

Siuslaw

MEANDERING STREAM

Siuslaw Middle School's seventh-grade STREAM Team went on several field trips this fall.

Oct. 20

"We got drenched this day up on the North Fork of the Siuslaw at Huntington's Tree Farm," teacher Susan Hawke said.

Over 100 students and 20 volunteers put on the Forest Field



Days that encourages students to investigate the land ownership values and issues of local forests and how to find out more about forests, land uses and the inhabitants.

"The seventh-graders learned about forestry and current landowner practices for our local forests from many local and regional people," Hawke said.

Oct. 26

STREAM Team took a field trip to PAWN Trail for comparison of old growth forests to clear cutting/managed forests and to learn about invasive species versus native species. Students reviewed the newest rendition of the PAWN Trail map and guide.

STREAM Team also took a field trip to Port of Siuslaw in Florence for water quality sampling of the Siuslaw River and

usability of the MATE ROV (Marine Advanced Technology Education-Remote Operated Vehicle) in the river, funded by the Ocean Guardian School Grant. With this grant, students are educated with hands-on learning about their environment and how it affects the watershed around us.

Hawke said, "I have written and been granted an Ocean Guardian Classroom Grant, for the purpose of increasing water quality awareness in our area with the use of our Robotics MATE ROV."

Upcoming Dec. 3

In December, LEGO Robotics students are participating in the First Lego League Challenge in Corvallis, Ore. Each Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project and



COURTESY PHOTOS
Students explore the Siuslaw River, robotics and forestry as part of Susan Hawke's STREAM Team and seventh-grade science class.

the Core Values.

The following LEGO Robotics Teams are going to the challenge: Team Robo-Raptors, Team Narwhals, Team Penguins, Team Siuslaw Nerd Squad, Team Pandas, Team Bloated Cows and Team Unicorns.

For more information, go to www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge. — Submitted by Susan Hawke



ARTIST OF THE MONTH Abby Watkins – Pottery

BY BENJAMIN CAHOON
Siuslaw High School Student

Abby Watkins is the marvelous ceramic student selected as this month's student artist. Abby is a senior at Siuslaw High School, and is enrolled in the Advanced Pottery course with Mrs. Kim Pickell.

Abby describes the atmosphere of the art room as, "energetic and happy all the time."

Abby is the daughter of Jim and Diane Watkins, and she also helps with another pottery course as an instructional aid.

When asked about her favorite part of the class, she responded, "You get along and make friends with people you never thought you'd be friends with. Everyone helps everyone."

Helping others and learning through that process is a wonderful skill she has acquired while in these classes.

Abby describes how Mrs. Pickell always provides a, "visual example, and [she] is always there to help if needed."

Outside of pottery, Abby is a varsity



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athlete participating in volleyball, basketball and track.

She plans to attend a university to acquire her associates degree, then study chemistry. Becoming a dental hygienist is Abby's dream.

With her background in art, Abby will be able to use her skills to solve problems creatively and effectively.

HOWLING HALLOWEEN



COURTESY PHOTO

Siuslaw choirs at the middle and high school level presented a program of entertaining songs from "This is Halloween" to "Phantom of the Opera" on Oct. 27. We would like to thank Kathleen Wenzel for donating her time to capture video and pictures of our event. You can find us on Facebook under "Siuslaw Choirs." — Submitted by Debra Young

ASPIRE to help students

On Dec. 21 and the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Siuslaw High School ASPIRE center, ASPIRE volunteers meet to get updates and trouble shoot concerns for helping students find and secure funding for

post-secondary options.

New volunteers need to register with the school district — siuslaw.k12.or.us — and are invited to come the high school at noon for state-mandated training. — Submitted by Bou Kilgore

Connecting with the community

The Siuslaw High School Alternative Education Program has been requested by its students to be more involved in the community.

The students wanted a chance to help Florence in a way that was achievable in their 50-minute School-Community Connect class, and have found a way to help clean up the areas

around the high school that have normally looked a bit in disarray.

Their actions have impacted some local neighborhoods between 27th Street and 30th Street in helping that area be restored to its natural beauty.

