

# Sands of Time

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### Siuslaw Alumni Association Board Meeting and All-Class Reunion Banquet

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Three Rivers Casino  
& Hotel  
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Florence, Oregon

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### Celebrate with Siuslaw

Why do you attend the **Siuslaw Alumni Association (SAA) Board Meeting and All-Class Reunion and Scholarship Banquet**? To meet up with old classmates, meet your friends' grandchildren, visit Florence again or donate money to a good cause? Whatever the reason, Board President Mike Bones says, "It's a time to return and reconnect with fellow Siuslaw graduates. We also want to give back to our school, to help the adults of the future."

The most important reason we get together is to raise scholarship funds for Siuslaw students. Everything you donate and every raffle ticket you buy increases the amount of money we can offer these promising young people. When SAA first started, we gave a single \$500 scholarship. This year, we are able to donate two **\$3,500 scholarships**, thanks to you, our generous alumni.

Call the **Three Rivers Casino & Hotel** at **877-374-8377** by September 3 to make your room reservation. The block and the hotel will sell out so don't delay. It's so convenient to be able to walk down the hall to your room after dinner. Tell them you are with the Siuslaw Reunion to get the \$94 (+ tax) rate. You can also dry camp in the RV parking lot.

On **Saturday, September 10** meet us in the ballroom for no-host happy hour starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be three entry doors. Two are for pre-paid guests with two lines to pick up dinner tickets and name tags by last names A-L and M-Z. The third door is for pay-at-the-door, although it will cost you extra. Seating is limited. Please make every effort to **RSVP by September 3** so we have accurate counts for food, tables and chairs. Place the yellow *This Seat Reserved* tickets on your table and then you are free to mingle with friends and spend your raffle tickets. Don't forget to sign up for the no-host Sunday brunch.

Bring your cash! Strolling ticket sellers will have **raffle tickets** for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10 and 30 for \$20. Put your tickets into the bowl in front of the prizes you want to win. There is plenty of memorabilia on display (contact Curene to bring yours).

Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the board takes care of a little business. We will recognize milestone class reunions. The grand finale is the **raffle prize drawings**.

Please mail in your reservation form (included in this newsletter) today! **We'll see you on September 10!**

# 2016 Scholarship Recipients

Siuslaw Alumni Association Scholarships are given each year to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college and/or trade school. These scholarships are solely supported by donations to the Scholarship Fund and by all proceeds from the All-Class Reunion Banquet Raffle. For the year of 2016, we are pleased to announce two scholarships in the amount of **\$3,500** each.



**Hannah Bartlett**, a 4.0 student, will be attending George Fox University in Newberg and then transferring to Oregon State University to study physical therapy. While attending Siuslaw she was the Junior Class President, a member of the National Honor Society and participated in Leadership Class, Key Club and Interact Club.

Hannah organized a community-wide clothing drive for the needy with funds received going to the student body for a motivational speaker at the school.

She also found time for sports, playing on the softball team and being voted volleyball MVP this year.

**Mikaela Siegel** will be attending the University of Idaho in Moscow and plans on becoming a doctor. In school she was a member of the National Honor Society, involved with Key Club, Interact Club and also hosted a high school radio show.

She was very involved in activities to help her community including Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society, Florence Food Bank and a homeless shelter with Operation Christmas Child.

An accomplished athlete, Mikaela repeated as the 4A state girls 100-meter hurdles champion, was the state champion for cross country and got to run on the winning high school 4x400 relay team at the IAAF World Championships in Portland. She has been accepted as a walk-on at the UI for track & field.



We thank everyone for their continued support that makes the scholarships possible. We can all be very proud that our Alumni Scholarships are one of the largest to be awarded at Siuslaw.

## Siuslaw History

### Get a History Lesson in an Old Schoolhouse (with no tests!)

Looking to dig a little deeper into the history of Siuslaw schools, Florence or even your family tree? The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum's doors are open to all.

According to volunteer Joy McCourt '55, the Kyle Memorial Research Library has Siuslaw alumni scrapbooks that include school history, Gone But Not Forgotten articles, as well as school news stories from the year 2000 to present.

Everybody loves looking

through old yearbooks but if you've misplaced yours, the museum has the majority of them on file. Or if you are looking to off-load your collection, they are looking for the 1943, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 67, 96, 2012, 13, 14 and 15 editions.

The museum has extensive files on pioneer and prominent families, Rhododendron Festivals, businesses, buildings, organizations, schools, sports, boats and much more.

The museum operates from noon to 4 p.m. daily in the summer, Tuesday to Sunday in the winter and they are closed during January. The library is open Tuesday to Friday. Give them a call at 541-997-7884.

The iconic structure at 278 Maple Street, once known as the Callison Building, was the Florence schoolhouse that was constructed in 1904-05, preserving the local history in one of the historic locations.

