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Old Friends Come Together at Siuslaw

A weekend's worth of fun awaits you at the **Siuslaw Alumni Association (SAA) Board Meeting and All-Class Reunion and Scholarship Banquet**. In addition to community events such as the Rods n' Rhodies car show and the city-wide garage sale, SAA 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." There will be an Alumni Praise Service on Sunday, September 10 at 8 a.m., at the old football field with retired minister Gary Winkleman '66 officiating. Join us after at the casino for a no-host buffet breakfast.

The main reason we get together is to raise scholarship funds for deserving Siuslaw students. Everything you donate and every raffle ticket you buy increases the amount of money we can offer to the leaders of tomorrow. Since SAA first started 16 years ago, we have given \$67,000 in scholarships. Donations are always welcomed and are a wonderful way to support the graduating class with scholarships.

Call the **Three Rivers Casino Resort** at **877-374-8377** by September 1 to make your room reservation. The block and the hotel will sell out so don't delay. 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 9** meet us in the event center for no-host social hour starting at 5 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 and seating is not guaranteed. Please make every effort to **RSVP by September 1** 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.

Bring your cash! Strolling ticket sellers will have **raffle tickets** for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10 and 30 for \$20. The more you spend, the better your odds to win a fantastic prize. 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**.

There can only be 400 attendees, so don't miss out on the fun! Get your reservation form (included in this newsletter) sent in early.

We'll see you on September 9!

2017 Scholarship Recipients

Siuslaw Alumni Association scholarships are awarded 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 2017, we are pleased to announce two scholarships in the amount of **\$3,500** each, plus **\$3,500** from alumni Dennis DeWitt and **\$1,500** in honor of Wanda Hoberg.



Carissa Oliver, a 4.0 student and National Honor Society member, will attend Colorado State University in Ft. Collins to become a dentist specializing in endodontics, either in private practice or at the VA.

Carissa participated in volleyball, basketball and track and field where she threw javelin and won the 2017 state 4A title in shot put and took second place in discus.

In addition to school activities such as Viking Hour and Interact Club, she was active in the community, volunteering for Christmas basket food drives, refereeing Boys and Girls Club basketball games and reading to students at Head Start. (SAA Scholarship)

Korina Shipstad will attend Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay for two years before transferring to a university specializing in genetics with goal of curing genetically transferred diseases.

She was active on the Forensics team, competing in debate and public speaking. Korina qualified for the state tournament this year in Duo Interpretation.

An National Honor Society member, she volunteered at the Siuslaw Public Library in her spare time. (SAA Scholarship)



Celie Mans has a track and field scholarship to the University of Idaho in Moscow where she will study to become a physician, hopefully in a small community where there is a doctor shortage.

She is a two-time 4A state cross-country champion, member of 4A cross-country championship team, three-time district individual track champion and was selected to compete in the Nike Region cross-country and Border Clash events the past four years.

Celie also fit in school and communities activities including National Honor Society, Key Club, Read Across America canned food drives and Siuslaw Booster Club. (Dennis DeWitt Scholarship)

Destinie Tatum is going to Oregon State University in Corvallis to become a optometrist with a future goal of providing a free eye service to children in poverty.

She was involved with American Red Cross blood drives getting students to volunteer and plans to join the OSU Blood Drive Association. She is also an National Honor Society member and was involved in numerous school and community activities including a Holiday Food Drive providing 13 local families food, money and toys.

Destinie was a four-year varsity basketball starter and holds an MVP award. She was on state championship cross country and track teams and was the 4A 800m state champion in 2016. (Wanda Hoberg Scholarship)



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 High School.

