

# SIUSLAW

## STEP awards student for her salmon song

By Mike Frankhouser  
STEP member

Siuslaw Elementary School student Mackenzie Ramsey was honored by STEP (Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program) for a song that she composed, called "Goodbye Salmon Song." Ramsey sang it to Florence STEP members on the day they picked up hatched fish from Siuslaw Elementary School to take to Munsel Creek for release in November.

Ramsey was presented with a STEP patch, a STEP bumper sticker and a \$25 gift certificate at Subway Sandwiches.

"After years of involvement in the STEP Fish to Fry program, this is the first time a student has spent



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the time to compose something to show their understanding and appreciation of the program. We in STEP thought that this deserved some recognition," said STEP member Mike Frankhouser. "Many thanks to Mackenzie." — Submitted by Diane McCalmont

From left, third-grade teacher Dolly Greene, student Mackenzie Ramsey, STEP member Mike Frankhouser, STEP board member Skip Rosenbalm and Florence STEP Fish To Fry Program Leader Terry Talbot.

Goodbye Salmon Song  
By Mackenzie Ramsey

Goodbye Salmon — we know you so well, you were so well  
You're going home. I hope you travel to Nome.  
Goodbye salmon, you can swim to your home stream  
Like a lightning beam.  
Jump so high in the sky. The people see you while they're eating pie.  
Even though you have no ears, you have a strong sense of smell.  
At least you don't have a fence.  
You will eat bugs, not like people, not like slugs.  
You will travel through the ocean  
Where the sky and water meet  
From a single wave is God's beat.  
You will fill the earth with care.  
Goodbye Salmon!

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

# Lainey Goss

## — Advanced Pottery

BY AUDREY LOWDER  
Siuslaw High School Student



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Lainey Goss was selected as this month's artist of the month by Mrs. Kim Pickell. Lainey is the daughter of proud parents Trisha Holden and Brian Goss. She is currently a senior at Siuslaw High School.

Lainey enjoys being in pottery because she can "make what I want to make. It's a good, relaxing way to start the day."

The atmosphere of Advanced Pottery is "really nice, it's relaxed. I sit with my friends and just work on pottery," says Lainey.

Her favorite project was "a really big coil vessel [she made] last year."

She said it was two feet tall. "Pottery is my favorite," she said. "I like painting too, and drawing and reading. Just lots of little things."

Lainey likes that "Mrs. Pickell is just super nice, she's supportive, and she's always willing to help out if I need help."

Lainey plans to attend OSU honors college.

"The summer before I go I'm probably going to go to London for a study abroad program," she said.

Lainey wants to be a doctor, so she is majoring in bio health sciences and then plans to go into pre-med after that.

If you wish to see more of Lainey, keep your eye on Siuslaw Track and Field, which will begin its season near the end of February.

"Being creative is not a hobby. It's a way of life." —Unknown

## Geography Bee tests knowledge of the world



Siuslaw Elementary School 2018 National Geography Bee Finalists



Finalists in the 2018 National Geographic Society's Geography Bee at Siuslaw Elementary School and Siuslaw Middle School competed Jan. 18 at each school.

At SES, those competing for the championship were: fifth-graders Dylan Jensen, Joel Sissel, RJ Johnston, Rhianna Lane, Macali Lade, Maya Wells, Jack Clinton, Daniel Gorbett and Kaden Wood.

At SMS, those competing for the championship were: sixth-graders Samuel Castle and Andrew Jenson-Norman; seventh-graders Owen Harklerode and Jeff Edman; and eighth-graders Harrison Huebner, Camp Lacouture, Izayah Degitz and Chad Hughes.

All of these students scored highly in the preliminary qualifying round: 25 moderately hard multiple-choice questions offered to all fourth- through eighth-grade students. The top students from the elementary and middle schools were declared finalists.

The winners at Siuslaw Elementary School were: third place Joel Sissel, second place Rhianna Lane and first place Jack Clinton.

The winners at Siuslaw Middle School were: third place Andrew Jenson-Norman, second place Harrison Huebner and first place Chad Hughes.

Both Clinton and Hughes will now take the state qualifying test to see if they will be able to compete in the state finals. Congratulations to all of the participants!



