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Vikings claim wins over Sutherlin



The Vikings Volleyball team celebrates after winning the third of three matches against Sutherlin on Oct. 16. See Page 1B for the story. Tony Reed photo

Some Council candidates offer answers, updates

By TONY REED
Editor

As their campaigns wind down into the final week, I reached out to the 11 candidates for Florence City Council for updates on how their efforts have been going. In addition to answering questions from this paper, candidates have taken part in several forums, including at local radio stations, the city library, and various speaking events.

Candidates were also asked to share any standout moments, topics, or questions from their campaigns, which they felt to be profound or thought-provoking.

Not all candidates responded by press time, but any late responses will be added to this story on our website.

Answers appear here in no particular order.

RENEE LOPILATO

Renee LoPilato has served on the City's Planning Commission for three years and is running for a two-year term as a city councilor.



"I am both amazed and gratified that my campaign has attracted such support from so many community members who understand that my intent, from that first letter to the editor in late July, has been about being professional and only offering ideas I believe can improve our lives in this city that we all love," she said. "I have one agenda item if elected: collaborating with the new mayor, councilors and city staff to solve the multiple challenges before us."

LoPilato expressed appreciation to the organizations that offered interviews, forums, and questionnaires, saying that, "For such a small city I am amazed at the spirit of civic engagement."

Regarding standout issues, she said several have come up during the campaign.

"Perhaps the most repeated issue is the desire for a streamlined planning process that can assist the business community with upfront directions on building decisions," she said. "My initial solutions remain the same: fully staff the planning department; work with the Planning Commission and designated city staff to create a FastTrack system; educate the community on the newest online portal permit tracking system; and strongly encourage our community to attend city council meetings and Planning Commission meetings.

She suggested that community members express opinions and share prospective solutions directly to decision makers before those decisions are made.

"Tackling the challenge of how our city will grow will take all of our perspectives," she said. LoPilato also suggested holding regular State of the City town halls at the event center to foster an exchange of concerns and ideas.

JUSTIN LUDWIG

Justin Ludwig is running

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Economic report offers council food for thought

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

Some interesting data emerged from the annual Economic Development report presented to the council on Oct. 5 by Senior Economic Team Development Analyst Chantelle Meyer.

Meyer said that, through working with City Manager Erin Reynolds and Workforce Analyst Henry Fields, the report includes analytical data from the city and region, starting with commuting patterns and how many people flow in and out of Florence.

"Do they live here and work elsewhere? Do they live here and work here? Do they live elsewhere and work here?" she said. "It is about 50 percent that are going in both directions, which is really interesting to think about."

She said about 2,400 people are employed in the area but live out of town. Reynolds said the 50 percent finding has remained constant since 2016, when she became the city manager.

"It's interesting because we are part of such a large county," she said, explaining that data is sometimes organized by zip code or by the east and west.

Mayor Rob Ward later said it would be interesting for the council to talk to the economic development analyst about how many people commute into Florence for work because they cannot find affordable housing in this area.

Ward suggested the question, "What's keeping them from actually finding a home in the area?"

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Crisis Response Program names new director

CAL APPLEBEE,
Contributor

Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority recently announced that Cindy Gentry, with the program and department since 2023, has been named the new Director of that program.

The program, a part of the Authority since 2019, Is a community-based program that connects people who are experiencing mental health or personal crisis, with ongoing resources, case management and follow up support.

Gentry, who joined the Program in 2023 initially as a part-time responder, has transitioned to full-time crisis Advocate, then Assistant Manager in 2024. She will be responsible for managing and directing the Program's staff of around a dozen professionals.

According to Chief Rob Chance, "There was no hesitation to ask Cindy to assume full responsibility for the program and we are fortunate that she accepted. I'm extremely proud of all the work they do for our community and can't wait to see where Cindy takes the program. Words can't express how fortunate we are to have Cindy."

While other communities such as Eugene struggle to provide crisis response services, Western Lane's Program has met with great success. Funded largely by grants, the Program works in partnership with other agencies such as Florence Police Department, Veterans Administration as well as Western Lane Mental Health & Wellness Coalition, established in recent years by the VA's William Wagner.

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Cindy Gentry

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A closer look at WLFEA - SVFR - WLAD

By BOB HORNEY
Columnist

Having been the recipient of WLAD's life-saving emergency trip to the Prefontaine Cardiology ER at the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, I stand amazed at the level of emergency fire and ambulance services available in this community.

The following WLFEA information is taken directly from the fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget Proposal. Read on…

Strategic Priorities - The Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget is guided by three core priorities that reflect our commitment to excellence in service delivery and responsible stewardship of public resources: 1. Operational Readiness – Ensuring our personnel are equipped with the training, staffing, and resources necessary to respond effectively and safely to emergencies. 2. Fiscal Responsibility – Managing public funds with transparency, accountability, and efficiency, while sustaining essential services without compromising quality. 3. Community Resilience – Strengthening prevention, education, and outreach initiatives to reduce risk and enhance partnerships that support public safety. As our community continues to grow and the demand for services increases, we remain steadfast in our commitment to those we serve.

The budgets balance projected revenues with essential expenditures, while maintaining adequate reserves for unforeseen emergencies and carryover dry period. The Authority, WLAD or SVFR, have not incurred or relied on short or long-term borrowing. Financial stability remains dependent on the passing of a new operational levy for WLAD (Emphasis BH). Projected requirements are anticipated to increase in FY2026-27. We continue to balance our priorities that ensure fair labor packages, sustainable programs, appropriate ending fund balance, contingency, and a reserve for capital purchases.

