

Sands of Time

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September 8, 2012

Three Rivers Casino
& Hotel

Florence, Oregon

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President's Message

The old saying "You can't go home again", referring to childhood homes and surroundings, may be true for some; however, when we gather each year in Florence for the All-Class Reunion it is a time of great joy and fun. For some alumni it may be the first time to return to the community where they attended school. Others have remained here or returned here to live. Whatever the situation, it's still a nostalgic feeling to be brought together with classmates from an earlier time. It's a reconnection with friends and the opportunity to meet people who have shared some of the same experiences as ourselves. It is a time to spend a few hours of enjoyment and reflect on the past.

In the time since the Siuslaw Alumni Association was formed in 2000, we have seen continued growth in membership. Between the scholarship donations received from you and from the raffle monies made at the annual All-Class Reunion we have been able to provide more and larger scholarship awards. Even today Siuslaw High School is a small school so it is exciting to be able to provide scholarships that will enable some student(s) to further their education in college or trade school.

Thank you Alumni!! And plan to attend the reunion this September...you'll enjoy and we'd like to see you. The reservation form is enclosed!!

Lou Anne Wood Fore
SAA President

2012 ALL-CLASS REUNION CHECK IN

- 1 - There will be two entries into the dining room.
- 2 - A table will be set up outside the dining area at 3 PM for early pick-up of name tags & dinner tickets.
- 3 - The deadline for pre-paying for the dinner is moved to September 1st. This is to help provide a more accurate count for Three Rivers Casino and facilitate having enough tables set up for everyone.
- 4- Sign up for Sunday breakfast at the banquet. There will be a table at the door of the Sunday breakfast for payment, casino buffet area.

See you all on September 8th!

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Bay View Hotel and W.M. Kyle Building - Front Street Florence

100 Years Ago

Clipping from The West Newspaper
Florence • May 24, 1912

For Safety at Sea- Twenty of the big passenger steamships plying out of San Francisco have been ordered to cut down their passenger lists from 20 to 40 per cent until they are equipped with lifeboats and life rafts sufficient to accommodate all on board is the latest step taken since the Titanic disaster to secure safety at sea.

Similar action has been taken voluntarily by many of the steam ship lines on the Atlantic Ocean also. Never before in the history of marine navigation have life-saving appliances aboard ships been brought to their maximum efficiency so quickly as has been done since the loss of the great White Star liner Titanic.

50-Year Reunion for the Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 is experiencing difficulty in generating interest in their 50-year class reunion to be held separately from the Alumni Reunion. The class is hoping to gather on Friday, September 7 as well as at the All Class Reunion on September 8. It is their wish to have a good turnout for their gathering and would like to have help in finding classmates.

If you have any information about any of your classmates please phone Mary Middleton Branagan at 503-487-6238 or email her at branagan@gmail.com.

2012 Scholarship Awards
by Sharon Strahm



John Johnson

Each year the Siuslaw High School Alumni Association Scholarships are given to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college and/or trade school. These scholarships are supported solely by donations to the Scholarship Fund and by the proceeds from the All-Class Reunion & Banquet. At the fall reunion, raffle tickets are sold on donated items with proceeds going directly to the Scholarship Fund. It is the goal of the Alumni Association to increase the number of scholarships each year and/or increase the amount given to each recipient.



Lindsay Locke

For the year of 2012, we are pleased to announce that the Alumni Association was able to award two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each. We thank everyone who made this our best year!

John Johnson is one of the recipients of a \$3,000 scholarship. He will attend the University of Oregon to study biology with a focus on pre-med. He plans to go on to medical school. His goal is to be an orthopedic surgeon with a possible destination of the Peace Corp or Doctors Without Borders as a missionary doctor.

Lindsay Locke will be our other recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship. She will attend Oregon State University to get a degree in liberal arts specializing in international relations. She plans to be in the USAF and use her studies of Arabic and Islamic culture. Eventually she hopes to become a member of the CIA.

These are both outstanding students with tremendous goals. What great representatives of Siuslaw High School! Thank you for your continuing support that makes this possible! Once again, the Alumni Scholarships are one of the largest to be awarded.

