

SCHOOL ZONE

A Monthly Newsletter for the Siuslaw and Mapleton Schools and Florence Community PTA

THESE STUDENTS ARE GOING PLACES

Siuslaw Middle and Elementary students compete in annual Geography Bee



SES Champion
Jesse Holden

Finalists in the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee at Siuslaw Elementary School and Siuslaw Middle School competed Jan. 17 at each school.

At the elementary school, those competing for the championship were: fourth-graders Joel Sissel and Anthony McCabe; and fifth-graders Jaldyn Collins, Jesse Holden, Tony Johns, Ty Malloy, Brynlee Manue, Riley Olson, Ally Sevilla, Spencer Tucker and Rosa Velasco.

At the middle school, those competing for the championship were: sixth-graders Michaela Butchart, Ava Glowacki and Owen Harklerode; seventh-graders CJ Franklin, Camp LaCouture and Jason Rawlins; and eighth-graders Brea Blankenship, Rhys Fleming, Matthew Fusaro and Laena Jagoe.

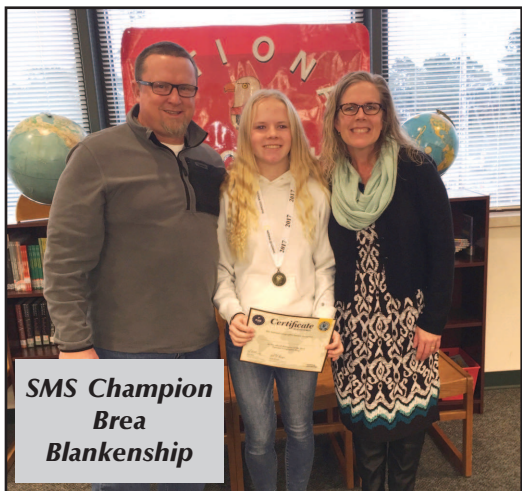
All of these students scored highly in the preliminary qualifying round — 25 moderately hard multiple-choice questions offered to all fourth- through eighth-grade students. The top 11 students from the elementary and the top 10 students from the middle school were declared finalists.

The winners at Siuslaw Elementary School were: third place Tyler Johns, second place Riley Olson and first place Jesse Holden.

At Siuslaw Middle School, the winners were: third place Matthew Fusaro, second place Owen Harklerode and first place Brea Blankenship.

Both Jesse and Brea will now take the state qualifying test to see if they will be able to compete in the state finals.

Congratulations to all of our participants! Go Viks! — Submitted by Patrick Wondra



SMS Champion
Brea
Blankenship



Top 11 Siuslaw Elementary School Students



Top 10 Siuslaw Middle School Students



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Thorny Rose



On Jan. 23, Mapleton Elementary School and Ms. Pam's first and second grade combined class got a class pet. The students spent two weeks researching and reporting on the care and requirements of their new pet and were thrilled to finally meet Rose, a one year old hedgehog. Rose will be in class with the students for the rest of the year and will support the students as a reward for hard work accomplished. The students are enjoying feeding her meal worms and watching her run (faster than you would imagine) on the reading rug when the day's work is completed. Welcome to Mapleton, Rose! — Submitted by Pamela Lauer

2017 Project Graduation's Pre-Superbowl Bingo Bash event will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at Three Rivers Casino Resort Event Center on the night before the Super Bowl. Games start at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include two bingo cards good for 15 games. All proceeds from this event go to Project Graduation, the all-night drug- and alcohol-free graduation party for the 2017 Siuslaw graduating class. Call Michelle Rose at 541-999-0401 for tickets or more information.