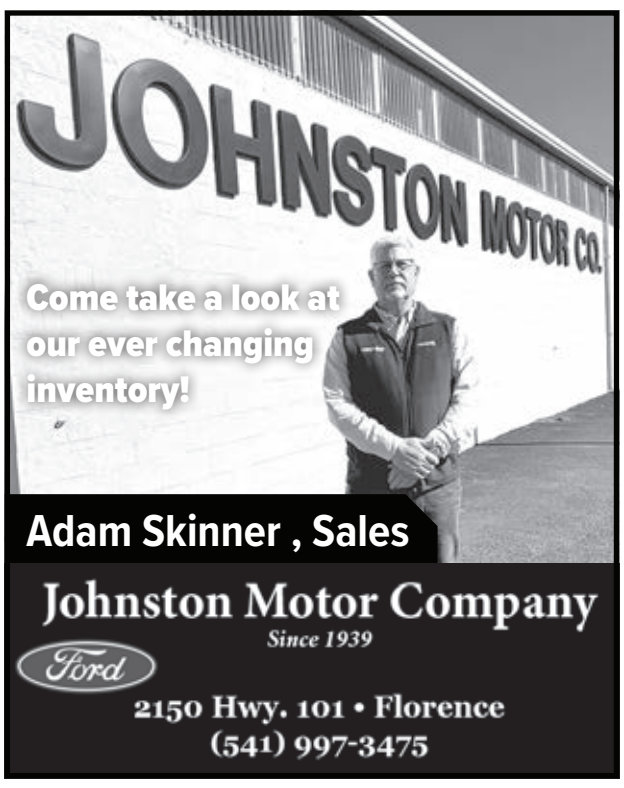
WLFEA Overview - On August 22, 2019, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) signed ordinance #2019-01 Adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement and Creating a New Intergovernmental Agency, Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority (WLFEA). The purpose was to create one governmental entity to effectively serve both Districts' service areas and needs. This approach increases efficiency in delivering fire and emergency services to both communities by reducing duplication of overhead expenses, optimizing the use of equipment and resources, and improving the assignment and training of personnel. While WLFEA operates both districts as a single functional entity, it has identified challenges in merging the two taxing districts due to their differing structures, one being a fire district and the other a health district. (Many thanks to retired Chief Michael Schick and Current Chief Rob Chance for stepping up to the task! (All BH).

SVFR Overview - SVFR is an all-hazards fire and emergency services district originally formed in 1949. Over the years, the district has consolidated with several surrounding fire service organizations and now provides protection to the coastal portion of Lane County, with the district covering approximately 120 square miles. The district has a long-standing history of excellence and progressive thinking, driven by the dedication and professionalism of the high-quality individuals who have served the organization throughout its history.

WLAD Overview - WLAD has provided Emergency Medical Services to the citizens and visitors of Western Lane County since 1976. As a taxing health district, WLAD covers approximately 564 square miles (Increased 07/01/2026 to 686 - Emphasis BH) across the western portion of Lane County. The district specializes in critical care transport, staffed by13 (Update:14 now with more on the way-Chief Rob Update - Emphasis BH) critical care and flight-certified paramedics. These specialized ambulance units are equipped with advanced diagnostic and patient monitoring technology, as well as an expanded medication formulary, allowing providers to operate under specialized protocols designed for high acuity patient care.

Please keep our emergency fire and ambulance services at full strength. VOTING YES on levy 20-389 WILL HELP DO THAT! (All BH)







POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from October 13 to October 19

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

At 6:30 a.m., a business in the 1700 block of Highway 101 reported that it had been burglarized. The case remains under investigation.

At 12:38 p.m., officers responded to the 3100 block of Pacific View Drive for a report that Spectrum communication boxes had been damaged. Officers were following up with Spectrum personnel.

At 12:41 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 20th St. to assist medics with an unconscious male in a vehicle. The subject was found to be OK, and no further action was taken.

At 2:08 p.m., officers investigated a reported sexual assault in Florence. Police officials say no public threat exists, and officers are continuing to investigate the report.

At 9:02 p.m., officers searched 30th St. for a subject wanted for domestic violence. Officers were unable to locate the subject, but have probable cause to arrest him the next time they see him.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

At 9:03 a.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Oak Street for a report of domestic violence. Officers investigated and gave information to one subject regarding temporary restraining orders. Officers are following up on the report.

At 11:15 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Maple for a report that a subject had taken the keys to a vehicle. Officers are following up on the report.

At 12:08 p.m., officers responded to the 2900 block of Kingwood to investigate damage to a utility box and conduit.

At 3:50 p.m., officers on patrol in the area of Maple and 9th Street observed a dispute occurring. Officers stopped and calmed the situation.

At 4:50 p.m., a caller reported that they had been scammed out of several thousand dollars. The caller said the phone number came back to an official government agency, and that their account had been compromised. The case remains under investigation. Police officials warn that no government or law-enforcement agency will call to demand payment of fines or warrant amounts, and that such calls are always a scam.

At 8:41 p.m., officers responded to Quince Street near Highway 126 for a report of a female screaming. Officers located the female, who is known for such behavior. Officers advised the subject to stop.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

At 9:18 a.m., a subject came into the police department for other matters and was found to have a warrant from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.

At 10:55 a.m., a caller reported that a subject was riding an e-bike in an unsafe manner in the 3000 block of Highway 101. Officers were unable to locate the described subject.

At 3:26 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Highway 126 for a reported assault. Officers determined that a male subject had struck a female. He was placed under arrest for assault 4 and domestic violence.

At 5:02 p.m., a caller reported that a subject yelled at her from a passing vehicle in the 1900 block of 6th Street. A report was taken.

At 5:17 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of 10th St. for a report of a physical dispute occurring. Officers investigated and arrested one subject for assault 4.

At 7:52 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 8th Street for a report of stolen money. Officers were following up on the report.

At 10:05 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 after dispatch received an open 911 call with yelling in the background. Officers found there was no emergency, and that a subject was upset about another issue.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

At 7:23 a.m., officers responded to the area of 9th and Oak Street for a report that a subject was punching a dog. Officers contacted the dog owner, who said they had swatted it but denied abuse. No further action was taken.

At 9:44 a.m., a caller reported their vehicle was damaged in a parking lot in the 700 block of Highway 101. Officers were following up on the report.

At 10:42 a.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 for a report that an adult was yelling at a child. Officers were told that a father was having a discussion with his son, and no further action was taken.

At 1:26 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of 12th St. after a caller reported that their sliding glass door may have been shot out.

At 2:10 p.m., a caller reported seeing a vehicle almost hit a pedestrian in the area of 1st and Maple Street. Officers were following up.

At 2:33 p.m., officers responded to the bus stop on 8th Street after it was reported that a subject was hitting a van in the area. Officers arrived to find a subject having a medical issue, causing them to have erratic movements.