A Big Siuslaw Thank You

2016 raffle prize donations: Abby's Pizza, Ace Johnson Auto Sales, Carmen Tviet Akins, BJ's Ice Cream, Badger Mountain Farms, Bones Nursery, Jan Bonneau, Mary Middleton Branagan, John Brown, Chicken Coop on Maple, Crystal's Nails, City Lights Cinema, Coast Insurance Services, Coastal Fitness & Aquatics, Cooks, Pots & Tabletops, Craig's Family BBQ, Cathy Drozdenko, Cindy Engstrom, Dunes Cafe, Florence Glass & Mirror, Art German, Glo Tanning, Grocery Outlet, Homegrown, Gary & Mazie Hughes, Pam Shollenberger Jensen, Jerry's Place, R&R King Logging, Kitchen Klutter, Krab Kettle, Lane Interiors, Les Schwab, Lush Meadows Day Spa, Meant Manufacturing, Mill Casino, Mo's, William & Robin Murphy, Richard & Carolyn Lockwood Nordahl, On Your Feet With a Splash, Oregon Coast Magazine, Debbie Gray Peterson, Recycled Rustic Fencing, Carol Jacobson Reese, Rekindled Restorations, Restobar 1285, Roby's Furniture, Safeway Starbucks, Beth Meadows Sandberg, Sandpines Golf Links, Sea Lion Caves, Sears, Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters, The Shippin' Shack, The Siuslaw News, Bill Sullivan, Sunset Chaser, Thrivent Financial, Tony's Garage, True Value, Sheryl Burch Vandehey, Waterfront Depot, Richard Weight, Wildlife Safari.

To donate, contact Raffle Chairs Mary Stone Carlisle, 541-997-2984, mrymyr@q.com or Judy Worthylake McClellan, 541-997-2975, rusticwholesale@yahoo.com by August 15. Your business or service doesn't have to be located in Florence.

Deep Roots: A Family Tree

Follow along and meet four generations of Vikings:

Parents

Merlyn Shirley '49

Katherine Huston Shirley '50

Gave birth to

James Shirley '69

Debbie Shirley Flores '73

She married her first husband Calvin Stinger '71

And they had

Matthew Stinger '95

Jeffrey Stinger '97

Kaleb Stinger '01

Jeffrey's son, Zachary Stinger, is currently a freshman and will be the class of 2020, a fourth generation Siuslaw Viking!



In Memoriam

Tony Adavai, Class of 1964
 Brittany Hartzell Baguley, Class of 1996
 Terry Jean Pinto Barrett-Bruce, Class of 1976
 D. Diane Horn Blair, Class of 1951
 Gary Bond, Class of 1958
 Kelly Witter Burnett, Class of 1980
 Robert "Bob" Burton, Class of 1961
 Steven Jay Campbell, Class of 1959
 Beverly Miles Casper, Class of 1966
 Greg Cockeram, Class of 1972
 Les Conley, Class of 1965
 Arleta Johnson Fagerstrom, Class of 1954
 Mick Finn, Class of 1961
 Bob Freeman, Class of 1962
 Asa "Jeep" Hammon, Class of 1983
 James (Jim) Harvey, Class of 1955
 Twila Wilson Hill, Class of 1956
 Gary Hoberg, Class of 1949
 Jodi L. Holmes, Class of 1980
 Kim Bollenbaugh Huff, Class of 1974
 Patricia Bernhardt Lewis, Class of 1956
 Allen Lokey, Class of 1964
 Bill Lutz, Class of 1962
 Carrie Martin, Class of 1977
 Dorothy Johnson Martin, Class of 1953
 Ken Martin, Class of 1975
 Alpharetta Braley Mead, Class of 1950
 Daniel Mead, Class of 1970
 Carol Cooper Moullet, Class of 1953
 Darrell Moullet, Class of 1955
 Bonnie Roth Neitzel, Class of 1954
 Leone Boyce Paull, Class of 1957
 Francis Pew, Class of 1964
 Robert "Bob" Pirrie, Class of 1964
 Roy Sartaine, Class of 1959
 Delia Stephens, Class of 1972
 Denny Stephens, Class of 1954
 Thomas Winsor, Class of 1986
 Carol Young Wood, Class of 1961
 Terry Worthylake, Class of 1953
 Linda "Joy" Worthylake Murphey, Class of 1955
 Sandra Tollman Young, Class of 1962 (correction)

Siuslaw School System Educators

Erv Garrison

Dick "Dutch" Shollenberger

please send any grad date changes to editor

Meet the Makers: Viking Creativity

In a small, rainy town kids either bored or they get creative. Here are a few Vikings who make the things.