## A Big Siuslaw Thank You

Because of all the raffle tickets you bought at the All-Class Reunion we were able to give two \$3,500 scholarships to deserving Siuslaw students. We'd like to thank those who donated in 2015.

Abby's Pizza, Ace Johnson Auto Sales, Badger Mountain Farms, Bones Nursery, Mary Branagan, Chrystal's Nail Salon, Coast Insurance Services, Coastal Fitness, Cathy Drozdenko, Dunes Café, Family Tyes, Art and Sheila German, Glo Spa, Grocery Outlet, Homegrown, Kitchen Klutter, Krab Kettle, Lane Interiors, Les Schwab, Maple Street Grille, Mo's, Carolyn and Richard Nordahl, Old Cedar Tree, On Your Feet With a Splash, Oregon Coast Magazine, King Logging, Recycled Rustic Fencing, Restobar 1285, Roby's Furniture, Roseburg Country Club, Sandpines Golf Links, Sea Lion Caves, Sears, Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters, Sisters Log Furniture, The Shippin' Shack, The Siuslaw News, Bill Sullivan, Thrivent Financial, Tony's Garage, Jason Trebolo, True Value and Waterfront Depot.

Special thanks to the attendees of Wanda Hoberg's funeral, who donated over \$1,200 to the scholarship fund. Wanda was the first SAA treasurer.

Would you like to help out by donating an item for the raffle? Please contact (by August 15) Raffle Chairs Mary Stone Carlisle, 541-997-2984, mrymyr@g.com or Judy Worthylake McClellan, 541-997-2975, rusticwholesale@yahoo.com. Your business or service doesn't have to be located in Florence. Our Vikings are spread far and wide and will travel to support their school. You can also make a monetary donation on the banquet reservation form or in-person at the dinner.

Find your boots and save the date...  
The Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club  
invites you to our  
**BOOSTER BARN BASH  
AUCTION & DINNER**  
Saturday, August 20, 2016  
4 p.m. 'til the cows come home  
5 miles up the North Fork at the Parly Barn (shuttles available)  
Tickets \$40/Tables \$320  
\*want to donate or buy a table? Call on text 541-510-055

## *In Memoriam*

- Sandra Ray Arasmith, Class of 1962  
 Donnalee (Dolly) Reese Archibald, Class of 1949  
 Mark Beeman, Class of 1962  
 Lawrence "Bear" Bursaw, Class of 1995  
 Bob Chapman, Class of 1944  
 Gary Circle, Class of 1982  
 Joe Circle, Class of 1979  
 Gary Cross, Class of 1973  
 Corrine Riesenhuber Gehlke, Class of 1965  
 Lesta Rae Gillespie, Class of 1962  
 Barbara Gust, Class of 1969  
 Wanda Ziemer Hoberg, Class of 1949  
 Wally Holden, Class of 1941  
 Elizabeth (Liz) Hostick Mobley, Class of 1978  
 Mary Ellen Lucas Kolody, Class of 1962  
 Gordon Landwehr, Class of 1942  
 Ann Boyce Martin, Class of 1952  
 Jon Michael Metcalf, Class of 1962  
 Randy Metzler, Class of 1965  
 Ardice Houghton Mick, Class of 1951  
 Jose Dela Mora, Class of 2016  
 Jim Morgan, Class of 1964  
 Shawn Morgan, Class of 1985  
 Roschelle Munroe, Class of 1999  
 Leslie Roxanne Wilson Niederhiser, Class of 1973  
 Richard Oare, Class of 1963  
 Karen Pengra Russell, Class of 1980  
 Gertrude Plaep Scott, Class of 1934  
 Roy Severy, Class of 1948  
 Russell Smeed, Class of 1983  
 Lora Bauman Speer, Class of 1957  
 Larry Stonelake, Class of 1956  
 Eliese Banasco Swigert, Class of 1952  
 Tom Tatom, Class of 1957  
 Sandra Young, Class of 1966  
 Wilbur Warner (Bill) Waite, Class of 1948  
 Robert (Bob) Wampler, Class of 1962  
 Debra Herring Whaley, Class of 1971  
 Marteen Peterson Wick, Class of 1969  
 Mitch Williams, Class of 1978

Siuslaw School System Educators

**Sherry Bond**

**Ernie Neal**

**Genevieve (Ginny) Bailey**

please send any grad date changes to editor

## Dancing with Sea Lions

This summer Florence will be filled with a colorful colony of sea lions. Twenty life-size fiberglass sea lions frolic in front of local businesses from Newport to Reedsport. This fundraiser for the Florence Event Center celebrates their 20th



"Umi No Nami" on Bay Street

anniversary. On October 8 the pin-nipeds will be auctioned off. One of the artists, Kim Pickell, SHS instructor of Art and Ceramics, says two current students, Benjamin Cahoon and Isabella Castle, created sea lions. Two artistic alumni also represented with their talents.

