

# Mapleton

## GRAND STANDS

*Mapleton High School installs new gymnasium bleachers*

**M**apleton High School and Nor-Pac installed new bleachers in the school's gymnasium in early January.

Mapleton School District Superintendent Jodi O'Mara said the installation is the latest step in the school's revitalization process that was funded with the recent passage of the bond measure, approved by voters in November.

"We have been able to complete three bond related projects," O'Mara said. "The first was the high school septic tank, the second was the resurfacing of the track and the new bleachers is the third project."

The new bleachers will cost about \$35,000, with approximately half coming from the Mapleton Booster Club. The remainder will come from the voter-approved funding measure.

While this project should be completed shortly, others will require more thought and time to finish.

Mapleton School District has until 2018 to complete all bond-related projects. The planning and preparation for the more extensive and involved parts of the refurbishment are being finalized.

"The next step in the bond process is that our steering committee has been meeting. They are currently in the 'design phase,' so what we are doing now is assessing what

flooring will go where, which plumbing and siding needs to be replaced and which parts of the roof most need to be replaced," O'Mara said. "And we are working closely with our construction manager, general contractor and our architectural firm to make these decisions in a timely manner."

O'Mara is enthusiastic about the changes.

As the work progresses, she and the committee also want to make the best use of the materials that are being removed and upgraded.

"We recycled all the metal in the old bleachers and we did keep the old bleacher wood," she said. "We are planning on incorporating



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some of it into the school as well as offering some for sale. There are a lot of alumni interested in the bleacher wood."

**Construction workers from Nor-Pac install new bleachers at Mapleton High School in early January.**

## Junior Leader visits Florence Kiwanis

**M**apleton 4-H Community Club Junior Leader Sarah Emerson presented information about the Mapleton 4-H Program to the Florence Kiwanis on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Sarah's talk was to thank the local Kiwanis club for their generous donation that is funding the club's 2017 swim project. As part of her leadership development, Sarah made a Power Point presentation to project pictures and details about the project clubs included under the umbrella of the community club.

Those project clubs include Arts and Crafts, Dance Appreciation,



**Mapleton 4-H Community Club Junior Leader Sarah Emerson**

Environmental Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation (hiking and camping.)

Additionally, as is true of all 4-H community clubs, members take part in at least one service project annually.

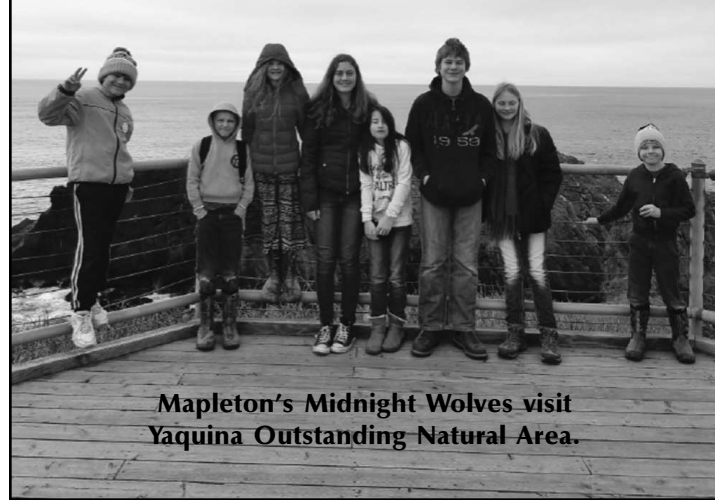
The Swim Project involves a carpool from

Mapleton for nine weeks of Fins (deep water stroke and strengthening) and Swim Lessons at Coastal Fitness.

Sarah explained that two youth who were in the shallow swim lessons last year are skilled enough to join the Fins level this year. Meanwhile, two 4-H members have been added to the swimming project this year because extra funding provides for mileage reimbursement for an adult volunteer to pick them up from Triangle Lake School.

The Mapleton 4-H Community Club greatly appreciates Florence Kiwanis for its valued support. — Submitted by Lauren Hesse

## Mapleton at midday



Mapleton's Midnight Wolves visit Yaquina Outstanding Natural Area.

**M**apleton 4-H Community Club, also known as the Mapleton Midnight Wolves, next meets:

- Feb. 10: Cape Perpetua
- Feb. 24: Citizen Science
- March 9 to 10: Overnight Trip
- March 24: Service Learning/Citizen Science
- March 28 to 31: Spring Break Camp

Always remember to bring layers and wear warm clothes. Winter is here and it's bound to get cold, so make sure to stay warm on field trips.

# Florence Community PTA

## PTA plans multicultural event, full semester of activities

**F**lorence Community PTA kicked off the new year with the first PTA meeting of the year on Jan. 17 with a wealth of information shared in 2016's wrap up and plans for all of the fun to come this year.

### HOLIDAY SHOPPE

The annual PTA Holiday Shoppe was a wonderful success again this year with lots of kids and their parents enjoying the great selection of gifts curated by PTA volunteer Alice Burns.

PTA served hot chocolate and cookies one night in a parent's lounge.

Burns reports, "There is nothing better than seeing the

looks on the kids' faces as they shop for their family and friends — their little baskets full of their very own picks!"

Snow was on the floor and the holiday lights were aglow for their holiday shopping as Burns had to refresh supplies several times while shoppers were very busy selecting just the right items for \$2 a piece.

### AROUND THE WORLD IN A DAY

PTA's first multi-cultural event "Around the World in a Day" will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Siuslaw Middle School.

The goal of the event is to bring students, parents and

community members together to provide education on cultures from

around the world while building social connections with the schools and community.

While a handful of participants have already signed up, the PTA planning committee is currently looking for additional individuals and groups who would like to showcase their ethnicity through music, storytelling, art, games or other activities and invites

the whole community to join the free event.

Anyone interested in signing up to participate may contact Diane McCalmont at 541-999-9692.

### TALENT SHOW

Get your jazz hands ready as PTA gears up for the Spring Talent show on March 8 and 9 at the Florence Events Center.

Students from the elementary and middle school are invited to put together their creative talents — songs,

dances, skits, comedy and more — as individuals or groups to show off on the big stage.

Information on auditions will be available to students

soon and the community is invited to come out and support the talents of Siuslaw Students. — Submitted by Natalie Lyda



## SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

**B**e a part of School Zone, a newsletter about the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

*Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.*

Email Siuslaw News Features Editor Chantelle Meyer at [cmeyer@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:cmeyer@thesiuslawnews.com).

## Look for ... KID SCOOP

Kid Scoop runs every Wednesday during the school year in the Siuslaw News and features educational stories and fun activities for families.

The activity page is part of the Siuslaw News' Newspapers In Education program, in which teachers from Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts may request copies of the local paper to use as curriculum in their classroom. Call 541-997-3441 for more info.

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