

Siuslaw

POWER OF ONE *Siuslaw student Kaylee Graham preps for sixth annual Power of Florence*

The sixth annual Power of Florence, a city-wide day dedicated to volunteering and giving back, will be held this year on July 16. The day, officially proclaimed

by the Florence City Council, was started six years ago by Siuslaw student Kaylee Graham, now 16 years old.

"I envisioned this day to be like the Rhododendron Festival, with events happening all around

Florence," says Graham. "Only this day, all of the events help make a difference for our community by fundraising, collecting items for the needy or beautifying our community."

Over the course of five years, the Power of Florence has had more than 6,000 participants, 69 service projects have been completed, \$36,400 has been raised for nonprofits in our area, and more than 12,000 pounds of food have been collected for Florence Food Share and the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

Many organizations already have plans to be a



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Last year's Power of One participants celebrate.

part of this year's Power of Florence.

As always, the day will officially start with a "Power Walk" along the

streets of Old Town Florence.

The United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast

and "The Party in the Parking Lot" will again take place in the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

There will be live music and entertainment, as well as a barbecue hosted by the humane society.

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) will be hosting its car wash fundraiser and many people have plans to beautify the community.

There is still time for individuals or organizations to get involved and make a difference. Everyone in the community is encouraged to get out and help, either by attending the events that support volunteering or by

creating and hosting a fundraiser or community service project.

Businesses can participate by simply donating a small portion of their profits for the day to a nonprofit of their choice. Relay for Life teams can plan a fundraising event for this day and nonprofits can plan events to help benefit their agency.

Anyone is welcome to plan an event or fundraiser if it is benefiting others in the community.

For more information, visit powerofflorence.com, email Kaylee Graham at powerofflorence@hotmail.com or call 541-997-8778.

Siuslaw Senior Alexis Scheer receives scholarship

Siuslaw High School senior Alexis Scheer received a \$2,000 health care career scholarship from Kaiser Permanente.

The nonprofit's Health Care Career Scholarship program awarded \$46,000 to Lane County students planning careers in health-related fields. The local awards are part of the regional awards totaling more than \$500,000.

Kaiser Permanente scholarships recognize the positive relationship between education and health, as well as the value to the community of helping diverse and economically disadvantaged students pursue careers in health.

The awardees are eligible for renewal of their scholarships in future years.

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. —Submitted by Marilyn Milne for Kaiser Permanente

SHS ART STUDENT BENJAMIN CAHOON RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and



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encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio's office and panels of district artists select-

ed the artwork of Siuslaw High School junior Benjamin Cahoon as the winning entry.

His artwork, titled "He Flies in Silence," is a scratchboard depicting a flying owl.

