

Traveling troubadours play Wednesday

KXCR brings new duo Amy Sue Berlin and Kendra Kinsey to Florence in July.

The pair has the Kerrville Folk Festival, in Texas, in their rearview mirrors. Now the two young women are hitting the road as a folk singing package, bringing their musical backgrounds and memories with them to share with audiences around Oregon this summer.

Their stop in Florence will be at the Siuslaw Public Library's Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St., Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m.

In the troubadour tradition, there will no charge at the door. A passing hat and appreciative audience will send the performers happily down the road.

Kinsey has been singing since she learned words. She grew up singing in the choir and going yearly to the Kerrville Folk Festival, which formed a seedbed of melody and tunes. After earning a bachelor's of arts degree in studio art, Kendra came back to music after discovering a love of harmony. Along came the ukulele — it was love at first sight.

Kinsey sings solo but also likes to harmonize. She is working on an album.

Berlin was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but was destined for the American Southwest.



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Folk singers Kendra Kinsey (left) and Amy Sue Berlin

Early on, she traveled with her mother, Anne Feeney, a musician and activist. Each year they made the trek to Texas for the Kerrville Folk Festival. It was those trips that silently pulled Amy Sue to move to Austin, Texas, where she eventually laid down her roots.

Her involvement in the music industry is long, but much of that time was spent behind the scenes — selling merchandise, promoting, managing and learning the ropes. It

wasn't until September 2012 that Amy got her first taste for songwriting. Sitting in on some classes at a song writing camp in Sisters, Ore., altered Amy's path forever. She found herself a pen and never put it down.

"She sparks the spirit of summer with her singing. Her voice is like no other. She is an Austin Original," says The Austin Chronicle.

The show is sponsored by KXCR. For more information, go to kxcr.net or call 541-997-5252.

Library hosts spoken word poetry

Noah Schultz and Stephen Fowler will be presenting a free workshop on spoken word poetry in the Bromley room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., on Tuesday, July 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

All teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to attend this free presentation. Snacks will be provided.

Spoken word poetry is a combination of poetry and performance which often focuses on social or personal issues.

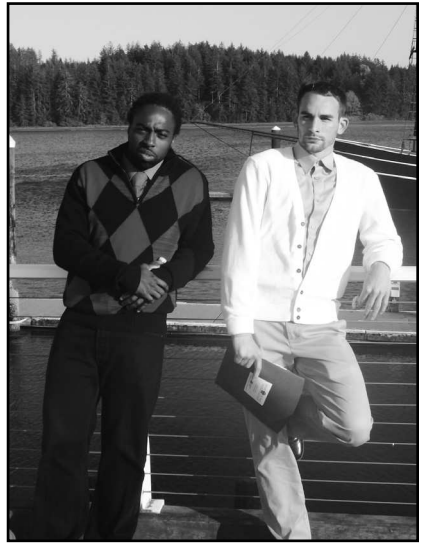
Fowler and Schultz are the first and second place winners of the recent Big Wave Spoken Word Poetry Contest sponsored by Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

They have made numerous presentations throughout Oregon about poetry and how spoken word poetry helped transform their own lives.

Schultz has published a book of his poems called "Morse Code Kisses."

The presentation will include live performances of original works along with examples from other poets.

Fowler says, "This workshop will give the youth of Florence a better understanding of this art form and possibly interest them in attending our summer classes."



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Stephen Fowler and Noah Schultz

Tickets on sale for annual Kiwanis Duck Race Monday

Florence Kiwanis Club will host its 19th annual "Great Florence Duck Race" in the Siuslaw River on Monday, July 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

The race can be viewed from the Old Town Boardwalk east of ICM. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Coast Insurance, 777 Maple St., across from the U.S. Post Office, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Kiwanian Judy Dahlberg at 541-999-1889 or judyducktickets@gmail.com, or by coming to the Kiwanis trailer from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through July 3, and on July 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. The trailer is across the street from ICM.

There are 43 prizes with a total value of over \$4,100 being awarded, in descending value, as the ducks cross the finish line.

All proceeds stay in the community for scholarships and helping the community's children.

Name Port of Siuslaw's river commode

The Port of Siuslaw is holding a competition to name its new floating restroom that will go into the water this week. It will stay in use through the fishing season and come out of the water after Labor Day.

The naming contest is open to any person 18 years of age or older. To submit an entry, email port@siuslaw.com or call 541-997-3040 with the suggested name, and your contact information.

Entries need to be suitable for a public facility. There is no limit to the number of times a person may enter.

The winner will be picked and announced on July 4. The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift certificate to ICM restaurant.

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