

Programs from 1A

The proposed total elimination of the CLCC directly impacts Siuslaw School District, as this grant is the primary source of funding for the “Twilight” after school programs.

The release of the Trump education budget earlier this year started a preparatory evaluation of the Twilight programs by Siuslaw Special Programs Director Lisa Utz.

Utz said the evaluation focused on the needs and participation levels at the three schools in the district, and changes were made for the upcoming school year.

The results of the “needs assessment” was added to advice from the Oregon Department of Education to determine the programs to be offered in 2018.

The changes from 2017 are substantive.

Most noticeably, there will be no Twilight programs offered at the middle school or at the high school. There will

only be programs at the elementary school.

In addition, there will no longer be transportation for program participants, so parents and guardians will be responsible for picking up student participants.

The proposed cuts to the program are so dramatic that Utz has asked for the public’s help in blocking the cuts.

“The Title IVB 21st CCLC grant program has been cut by presidential executive order, which means that there may be no Title IVB grant to apply for. The executive order can be overturned by other governing bodies before it is enacted,” Utz said. “Please, write or call your representatives or senators to let them know we need after school programs.”

The CCLC program seeks to help students achieve standards in core academic subjects, such as science, reading and math, and to offer enrichment programs that supplement regular academic programs.

While the reduction in

funding may affect the hours and locations where the Twilight program will be held, the focus will remain the same.

“Our focus this year is on STEAM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. While we will continue to offer help with homework and credit recovery, our main goal is to enrich and extend our students’ learning,” Utz said. “Fun, active learning using STEAM as a focus keeps our students engaged and adds value to their day.”

Utz’s area of responsibility also extends to oversight of the Indian Education program at SSD. This culturally oriented program is also in the midst of significant changes that Utz believes will result in positive outcomes for students.

“In addition to other cultural programming, Twilight will continue to support Indian Education as that program undergoes some reconstruction. We are excited about new partnerships, and continuing to honor our communi-

ty’s cultural heritage,” Utz said.

There still remain a few challenges to address as the school year approaches in the implementation of the “new” after school programs at SSD.

“We have not been able to hire the part-time staff we need to work our programs. We have set up temporary staffing to be able to get rolling this year, so we will still be able to run our programs,” Utz stated. “We do need to hire permanent staff though, and if anyone is interested in a position with Twilight, or would like to volunteer, please contact us.”

Visit siuslaw.k12.or.us for more information or to ask how to get involved in volunteering or saving the CCLC grant program.

“We are hopeful that the Title IVB grants will be saved, but won’t know until next winter,” Utz said. “If they are, we will apply. If not, we will be pulling together partnerships and other funding to continue our after school programs.”

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A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Sept. 2

Florence area
florencechamber.com

Friends of the Library Book Sale
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Florence Area Democratic Club Meeting
11 a.m.
Open to public
Florence Senior Center

Sept. 3

Friends of the Library Book Sale
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Sept. 6

Van Fans Lunch
11:45 a.m. check in
Noon lunch — \$8.50
The Shorewood
541-999-0779

Sept. 7

Lane County Community Meeting
Regarding Transfer of Ocean Woods Park to the City of Florence
6 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library
541-682-2001

Sept. 8-10

10th annual Rods ‘n’ Rhodies
5th annual Community Wide Garage Sale

Sept. 8

Florence MS Support Group
Second Friday
For info, contact 541997-8205 or 541-999-1608

Sept. 9

“Spirit of the Northwest” Clay Mask Challenge Class
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration required
Florence Senior Center
541-991-3760

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour
3-5 p.m.
Open to public
Various locations around Florence
2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com

Writers on the River “Midnight in Florence” Literary Salon
6-8 p.m.
Open to public
FRAA Art Center
CJReditor@gmail.com
541-708-2120.

Four Shillings Short Family Concert
6-8 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

“Drag Me to Neverland” An All-Ages Drag Show with Fanny Rugburn
8 p.m.
Tickets required — \$12
Class Act Theatre

Sept. 11

SAPPSA meeting
3:30 p.m. at the
Open to the public
Siuslaw Public library
sappsa@oregonfast.net

Sept. 12

Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support Group
5-7 p.m.
Open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
541-999-4239

Sept. 13

Town Hall Meeting with PeaceHealth
Noon
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Sept. 15

Coastal Women Veterans Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Register at 541-997-4403 or ncoughlan@aol.com
Jerry’s Place
88274 Rhododendron Drive

Sept. 17

“Spirit of the Northwest” Clay Mask Challenge Class
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration required
Florence Senior Center
541-991-3760

Celebrate Siuslaw Salmon Fundraiser
with Siuslaw Watershed Council
5:30-9 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center
541-268-3044

Sept. 19

“Medicare Made Clear” Educational Event
10 a.m.
Open to the public
Florence Senior Center

Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support Group
Noon to 1 p.m.
Open to public
Ichiban Restaurant
541-999-4239

Rhododendron Society “Rhodies 101”
6:30 p.m.
Open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
541-997-3082, www.siuslawars.org

Sept. 20

Kiwanis 3-2-1 Club Introduction
6 p.m.
Open to public
Beachcomber Pub

Sept. 21

Peace Harbor Volunteers Meeting, Lunch
11:30 a.m.
RSVP to womangolfer7@gmail.com or 541-902-1368 by Sept. 14
Florence Events Center

Sept. 22

“Spirit of the Northwest” Clay Mask Challenge Class
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration required
Florence Senior Center
541-991-3760

Sept. 27

“Spirit of the Northwest” Clay Mask Challenge Show
Noon-7 p.m.
Open to public to view/auction
Florence Events Center
541-991-3760

Sept. 29-30

Florence Festival of Books

Words on the Coast Writers Conference

Sept. 29

King and Queen of Pop Student Vocal Showcase
7 p.m.
Open to public
Class Act Theatre

Sept. 30

Jason Wood Untucked
8 p.m.
Tickets required — \$12
Class Act Theatre

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