Bringing color to lines of music

SHS students create beautiful collaboration with elementary students, musicians

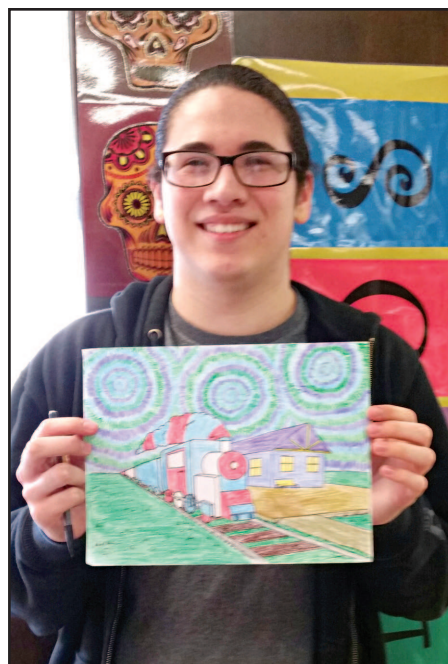
Siuslaw High School students Cesar Castillo and Benjamin Cahoon each created three coloring art pieces which were used by Mapleton, Siuslaw and Highland (Reedsport) elementary school students to illustrate the six songs heard at the Friends of the Florence Events Center's Winter Music Festival Kids Concerts on Jan. 12.

Cesar's drawing illustrated the song "Orphan Train," written by the late Utah Phillips. It was based on the true story of orphans who were sent across the U.S. by The Children's Village, The Children's Aid Society and The New York Foundling Society from the 1850s until 1929.

Each year, the coloring art adorns the walls of the Winter Music Festival beginning with the Thursday Kids Concert and remains on display up through the Sunday daytime shows.

The coloring sheet Cesar is holding was the "Producer's Choice" of WMF Kids Concert Producer Rachel Pearson. "Because of its attention to detail, its careful coloring technique, and the student's use of the swirling images that suggest Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting, this one touched me in a way that brought the wonder, uncertainty and hope of those children of a century ago to life," Pearson said. "I also appreciated Cesar's creating a dynamic world that suggested the movement of the train and a station from a long-bygone era."

While "Orphan Train" is the sad story of orphans being sent across the U.S. in hopes that they could find loving homes, or at least, escape their harrowing lives in the slums of New York



Cesar Castillo and his coloring page depicting "Orphan Train" won Producer's Choice at the Winter Music Festival Kids Concerts in January.



Benjamin Cahoon and his coloring page depicting "Mary Alice," a song about a woman who married a fiddler, won Cabin Fever NW Performer's Choice.

City, the outcome of many of the orphan's lives was positive.

Cabin Fever NW, the WMF Kids Concert artists, brought this magical



song to the students of western Lane County, and the students in turn brought the words alive with their crayons, markers, pens and watercolors.

Benjamin created three coloring art pieces, and his representation of the song, "Mary Alice," was the "Performer's Favorite."

The song was written by Cabin Fever NW's organizer, Tara Caldwell. She based it on the recollections of her great aunt, Mary Alice, who lived in Canada at the turn of the 20th Century, and chose to marry a fiddler. The picture by Ben shows a rose placed on the fiddle, and includes words mentioned

in the song in the background.

When Tara and her two Cabin Fever NW band mates, Dianne Boschler and Ed Johnson, arrived at the theater on Jan. 11, they were stunned to see the artwork filling the walls which illustrated six of the nine songs they would sing that day.

Caldwell said, "I think this is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me as a performer... to know that all these children listened to our music and created art based on the words."

Pearson added, "While all the artwork we receive is wonderful, we the volunteers always have a few favorites. And we treasure each and every picture as we affix it to the wall of the FEC Main Theater."

Pearson thanked the WMF volunteers, the Friends of the FEC, the FEC staff and the Siuslaw, Mapleton and Highland teachers, administrators and bus drivers for making it all happen each year.

Special thanks also go out to Mrs. Kim Pickell, SHS Art Teacher; the SHS Key Club kids for help with art installation; Ms. Sandy Kuhlman, who helps with everything on the Kids Concert day, including traffic patterns and seating; the fabulous FEC stage/sound/lighting crews; and Mrs. Deb Dietrich, the Siuslaw Elementary General Music Teacher for making sure the students hear and learn the music at 97J.

Pearson also noted, "The Winter Music Festival was the first time Cabin Fever NW had created a concert strictly for children, and all participants hope it will not be the last." — Submitted by Rachel Pearson