Karylynn Keppol '12 created "Butterflies," which is on display at Driftwood Shores. She graduated from the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland and will finish her Master's certification in Illustration this summer from Hollins.

Ellen Huntingdon '08 graduated with a degree in art from Temple University, Japan Campus. Her sea lion "Umi No Nami" ("Sea of Waves") has a prominent and very photographed location in the interpretive park in Old Town next to Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters. Ellen works at Oregon Pacific Bank



Karylynn and her sea lion, "Butterflies"

as Marketing Coordinator.

While you're in town for the All-Class Reunion you can stroll Bay Street to view the classic cars at Rods 'n Rhodies. Then take a cruise of your own to see how many vibrant sea lions you can find.

## Viking Love: a 71-year romance

Willetta Huntington '43 and Bob Reindl '42 lived far apart in high school, with Willetta living up the North Fork and Bob living at the Heceta Beach Junction of old Hwy 101. Sometime during 1945 when Bob was on leave from the Pacific campaign he wooed Willetta into marrying him in just 11 days! After the wedding, they spent some time on the east coast until Bob was discharged from the Navy. They returned home to Florence and lived north of town for many years. Willetta became a great homemaker and did a local 4-H group with neighbor kids for many years. Bob helped his father at the Florence Feed Store until he saw a calling from the US

Forest Service where he worked until his retirement in the mighty town of Hebo in 1983. Then with a travel trailer in tow they toured parts of Oregon, and down to Arizona for some winter sun, spending time with other family and friends. During their lives, Bob was a fisherman and an avid hunter, killing many elk and deer to provide for the family. Willetta maintained a very nice house and did a good job of keeping three children in tow and having them help with a huge garden and yard. After many years at Hebo, they moved to Dallas, OR where they spent many more years of enjoyable retirement. Now they are in their final retirement days and resting in

a wonderful facility near daughter Susann in Eagle, ID, not really wanting to leave Oregon at all during their lives but taking a positive approach to this last move.

Thanks to Phil Reindl '69 for these wonderful memories.

### Finding Love in the Happiest Place on Earth

One of the original SAA board members, Andy Nordahl '46, met his wife Sylvia "Evelyn" Davis '56 at the opening day of Disneyland in Anaheim, July 17, 1955. He was shipping out with the Merchant Marines and ran into a girl from Florence! Admission to the park that day, just \$1.

## Sad Day in Science

“Last name first, first name, class hour circled!” If this command makes you smile or tremble in fear, you’ve been through “Baileyology.”

Legendary Siuslaw Biology teacher Miss Bailey (Genevieve Bailey) passed away March 5, 2016 at the age of 77. She taught at SHS for 25 years, retiring in 1993. During the summers, she was a deep sea fisherwoman.

From the chicken lab to reminders on punctuality, her lessons stretched far beyond the classroom. She also taught Med Tech and Ecology, inspiring many students to go into health care and science.

One of these students, Gina Castro-Brandt ‘85, replaced her when she retired. Gina said, “She was such an amazing mentor and friend to me. The time that she invested in me and my career are immeasurable. I was truly blessed to have her as a friend, a mentor, and strong female role model. I can honestly say that I am the person I am today, in large part because of Ginny Bailey.”

Donate to the Genevieve Bailey Memorial Scholarship Fund at Banner Bank (formally Siuslaw Bank), PO Box 280, Florence, OR 97439.



Miss Bailey’s dream vacation at a research facility on the most southern tip of South America, 2006.

## Connect With Your Class

*This year’s milestone reunions*

### **Class of 1964, Sept 9**

Meet and Greet, Abby's Pizza, 5:30 p.m.  
Contacts: Beverly Plaep Estep, 541-997-7939 or  
Beth Meadows Sandberg, 541-733-4377

### **Class of 1966, 50-Year Reunion, Sept 10**

Dinner will be held at the All-Class Reunion. The Class of 1966 had a float in the Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade.  
Contacts: Kathryn Akerly Thrall, kathrynthrall@hotmail.com or  
Mike Bones, rhodies@charter.net

### **Class of 1971, 45th reunion, Sept 9-10**

Dinner during All-Class Reunion banquet.  
Contact: Kathy Phillips Grimes, grimes94@msn.com

### **Class of 1981, 35th reunion, July 29-Aug 1**

Contact: Kim Doyle Lonie

### **Class of 1986, 30th reunion, July 15-17**

Friday night at Abby’s, Saturday dune buggy rides at Sand Dunes Frontier, dinner at Oregon Coast Military Museum, Sunday brunch at Clawson’s Wheelhouse.  
Contact: Jennifer Archer, 503-459-3241  
archerjenn@yahoo.com

### **Class of 1996, 20-Year Reunion, Sept 10**

Get-together with appetizers and a no-host bar at Sandpines Golf Links Grill & Lounge, tentatively scheduled for 6-9 p.m.  
Contact: Melissa Vermilyea Long, 541-974-1168  
mikeandmillie28@msn.com

Events subjects to change.