Special Recognitions Planned

~ Fall of 2012 ~

This September the All-Class Reunion will be giving special notice to the classes of 1962 (50 year), and 1967 (45 year). It is our hope that as many of you from all classes will attend to make it a very special event for these classes.

Come and enjoy the evening and find some re-connections to people in your class. _____

News from Our Past

FLORENCE, OR, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1962

South Jetty Work to Begin

Colonel Sterling K. Eisiminger, Portland U.S. Army District Engineer, has announced the award of an \$896,500 contract to Natt McDougall Company, 824 Pittock Block, Portland for rehabilitation of the South Jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw River.

Colonel Eisiminger said the work must be completed in 320 calendar days.

The existing project provides for a navigation channel 12 feet deep across the bar, secured by two rubble-mound jetties and a channel in the river 12 feet deep, 200 feet wide to Florence, about five miles, thence 150 feet wide to the town of Cushman, about 2.5 miles.

The jetties were completed in 1917 and the channel in 1929. The north jetty was rehabilitated in 1957. Planning for rehabilitation of the south jetty was started in 1960.

FLORENCE, OR, THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1962

Vessel Swamps on South Spit

Robert Amack, 24, and Clifford E. Boyum, 20, both of Florence, clung to the bow of the salmon troller "Sidney" after it was swamped by breakers on the Siuslaw bar last Wednesday afternoon until they were taken aboard the "Otter", operated by Walter Fossek.

The "Sidney" was returning to Florence at about 5 p.m. on August 29 after a day of salmon trolling when a strong north-west wind drove the 20 foot vessel too far south to the south spit. The vessel rode the first breaker, said Amack, but two more broke over the stern, filling it with water. The bow of the boat, with the men clinging to it was buoyed by two empty 60 gallon fuel tanks.



Don Houghton

Class of 1945

September 15, 1927 ~ April 19, 2011

James E. Baughman

Class of 1957

January 18, 1939 ~ May 16, 2011

Ross Matthew Bradley

June 3, 1989 ~ May 28, 2011

Oliver "Ollie" Fosback

Class of 1942

November 13, 1923 ~ June 9, 2011

Shelly Porter Moen

Class of 1980

October 14, 1961 ~ September 7, 2011

Joan Harmon

Class of 1951

December 31, 1933 ~ October 27, 2011

Ward Wells

Class of 1987

Passed Away October 2011

Laura Helms Ames

Class of 1964

June 20, 1946 ~ November 1, 2011

Douglas Ray Fegles

Class of 1984

April 9, 1966 ~ December 19, 2011

Ray Massey

Class of 1964

October 22, 1946 ~ January 13, 2012

Ky Adams

Class of 1988

Passed Away March 20, 2012

Rosalee Rae Fegles-Cavitt

Class of 1957

October 20, 1939 ~ March 16, 2012

Mark W. Perkins

Class of 1979

Passed Away April 10, 2012

55th Rhododendron Festival Best Ever ~ 1962

THE SIUSLAW NEWS - FLORENCE, OR, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1962



Queen Rhododendra xxiii
Janice Grand

The fifty-fifth annual Rhododendron Festival reached its climax Sunday when an estimated crowd of 25 to 30 thousand people poured into Florence to view the parade.

The parade lasted for one hour and 20 minutes without a dull moment. The floats showed a number of versions of "Those Wonderful Years," the theme of the festival. A

sternwheeler river show boat, double decked, with passengers dressed in the show boat era, entered by Florence Auto Parts, took the sweepstakes prize. First place winner in the business section was Safeway Store's entry showing "Those Wonderful Years" of prohibition with "mountain boys" making "mountain dew" or "corn squeezin's."

After the parade, there was the clam chowder feed, a water sports show at Lake Cleawox, the Florence Arts and Crafts show, the antique auto exhibit, the continuous performance of the Gay 90's Meller Drammer at the Civic Theatre and the firemen's contests.

Rural Firemen exhibited their skills at the contests held Sunday afternoon when the Roseburg Rural Fire Department won the hook and ladder drill and won the rotating trophy. The water ball contest was



Sheryl Cameron



Judy Shearer



Curene Emery



Libby Johnson

won by Newport.



1962 Rhododendron Junior Court
Lori Lentell, Christi Todd, Queen Janiece Green,
Kathy Phillips & Cathy Rutherford



Warner Pinkney, president of
the Booster club, and
chairman of the 1962
Rhododendron Festival.