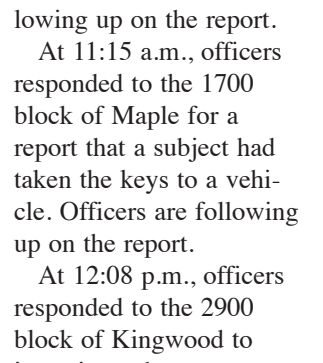
At 2:37 p.m., a caller reported that a dog in the 2000 block of 17th

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Ross Nininger

June 18, 1950 - October 13, 2026



Ross N. Nininger, 76, of Florence, Oregon, passed away on October 13, 2026. He was born on June 18, 1950, in Berkeley, California.

Ross and his wife, Heidi, shared 46 years together. After more than 15 years at Greentrees Village, he retired and spent his days doing what he loved most: being with Heidi, watching car races, and cheering on the San Francisco 49ers and the Oregon Ducks. He was a proud fixture in the stands at his grandson Joseph's games, and his family was always his greatest joy.

Ross is survived by his wife, Heidi; his daughter, Heather; his son, Nicholas; his granddaughters, Alexa and Sidney; his grandson, Joseph; Joseph's mother, Leslie, and family; his brother, Terry (wife, Joan); his sister, Ayn; his sisters-in-law, Sonja (husband, Bob) and Pam (husband, Gerald); and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A celebration of life with family and friends will be held Thursday, October 22, at 11 a.m. at Burns' Riverside Chapel in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, donations to support the ongoing work of The Good Deed Project (The Soup Brigade) are gratefully received and may be sent to The Good Deed Project, PO Box H, Florence, OR 97439.

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A word to my critics

TONY REED, EDITOR



Since I arrived here three years ago, I've thrown my whole self at this job. There hasn't been a single week in which I haven't toiled and stressed about everything from early deadlines to event coverage, elections, and meetings. Last month, I took a week off to visit family, which was my first vacation in two years. I returned to an email pointing out typos in a story and an accusation that I must not care. Now, that comment echoes in my head every time an oversight is pointed out.

It's not that I don't care, but that I overcare. While it may sound counterintuitive, it seems the more I stress about the accuracy and content of a story, the more likely I am to overlook a typo or layout error.

This is the first time in my career that I haven't had at least three sets of eyes proofing the pages. At the News-Times in Newport, myself, the sports editor, and the managing editor all went over pages before sending them to the printer. I'd catch mistakes they missed, and they'd catch things I missed. Here, it's just me, and while I do my best to catch everything, mistakes still happen. Those mistakes read like embarrassing failures, and I feel every single one.

I don't think the solution is to care less, but to care just as much, and still do my best.

I also know I have my critics, who've taken to social media this past few weeks to criticize and call names.

To me, social media has always been a moral hazard. For those unfamiliar with the term, it basically means doing something that may harm others because you feel protected from consequences or responsibility. From the safety of their keyboards, my loudest critics seem all too eager to post accusations and name-calling online, but will still wave and say hi to me in public. I see you, by the way.

Meanwhile, my left-leaning critics accuse me of being far-right, and my right-leaning critics say I'm far left, so I guess I'm doing something right after all.

What you read in this paper is as accurate as I can make it. I'm happy to print corrections to notable mistakes, but it's certainly tiresome to read name-calling and social media backbiting over them.

I know this paper isn't always perfect, but that doesn't make me less proud of it, because I know it's the result of hard work, late nights, long meetings, and a level of stress I'm sure my doctor would advise against.

My critics should also know that despite their efforts to undermine me and this paper, I still receive regular praise from community members who appreciate seeing objective journalism in Florence, understand that we all make mistakes, and urge me to keep doing what I'm doing.

To me, that matters more than the criticism.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

I reviewed the candidate statements made to the Siuslaw News and then contacted Dan Lofy and asked if he would support the location of an ICE holding facility for immigrants in Florence. He said if immigrants were to be arrested in Florence, it would be better if they were held in a currently empty jail in Coos Bay. Then I called Sally Wantz. She would be strenuously opposed to locating such a facility in Florence. I found a remarkable "West of the Tunnel" on-line video of her discussing her activities for the last six years on the city council. I tried to find a phone number for the final candidate, Shannon Warren but was unable to do so, other than a disconnected Colorado number. A locator service let me know they could give me her number for $6.99. I declined. Thanks for your helpful coverage of these candidates.

Frank Smith
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

In our real world today, October 2026, can we really try to have a non-partisan type of election? We've been playing tug-of-war with each other since November 8, 2016. Ten years later and we're more divided than ever. Right this minute, it really does look like we are an UN-tied state of America. Very sad. In our small town of 9,468 people and only 4 stoplights, just take a look at the election signs throughout. The 'right' side gravitated toward MAGA-hill at Hwy 101 and 35th Street and also that same gang also staked-a-claim at the Old Cedar Tree Woodworking place at 1267 Hwy 101 next to Oregon Pacific Bank. That all has a partisan look and feel to it, doesn't it?? And yes, the 'other side' has sprinkled their sign-of-the-times all around town as well. No matter how much we all hope and pray that we could and would all get along, by trying to think and feel the very-same-way, a tug-of-war still goes on. It would take an Act of God to help make it right… but then we'd be arguing - - "Whose God?!"Maybe, a good start would be - trying to do what Mahatma Gandhi advised us long ago, "Be the change you hope to see in this world."One town. One neighbor. One conversation at a time. Shall we begin?

Jennifer Fench
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

I'm writing to endorse Ryan Eichelberger in the upcoming election for Florence City Council. After attending the Candidate Q&A session at the Florence Middle School, I'm convinced Ryan is the candidate that knows the pulse of the city of Florence and would bring real solutions to help our city. As a tax paying individual who supports our restaurants and buys local, I feel that Ryan is the one person who will really look out for Florence citizens. His approach comes from real data and he was the only candidate who even mentioned the financial condition Florence is in. My vote is for Ryan so we can get real world solutions here in Florence.

Matt Mandell
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Character matters.

When it comes to electing our local representatives, we have a unique opportunity in Florence to get to know our candidates running for office. Not only can we ask them about their views, we can also learn a lot about their character.

I want my public servants to lead with Grace. An ideal leader will be kind, generous, and extend goodwill toward all constituents including those who disagree – even those who disagree in ways that some may view as inappropriate. How does a politician achieve grace? I see two key traits: Humility and a Thick Skin.

