

KIDS IN THE HOOD



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Siuslaw Junior Thespians prep for "Hoodie," playing May 26 to 28 at Siuslaw Middle School.



matinee at noon at the Siuslaw Middle School Commons, 2525 Oak St.

Tickets are \$3 each and are sold by cast and crew members at the middle school office and will be available at the door for each performance.

"Thank you for your support of fine arts at our schools," Mielke said.

"It's sort of campy after-school special meets the Emperor's New Clothes," Mielke said.

The play includes a cast of over 30 sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Performances are set for Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m., with a Saturday, May 28,

Siuslaw Middle School Junior Thespians and Director Eddie Mielke, drama instructor for Siuslaw Middle and High schools, invite the public to the middle school spring play, "Hoodie" by Lindsay Price.

"Hoodie" is a vignette play about middle school status symbols involving fashion.

Family Tyes wins display contest

By CHANTELE MEYER
Siuslaw News

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce announced that this year's winner of the "Catch the Wave" Window Display Contest was Bay Street Family Tyes.

In honor of the 109th annual Rhododendron Festival's theme, Lynn Malaspino-Badel and a friend spent three days creating a wave and beach scene in the front window of Family Tyes, 1421 Bay St.

Malaspino-Badel bought the store just two weeks before. When she learned that she won the contest, she was amazed.

"Their window had the theme, color and excitement — and even a working lighthouse — of this year's Rhododendron Festival," said Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "The new owners of Bay Street Family Tyes went all out!"

This weekend was Malaspino-Badel's first Rhody Days.

"We're most excited for getting to know the people of the community. I want to meet everybody," she said.



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Bay Street Family Tyes owner Lynn Malaspino-Badel, standing with her husband J.P. Badel, won the Rhody Days Window Display contest.

Although windows were decorated all over town, there were only three official entries.

The entries were judged on overall appearance and attractiveness, use of this year's Rhododendron Festival theme, use of color, and creativity and originality.

Siuslaw News came in second with a window painting by Clayton Libby of the Oregon

coast featuring a wave coming to shore.

Silver Sand Dollar, 1499 Bay St., also participated in the contest and showed sailboats and bright lights around jewelry displays.

"We would like to thank all those whose effort has helped to promote the Rhododendron Festival," Hannigan said.

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