight camping in the large yurt. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and lasts until 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

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