Humility is more than possessing an unpretentious self-image. Humble public servants know who their constituents are and exercise the capacity to act on behalf of the people, even if what the people want differs from that person's personal views. Public servants must listen to and be open to all ideas and viewpoints of those they serve.

Having a thick skin doesn't just mean handling public criticism without taking it personally, it also means doing so with kindness, honesty and humility. Criticism comes in many forms, some will be constructive, some will be angry, some will even be personal. Politics can be nasty, a politician should be able to take it. A public servant must be able to bear criticism in all forms and respond truthfully, kindly, and humbly.

Grace is easy when preaching to the choir. The true test of character for any politician should be how one responds to criticism – especially harsh criticism. In public service, there is no opportunity to block constituents the servant does not like, or delete contrary public opinions. If a public servant cannot respond gracefully to all, even to harsh criticism, that person is not a leader.

Just remember, character matters.

Scott Bailey





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The Florence Warming Center is readying for cold weather

Though it seems too soon for summer to end, the shorter days and cooler nights signal the inevitable arrival of winter. On the Lane County coast, the Florence Warming Center provides overnight shelter for unhoused residents when the temperature drops to life-threatening levels. Last winter, guests shared two large rooms in a former commercial building off Highway 101, but will offer motel stays to qualifying guests this year.

"This year the Florence Warming Center will operate a motel voucher program for adults over 18," according to a release from FWC. "When the temperatures meet the criteria (34 or 38 with consistent rain and/or wind), we will post announcements at SOS, Helping Hands and Methodist Church lunch programs, the library, and let community partners know when we will open."

Organizers say intakes will happen at the Silver Sands Motel beginning at 4 p.m. with no admittance after 10 p.m. Rooms will be available for as many days as the temperatures are in the temperature range.

"We will not be providing transportation or cooked meals," the release states. "Rooms have microwaves and coffee pots. At check-in, there will be food available that can be heated in the rooms. There will be an onsite person in the evenings, and strict rules will be in effect to ensure safety for all and respect for the motel property and guests."

Flyers will be distributed around Florence prior to opening.

OPENING FACTORS

"The decision will be made by the designated team member based on the average of the four major weather prediction sites," the release states. "Every effort will be made to make a decision 48 hours before an opening, but considering the uncertain aspect of weather prediction in our area, a decision must be made no less than 24 hours before an opening. In general, the decision will be one day at a time."

AFTER OPENING

Decisions will be made by the Warming Center team, including the volunteer coordinator and task leads, Helping Hands, SOS, library, Senior Center, FUM free lunch coordinator, Emergency Services contacts: Police Chief, medical facilities, WLEOG, WLCR, and WLFEA.

Volunteers arrive at the motel by 3:30 pm to set up in the designated motel room for intake and supply distribution. Ice chest, coffee urn, and food supplies are available for guests' use.

STAFFING

An additional room will be rented for a staff person to be on site, be available for any needs, do morning room checks, address any issues, and call on-call board members or Mobile Response if needed. If open for more than one day, board will be available for any needs.

Guests will agree to rules of conduct and cleanliness and will no longer be eligible for the program if they do not follow. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are not allowed. Smoking/vaping are allowed only in designated areas.

LAST YEAR

Last winter, the warming shelter was open a total of 13 nights, providing meals and shelter to 41 individual houseless neighbors.

"A duplicated count of 112 reflects the total numbers served on nights and mornings we were open," According to organizers. "We were also able to connect guests with needed transportation, health and social services that helped make their lives better. Numerous volunteers and guests provided food, transportation, cleaning, operations, and support of many kinds."

The owner of the building expressed satisfaction with the program, and co-tenants were supportive and reported no issues.

Doing Good. Giving Back.

Do you part and volunteer today to help support these organizations in our community.

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State races deadline

FROM OREGON CAPITAL CHRONICLE

The general election is Nov. 3, and voters will need to return their ballots to a dropbox by 8 p.m. or ensure they're postmarked on or before Nov 3.

Because of changes at the U.S. Postal Service, election officials are encouraging Oregonians to use a dropbox or mail their ballots by Oct. 27.

Voters will elect a governor, a U.S. senator, six U.S. representatives, 15 members of the state Senate and 60 members of the state House, as well as local elected officials. For the first time in decades, the ballot won't have any statewide ballot measures.

Candidates for Governor are (R) Christine Drazan, (D) Tina Kotek, and (PG) Brett Smith.

The race for US Senate includes (R) David Brock Smith, (L) Gary Lyndon Dye, (PG) Chris Henry an d(D) Jeff Merkely.

For the US House, 4th Congressional District of Eugene, Corvallis, Central Coast and North Coast, (R) Monique DeSpain, (PG) Justin Flip and (D) Val Hoyle.

NOVEMBER 3 is Election Day. All verified ballots received by 8 p.m., or postmarked on or before Nov. 3 and received within the following week, will be counted

DECEMBER 10 is the deadline to officially certify the election

For the full list of state candidates, visit https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/voter-guides/2026-general-election/

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FRAA ART CENTER
120 Maple Street
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1458 1st Street

October/November 2026
Classes, Workshops & Events

All Classes and Workshops
All classes at FRAA Creative Center. Register in person, via phone, or online at fraaoregon.org. Payment required when registering.

Glass Mosaics and Traditional Stained Glass On-going Classes w/ Charla Stickland
Create a glass mosaic piece or a stained glass piece using lead and zinc came. Work at your own pace. Saturday, 10:00am-12:00pm. $100 for mosaic or simple stained glass piece, $120 non-FRAA member, $200 for in depth piece FRAA members, $240 for non-FRAA members. All supplies provided.

Gel Plate Printing for the Holidays with Greta Olivas
Saturday, November 7, 1pm-3pm. Learn to use a gel plate to create monoprints for display, collage, cardmaking. Cost $50 for FRAA members, $60 non-FRAA members. Students to bring own gel plate and brayer. All other supplies provided by instructor.

Oil Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm No painting experience required. Contact: 541-991-2754 or jnleasure@hotmail.com for details/fees.

