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‘Domestic violence affects everyone’



Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) held a march Sunday afternoon in Historic Old Town Florence to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence. Dozens of community members walked from the Veteran’s Park down Bay Street to the boardwalk at the Port of Siuslaw. SOS Executive Director Bob Teter shared statistics on instances of domestic violence in Florence with marchers before the group recognized the victims of domestic violence with a moment of silence. “SOS has been serving victims of domestic violence in the Florence area since 1986. Last year, we provided services to 299 victims of domestic violence, including both male and female, children and seniors,” he said. “Domestic violence affects everyone.”

Art at the heart

5th annual demARTS celebrates National Arts & Humanities Month

By Mark Brennan
Siuslaw News

Florence is a community with art in and at its heart. There are hundreds of artists in the area working in a wide variety of media and displaying their work in galleries and lobbies all over the region.

Part of the reason for the abundance of artists on the central Oregon coast is the spectacular natural beauty of the area. The other part is the thriving arts ecosystem that supports the area’s creative population.

The culture’s acceptance, appreciation and support for art and the artist is recognized on a national stage during the month of October, which Congress has designated National Arts and Humanities month. Established in 1993, the designation was meant to encourage Americans of all ages to explore art and the humanities in their local communities, as well as statewide and nationally. It has become the nation’s most attended collection of yearly art events.

In recognition of October’s focus on arts and humanities, the Siuslaw Public Library is holding its fifth annual demARTS event on Saturday, Oct. 6. DemARTS was envisioned as an opportunity for working artists to share the pleasure and satisfaction of creating art with members of the public.

“The idea came from Mary Colgan-Bennetts, who is such a champion for public art,” said Siuslaw Public Library Director Meg Spencer about the library’s circulation supervisor. “What she wanted to do was bring together as many artists as she could over the course of a single day, to really let people see what it takes to make art.”

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JUST WON’T QUIT

8th annual Florence Festival of Books features new works, 70 authors

STORY & PHOTOS
By Chantelle Meyer
Siuslaw News

Florence Festival of Books hosted 70 authors and publishers at the Florence Events Center on Sept. 28 and 29, including an Author’s Panel and Keynote Address.

New York Times Best-selling Author Amy Stewart spoke about her newest work, “Miss Kopp Just Won’t Quit,” released Sept. 11, at the 2018 Florence Festival of Books Keynote Address. Held at the Florence Events Center on Sept. 28 and 29, the book festival brought together writers, publishers and community members to celebrate the written word on the physical page.

Stewart is the author of The Kopp Sisters novels, a series about the real-life exploits of

the first female sheriff’s deputy in Paterson, N.J., and her two sisters. Stewart came to Florence as part of her book tour, where she is talking about her novels, her creative nonfiction and her path to becoming a popular author across the U.S.

With The Kopp Sisters in particular, Stewart is adept at using historical research on actual people in her fiction works.

During the Q&A session on Sept. 29, one person asked Stewart, “What is your hope for young women today?”

Stewart said her hope involved young women running for office and rising up — in short, doing the impossible that women like Constance Kopp were able to achieve through dedication, persistence and relying on their own resources.

Stewart has plans for more books in the series, and Amazon has greenlit a possible TV series based on her works.

“There is much more to come from The Kopp Sisters,” she said.

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Groups organize march to support immigrant rights

By Mark Brennan
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One of the most polarizing issues facing voters on the Oregon ballot this November is Measure 105. This measure seeks public support to repeal the state law, Oregon Revised Statute 181A.820, which forbids state agencies, including law enforcement, from using state resources or personnel to detect or apprehend persons whose only violation of the law is that of federal immigration law.

Oregon’s sanctuary law was passed in 1987 in response to racial profiling of immigrants by local, state, and federal law enforcement working together. The sanctuary law started out as Oregon House Bill 2314, which passed in the House on Feb. 20, 1987, with 54 yes votes to 3 no votes. The bill passed the Senate with amendments by a vote of 29-1.

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Suspect apprehended in stabbing attack on Florence woman

STAFF REPORT
Siuslaw News

On Sunday evening, Sept. 30, at 7:24 p.m., the Lane County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a stabbing near the Walton Post Office in Walton, Ore., along Highway 126.

The victim, a 42-year-old female of Florence who has yet to be identified, was transported to Eugene to receive medical attention for multiple stab wounds. The suspect, identified as 56-year-old David Lucius,



David Lucius

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