

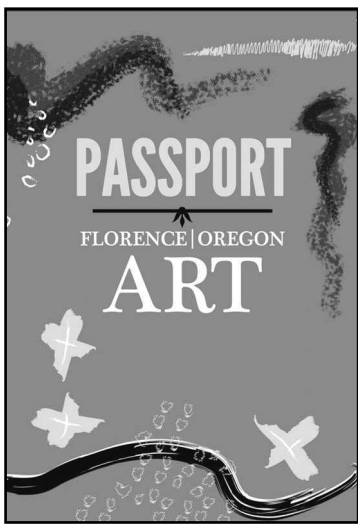
GENERAL NEWS

LEARNING TO FLY — PART II

Florence Aviation Academy students achieve liftoff on final day of class

Go on a voyage with the Florence Passport to the Arts

Florence is blooming with the arts! In honor of this, community arts organizations and the Siuslaw News created the Florence Passport to the Arts, directing community members



101; Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St.; BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, 2285 Highway 101, or any of the participating locations. From there, they can visit the Passport locations to get stickers

and visitors to the many locations of galleries and public art in the Florence area.

Art increases the livability, human interaction and artistic richness of the city by making art a permanent part of the environment and a legacy for future generations.

The Florence Art Passport is your ticket to discover and explore the arts.

People can pick up an Art Passport at the Florence Visitor's Center, 290 Highway

to complete the Passport. Entry forms are due by March 31, 2018, and will be entered into a drawing for exciting gifts from local artists and businesses.

There are many art locations to discover in the area. People will be able to share their experiences on social media using #FlorenceArtPassport.

Get out there and explore the arts with the Art Passport as your guide.

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Special to the Siuslaw News

(Editor's Note: From Aug. 14 to 25, Florence pilots Sam Spayd and Terry Tomeny opened the Florence Aviation Academy to 13 Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County teens. In Part I, one of those students gave a first-hand account of flying radio-controlled planes and drones. Here, he talks about flying for the first time.)

It was a clear Friday morning, and I had already got nervous. The instructors told us the day before we would be making our own radio calls during our flights. I almost forgot how to do them, but Mr. Tomeny handed us a sheet with all the necessary calls.

Then came the group pickings. I was put into the last group, so that gave me time to relax.

When we came over to the five planes at Florence Municipal Airport that would be flown, we got to choose which plane we wanted to fly. I chose the Cessna 172 as my plane, because of the design of the craft and paint scheme.

During our waiting time, we toured the Oregon Coast Military Museum, which was right next door. Inside the museum were old items from World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and more. Even a tiny movie theater was in there, showing documentaries of wars from the past.

Soon it was my turn to fly. I got into the cockpit of the plane with the pilot and we went through safety procedures and began taxiing. I braced myself for anything bad to come.

We hit the runway and picked up speed. I was ready.

Then, we floated. It felt like a ship on the sailing seas of the sky.

The view was beautiful. Down below, cars looked way slower, appearing to only go 20 mph on the highway.

My pilot told me to look ahead and I could see the Sisters Mountains — and they were more than 90 miles away! Vision must've improved for me, as I cannot see the Sisters from the ground.

As we reached the lighthouse, I made my first radio call. Then, as we turned toward Mapleton, something epic happened. I was given the chance to fly a life-sized plane, the Cessna 172, across the skies. I slowly grabbed the yoke and took control.



COURTESY PHOTO

(Above) Three planes line up at Florence Municipal Airport for the Florence Aviation Academy's flight day. (Right) Ramiro Ramirez (far right) waits to fly his first plane with fellow Boys and Girls of Western Lane County clubmember Ethan Aaron and Chuck Trent, former director of the club.



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Then I knew that there was nothing to fear about flying. I was on a floating ship of the skies.

As we came to Mapleton, I had to follow the Siuslaw River all the way to the old railroad bridge. I slowly and carefully turned the yoke to the right, and it was a success. I then enjoyed flying even more, and, to make things better, it was easy.

I aligned the plane to fly exactly over Highway 126 all the way to the old bridge. When we reached the bridge, the pilot had me turn to the left towards an island I had never heard of in Siltcoos Lake. On the way, I saw a landscape of hills with chopped down trees out my window.

Soon, we reached the island, and turned to the right. For an extra challenge, I had to turn while making a radio call at the same time. It turned out perfect. I had proven to myself I could multitask while in the skies.

We then headed up north on the beach. We watched the cars roll down Highway 101, the buggies jump the dunes and the waves roll on the ocean.

Florence looked a lot smaller up in the air as we flew back to the airport.

It was then time to land. The pilot and I lined up to the runway, and we landed.

From there, we celebrated the gradua-

tion of the academy students in the hangar, and my parents were waiting. We talked about how the flight went.

I finally knew how it felt like to be a bird up in the skies. It also served as a little preparation for me, as I will soon be taking an international flight on a commercial airline.

When the test scores came back, Logan got the highest score on the test. As a reward, he got to fly on the Aero Legends Stearman biplane with Mr. Tomeny. We watched him take off, and see him set for the skies.

After he landed, we got our rewards for completing the course. We each got a certificate, wings with a seal, a challenge coin and a picture of all of us that was taken from a drone earlier in the course. It was a great celebration, with a barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Florence Aviation Academy was something I came into with uncertainty and fear, but now I find flying interesting.

Now, with this knowledge of aviation, I can learn to fly. This is something that everyone should try.

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Soroptimist annual Rose Sale tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for The Soroptimist Club of Florence Annual Rose Sale.

"The sale has been held

since 1973, just because there are many people in our lives who deserve recognition for make our lives better," said Rose Sale Chairperson Jo Hine, "This is a great chance to let them know how much they are appreciated."

Tickets are \$20 for a dozen roses which will be hand delivered locally on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The sale is one of the

Florence Soroptimist's major fund raising projects for the year.

Proceeds support their mission of improving the lives of women and girls in the Florence area.

Ongoing projects include: Christmas Food and Toy baskets, Human Trafficking Seminars, Scholarships for the Rhododendron Court, Live

Your Dream Awards, monetary support of Siuslaw Outreach Services & Senior meal program, support for the Siuslaw Girls Volleyball and numerous other community projects.

To purchase tickets, contact any Soroptimist member, call Hine at

541-997-2233 or email her at siflorence@soroptimist.net

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THE BIG SICK R 119 MIN - Romantic comedy returns!	3:30 PM 8:40 PM	3:30 PM 8:40 PM	1:00 PM 6:10 PM	1:30 PM 6:50 PM	4:20 PM	1:00 PM	4:20 PM
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND PG 137 MIN - New re-release celebrating the 40 th Anniversary of this Steven Spielberg classic!	6:15 PM	12:30 PM 6:15 PM	3:20 PM	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
HOME AGAIN PG-13 120 MIN - "Meyers-Shyer's cheerfully low-key debut offers proof that someone making movies understands what Hollywood has in Reese Witherspoon." Village Voice	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	1:25 PM 4:00 PM 6:35 PM 9:10 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:40 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:40 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:40 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:40 PM
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KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE R 141 MIN - PREVIEW! Colin Firth returns							7:00 PM
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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE CO: TITUS ANDRONICUS - 205 MIN - Encore!		11:00 AM					
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN 200 MIN - "Daniel Radcliffe and the equally brilliant Joshua McGuire co-star, a witty firework of a tragicomedy by Sir Tom Stoppard." Telegraph						6:00 PM	

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