Next Change-Out Days
2D (hangs on wall): Monday, November 9th, 9-10:30 am
3D: Tuesday, November 10th, 9-10:30

Beginning Watercolor 2 - Next Steps with Peggy Ross
Thursdays, October 29 & Nov 5, 12 19, 10am-12pm. Next steps in beginning transparent watercolor. Must have taken Beginning Watercolor 1. Cost $150 for FRAA members, $190 non-FRAA members. $15 material fee; supply list available.

Creative Writing for Books with Kassy Keppol
An ongoing Creative Writing for Books workshop for adults! Together we will write and learn about the creation of books from idea to finished project. Perfect for beginners and aspiring authors alike. Cost is $45. Fridays, November 6 & 13, December 4 & 11, 4:30-6:30 pm.

Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic
Tuesday, November 3rd, 7 pm in person and Zoom at FRAA! Doors open 6:30 pm

14th Annual Holiday Arts Festival
December 5th and 6th at the FEC.
We share the FEC with Empty Bowls and Holly Jolly Follies, all non-profits! What a great way to celebrate the spirit of the Holidays! If you are interested in being a vendor, applications are available at FRAA or on our website.

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, visit FRAA at our Art Center. All Classes at our Creative Center. (10/21/26)

Scary Tales Haunted Maze at FEC



C.R.O.W. proudly presents its 2026 Scare-C.R.O.W. Haunted Maze, "Scary Tales," October 28–31 at the Florence Events Center.

This year, guests will step inside a twisted storybook world filled with dark forests, wicked queens, sinister creatures, and terrifying versions of familiar fairy-tale characters. In this storybook, happily ever after is definitely not guaranteed.

Unlike permanent haunted attractions, C.R.O.W. builds its elaborate maze from the ground up each year, using theatrical storytelling, detailed environments, live performers, special effects, and stage magic to create an extra layer of psychological terror.

"Scary Tales" is held entirely indoors on the flat floor of the Florence Events Center, and is ADA accessible. The regular Haunted Maze experience is not recommended for small children, and entry is always at each victim's discretion and at their own risk.

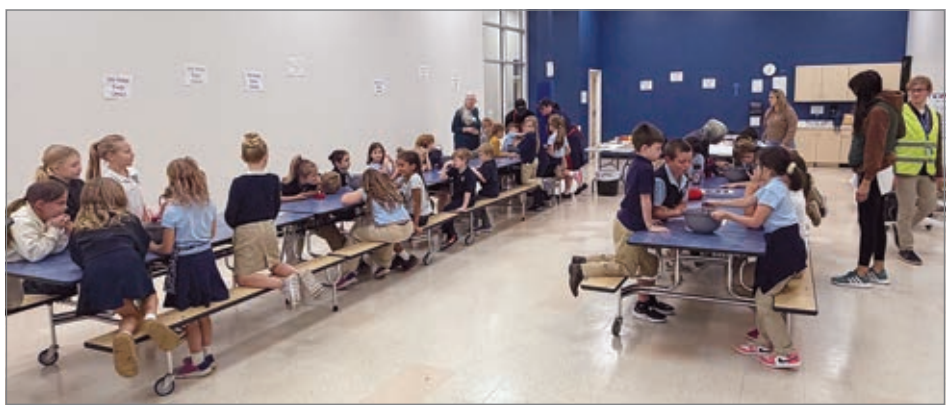
More than 1,100 guests visit C.R.O.W.'s Haunted Maze annually, including Halloween thrill-seekers from throughout Oregon, California, and Washington. Beyond the maze itself, guests can enjoy tasty concessions, themed boutique merchandise, and haunted photo opportunities, making it a full evening of Halloween fun.

New this year, C.R.O.W. will offer a Sensory Friendly Guided Walk-Through, giving guests with sensory sensitivities an opportunity to explore the maze with the lights on and jump scares removed. The popular Less Scary Hour will also return on two nights, offering a toned-down version of the attraction for younger guests, families, and anyone who prefers their fairy tales with a little less terror.

Proceeds benefit C.R.O.W.'s 501(c)(3) nonprofit youth arts programs, including theatre, dance, camps, workshops, community outreach, and free-to-participate youth mainstage productions.

For event times, admission information, photos, videos, FAQs, and more, visit www.crowkids.com/haunted-maze or email artisticdirector@crowkids.com.





WCA Kids explore math, cooking

FROM SIUSLAW VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

The Friday Explore program at Whitmore Classical Academy is up and running. WCA has a four day instructional week with Fridays described as "optional but valuable." Friday mornings is Engage for extra help and enrichment and Friday afternoons is the Explore program to give students experiences to explore the good, the true and the beautiful.

On Friday, October 9, Inspire Culinary Academy planned and hosted the Explore program at Whitmore with a "Cooking with Math and Measuring" experience. Students make pizza crust, seasoned sauce, cut vegetables and put together pizzas in groups. They also did a craft paper pizza to take home and built a pizza soup from pizza leftovers to tie into the Stone Soup story they learned earlier in the week.

"We love community partnerships like this. We are grateful to Inspire Culinary Academy for their heart and hard work presenting this Explore program for our students. They loved it and learned a lot!" said WCA Executive Director Jennifer Waggoner.





Friendship - Fellowship – Fun

FAITH DIRECTORY

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BAHA'I FAITH OF FLORENCE
"What is Baha'i, and Why?" 2nd Monday 7:00 PM
Interfaith Devotions 4th Monday 7:00 PM
"Reflections on the Life of the Spirit" study group
Info and meeting location: 541-590-0779
Zoom link on Facebook: Florence Baha'i Community

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
4590 Hwy. 101 N, across from Fred Meyer-
541 997-7418
SUNDAY SERVICES - Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM; Worship 10:45 AM;
High School Youth 7- 9 PM
MID-WEEK- Women's Bible Study-Tuesday
10:00-Noon and Thursday
7:00-8:00PM; Men's Bible Study Thursday
8:00-9:30 AM; Middle
School Youth Wed. 7-9 PM.
Sunday Worship streams live at Community Baptist Church Facebook Page

CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Corner of 10th & Maple- 541-997-3533
Sunday Services 9am
1st Service in person
Sunday Services 11am
2nd Service in person & livestreamed
Wednesday kids/youth night is at 6:30
NOT livestreamed.
https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online
Other platforms update after the service.
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Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for adults is at Monday, 10:30 a.m.
Taizé Prayer Services - 2nd Sunday at 4 p.m.
Online services at
www.florenceoregonumc.org
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FOURSQUARE CHURCH
1624 Highway 101 (next to A&W) –- 997-6337
Pastor George Pagel – Something for the entire family.
Sunday Service 10:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study returns this Fall.
Website: florence4square.com

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21st & Spruce Streets—(541) 997-8113
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Online services available on our FaceBook, YouTube, and website: www.florencenewlifelutheran.org

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Internet and in person Sunday Services at 10:30am,
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Pastor Steve Waterman
85294 Hwy. 101 S. – 997-8038
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Final EMAC speaker spotlight series features Oregon shores

The City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) will host the final in its Speaker Spotlight Series on Saturday, November 14, from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., in the Bromley Room.