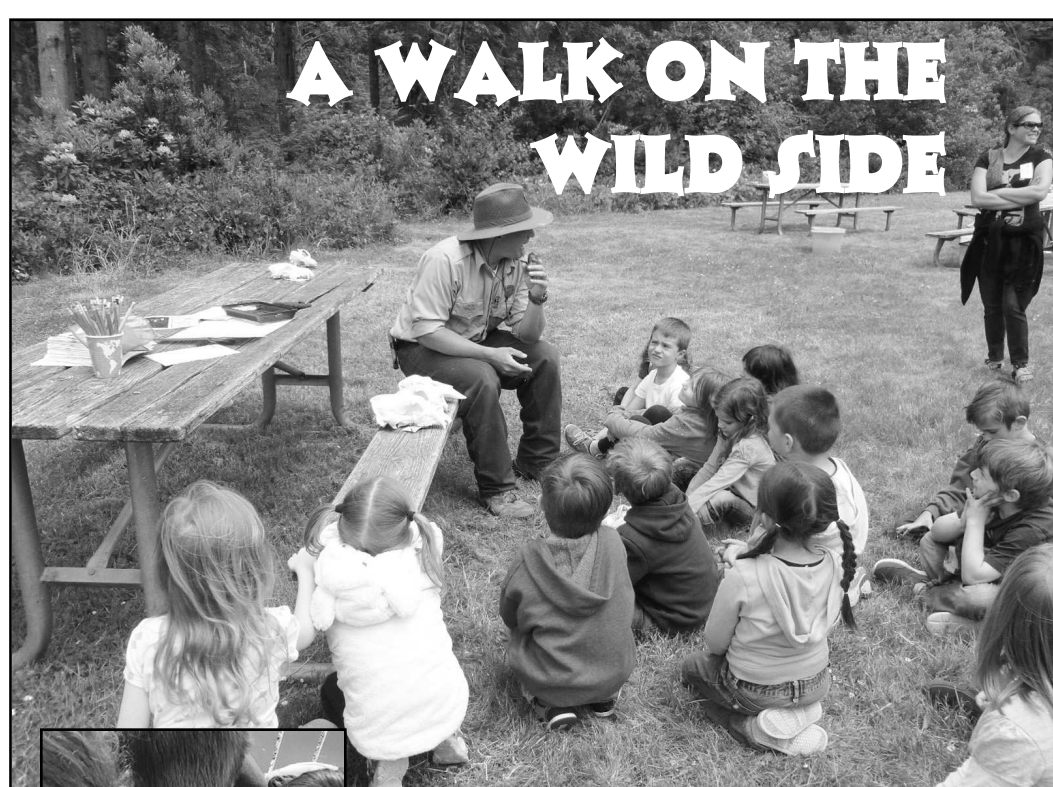
Benjamin will be recognized by our district and will be honored at the annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., this summer.

His work will be on display at the U.S.

Capitol for one year.

"Way to go, Benjamin!" said Kerri A. Tatum, SHS principal.

Benjamin is the son of Ahren and Trudie Cahoon. —Submitted by Kim Pickell



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All the kindergartners at Siuslaw Elementary went to Honeyman State Park to learn about animal habitats. They went on a nature walk, learned about predators and prey and made their own animal footprints out of plaster of Paris. —Submitted by Annette Griffes



Key Club students work on the Adopt a Highway area south of the bridge over spring break. Logan Lindner and Mallory Varas worked for four hours collecting garbage off the side of the highway. Key Club reminds everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle. Don't be a litter bug. —Submitted by Gina Castro Brandt

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Katherine Dodson — Forensic Arts

By BENJAMIN CAHOON
Siuslaw High School Student

Katherine Dodson is a junior at Siuslaw High School and a prominent figure in the school Forensics team. She is the daughter of Marcy and Tony Dodson and attends fourth period Forensics with Mr. Lance Haberly.

Katherine describes the atmosphere of the classroom as, "relaxed because it is a talking class."

Her favorite part of Forensics are the tournaments. Students travel to different schools and colleges to compete with other students.

She explains, "I get to miss school and go with my friends, plus I get to meet other people. That forces me to talk to new people and to be loud!"

Katherine is learning about "speech and presentation, how important that is."

She says, "you can just ask (Mr. Haberly) anything."

Aside from Forensics, Katherine is adamant about art and reading.

Katherine intends to attend college but is unaware of the location at the moment. She plans on majoring in marine biology.

She says, "The ocean is so unexplored, and we live right next to it. I would be able to stay in Oregon and work with the ocean."

Hopefully, after she finishes her education, Katherine will get her wish.



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Siuslaw School District end-of-year events

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day — No school

Thursday, June 2
Acknowledgment Assembly for Scholarship Night recipients

Friday, June 3
Last school day for SHS seniors

Wednesday, June 8
Last chance for seniors to turn in work in order to walk at graduation — by 3:45 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service — 7 p.m.

Friday, June 10
Elementary and Middle School Graduation Walk — 10 a.m.
Siuslaw High School Graduation — 7 p.m.
Project Graduation Senior Night

Wednesday, June 15
Last school day for Siuslaw School District

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,
SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT!**