

SIUSLAW



Siuslaw's Color-a-Thon just around the corner

Siuslaw School District is putting on the third annual Color-a-Thon Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Starting from Siuslaw Middle School, the Color-a-Thon will feature a 5K run/walk.

"The whole community is invited to come out a get colorful with us," said Crystal Osburn, who works at Siuslaw Elementary and is heading up this year's Color-a-Thon planning. "Rain or shine, we're going to have

a color blast!"

As participants of the event wind their way through the course, they will be doused in non-toxic color powder, and finish the course looking as if they've just run through a rainbow.

Funds raised from the Color-a-Thon will help provide resources not funded through the school budget.

"These 'extras' that this fundraising can help provide are intended to enhance academic and physical education for students in an effort to keep kids excited and engaged through all grades," said Osburn.

This year's event is supported by a number of local business sponsors, including: Aric Sneddon, Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate; Beauty by Brit at Salon Chic; Best for Hearing; Coast road construction; Dan Lewis Construction



LLC; Evergreen Concrete; Florence Eye Clinic; Jawesome Kids Resale; Johnny's Construction; Kaimana Bodyworks; Les Schwab Tires; Pest Tech; Recreation Station; River Cities Taxi; Scott Ryland Plumbing; Shervin's Tire and Automotive; Siuslaw CrossFit; Torrex ATV Rentals; and Wildflower Montessori.

In addition, donations are being collected by Siuslaw students.

Anyone from the community is invited to participate and can pick up a registration packet at Coastal Fitness or Siuslaw Elementary. Pre-register for only \$25 before Oct. 21, or day-of registration will be 30.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Andrew Austin — *Band*

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This month's Artist of the Month article focuses on an exemplary student in Siuslaw High School's bands. The spotlight shines on Andrew Austin, a senior at Siuslaw High School who has been involved with band since the fifth grade.

Andrew is now in zero-hour jazz band and first-hour symphonic band. He described the atmosphere of the classroom as very relaxed and friendly.

"It is nice to be in a group of peers that share the same passion for music," he said.

Andrew has a passion for helping other students with their music development. He finds it rewarding when he sees new, less experienced students grow, not only as musicians but as people.

He has recently taken it upon himself to assist Mr. Rowbotham with the younger bands during fourth- and fifth-hour over at Siuslaw Middle School.

In addition to band, Andrew shows a passion for engineering, computer science, poetry, writing and philosophy.



In fact, he is in the process of kickstarting a philosophy club at Siuslaw High. He also plays the guitar and piano and writes his own music.

After high school, he plans to immediately attend the Oregon Institute of Technology to study computer science. In the future, he hopes to combine his lifelong love of music with his newly found passion for technology. He hopes to do so by starting up his own company that specializes in music or audio production.

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Apply for scholarships with ASPIRE

The ASPIRE program at Siuslaw High School has begun its 12th year, helping students to pursue education and careers after high school. Founded by local educators Bou Kilgore and Patti Williams as a part of the statewide ASPIRE program, ASPIRE at Siuslaw High School has grown each year in the number of students served and the services provided.

About 15 volunteers work individually each year with 12th grade students who have chosen to participate in the program, guiding them through the process of deciding on career paths, completing college applications and applying for scholarships.

The ASPIRE program assisted students in applying

for local scholarships that totaled about \$240,000 this past year, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal, state and college grants.

ASPIRE volunteers also provide guidance and preparation for the SAT and ACT tests, assistance in finding volunteer opportunities in the community, and transportation to job fairs and other college and career preview events in Eugene, Salem, and beyond. ASPIRE volunteers work with students in all high school grade levels, encouraging students to plan ahead, get good grades, and consider their options after high school.

In middle school, students have the opportunity to visit several different Oregon

colleges and universities through the ASPIRE program.

ASPIRE is seeking volunteers who enjoy working with students and who appreciate the rewards of helping teenagers to make plans for life after high school. No specific background is required. Some volunteers give just a few hours a month, while others spend many hours each week working with individual students.

Local community members who may be interested in this important and rewarding opportunity are encouraged to contact ASPIRE by calling Bob Orr at 541-999-6181 or sending an email to aspire@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

Community

Spooky happenings on Halloween, Oct. 31

Trick or Treat in Old Town
Area merchants hand out candy 3 to 5 p.m.; open to families
Historic Old Town Florence

Trunk-or-Treat
Games, candy, visits by local first responders & free hot chocolate and apple cider
5 to 7 p.m.; open to families
Cross Road Assembly of God, 1380 10th St.

Howl-le-luia Party
Free carnival games, hotdogs, cake



walk & candy
6 to 8 p.m.; open to families
Florence Christian Church, 990 Second St.

Scare-CROW "Freak Show" Haunted Maze
6 to 9 p.m.; \$6 admission
CROW Center for Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101
Crowkids.com

Darlings Marina Halloween Party
Costume party with Halloween food, games and prizes
6 to 10 p.m.; open to public & kids
Darlings Marina & RV Resort, 4879 Darlings Loop

'Find Joy at Christmastime' with Holly Jolly Follies

Joy finds you when you least expect it. At least that's the way it is for one of the Holly Jolly Follies' beloved elf characters.

This season, Sarge (Mike Smith) feels a bit melancholy as he goes about his elf-duties at the North Pole. Then, suddenly he meets the lovely Joy Merriweather (Polly Fleming), and their lives both take a sharp turn toward holiday love and companionship.

This unexpected pair discover a storybook romance, as Sarge demonstrates once again that he is quite capable of saving Christmas. Get ready for goosebumps and warm fuzzies, amidst adorable songs and dances ... and an ugly sweater or two.

This year's Follies is jam packed with joy!

The Follies' poignant central theme was penned by local author, Rose Ellen Jacob-



Holly Jolly Follies returns in December with the love story of Sarge, played by Mike Smith, and Joy, Polly Fleming.

son, and the show is directed by CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard. Musical director will be Maree Beers and Genevieve Shahan will be assistant director.

A true variety show with performers of all ages, this year's Follies features many new and wonderful surprises, including vocal solos and duos, live musicians, comedic interludes, small and large group numbers, and CROW's stellar Flight Dance Team.

"There's lots of romance, comedy, and moments that make you go 'Aw!' in this

year's production," said Heard.

In addition, the "Tutu Dads" will shake their tailfeathers in a humorously choreographed piece that will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

"This is going to be the best Follies yet," Heard added. "Come support local arts and lose yourself in a really endearing story, just in time for the holidays!"

The 2019 Holly Jolly Follies will be presented at the Florence Events Center Dec. 6, 7 and 8, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m., and Sunday's matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for kids 12 and under.

Proceeds support scholarships for kids in the arts, and CROW's ongoing arts programming, including the Spring 2020 production of "Mary Poppins."

For more information, visit www.crowkids.com.