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Are the kids still alright?

Part III

Community, Healthy Directions seek to curb teen drinking

BY JARED ANDERSON
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(Editor's Note: This is the final installment of a three-part series examining teen alcohol use in Florence.)

Community and family help heal all wounds. They look out for those in need, and lift those who are in their darkest hours.

That's what Nicole, as she prefers to be called, believes. Nicole had seen her family members lose everything, but it was community and family that pulled them through.

Her husband, who had been addicted to drugs most of his life, was kicked out of his home and lost his job, throwing the custody of their only child into doubt.

But Nicole didn't give up on him. "I just knew, the second I saw him, that he was mine," she said. "He had no chance."

See **DRINKING 7A**

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL SALMON RUN RUNNING WITH THE PEOPLE IN SPIRIT



PHOTOS BY JARED ANDERSON/SIUSLAW NEWS



On Saturday, Siuslaw Watershed Council again dedicated the Salmon Run to former Mapleton resident Shiloh Sundstrom's memory. More than 70 runners participated in the 3K and 5K, including youth and people from all over Lane County.

Shiloh Sundstrom was a runner. A graduate of Mapleton High School, he participated in track every year he was eligible. College was no different, where he ran on the cross country and track teams for the entire four years he was there.

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"He was not built for long distance running," his father Johnny Sundstrom said. "Or speed. But he worked at it. He really did."

Johnny spoke about his son at the Salmon Run 5K and 3K fun run/walk that was held on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The run, which snaked through the wooded back roads of Mapleton, was a fundraiser for the Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC), but also acted as a tribute to Shiloh, who passed away in 2015.

"His two loves in those days were running and the water-

shed," Johnny said.

Running had always been a bond between the two, particularly when Shiloh was in high school.

"I'd been helping the program for a number of years because

See **SHILOH 8A**

Next Healthcare Town Hall set for Sept. 13

BY MARK BRENNAN
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PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center and the City of Florence are inviting the community to attend the third in a series of Healthcare Town Halls at the Florence Events Center, on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

There will be two sessions in this free event. The first will be from 7 to 8 a.m. and the second will be held at 1:30 p.m.

The presentations by PeaceHealth leaders will provide updated information regarding the organization's ongoing recruitment effort, recent initiatives focused on community benefits and a question and answer period.

See **TOWN HALL 8A**

Taking flight with Boys & Girls Club

13 teens graduate from Florence Air Academy

Former Aero Legends owner Sam Spayd and current owner Terry Tomeny, both pilots, taught the first

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and Girls Club of Western Lane County Teen Center members.

The course ran three six-hour days a week from Aug. 14 through Aug. 25, covering all aspects of flight instruction, from the basics of how an airplane flies to the complexities of plotting a flight plan.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Jack Davis said, "This has been a great experience for our kids. Several have decided that they want to pursue a career in aviation. That is what we want, for kids to

not just see graduation as the finish line, but to look beyond, to their future."

Club members got to fly drones and participate in radio-controlled model aircraft flights.

The course culminated with each student getting to fly with a qualified pilot, flying the flight plan they worked out earlier in the course.

During the Florence City Council meeting on Monday, Councilor George Lyddon, who attended the Aug. 25 class where the FAA students flew and graduated, said, "I think a seed has been planted. It's a great thing to see. You can just tell that there was something going on in their heads."

See **ACADEMY 7A**



ABOVE: PHOTO BY JACK DAVIS
RIGHT: PHOTO BY JARED ANDERSON/
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In August, local pilots Sam Spayd and Terry Tomeny paired with Boys and Girls Club to teach 13 youth the wonders of flight.



NOTICE

LABOR DAY WEEKEND DEADLINES

Siuslaw News will join other Florence-area businesses by being closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

Deadlines for submitted articles and press releases for the Wednesday, Sept. 6, edition will be noon Monday.

The classified deadline for Sept. 6 issue is Friday by 5 p.m.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

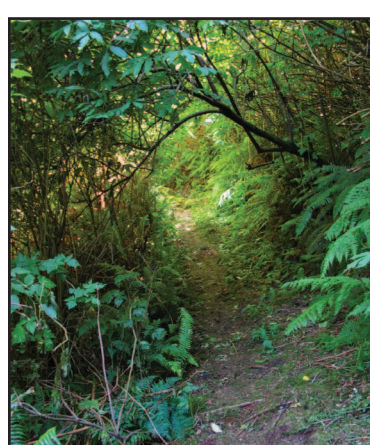
COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

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.

Amanda's Trail

Cape Perpetua Day Use Area
541-547-3289

AT A GLANCE: Accessed through the Cape Perpetua Day Use Area, 22 miles north of Florence, The Amanda Trail descends through the canopy of Sitka spruce and alder trees from the top of Cape Perpetua down the north side of Highway 101.



SIUSLAW NEWS PHOTO

This trail is rated "most difficult" by U.S. Forest Service, but even more difficult is the story of Amanda De-Cuys, a native Coos woman who left behind bloody footprints in 1864 during a forced march from Coos Bay to a reservation near Yachats. Siuslaw National Forest Trail Planner Lloyd Collett named this trail after

Amanda after discovering her story in 1984. It is dedicated to the memory of Native Americans

the original peoples are coming together to restore native ways in the modern world.

SEPTEMBER LIVE REMOTE BROADCASTS ON KCST 106.9 FM

Roby's Furniture, Appliance & Mattress Shoppe: September 2nd • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity Beach Walk: September 9th • 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

The Siuslaw News Be Ready Expo at FEC: September 23rd • 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Les Schwab Tire Customer Appreciation Day: September 23rd • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Florence Festival of Books at FEC: September 30th • 10 a.m. - Noon

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