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VOTERS PASS MAPLETON BOND, DEFEAT SIUSLAW'S

Levy for OSU Extension Service and 4-H programs also supported

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Mapleton School District voters approved a \$4 million bond measure for school improvements, while Siuslaw School District voters rejected a proposed \$36.9 million new

high school in the May 17 Primary Election.

Lane County voters also approved measure 20-239 to support 4-H and Oregon State University Extension Service programs. The five-year levy will increase property taxes by 1.5 cents per

\$1,000 of assessed property value.

Siuslaw was the only Lane County school district bond measure to fail, with 3,169 (53 percent) voting against it and 2,801 (47 percent) in favor. Bonds for Mapleton, Junction City and South Lane school districts all passed.

Of the four Lane County school district bond measures, Mapleton School District's \$4

million bond had the highest voter approval with nearly 63 percent in favor. The last bond measure passed by the school district expired in 1961.

Mapleton voters approved a much smaller bond measure, but it has a significantly higher cost per \$1,000 property value rate than the Siuslaw district bond. Mapleton residents will see an annual increase of \$1.59

per \$1,000 of assessed property value, while Florence voters rejected Siuslaw's projected 29-cent annual increase per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Mapleton Superintendent Jodi O'Mara said, "It was great to see the community supporting the schools by such a large margin."

See **BONDS 7A**

Candidates move on to November race

County's Justice of Peace to be decided this fall

BY CHANTELLE MEYER
Siuslaw News

The May 17 Primary Election preliminary results are in, and Lane County and the State of Oregon have made known their choices on candidates locally, statewide and for the U.S. presidential primaries.

Lane County voters cast 118,200 ballots. This is 53.6 percent of the registered 220,725 voters in the county. In Oregon, 1,166,353 ballots were cast, or 50.9 percent of the total 2,291,668 registered voters. The results were last updated at 8 a.m. on May 20 and will not be final until approved by the Oregon Secretary of State.

In Lane County, four candidates filed for the Justice of the Peace, a position based at Lane County Justice Court in Florence.

Two candidates will proceed to the Nov. 8 General Election, since neither received over 50 percent of the vote. Currently appointed Justice of the Peace Rick Brissenden, who received 16,433 votes, or 43.9 percent, and Florence resident Woody Woodbury, who received 10,774 votes, or 28.8 percent, will appear on the November ballot.

"I was certainly gratified to receive so many votes," Brissenden said. "I would have loved to receive that 50 percent plus one, though. ... I'm thankful for the blessings I have."

Woodbury said, "I'm happy that I'm still going to be in the run off in November. Rick and I will have a good run together."

Both Brissenden and Woodbury plan to campaign throughout Lane County and continue talking about the Justice Court and its role in the justice system. They will each set up committees to help them get elected.

"I plan to work my tail off and campaign," Brissenden said. "It's my job, I believe in it and I want to keep doing it. I'm doing the best job I can as justice of the peace."

Woodbury said he plans to include his information in the next Voters' Pamphlet.

"I was not in the pamphlet this time, and that was a mistake. Overall, I'm glad to be moving forward. I want to get this position and do a good job. I'm still excited for it," he said.

See **ELECTION 7A**

RHODY FEST MAKES 'WAVES'

Late-blooming rhodies welcome residents and tourists alike to the city's 109th annual Rhododendron Festival, which continues this weekend. With the theme "Catch the Wave," be sure to catch all the activities taking place around town today and the Grand Floral Parade tomorrow at noon. See page 7A for a complete schedule of festival events.



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Boys and Girls Club to launch new drum corps program

Musical venue added to Teen Center's list of outreach programs

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Teen Center Director Tracy Aaron recently announced the launch of the club's new drum corps program.

The new program, open to students in grades 5 through 12, kicks off Tuesday with two demonstration drum performances at the Teen Center by professional drummer and volunteer program leader John Aaron.

John will play for club members in the afternoon and again during the drum corps parent orientation presen-

tation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Teen Center, 1601 15th St., on May 24.

"My wife Tracy and I have talked about doing this for years," John said.

"We started off with John just coming and playing the drums for the teens; a way to introduce them to music and drums," Tracy said. "It snowballed into the drum corps idea and building a program around drums."

For years the Boys and Girls Club has offered various sports and cheer-leading programs that support Siuslaw School District programs. This is the first time the club has ventured into music programs.

"Siuslaw music teacher Chris Rowbotham has been very supportive," John said. "The longest wait line in the school's music program is for drummers. They end up having to give them other instruments because they can only have so many drummers."

Rowbotham said, "This could raise the level of our percussion playing for the Siuslaw band program. It gives students an outlet to learn percussion in a great setting with lots of other kids wanting to learn at a high level. The skills they learn in drum corps will also transfer to our pep band."

See **CLUB 7A**



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Professional drummer John Aaron drums up interest for the new Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County drum corps program during a recent visit to the Teen Center. Aaron will be the instructor for the new program scheduled to launch next week.

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