

Siuslaw Superintendent to speak at coalition

Andy Grzeskowiak, Siuslaw School District superintendent, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

He will provide updates about the Florence schools and share his vision for the future of the school system.

Grzeskowiak began his tenure as superintendent on July 1, but is not new to the schools. He has served in a variety of roles for the past 22 years and has much to share.

The featured agency for this month is Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS). Those who come to the meeting are invited to donate children's clothing, all sizes, or cash to help SOS provide vouchers for laundry and showers. The number of persons needing assistance from SOS has ballooned this summer and donations are greatly appreciated.

Community members who have not joined FACC have an opportunity to enter a drawing for a free annual membership.

The meeting is open to the general public.



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Tonight's house concert features Newport pianist

Milo Graamans will be performing a solo piano concert in Kathy Parsons' House Concert Series today, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m.

House concerts provide a unique experience for both the artists and the audience. The casual setting provides a much more intimate opportunity to get to know the artists and to interact with them.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 at the door.

Reservations are required by calling Kathy Parsons at 541-999-9720, or by emailing her at kathympiano@gmail.com.

The address and directions will be given when reservations are made.

Graamans is an exceptionally versatile pianist, and his concert will include a mix of original music, classics, ragtime and some surprises.

Graamans is a pianist and



Milo Graamans

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composer based in Newport. He grew up in Yachats and started taking piano lessons at the age of 4 through the Oregon Music Teachers Association.

He went to the University of Oregon in 2011 to continue studying music, but dropped out during his second year in order to pursue further performance opportunities on the coast.

In addition to performing his own concerts a few times a year, Graamans is the organist and choir director at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and the accompanist for Central Coast Chorale in Newport.

He also plays regularly in pit orchestras for community theater, including a recent stage reading of his original musical, "She Loves Me Not."

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