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Siuslaw’s 2nd
Color-a-Thon raises
more than \$10,000

Siuslaw School District held a Color-a-Thon on Saturday at Siuslaw Middle School, where more than 450 students and community members ran or walked a 5K among clouds of thrown and sprayed colored powder. Thanks to registration fees and business sponsorships, the district was able to raise \$10,508.45 with the event. Florence Community PTA held a similar event in 2016. “It was awesome, and such a great community experience,” said this year’s organizer, Crystal Osburn. Because of those community partnerships, every kid who wanted to was able to run in the Color-a-Thon and experience getting covered in colorful powder. According to Osburn, Oregon’s rain helped with most of the cleanup. For more photos, see Page 12A.



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Community engagement at the city level

Florence seeks up to 39 people
to step into revised committees

The Florence City Council met on Monday night for a regular session, the last public meeting before the election drew to a close. Among the contests in yesterday’s election was two seats for the council: the positions currently held by Woody Woodbury, who was appointed in January, and Susy Lacer, whose four-year term ends in December. During the public comment period, Florence resident Sally Wantz stepped forward to speak. “I want to thank each and every one of you,” she said to the five members of the council seated on the dais before her. “I want to thank you for your service. ... You’ve put forth the work and I appreciate all you’ve done.”

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NOV. 6 GENERAL ELECTION

Readers looking for results from the Nov. 6 General Election will find them in Saturday’s print edition of the Siuslaw News. Results were made public last night beginning at 8 p.m., after the paper’s print deadline, but an updated tally can be found online at www.TheSiuslawNews.com. Lane County Elections will continue to provide updates on the results until all ballots are processed.

HISTORIC CEMETERY EXPERIENCES A LITTLE ‘KINDNESS’

Kindness Club member restores headstones at Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery

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“I think it’s important because they could get forgotten if they’re just covered in stuff and no one would know they are there,” Emma Meier said about cleaning headstones at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery. Emma, who is a 10-year-old fourth-grader at Siuslaw Elementary School, began cleaning headstones for a school project. Along with the help of Emma’s mother Nicole, who is a kindergarten aide at the school, classmates, teachers and other volunteers, Emma and her cohorts ended up cleaning and restoring 25 of the 300 headstones at the cemetery, which was established in 1883. But Emma and Nicole aren’t stopping there. Once they began cleaning the headstones, they found that more work needed to be done at the historic cemetery. With luck and support, they



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Emma Meier, above, in glasses, decided to help restore headstones at Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery as part of a Siuslaw Elementary School Kindness Club project she began with family and friends.

hope to clean and restore all of the headstones in the Siuslaw region. The project began from an idea for Siuslaw School District’s Kindness Club, headed by teacher Shannon Graham. “We do community projects,” Emma said. “Kindness Club is for kind people. It’s for elementary students.” “And some middle school to do mentoring,” Nicole added. The Kindness Club was a good fit for Emma, “Because I’m kind,” she said. “And responsible,” Nicole added. Emma smiled and nodded her head, saying, “I follow the rules.” Helping others in the community is important to the Meiers for a variety of reasons. “I do it because I like to — being nice and helping people,” Emma said. “You do it so you can help them.”

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