I would love to recognize and thank Bella Castle, Dustin Connor, Joanna

Gomez, Jennifer Hanna, Tyler Latham, Zack Lawson, Brittany Long, Chase Teel and Skyler Winters for recognizing a need in the local Florence community and dedicating themselves to being a part of the solution to a long standing problem.

Thank you. — Submitted by Stephanie Rogers

Recipients of 2015-16 Academic Letter

These students were awarded academic letter awards for earning a 3.5 or better GPA last year. Students receive a script "S" and a lamp of learning swiss insert, as well as a certificate.

9th Grade

Bartlett, Angela
Brown, Kathryn
Burnem, Eil
Keppol, Jessalynn
Londer, Audrey
Mans, Robert
Scheer, Samantha
Shoji, Naomi

10th Grade

Brandt, Jared
Mielke, Edison

Coday, Abigail
De Vera, Neil
Goss, Lainey
Graham, Kaylee
Griffes, Isaac
Hicks, Joshua
Huff, Richard
King, Kyle
Linder, Logan
Middleton, Hayleigh

Northrop, Jordan
Sanchez, Rosa
Tatum, KC

11th Grade

Cahoon, Benjamin
Cornish, Brogan
Dalbeck, Brandy
Johnson, Laura
Larson, Michael
Mans, Celie
Oliver, Carissa

Rose, Elyssa
Shipstad, Korina
Tatum, Destinie
Waggoner, Claire
Wells, Gabe

12th Grade

Bartlett, Hannah
Dotson, Taylor
Siegel, Mikaela
Siegel, Reese

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Be a part of School Zone, a newsletter about the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

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Perfect attendance at Siuslaw High School through Nov. 2

Ninth Grade

Aaron, Nina G.
Aho, Terrance J.
Blakely, Layla L.
Collins, Mia J.
deBary, Mystic D.
Erickson, Trinity A.
Fuller, Destani R.
Gentry, Louis R.
Gilson, Kendra M.
Harris, Bailey N.
Hatch, Tania V.
Hine, Tiffany S.
Holden, Laureli L.
Infante Marquez, Luis P.
Large, Levi W.
Larson, Kelsey A.
Loza Sanchez, Ricardo
Molano, Daniel L.
Northrop, Jared A.
Olmstead, Olivia J.
Ramirez, Ramiro
Robison, Sydney A.
Rosinbaum, Elizabeth V.

Scharen, Patrick A.
Stachelrodt, Elaijah K.
Williams, Kylee B.

10th Grade

Bartlett, Angela R.
Bernard, Sequoya D.
Bonisteel, Alison R.
Borgnino, Falon J.
Brown, Deseray R.
Disalvo, Nicholas J.
Edgerly, Hailee K.
Figueroa Rivas, Maria G.
Freudenthal, Hannah C.
Hidalgo, Diana L.
Howard, Maya J.
Jennings, Riley W.
Jones, Merrilla A.
Loomis, Joseph M.
Mans, Robert C.
Mason, Macalin E.
McNutt, Scott
Miller, Madisyn M.
Murray, Shawn

Ramos, Trinity M.
Smith, Joshua K.
Taniguchi, Jordan T.
Warner, Jakob P.
Wilkinson, Nicholas J.

11th Grade

Castillo, Cesar I.
De Vera, Neil E.
Disalvo, Anthony B.
Fleming, Dylan L.
Galli, Isela D.
Gilson, Dakota R.
Hicks, Joshua
Kilgore, Logan A.
Kimbrel, Erick T.
Le, Tyler
Martin, Alexis P.
Payne, Joshua
Perez, Anthony M.
Pruitt, Abigail L.
Rollin-Khufu, Roen O.
Rusk, Quincy D.
Valentine, Ramona C.

Varas, Mallory S.
Waters, Colby J.
Wells, Maci M.

12th Grade

Alletson, Ryan M.
Appler Swain, Cole A.
Castle, Zane A.
Coolidge, Taylor M.
Dascher, Kaitlyn D.
Fritz, Raven C.
Larson, Michael J.
Molina, Alvaro C.
Oliver, Carissa A.
Phillips, Dayton C.
Rose, Kyle L.
Dyess, Joseph N.
Hine, Nicole E.
Kawahara, Casey M.

— Submitted by Siuslaw High School Principal Kerri A. Tatum