Rachel Freeman, Education Manager from Oregon Shores, will be hosting a family oriented, inspirational and creative workshop on Marine Debris Medium Mosaics.

Participants will create ephemeral, multidimensional medium size mosaics using real marine debris collected along the Oregon Coast.

The session begins with a presentation about how marine debris shape our shoreline and society, followed by a guided discussion on the complex role plastics play in our lives. Using clean, color-sorted debris, participants will fill in a nature-inspired drawing on a canvas panel. Piece by piece, as marine debris is added, the marine debris will reveal a one-of-a-kind marine debris mosaic.

When the murals are complete, participants will take a short "gallery walk" to appreciate one another's creations and each will be photographed before returning all materials to their bins. The workshop will close with a conversation about what was discovered, how perspectives may have shifted, and creative ways we can reduce plastic pollution in our communities.

Attendees will enjoy snacks and refreshments, have access to additional educational materials, and can participate in giveaways and raffle drawings. All community members are welcome to this free event.

Reservations are recommended and people can sign up at https://oregonshores.org/event/marine-debrismedium-mosaics-workshop/.

More information is available on the City of Florence website, https://www.ci.florence.or.us/365/EMAC.

About the speaker

Rachel Freeman was born and raised in Astoria, Oregon, and developed an early interest in fisheries and a passion for teaching. She graduated from Oregon State University in 2019 with a BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences and a Minor in Spanish. Rachel has a background in salmon and steelhead research, having worked on multiple Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife field projects along the North Oregon Coast.

As Oregon Shores' Education Manager, Rachel is dedicated to expanding opportunities for students along the Oregon Coast to participate in Community Science projects and engage with coast-wide initiatives that support positive change for Oregon's marine ecosystems.

About Oregon Shores

For more than 50 years, Oregon Shores has served as the state's leading voice when it comes to protecting the beaches, headlands, landscapes, and ecosystems that make Oregon's coast so spectacular and loved. The ultimate outcome sought by Oregon Shores is a protected coast. To accomplish that, Oregon Shores engages people to Learn, which inspires them to Take Action.

More details can be found at https://oregonshores.org/programs-campaigns/strategic-plan/.

Police

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St. was prone to being vicious and aggressive. Code enforcement followed up on the report.

At 4:56 p.m., officers responded to the 3600 block of Pine for a report of a subject yelling in the area. Officers arrived but could hear no yelling and were unable to locate any subjects in the area.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

At 1:26 a.m., officers on patrol in the area of Highway 126 and Highway 101 heard a female screaming. Officer was located the female subject known to display such behavior.

At 3:18 a.m., a caller reported a subject in the 1700 block of Highway 101 stepping into the roadway and waving at cars. Officers contacted the subject and advised him to stay out of the roadway.

At 9:46 a.m., officers were responding to the 900 block of 2nd Street for a report that an elderly subject had walked away from his residence. While en route, officers were informed that he had walked into a nearby church, and that church members were helping him to get back home.

At 10:57 a.m., a caller reported three plants had been taken from the 1100 block of Spruce Street. A report was taken.

At 2:58 p.m., officers investigated damage that had been done to city property.

At 3:08 p.m., officers responded to the library for a report of an out-of-control female. Officers arrived, removed the woman from the library, and advised her not to return at the library's request.

At 3:36 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 126 and Quince Street for a report that a female subject was spreading trash in the area. Officers stood by while the subject was made to clean up the trash.

At 3:50 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle eastbound on Highway 126 that was unable to stay in its lane. The call was referred to Oregon State Police.

At 4:59 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Kingwood Street for a report of an accident involving a vehicle and pedestrian. Officers investigated and found that no collision occurred, but that a subject had hit the car with his hand as it passed by.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

At 12:02 a.m., officers responded to 12th St. for a report of a female subject yelling and screaming. Officers arrived, calmed the situation, and contacted Siuslaw Outreach Services for further assistance.

At 12:13 a.m., officers on patrol in the 1100 block of Highway 101 observed several people getting into a pickup truck outside a bar. Officers contacted and evaluated the subjects to ensure they had a designated driver. They did, and no further action was taken.

At 1:23 a.m., officers responded to the 4300 block of Highway 101 for a report of a male throwing things at a business. The business did not want to press charges, but asked that the subject be told not to return.

At 4:22 a.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Highway 101 for a report of a loud argument occurring between a male and female. Officers calmed the situation and found the female had warrants from Eugene and Florence Municipal Court. The female subject was taken into custody.

At 7:46 a.m., a caller reported a female screaming in the area of the Oaks Lodge in Florence. Officers arrived and contacted the same female from previous similar calls.

At 11:37 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Greenwood for a report of domestic violence. Officers arrested one male subject for assault 4, which was determined to have been in the presence of a child, making it a felony.

At 4:32 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically in the 3000 block of Highway 101. Officers requested assistance from OSP, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 5:19 p.m., a caller reported an injured doe on Kingwood with two fawns nearby. An officer patrolled the area but was unable to locate any deer.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

At 1:42 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a female screaming. Officers arrived to find the same subject from several previous contacts.

At 2:21 a.m., officers on patrol in the 1500 block of 9th Street observed a subject known to have warrants for his arrest. A warrant from Lincoln County was confirmed, and the subject was taken into custody.

At 7:45 a.m., a caller reported that a lock had been cut on a trash enclosure in the 2000 block of Highway 101. A report was taken.

At 9:51 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Greenwood for a reported dispute occurring. Officers arrived to find an aggravated juvenile and were able to calm the situation. No further action was taken.

