

# Comedy Thursdays at Three Rivers Casino

Three Rivers Casino Resort's Comedy Thursdays continues through June, with stand-up comedians from around the Northwest performing each Thursday in Blue Bills (located inside Three Rivers) from 7 to 8 p.m.

June 9, the headliner will be Andrew Rivers, whose very personal and fun storytelling comedy, combined with his exemplary work ethic, has earned him high praise from some of the best comedians in the business.

Rivers has appeared as a stand-up comedian on the Seattle-based TV Show "Up Late NW" and contributed as a writer and actor to several of the sketches as well. He has been featured on NBC, FOX, and the Bob and Tom Radio



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**Andrew Rivers**

Show and is a regular opening act for Christopher Titus.

Opening for Rivers will be Tyler Smith, a Seattle-based Comedian whose clever humor is gaining attention throughout the Northwest.

# Siuslaw class reunions set for July, September

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 will hold its 30-year reunion July 15-17.

Contact Jennifer Archer for more information and a schedule of events by emailing her at jennarcher@hotmail.com or call 503-459-3241.

In addition, the Siuslaw Alumni Association all-class reunion and scholarship banquet will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel in Florence.

The event raises money for student scholarships by selling raffle tickets. Donation of raffle prizes can still be made to

the alumni association.

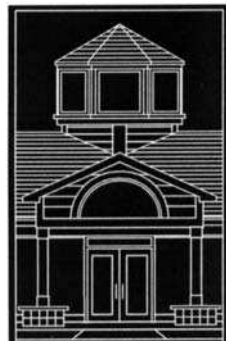
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and happy hour and dinner starts at 7 p.m.

RSVP for the dinner by Sept. 3 to ensure seating. Hotel room reservations must also be made by this date to get the special reunion rate.

The Classes of 1966 and 1971 will hold their reunions during this dinner.

Get more information and a dinner reservation form at [www.siuslawalumni.org](http://www.siuslawalumni.org), or email [siuslawalumniassn@gmail.com](mailto:siuslawalumniassn@gmail.com) or call Phyllis Wells at 541-997-2529.

# Library Tidings



## News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

### The Last Anniversary

By Liane Moriarty  
*Book review by Susie Voth*  
Liane Moriarty is an author that I truly enjoy. Her books make me laugh, sometimes cringe, often ponder, and ultimately wonder just how she manages to make everyday life entirely engaging.

The Last Anniversary is set on the fictitious Scribbly Gum Island off the coast of Sydney, the location of the unsolved Munro Baby mystery.

Sophie Honeywell, the 39-year-old (rapidly approaching 40)-year-old protagonist of the story, has a long-standing fascination with the mystery. At one time, she was practically engaged to Thomas Gordon, the grandson of the actual Munro Baby.

Unfortunately, Sophie broke it off the day before he was going to propose and then he married Deborah, a travel agent; Sophie, is still unmarried and her biological clock is ticking feverishly.

Moriarty has a gift of writing inner monologues that reveal hidden depths to her characters. This is especially true for Grace, also a grandchild of the Munro Baby, and a new mom, and a children's book author.

Grace is struggling with post-partum depression. Her internal dialogue is enlightening to the

reader and invisible to the other characters in the book.

Everyone thinks Grace is fine, she must be, she handmailed the thank you notes for the baby shower gifts.

Not so. Grace is far from fine; in fact, Grace is suicidal.

Other topical subjects are broached within the pages of The Last Anniversary. We, the readers, gain insights into nut allergies, parental and newborn bonding, support groups, lesbianism and other thought-provoking topics.

The inclusion of these subjects elevates The Last Anniversary beyond the category of "chick lit" and I don't mean that disparagingly.

The characters in Moriarty's books are endearing and eccentric. The storylines are witty and entertaining. If you haven't sipped from the Moriarty cup, perhaps it is time.

### Kayaking the Inside Passage

Join author Susan Marie Conrad at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, in the Bromley Room, as she discusses her kayaking adventure up the Inside Passage by kayak from Washington to Alaska. The result is chronicled in her book, "Inside: One

Woman's Journey Through the Inside Passage."