Please contact your reunion organizer for complete details.

**SAA members will be to reserve tables with their class year or family members at the All-Class Reunion. Please indicate this on the back of the banquet registration form or contact Beth Meadows Sandberg at siuslawalumniassn@gmail.com. Reservations must be made no later than Sept 3, the same day as the banquet deadline.**

## Class of 1975 40-Year Reunion



*Back four: Tim Pickett, Mary Ann Woodworth, Don Trotter, Larry Martin. Middle row: Debra Eckroth, Penny Moullett, Brenda Daugherty, Beverly Bauck, Linda LaDuke, Katie McNeff, Pam Saunders, Elaine VanCurler, Elaine Beers, Debbie Becktold, Carey Gerig. Front row: Debbie Gray, Bart Johnson, Barb Pitman, DiAnne Hendrickson, Vicky Hayes, Susan Holley, Marlene Weaver.*

### Hey Coach!

Congratulations to Tim Dodson '82, who will retire this year after 30 years of teaching and 26 years with Viking football, 20 as head coach. The team won state in 2006.

Go Vikings!

## Class of 1990 25-Year Reunion

*Jim Burns, Gerry Hine, Jason Price, Tiffani Bennett, Roland Campbell, Alexander Leighton, Erik Hoberg, Heather Campbell, Traci Lea Phillips, Christian Beck, Jennifer King Waggoner, Mike Jones.*



## Class of 1966 Riding the Waves for 50 Years

The float was number 66 in the 109th Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade. They had music, strobe lights, surfboards, salt water candy and fun was had by all.

*Back row: Bob Severy, Mike Bones, Mary Simpson Ireland. Middle row: Greg Thrall, Kathryn Akerly Thrall, Gwenda Woodworth Wise. Front row: Cindy Dunavan Engstrom, DebTrammel, Tom Trammel, Carol Smith.*



## Siuslaw Alumni Association Board Members 2015-2016

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## Viking Sports: A Legacy of Excellence

The 5th Annual SHS Hall of Fame – Induction Ceremony will be held at Three Rivers Casino on Friday, August 19, 2016, with doors at 5:30 p.m., for the dinner and ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Inductees are: Harold McClellan '58, Les Conley '65, Toni Winther-Stonelake '65, Dick Pickett '67, Wayne Jackson '74, Danielle Wilson '87, Brent Sanford '92, Doug Kelley '93.

1997 State Champion Boys' Track & Field Team (Kris Helphinstine, David Richmond, Matt Pearson, Eric Van Curler, Jon Jensen, Brandon Lockman, Mike Everson, Stewart Myrick, Tony Reindl, Woody Scott, Aaron Long, Justin Mans, Adam Hunt; Head Coach: Gary Giddens, Assistant Coaches: Cathy Varner, Bob Daniel, Dick Richmond, Chris Johnson.)

1996 State Champion Boys' Cross-Country Team (Adam Bacon, Jesse Caswell, Daniel Hasley, Jeff Keck, Aaron Long, Justin Mans, David Richmond, Woody Scott; Head Coach: Chris Johnson.

The Siuslaw High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee would love to have ALL Siuslaw sports athletes' contact information on hand ~ please email your name (maiden if applicable), mailing address, phone number, varsity sport(s), state participant (if applicable) and class year to: [SiuslawHOF@gmail.com](mailto:SiuslawHOF@gmail.com).

## SAA Objectives

The Siuslaw Alumni Association is a non-profit organization created to share pride in our alma mater and give forward to enhance the lives of our fellow graduates. Our objectives are:

1. To maintain and renew contact with past, present, and future student body members of SHS.

2. To arrange an annual meeting for past graduates, attendees, teachers and associates of SHS.

3. Maintain a historical record of SHS.

4. Collect donations to a scholarship fund for annual distribution to SHS graduates.

5. Maintain a contact list, for non-commercial use only, of known graduates.

## President's Message

For many of us alumni from Siuslaw High, we spent 12 years together, gathering a bond that lasts a lifetime. It was our learning years, our growing up years, our teachers and classmates that helped make us who we are today. Join us for one of our reunions on the second Saturday in September every year and give to our scholarship fund. We will be giving away two \$3,500 scholarships this year. Every donation helps. There have been doctors, nurses, lawyers, military leaders, bankers, grocery store workers, mechanics, fishermen, teachers, clergy, ditch diggers, farmers, beauticians, the list goes on and on, all graduates of Siuslaw High School. Join us for our Alumni Scholarship Banquet.  
by Mike Bones '66.

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