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**Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hold the ribbon for Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association President Cameron Jagoe as he officially opens the soccer season at Miller Park. Registration for youth to participate in the new soccer league continues until Sept. 9.**

## LONG-RANGE GOAL

**New Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association offers soccer to youth aged 5 to 18**

Youth will continue to play soccer at Miller Park thanks to the new Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) and its teamwork with Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County and the City of Florence.

SYSA held an open house and registration night on Friday to meet area youth, interact with families and introduce the new club.

The association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that will now run the soccer program in Florence. Youth ages 5 to 18 will be able to participate.

"Thank you to all of you for signing up and making this hap-

pen," said SYSA Board President Cameron Jagoe. "Here's to answering a strong call for soccer in Florence."

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Mayor Joe Henry helped SYSA open the season with a ribbon cutting.

Henry said, "I appreciate all the efforts you guys have made to keep this sport going."

Many area groups have come forward to sponsor and support SYSA and soccer in Florence,

including the Florence Siuslaw Lions Club, who roasted hot dogs and poured root beer donated by A&W Restaurant during the registration event.

The City of Florence worked with SYSA to make sure all the groups utilizing Miller Park have space to practice and compete. The city also installed new soccer goals at the park.

The biggest partner has been Boys and Girls Club and its executive director, Chuck Trent.

SYSA Board member Justin Linton said, "We want to thank the Boys and Girls Club for their continued effort in making Florence

an area where the youth are appreciated and have opportunities to learn and grow. They've done a good job of keeping soccer for the elementary aged kids, so we're extremely grateful. ... Not only that, they've been a big help in donating goals and soccer balls and passing the ball on to us as a torch to get things rolling."

According to Linton, SYSA wanted to make soccer available for middle- and high-school-aged youth, so it joined the Oregon Youth Soccer Association and created its own league.

See **SOCCER 6A**



## New assistant principal makes graduation rates top priority

**Leonard Ulrich joins Siuslaw School District**

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Siuslaw Elementary and Middle schools selected Leonard Ulrich as the next assistant principal. The position opened in July when Andy Marhol was promoted to principal at Siuslaw Middle School.

Ulrich, 39, a Lincoln City Taft High School graduate, spent the past two years at the Yamhill Carlton School District near Newburg.

"My job responsibilities will range from evaluating teachers, to discipline, to helping improve attendance here at the schools," Ulrich said.

While at Yamhill Carlton, Ulrich focused on improving the district's poor graduation rate, a problem that plagues many Oregon school districts, including Siuslaw.

"A lot of research has shown that middle school attendance carries over to whether you are going to be likely to graduate or not. If you have 95 percent or higher attendance in middle school, it is almost guaranteed that you will graduate from high school. That is a big one for us this year," he said.



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**Leonard Ulrich**

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## MAPLETON WELCOMES TEACHERS

Two new teachers (left) join the team at Mapleton School District for the 2016-17 school year. Pamela Lauer, from Mt. Shasta, Calif., will teach first and second grade and Clara Smith, from Portland, Ore., will teach fifth and sixth grade. At right, Mapleton Lions Club served a free taco lunch for the staff and teachers of the entire district on Monday. The tradition began in the early 1960s as an appreciation dinner but morphed into a lunch. "We catch a lot more people doing a lunch here at the school," said Carl West, Lions Club member and school board chairman.



PHOTOS BY JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS  
**Pamela Lauer and Clara Smith**



## COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

**SPECIAL FEATURE:** This summer we are highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. New locations will be featured each month.

## Strawberry Hill

Neptune State Scenic Viewpoint, Florence | 541-547-3416

AT A GLANCE: Strawberry Hill is the access point to two beaches and several rocky outcroppings, ideal for beachcombing, tide pooling and agate hunting. This stretch of the coast has been referred to as a microcosm of the central Oregon coast.

The grassy knoll adjacent to the parking lot has benches for picnicking and is an ideal spot for bird and whale watching. There is a path and a series of stairs that leads visitors to the beaches and tide pools.

Strawberry Hill, a part of Neptune State Park, is located on Highway 101, between Florence and Yachats at milepost 169.



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