

SIUSLAW

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Layla Blakely — *Choir*



WRITTEN BY SHS STUDENT MOLLY MCGINLEY

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This month we focus on Siuslaw High School's choir program, directed by Bruce Morganti. Mr. Morganti has chosen senior Layla Blakely to represent choral music at Siuslaw High School.

"The atmosphere of the classroom is one of positivity and growth because Mr. Morganti pushes us to be the best we can while also being very supportive regardless of skill level," Layla said.

She is in sixth-period Gold Choir and seventh-period Blue Choir, where she says her fa-

vorite thing is, "getting to be around like-minded people while doing something I'm very passionate about."

For Layla, "the biggest takeaway choir has given me is focus."

Outside of the classroom, Layla loves to make art and write.

Her short-term goals are to get a job to save for college expenses and prepare herself for dorm life.

In the long run, Layla wants to lead a happy and comfortable life and pursue a career in editing.

IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME!



Elephants, Tigers & Books, OH MY

is the theme for this year's annual Scholastic Book Fair at Siuslaw Elementary School.

It's almost Scholastic Book Fair time, coming March 2 to 5. The elementary school library will be open for the public and families to come and purchase books and other items from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m., with a free dinner served up by the Florence Community PTA from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening.

See the newest and best books with your favorite characters and series.

It's time to celebrate the importance of Reading! Choose books you want to read.

People can help support Siuslaw's book fair and build their home libraries at the same time. It also helps to get more books into the Siuslaw Elementary Library and into classroom collections. Thank you in advance for your support.



SUPPORTING NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION

ADA Grange #570	Les Schwab Tire Center
Scott Anderson	Clarence & Nancy Lysdale
Thomas & Sharon Armstrong	Raymond & Deborah Manthe
Charles Asplund	Peggy McCullum
Della Ault	B. Mealer & S. Lacer
Louise Baas	Jack & Colleen Moore
Sondra & Dafydd Balston	Wallace & Sharon Morey
Virg & Pat Bechtold	Leo & Lynn Moyer
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Janet Catling	Larry Newman
Mark & Cynthia Chandler	Lanny & Roxy Nivens
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Diann Clark	Oregon Pacific Bank
James & Evelyn Cloyd	Alex & Karen Orobey
Mrs. Jan Crippen	Alfred & Joan Owens
Dea Cutting	Rachel & Paul Pearson
Denise Dee	Karen Peck
Bobbie Justet & Frances Dixon	Karen & Ty Perry
Britt & Tamara Dwyer	Raymond & Judy Plumery
Ivan & Diane Ellingson	Elizabeth Readle
Charlotte Evans	Richard Reece
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Florence Police Department	The Rhodes Family
Rhea Forum	River Cities Taxi & Rhody Express
Furby Family	Larry & Connie Rosenbalm
Chris & Catherine Giovinco	Debbie & Jacinto Salazar
The Girls Maintenance	Annie Schmidt
Leo & Connie Goddard	Ron & Mary Sherriffs
Becky Goehring	Roxy Shope
Alan & Deborah Golob	Siuslaw Glass & Mirror
Roger & Doris Guthrie	Siuslaw Marina
Bruce & Deborah Hadley	Franklin Spencer
Lon & Constance Harvey	Sylvia Stanton
Hoberg's Auto Repair	Leo & Shirley Stapleton
Sally Hodgdon	Linda Stent
The Hoffman Family	Alan & Debra Stevenson
Jawsome Kids Resale	Diana Strickland
Carol Jolley	G.D. & Marian Trueblood
Frankie & Harry Jorgensen	Charles & Karen Wade
Virginia Kelly	Norm Warden
Betty Kimball	Susan Weathers
Bob & Kay King	George & Frances Will
Anne Lathrop	Edward & Dolores Wilson
David & Rosemary Lauria	Rick & Jane Yecny
Ms. Mary Lehman	Sandra Young

Introducing the 2020 Rhody Court



The 2020 Rhododendron Senior Court is made up of Siuslaw students (back row): Princess Taylor Winona, Princess Shakina Grover, Princess Kelsey Larson, Princess Brooklyn Cahoon, (middle row) Princess Madelynn Levi, Prince Andrew Austin, Princess Chloe Madden and Princess Elizabeth Rosinbaum. two more senior princes may join the court. The 2020 Junior Court is made up of Siuslaw Elementary students (front row) Princess Farrah Baze, first grade; Princess Addison Stewart, second grade; Princess Abigail Hummel, third grade; Princess Rianna Weese, fourth grade; and Princess Emmy Center, fifth grade.

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 opportuni-

ty 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.