

Siuslaw School District announces 2016-17 registration for students

Siuslaw School District has announced registration days and first-day information for students attending the 2016-17 school year.

- Siuslaw Elementary School registration — All grades: Aug. 16-18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Siuslaw Middle School registration — All grades: Aug. 17-19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Aug. 22-26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Siuslaw High School registration — All grades: Aug. 17-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Note: These two days are also photo and locker assignment days.

First day of school for all grades is Sept. 7, except for kindergarten (Sept. 12) and seventh and eighth grade (Sept. 8).

Call the district office at 541-997-2651 for more information.

Casino officially opens expanded nonsmoking area



JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS

Three Rivers Casino Resort staff, tribal officials and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors helped with the ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday for the expanded 12,000 square foot nonsmoking area of the casino. Casino CEO Mike Rose said, "We are very excited about our new nonsmoking area. It is something our guests have asked for and it has been highly received. Now you can come to visit us, walk into our hotel, go to any of our food outlets and gamble and not be exposed to any smoking. I think it is a win/win scenario for everybody. All the people that worked on this project were local contractors."

True Value Hardware would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Florence Police Department for apprehending the suspect in our recent burglary.

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Florence Habitat director to speak at FACC meeting

The August meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition for Wednesday, Aug. 3, will feature Florence Habitat for Humanity Development Director and FACC board member Ken Gaylord. The meeting is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

Gaylord will speak about the upcoming "Senior Tsunami: Aging in Place Forum."

This community event will be held at the Florence Events Center on Friday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gaylord will speak about the concept of "Aging in Place," which is part of a national campaign of Habitat for Humanity International, for which Florence is the first community in the U.S. to hold such a forum.

The forum, cosponsored by

FACC, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Florence, and PeaceHealth, will be free and open to the public.

Whether you are a senior, a caregiver for a senior, or a person who will be a senior someday, you are invited to attend.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring items or donate cash for this month's featured agency, Food Backpacks for Kids.

This organization provides weekend food to children in Florence and Mapleton schools who might otherwise go hungry. Items can include packaged snacks or entrees that are easy to carry and prepare, like Kraft Mac & Cheese, tuna and crackers, fruit, oatmeal, apple sauce, or pasta and sauce.

For more information about the program, visit www.backpackimpact.org.

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ERNIE DOUD
 Seacoast Entertainment Association

The Florence community just lost a great volunteer who typifies the activism that makes Florence work. Ernie Doud moved to Florence in 2010. He brought his business consulting skills to the non-profit / volunteer sector for the benefit of the entire community. As a Senior Warden, he

provided leadership to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, particularly during the search for a new rector. He and his wife, Maggie, partnered delivering meals for Meals on Wheels over the last four years and served on Hospice together since 2014. Then there was Seacoast Entertainment.

Ernie's close college buddy, Ken Henderson, recruited Ernie to the SEA Board the day he arrived in Florence! Ernie was an active member of the Board for 3 years when the call came for him to step up as the President of the Board. With his years of counseling and consulting family owned businesses,

he was the perfect leader for an all-volunteer organization. For the last 3 years, Ernie led the fund raising, budgeting, logistics, and most significantly the Board Meetings that make SEA work and result in the great performances presented by the non-profit group. When a performer was proposed as part of the SEA season, his litmus tests were simple, "Will it delight the Florence Community? Does it forward our mission of bringing world class entertainment to Florence? Can we at least break even?"

We have lost a significant contributor to the Florence volunteer community but we have his example as a model of how each of us can make a difference. Thank you, Ernie, for all your contributions to Florence.

Submitted by Sandy Kuhlman

Seacoast Entertainment Association

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