Jamis Buck '92 has written several software programs and books. He explains, "Modern web applications are typically hosted on tens or even hundreds of servers. When your code has changed—bugs fixed, or new features added—you need to update it on all of those servers as close to simultaneously as you can, and this can be tricky. In 2005 I wrote a program called Capistrano that automates this process, communicating with all of your servers at once and allowing you to orchestrate and synchronize complex commands across your entire system. Capistrano is currently used by thousands of programmers and system administrators."

After wanting a farm for most of their lives, Brad '80 and Andi Freeman Saxon '88 started Tangled Orchard Farm in 2013. They untangled fruit trees from the blackberry vines and sell the produce, honey and free

range eggs from happy chickens to local grocery stores and restaurants. This year they won the Creswell Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Business of the Year.

For people in the LP and natural gas industry, Michele Nordahl '82, the President and CEO of Anderson & Forrester, came out with the Retractable Orifice Reamer Cleaner. She said, "It's nothing that most people can use but it is something new to our business." She purchased the company in 2014.

From a shy high schooler to a world traveler, Barbara Young '64 established the national breed club (American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association) with AKC for the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon breed, served as their first President and later became an AKC judge. Now she is writing a book on the Griffon dog breed, utilizing the 30 years of material accumulated over the years.

Ned Hickson '84 covered sports for The Siuslaw News for 18 years



Andi, Brad and their happy chickens.

after returning to Florence in 1999.

In November he was promoted to editor-in-chief.

He said, "When I first arrived as a sophomore, I was taken with our newspaper and its relevance in the community. Though I eventually was a chef in Texas and Georgia, I continued to receive the paper as my way of staying in touch with the community that meant so much to me — and a place I always knew I would someday return.

"To now be editor of the paper chronicling our special town and the school of my alma mater is a true gift."

Where Are They Now?

Buehrig Aims High into the Wild Blue Yonder

Craig Buehrig, Class of 2003, was awarded a \$500 scholarship, the second one SAA ever offered.

"I'm currently a Major in the Air Force and assigned as a Medical Services Corps fellow at Health and Human Services in Washington D.C.

I entered the Air Force in 2007 with a commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Oregon State University where I studied German and Chinese. My



first assignment was as a Personnel Officer at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. I continued education with a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma and was accepted into the Air Force Med-

ical Services Corps in 2011. The Air Force Medical Service assigned me to Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona and have since also deployed to Al Dhafra Airbase. I just arrived in D.C. this September (2016) and have a projected assignment as a medical planner. I've enjoyed the travel and many opportunities. People always think it's interesting when I tell them I'm from Florence, Oregon and was in Scouts."

The Flying Kitchen

Nick '87 and Shannon Johnson Vavich '93 don't let the grass grow under their feet thanks to the United State Marine Corps. For twenty years, they have lived around the



world while Nick worked his way up to Colonel in the USMC. Shannon has studied food and culture at duty stations in France, England, Switzerland, Morocco, Greece, Italy, New Orleans, Pennsylvania Dutch country and Okinawa, Japan. Next stop: back stateside in North Carolina!

Shannon owned her own gourmet cake and catering business for eleven years and now develops and demonstrates recipes for The Flying Kitchen blog and the Facebook Live show where she doles out advice and love. And in her spare time, is a working classical vocalist. Their seven talented and worldly children serve as enthusiastic taste-testers!



USMC Lt. Col Melanie J Mann '92 and Col. Nick Vavich '87 receive promotions in Japan.

Connect With Your Class

This year's milestone reunions

Class of 1957, 60th Reunion, Sept 8-9

Saturday dinner at the SAA All-Class Reunion

Contact: Ron Estep, 541-997-7939, estepron@msn.com

Class of 1964, Pizza Night, Sept 8

Friday, enjoy pizza, drinks and laughs at 5:30 p.m.
at Abby's Pizza.

Class of 1967, 50th Reunion, Sept 8-9

Friday, meet at Abby's, 6 p.m.

Saturday lunch, West Woahink Meeting Hall between the first and second bridges for potluck with BBQs available
11 a.m. until 4ish.

