

# SCHOOL ZONE

A Monthly Newsletter for the Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts and Community Groups

## SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT

January is National School Board Appreciation Month

### MAPLETON SCHOOL BOARD

The five members of the Mapleton School Board answer a short survey about their time serving the needs of the district and its students.

For more information, visit [www.mapleton.k12.or.us](http://www.mapleton.k12.or.us) or call the Mapleton School District Office at 541-268-4312.

What prompted you to run for the board or get involved?

I attended Mapleton Schools from first to 12th grade. I got a great education and a great experience. I want to ensure that same great education and experience is available for all current students. In addition, as a life-long member of the Mapleton community, I have a loyalty to the people and place. I want to help our community and people as best I can; working on the school board is one small thing I can do.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing your district?

The challenges facing the school are the same as those facing our community.

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Mizu Burruss  
Board Vice Chair

What prompted you to run for the board or get involved?

I thought I could positively contribute to the complexion of the board at that time and thereby positively affect our students experience at Mapleton.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing your district?

Because Oregon schools receive funding from the state, we are dependent on the state's funding formula, which doesn't satisfy the particular needs of our rural district. The lack of stable funding continues to plague us. I look forward to a time when we are choosing which courses to add to our curriculum as the state prioritizes the needs of its children.

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Michelle Holman

What prompted you to run for the board or get involved?

I have been in the Mapleton area for 64 years. My wife and I graduated from Mapleton High School in 1970. We have also been involved in the district through our daughter's education at Mapleton. Our daughters also graduated from MHS. I coached the jr. high and assisted with the high school girls basketball teams. I also coached the high school football team as a defensive coach. When our youngest daughter graduated, the board had an opening and I joined the board as stated above. I believe in the community and education system at Mapleton and wanted to be a part of it.

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Carl West  
Board Chairman

## Students offer 'Fresh Impressions'



Mapleton High School artists



Siuslaw High School artists

High school art students from Mapleton and Siuslaw high schools, as well as family members and other guests, attended an awards reception Jan. 17 at Florence Events Center, titled "Fresh Impressions."

Fresh Impressions is presented annually by the Friends of the FEC and the FEC Gallery Committee. The purpose of this exhibit is to encourage and support youth in their creative endeavors. Thanks to the guidance of art Instructors Kim Pickell, from Siuslaw High School, and Jessi Nelson, from Mapleton High School, visitors could see artwork of high quality, variety and originality. The student's artwork will be on display in Galleries One and Five at the FEC during the month of January.



Artists from Mapleton and Siuslaw high schools

At the Awards Reception, all students were honored with a Certificate of Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Art. Additionally, awards were presented for first, second, third and honorable mention.

#### Mapleton High School

- 1st – Ceyara Overton
- 2nd (tie) – Andy Riggs and Vladimyr Schwertfeger
- 3rd – Malana Dollman
- Honorable Mention – Emily Stevens

#### Siuslaw High School

- 1st – Lainey Goss
- 2nd – Davina Galli
- 3rd – Nina Rollin
- Honorable Mention (tie) – Geri Brooks and Elissa Hurley
- The Gallery Committee chose award recipients based on the following criteria:

art that catches the eye; displays a good understanding of composition and technique; and is innovative in concept medium or style.

Special thanks to the individuals and businesses that helped make this event possible: Florence Events Center and staff; Friends of the FEC and the Gallery Committee; Frames of Florence; Rosie's Art Carnival; BeauxArts Fine Art Materials; Domino's Pizza and the Committee on Random Acts of Kindness.

## LCC HOSTS FREE PERSONAL PROTECTION WORKSHOP

Lane Community College Florence Center will be offering a free one-day personal protection workshop on Friday, Feb. 23. Participants can attend one, two or all three sections of the workshop, which includes:

#### Sexual Assault Awareness Training 10 to 11:20 a.m.

Attendees will be given instruction on how to reduce the chances of sexual assaults and harassment; the class will talk about dating, daily activities, alcohol/date rape drugs, stalking and stalking-like behavior, confidence, strategy and good habits. It will also talk about what to do if the worst happens and what the Public Safety and police response will be.

#### Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

The Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness presentation was put together with the goal of helping people out of abusive relationships, recognizing abusive relationships (whether it's their own relationship or a friend's/family member). This class will provide information on warning signs of abuse, what abuse is, making a plan to get away safely and resources around the college and the community (both emergency and legal). It will also include information about restraining orders and stalking orders and provide handouts on resources and safety planning.

#### Basic Self-Defense Training 1 to 4 p.m.

During this 3-hour class, attendees will be led through a series of warmup exercises to help loosen up and prevent injury. Participants will be instructed on proper methods to perform a variety of strikes and escape techniques. Be sure to wear loose-fitting clothing. Participants will be monitored as they practice their new skills on strike bags and assistants. In addition to hands-on exercises, participants will learn about personal safety in parking lots, including situational awareness, walking confidently and with head held high and having keys in hand, ready to open a car door or be used to protect oneself.

To register for any or all classes in the workshop, come in to the Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., call 541-997-8444 or visit [www.lanec.edu/ce](http://www.lanec.edu/ce) and click "browse our current class schedule" to register online.

## SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

Be a part of School Zone, a monthly newsletter for students in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

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