At 10:21 a.m., a caller reported a male subject "flipping off houses" in the area of Spruce and 14th St. Officers arrived in the area but were unable to locate the described subject.

At 11:21 a.m., a wallet was turned in that had been found in the 1800 block of Highway 101. Officers checked the ID inside and found it belonged to a subject reported missing from McMinnville. Later, officers observed and contacted the subject, who was uncooperative with officers, refused any services, and said he did not want the wallet back. No further action was taken.

At 3:26 p.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive. Officers found no evidence of foul play, and the medical examiner was contacted.

At 3:51 p.m., a caller reported fraudulent charges on his bank account. Officers contacted bank officials, who contested the claim. A report was taken.

At 7:42 p.m., a call reported a subject in the 4900 block of Highway 101 kneeling in the roadway. Officers arrived, but were unable to locate anyone matching the given description.

To claim lost or found items stored at the police department, call 541-997-3515





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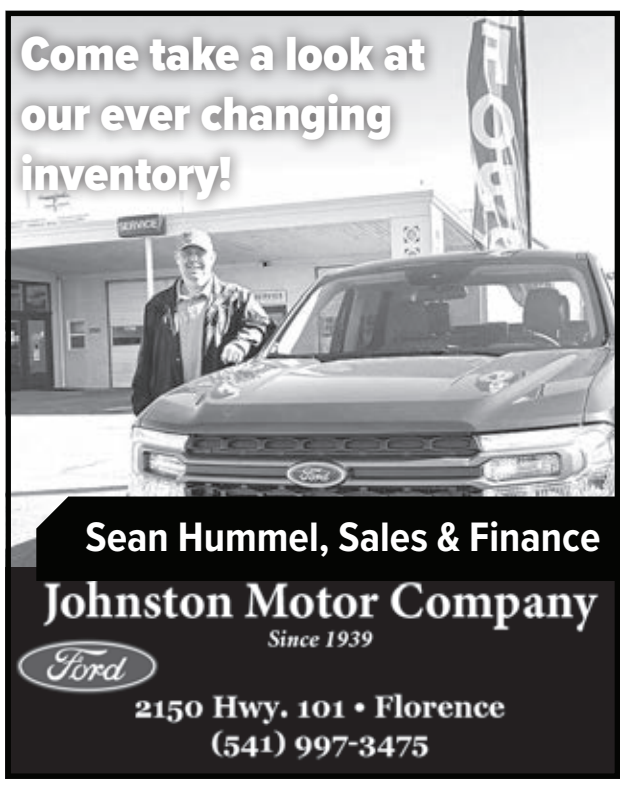
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The Programs crisis Response call volume has been increasing at about 40% per year. So far in the first three quarters of 2026, the Program has handled approximately 865 calls.

In addition to her role with the crisis Response Team, Gentry also serves on the Lane County Mental Health Advisory Committee, as well as serves as the Commanding Officer of Florences' Shark Division for the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. She is also completing her education as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

"My vision is to continue building a program that meets people where they are, treats them with dignity, and helps them find a path forward. Responding to a crisis is important, but what happens afterward matters just as much. I want us to keep strengthening that connection between crisis response and ongoing support so people aren't left trying to figure everything out on their own." She stated. "I've had the opportunity to grow with Western Lane Crisis Response, starting as a part-time responder and learning firsthand what it means to show up for people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Taking on leadership of the program is incredibly meaningful to me because I understand the work from the ground up."

Gentry can be contacted through the Department's website at www.wlfea.org.



CANDIDATES

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for a four-year term on the city council and said his campaign has been going well.



Justin Ludwig

He said the process has helped him be more comfortable speaking during public appearances, but wished there had been more opportunities for forums to hear from all 11 candidates, since some forums had to be cut short.

When asked, Ludwig spoke of ways the council can help with housing.

"One of the issues that has stood out to me the most during candidate forums is the need to streamline the permitting process and make it easier to understand for residents and contractors," he said. "I don't see any reason why it shouldn't be made as convenient as possible, but I don't believe permits and other fees should be entirely removed for all developers, as some candidates have seemed to suggest."

He noted that the reason for the building and permitting inspection process is to ensure buildings are safe.

"The permitting and inspection process is not an expense that the city can afford to waive in every case," he said. "We have to be smart about our budget, and so if we do waive certain fees for new construction, I believe it should only be for critically important projects that will serve many people, such as the workforce housing units at the Elm Park Apartments."

He noted that some candidates have suggested cutting fees for new single-family homes. He said while those homes are an important part of the housing stock, the community already has many single-family homes on the market which are too expensive for the average resident.

"These homes are sitting on the market, taking longer and longer to sell," he said. "The city should not incentivize building more of these expensive homes by cutting their fees for permits and inspections. If we incentivize any type of construction by reducing fees, it should be for affordable housing, like apartment buildings or tiny homes. We can't change the buildings that already exist, or force developers to only build affordable housing, but we can encourage developers to choose to build affordable housing by offering incentives for them to do so."

"I'm hopeful that even if I don't win this election, I'll have made an impact on the conversation going forward for the next council," he said.

SALLY WANTZ

Sally Wantz has served as a city councilor for six years, but is now running for mayor, and said her campaign is progressing as she'd hoped.

"It helps that for more than two years, I've been meeting monthly with citizens to listen to their questions, comments, and concerns," she said. "Through these conversations, I've learned that residents, business owners, and those living nearby (and an integral part of our community) want to know that their voices are being heard."



Sally Wantz

Wantz said she is listening to community voices and working to resolve concerns whenever possible.

"My campaign continues to focus on sharing positive, factual information about me and our city so voters can make an informed decision about who they believe is best suited to serve as Mayor," she said.

Asked about standout issues, Wantz said she was troubled by a lack of preparation and practical experience shown by some candidates.

"Serving as mayor or councilor is about much more than wanting the position," she said. "It requires an understanding of how our city operates, the responsibilities of elected officials and staff, the work that goes into developing policies, and the difficult decisions that must be made on behalf of our community."

While some candidates have been attending city council meetings, she said others have only shown up recently, and some haven't at all.

She said that when she was a candidate for the first time, she had already been attending meetings for 15 years.

She challenged the other candidates to continue to learn about and contribute to the city, even if their election bid fails.