Get Involved with SAA!

There are three Siuslaw Alumni Association Board meetings per year and all alumni are invited to attend and to participate. We welcome your new ideas and opinions. The board meetings are working luncheons with one held in Eugene and two held in Florence each year. So, if you have an interest in helping the positive direction of the SHS alumni Association and its work, please join one or all meetings.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2012 in Florence at the Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. For more information please contact Lou Anne Fore at louanne@woodnnichols.net or any of the board members listed on page two.

~ Memoriam Book ~

"In Memory of" or "Gone But Not Forgotten"??

If anyone is interested, we would like to have obituaries, or just name, class, picture etc. Anything that you would like to have included in our book, to help us remember past

students. We would like to go back as far as the first class from Siuslaw High.

They don't have to be graduates of Siuslaw but any students who attended the school for any length of time.

Please include their name - class they

would have been in - year passed away - it's whatever you want included.

Please mail information or questions to:
Zilpha Meink Smith
887 E. 39th Pl.
Eugene, Oregon 97405

As I think back at my school years I remember...

The time my brother let me use his car and I was going to Florence, hit an icy spot at Honeymoon, spun around, looked around and was headed back home....I never told... ~Betty N.

I remember taking my marbles to school in one of my Dad's work socks. I would take 30 marbles plus my shooters and I would usually come come with more than I took. ~Kenny W.

The most exciting thing that I can remember about school was... RECESS! ~Gary H.

First SHS Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Education is the Answer to Success

In 2002, we gave our first alumni scholarship to Lindsey Scarberry in the amount of \$500. She attended Linn-Benton Community College in Albany for two years. She then moved to Portland and attended Linfield College (Portland campus) for three years to finish her degree. She graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a certificate in Human Resources from Linfield College.

Lindsey worked during college to support herself and upon graduation, she went to work as an Admissions Representative with Anthem College

in Beaverton. She is still with Anthem College and in 2009 was promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions. Anthem College offers vocational training for in-demand healthcare careers.

Lindsey says she really values education and that being able to assist others in achieving their educational goals is extremely important to her. Lindsey Scarberry Bittner is married, resides in Oregon City, where the couple spends time doing home remodeling projects. She enjoys all outdoor activities including hiking, camping, kayaking, mountain biking and etc.

Where Does the Money Go?

Each year the Siuslaw Alumni Association issues this newsletter, *The Sands of Time*, which includes the invitation to the annual All-Class Reunion. This form also includes a Membership Application for those of you who wish to be a member of the SAA. The cost of membership, per household, is currently \$10 per year. The money received from memberships is used for operating costs i.e. publishing and mailing the newslet-

ter. It also includes the cost of stamps, envelopes and miscellaneous office supplies. SAA maintains a post office box in Florence and the rent for this is covered in operating costs.

The scholarship monies received from your donations is used exclusively to provide the annual scholarship awards. The SAA scholarship program is extremely important and we rely on your generosity to maintain the scholarship fund. At the All-Class Reunion we currently use a raffle/auction as a fund raiser and all money from that fund raiser goes into the scholarship fund.

The Board Members donate their time and energy to promote the values and interest in the Siuslaw Alumni Association. Board Members receive no monetary compensation for travel, lodging and meals. We would welcome anyone to attend the Board meetings. There are three meetings per year; one in January, another in April and one the same time as the All-Class Reunion. If you would like more information please contact me at 360-942-5445.

Lou Anne Wood Fore
President SAA

Have you moved? Are you going to change your mailing address?

Please let the Alumni Association know of your changes in address as we mail our newsletter out as second class and it may not be forwarded to you: Please send your new address to
Lou Anne Fore
louanne@woodnichols.net
or phone:
360-942-5445 (home)
425-231-2483 (cell)

- Reuniting with Your Class - *Plans for Special Gatherings*

SHS Class of 1954 and friends
**Dinner & Social Hour
Gathering**
September 7th • 5:00 p.m.
RSVP Sharon (Gwynn) Strahm
541-345-7024

SHS Class of 1962
Weekend Social Gatherings
Sept. 7, 8
Please refer to article on page 2
of this newsletter.