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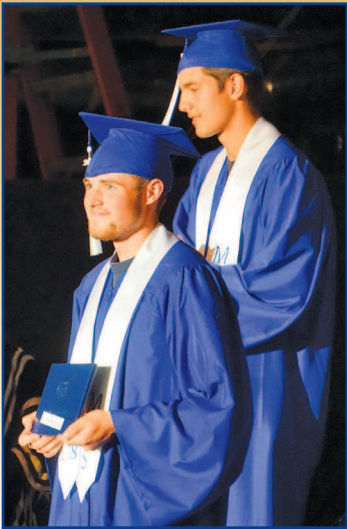


“High school has brought some of the most memorable times in my life. It wasn’t always fun, but I made so many memories and good friends in the last four years. It was all worth it. ... I’m ready for the new memories in the new chapter of my life.”
— Tanner Wilson, Mapleton High School Valedictorian

Hundreds of community members attended the 2018 Siuslaw and Mapleton high school graduations last weekend. Of Siuslaw’s 93 graduating seniors, who walked in a ceremony on June 8, Principal Kerri Tatum said, “This group is special because they are a very kind group. The care they show for each other and those around them is unparalleled. They also led the school as a solid unit, winning Spirit Week three years in a row.” On June 9, five Mapleton seniors graduated in a smaller ceremony, filled in a big way by picture slideshows created by the graduates themselves. Mapleton School District Superintendent Jodi O’Mara said, “I am so proud of each of our five graduating seniors. They worked hard and deserved to celebrate their accomplishments through graduation.” — See more photos page A12

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Attack of the crows

Annual nesting leads to reports of crow assaults in Old Town Florence

BY JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

As tourists begin to descend on the scenic avenues of Historic Old Town Florence this June, so too do the crows, swooping down on unsuspecting pedestrians in what can often be described as a terrifying attack.

“During the last couple of weeks, we have received reports from citizens about crow attacks in Old Town, particularly in the Laurel Street area between Bay and First streets,” Florence Public Works Director Mike Miller said. “The increased activity suggests eggs have hatched and some of the chicks may even be fledging from the nest, making parents especially aggressive because their young can’t fly yet and are helpless on the ground for a day or two.”

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BANNERS YET WAVE

Local Kiwanians, businesses keep flags flying all year

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Thursday, June 14, is Flag Day. This day of national recognition commemorates the adoption of the flag as the symbol of the United States of America by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. While celebrated nationally, Flag Day is not a Federal Holiday.

Florence has a long-standing tradition of proudly displaying the American flag on streets and sidewalks throughout town on this day, with local groups, in particular the Florence Kiwanis Club, coordinating the distribution and placement of flags around Florence.

Tomorrow, and on many nationally and locally recognized holidays, Highway 101 and Bay Street will have block after block of striking red, white and blue flags moving smoothly with the ever-changing breezes.

Each of those flags has been sponsored by a local business or individual that contributes \$30 to Kiwanis’ Flag Program Fund.



The development of the current flag program is the result of work by many individuals. This year, approximately 450 flags will be displayed and picked up by six to eight teams, working from before dawn to after sunset. One of those teams will be led by one individual that has been most closely associated with the Flag Day program over the years, Kiwanian Steve Olienyk.

Steve took the fledgling flag program under his wing in the late 1980s and helped to transform it into the robust effort we see today.

Steve’s daughter Lori recounts the growth of the program.

“Back then, the local American Legion was in desperate need of volunteers to put out flags. There were around 35 flags scattered along Highway 101. Steve wanted to see the flag program grow, so he began talking to fellow banker Lonnie Iholts about Kiwanis possibly becoming involved,” Lori said. “At that time, Kiwanis was looking to promote a patriotic program to serve Florence.

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New waste removal fees take effect July 1

BY MARK BRENNAN
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There is no question that the majority of residents of Florence support recycling. In a survey taken last year, nearly 80 percent of residents wanted and were willing to pay for a comprehensive recycling program.

Unfortunately, the specifics of what can be recycled at this time in the Florence area remains confusing to many local consumers. There has been a wider realization over the past year, in Florence and around the world, of the growing amount of plastic related waste making its way into the planets rivers, oceans and landfills. These materials are now being detected in all types of sea creatures and in land-based food chains, creating the potential for long term impacts for humans.

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