Siuslaw Middle School 2018 National Geography Bee Finalists

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Edward and Delores Wilson  
Veronica Zecchini and Tom Jackson

## SMS Knowledge Bowl Team competes

On Jan. 17, members of the Siuslaw Middle School Knowledge Bowl, consisting of 11 seventh- and eighth-grade students, traveled to Coos Bay for a competition.

Siuslaw students were broken up into three teams for this competition. Other schools competing were Brookings, North Bend, Port Orford and Coquille.

In Knowledge Bowl, students work in teams of three or four against teams from other schools, answering various academic-based questions in math, science, language arts and social studies.

The three teams from Siuslaw placed 1st, 3rd and 4th, their best showing of the year.

The Siuslaw team that won

the tournament consisted of seventh-grader Ian Sissel and eighth-graders Chad Hughes and Beau Erickson.

The next scheduled competition is Feb. 14, again in Coos Bay.

At the final match in march, the competition will be for a league championship trophy.

Way to go Viks!!! — Submitted by Patrick Wondra

## GOOOOOOOOAL

BY RAMIRO RAMIREZ  
Siuslaw High School Student

Most of us know what soccer is — a world-famous game that involves 11 players on each team trying to kick a ball into the net. "GOOOOOOOOOOAL" goes the field when their team gets the point. In celebration for the upcoming 2018 FIFA World Cup and the return of the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association, I will share soccer stories about watching a World Cup match and an experience I had with my soccer team.

In the summer of 2011, there was a match between the teams of the U.S. and Mexico. My entire family rooted for Mexico, but I decided to support my country, and root for the U.S. instead. I remembered USA won the last time these two teams met, so I knew that Mexico would be a fairly easy team to beat. But that all changed on this day.

We were off to a good start. Two points for the US and none for Mexico, but little did I know things would turn around for the rest of the match.

Somewhere around the halfway point, Mexico finally scored its first point. I was disappointed of this but kept my chin up since we were still leading, but then, GOOOOOOOOOOAL.

Another point for Mexico. Now the teams were tied. I knew that it would be "game over" if Mexico scored a third goal, because the team got its goals in a short matter of time, while the U.S. got its two goals in a longer time. Finally, at the end of the match, Mexico won 4-2. From

that day on, I had to wish the U.S. team good luck for the next time the two countries met.

More locally, I have wished there was a soccer club I could join ever since I started playing soccer at a young age. My wish came true in the fall of 2016, when a group of volunteers formed the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association, and I decided to take advantage of the opportunity. I was placed with the +14 group, a group that mostly consisted of high schoolers.

When I first started out, I thought I would be one of the players that wasn't the greatest, but not the worst either. After the group deciding soccer match, I felt good, and I knew that I would get better as the season progressed. After a few practices, the first game arrived. I was placed as a midfielder, and I knew that I would need to work harder if I wanted to play forward. All that game, I worked as a team player to help set up our team's goals.

When the next game arrived, I was placed as a forward. I knew that it would be a privilege to be placed in the position, and I made some good strategies.

In my first game of being a forward, I failed to make goals, but that did not stop me from trying hard. In the third game, I finally prevailed, as I put myself in just the right spot for a corner kick to score.

After working hard on my shots, kicks and passes, I was becoming better than just kick-

ing the ball to no one. I made the most goals in my ninth game — a total of three. They were all made by being in the right place, sprinting down to the other side, and having focus.

There were times where I would have to beat a player that looked six feet tall in order to get to the field. Even though it was intimidating, I did not let that get into my way of scoring. I would just sprint as hard as I could and try my hardest to beat every player beside me. When the season ended, I made 10 goals, more than I thought I could make.

The Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association was a team for me, and it helped me build friendships among my teammates, and taught us that we can't score alone. We need someone to be there to pass the ball to us, and sometimes retreat it to them. Playing soccer with the association helped me build stamina, agility, speed and accuracy while being fun as well.

When watching soccer matches, you can feel like you are part of the action going on the field. You can feel the pressure on the players, the power of their shots and the amount of speed they carry to the other side of the field. Think of how amazing it feels to be the one playing.

The upcoming 2018 Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association Spring season is almost here, and sign ups begin in March. I will be coming back for another season of soccer, and I encourage you to sign up as well.