Dinner at the SAA All-Class Reunion
(individual responsibility for reservations)

Sunday, no-host buffet breakfast at the Casino, 10 a.m.

Contact: Penny Hendrickson or
Donna Wendling on Facebook.

Class of 1977, 40th reunion, Sept 23

Saturday night dinner \$35 at Three Rivers Casino.

Rooms available for \$89 + tax.

Please RSVP by September 10th.

Payment details forthcoming.

Contact: Contact Bill Sullivan, 541-912-5899,
bsull622@aol.com

Class of 1982, 35-Year Reunion, July 21-22

Friday get together at Darlings Marina and Resort.

Saturday is a BBQ with chicken, ribs, brisket, baked beans,
salad and cupcakes.

Call Darlings at 541-997-2841 to reserve a campsite ASAP as they are filling up quickly. You can also make reservations online <http://darlingsresortrv.com>

Contact: Jacqueline C. Franklin,
franklin.jacqueline025@gmail.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 1, the same day as the banquet deadline.

Class of 1946 70-Year Reunion



Ida Holden Hagedorn, Andy Nordahl, Beverly Phillips Shuck and Jeanne Peterson Doty.

Class of 1986 30-Year Reunion



Back row: Elizabeth Crandall Gaupo, Rodney Stewart, Jennifer Archer, Desiree Fish Gill, Renee Strenke, Ashley Smeed Delaney, Lodell Johnson Halvorson, Jeff Schock, Quint Barnaby, Eric Noel. Front row: Sheri Haberly Skinner, Michelle Chapman.



Classes of 1966 and 1967, Always Ready to Rhody

The Class of 1966 did it again with another float in the 110th Rhododendron Festival Parade. These Vikings are "Always Ready to Row-dy." The Class of 67, who are celebrating their 50th this year, also had a float in the parade.

Mary Simpson Ireland, Cindy Dunaven Engstrom, Kathryn Akerly Thrall, Greg Thrall, Mike Bones, Carol Smith. Not shown Mike and Joann Mulholland.

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Want One of These Siuslaw T-shirts?

Your board of directors, shown above, is selling these high-quality gray Siuslaw Viking t-shirts for \$15 at the All-Class Reunion. Bring your cash and drop by the casino at 3 p.m. to get one in a variety of sizes. They will also be for sale during social hour before the dinner starts.

SAA New Bylaw

The board has voted to add an amendment to the Bylaws and the SAA membership will be asked to approve it at the annual meeting. There will also be a vote on three board members whose four-year terms of office will end in 2017.

Proposed change to Article IV, Section 1: The annual reunion shall be held in Florence on a September weekend designated by the board of directions. The membership shall be advised at least one year in advance of any change from a previously determined meeting date with the exception of an emergency situation requiring a special mailing announcement.

President's Message

I thank all who have served on the Siuslaw Alumni Board in the past. You have brought us to where we are today. Your current board is very active with Facebook, website, scholarships and planning for the Reunion Scholarship Banquet to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Things just don't happen by themselves. Your board are the hard workers that do that. With your support, we were able to give three \$3,500 scholarships, which included a generous donation from Dennis DeWitt, and one \$1,500 scholarship in memory of our first treasurer, Wanda Hoberg. Donations are always welcomed and are a wonderful way to support the graduating class with scholarships.

The dates for 2018 have been changed. We will meet on the third Saturday in September, which will be the 15th. So, mark your calendars early and make your plans to join us for lots of fun!

by Mike Bones '66

2017 Siuslaw Hall of Fame Inductees

Ray Hines '48, Dick Hoberg '68, Rich Ross '84, Kelli Lang '85, David Brackney '91, Ricky Lowe '94, Deacon Perkins (District Staff & Coach); 1983 & 1984 Girls State Champions 4x100 relay team of Kelli (Lang) Hagen, Tammy (Courtney) Johnson, Terri (Gortler) Cloudt and Shelly (Smith) Conro; 1967 Boys mile relay team of Bob Hylton, Everett May, Greg Wells and Larry Ulrich.

The 7th annual SHS Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Friday, August 18, at Three Rivers Casino Hotel. For info, email SiuslawHOF@gmail.com or call Chris Johnson at 541-991-0217.

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