Conrad is an adventurer, writer, educator and speaker. She's also an accomplished paddler. Her tenacious exploration by sea kayak has fueled her stories and images of the natural world for decades.

Her articles and photographs have appeared in Sea Kayaker, Canoe and Kayak, Adventures Northwest and Figure magazines. Countless newspapers, guidebooks and historical journals also feature Conrad's work.

The book "Inside" tells of her kayaking expedition up the Inside Passage in the spring and summer of 2010, covering 1,148 miles in 66 days. During her program at the library she will be discussing her travels, with photographs, and discussing her book. This program is free and open to the public.

### Summer reading has begun!

Be sure to register for summer reading today! Don't miss out on all the great programs and activities for children, teens and adults, through July.

Library patrons of all ages are welcome and encouraged to sign up. Look for lots more information in the packets you receive when you register.

# Scholarships available for CROW summer camps

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) has announced it will be "meeting or exceeding" last year's summer camp scholarship awards, totaling over \$5,000.

Thanks to a new partnership with the Siuslaw School District's Twilight Program and several generous scholarship sponsorships from the public, CROW is poised to provide full and partial scholarships to many deserving kids within the community.

"I'm just so grateful to be able to do this," said CROW artistic director Melanie Heard. "There are so many kids in our community who need and deserve the high-quality arts education that CROW provides.

"We are so fortunate to be able to give the gift of scholar-

ship funds to kids who might not otherwise be able to attend camp."

This year's first two-week camp is titled "Freaktacular Fantasy Camp" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 11-22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The second camp is entitled "Technical Theatre Camp" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 25 through Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Detailed camp descriptions are available on the CROW website, [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com).

Both two-week sessions will culminate in a free end of camp showcase for families and friends on the final day of camp at 3 p.m.

Also offered is an Advanced Acting Camp (AAC), Aug. 8-19, dedicated to teens and

young adults (ages 12 to 22) who want to learn more complex acting techniques.

In order to attend this particular camp, participants must either request an audition or receive a formal invitation from one of the directors.

The CROW board of directors will meet to select the scholarship winners in mid-June.

"We believe that this is one way CROW can give back to the community that gives so much to us," said Heard.

Heard also stresses that the CROW scholarship applications are "not simple," and include both thought-provoking essay questions and a letter of recommendation form.

"The purpose of the difficult application is to encourage kids to strive for something, rather

than just hand it to them on a silver platter," says Heard. "Life is not like that, and CROW believes in preparing kids for the real world."


Interested applicants should visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com) to download a printable application, which is due by June 10.

Late applications will be immediately disqualified.

Camps will be held at the new CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101.

Regardless of scholarship status, all camp applications must be in by early June in order to guarantee a space, and CROW camps are always full.

For more information on scholarship opportunities or to reserve a spot, call Melanie Heard at 541-999-8641 or visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com).



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# Florence Senior Center in desperate need of volunteers

The Florence Senior Center is in desperate need of new volunteers both in the kitchen and as receptionists.

By the end of June, the center's chef is leaving and many of her volunteer staff — most have been with the center since it opened — will depart as well.

"We are in the midst of a major changeover and are looking for energetic people who want to help the senior

community," said Beth Johnston, senior center board president.

Kitchen helpers help set-up, serve meals, make desserts, and clean up. Meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Kitchen helpers usually arrive around 10 a.m. and are done around 12:30 p.m.

Receptionist volunteers are the face of the senior center, answering the phone and welcoming visitors to the center.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morning volunteers are there from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The afternoon shift is from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Receptionists can work one shift per week, every other week, or as an alternate to fill in when needed.

"Volunteers are the life blood of the senior center," said Johnston. "We are grateful for the many hours our current vol-

unteers have contributed and we understand when age or life circumstances indicate it's time to move on.

"We desperately need people to step in and fill their shoes."

The Florence Senior Center is located at 1570 Kingwood. Anyone interested in joining the dynamic group of senior center volunteers is urged to call the senior center at 541-997-8844 and leave contact information.



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