"Our city deserves leaders who are willing to put in the work, learn the process, and serve the community whether or not their name is on the ballot," she said. "The question isn't simply who wants to be Mayor or Councilor. It's who has taken the time to understand the responsibility — and who is willing to keep showing up long after Election Day."

ELIJAH YAGER

Elijah Yager is running for a two-year term as a city councilor, and his response was succinct.



"My campaign has been going very well, and it has been wonderful to meet so many passionate and involved people," he said. "I can't thank people enough for their support, from contributors to volunteers to those who have put my signs in their yards or simply liked a post on Facebook."

Yager wanted to reiterate a topic he felt strongly about, from one of the forums.

"I believe that AI should have no place in answering public questions posed to a campaigning or elected official, and I can promise the citizens of Florence that the voice they hear from me will always be my own," he said.

MIKE WEBB

Mike Webb, an incumbent city councilor running for a two-year seat, said his campaign has been going well.



"It's been busy. I've never been involved in anything quite like this before," he said by phone, "but it's been good, and it's been a learning experience."

He added that it's been nice to work with organizers of the various forums, who have been cordial and fair throughout the campaigns.

Asked about any highlights or interesting topics that have come up during the campaign, Webb said nothing has surprised him, but the recurring theme of subsidized and workforce housing in Florence was interesting to him, as it's something Florence needs.

"Something where an employer could come into town and know that, if they brought employees, they would have at least a place to stay, whether it's apartments or single-family residences, within a price point that would be acceptable," he said. "That has been emphasized a little bit more with the deep water terminal down in Coos Bay. The opportunity that Florence is going to have for work if that goes through." Webb predicted if the PCIP project happens, it would likely bring many jobs and families to Florence.

"It's going to be something that will be really defining and changing for our environment, and we have needs in our community for all kinds of things in order to service that kind of growth, including schools and basic infrastructure," he said. "You name it, we're going to need it."

"This has been a fun campaign, but I'm looking forward to it being over," he said. "I don't know how it's going to play out, but I'm glad I've had the chance to speak to the community and at least get my messages across. Hopefully, I can offer my services and the skills I have and help the City in whatever capacity they need me."

The remaining candidates did not respond to questions as of press time;

Shannon Warren- Mayor candidate

Ryan Eichelberger, City Council candidate

Jo Beaudreau- incumbent candidate

Haylee Cole, City Council candidate

Terry Duman, City Council Candidate

Daniel Lofy- Mayor candidate

COUNCIL

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GROWTH NUMBERS

Looking at population growth, Meyer said Florence has outpaced the rest of the county and state since 2000.

"It may not feel like we're moving that quickly year-to-year, but overall, we have positive growth, which is not true everywhere, but exciting to see," she said.

According to the report, Florence added 2,401 residents from 2000 to 2025, a 33 percent increase. In the same period, Lane County grew 26 percent, while Oregon showed 19 percent.

AGE AND WAGES

Meyer said it's widely known that the median age in Florence is much higher than the rest of Lane County. In the Florence zip code, that number comes to 62.2 years of age and that 45 percent of Florence residents are over 65. By comparison, the median age in Lane County is 40.4, and the national median age is 38.9.

"The advantage is that people can be old in other communities and come to Florence and be middle-aged again," Mayor Rob Ward joked.

Only 13 percent of Florence's population is under 18, compared to 18 percent in the county and 22 percent nationwide.

While it's a narrow range, only 3 percent of Florence is between 18 and 24 years of age, compared to 13 percent in the county and 9 percent nationwide.

For this zip code, median household yearly income by age was $39,000 for 15 to 24 years, $67,000 for the 25 to 44-year age range, $64,000 for those 45 to 64 years old, and 60,000 for those 65 and over.

Florence ranked below the US average in every category except those over 65. In the 15- to 24-year age range, the median US household income is $45,000, while the 25- to 44-year-old household average is $91,000, and the 45- to 64-year-old bracket showed $98,000. Nationally, those over 65 averaged $58,000, compared to $60,000 in Florence.

According to the data, older households earn less overall but about the same as national wages, and working-age households have a substantial income gap relative to the U.S. average.

HOW IT RELATES

"The big impact comes because our working-age households are making a lot less, compared to the rest of the U.S. Because earning typically peaks mid-career, having a smaller share of middle-aged workers and more retirees widens Florence's overall income gap," Meyer said. "Economic trends show that more residents are working past typical retirement age."

Meyer said staff is working with career technical education professionals to determine what job types can be offered to keep young people in Florence or bring them back from abroad.

"We're also trying to increase our workforce participation through groups like Lane Workforce Partnership and other partners, the Small Business Development Center." She said the partnership aims to answer questions, such as how to create new jobs and opportunities for those who can't find local employment.

Meyer said an upcoming criminal expungement clinic will take place this month.

According to the City newsletter, a criminal record can create barriers to employment, housing, education, professional licensing, and other opportunities. The clinics are designed to help individuals better understand the expungement process and receive guidance from volunteer attorneys and trained community partners throughout the application process.

"We do have a large gap of people who are either unemployed in our area or underemployed because they hit a ceiling with what they can get because they have things on their record," she said.

The full report highlighted local economic development wins from 2025 and 2026, starting with the Florence Urban Renewal Agency's partnership with Braun Hotel to start building the 86-room Microtel across from the event center. She said it has brought about 30 construction jobs to the area and will also create 12 lodging jobs.

Meyer spoke of FURA's five-year action plan, which includes creating a use for the property north of the hotel, as well as enhancing Old Town.

Meyer also highlighted the city partnership with Our Coastal Village that culminated in the development of the Elm Park Apartments and its early learning center childcare component. She said the development brings 32 units of affordable housing to Florence, bringing the total to 124 units citywide.

Meyer spoke of regional participation, highlighting the career fair and a recent award from Lane Council of Governments.



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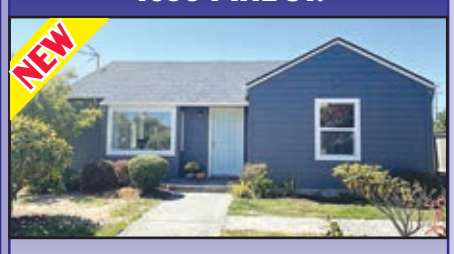
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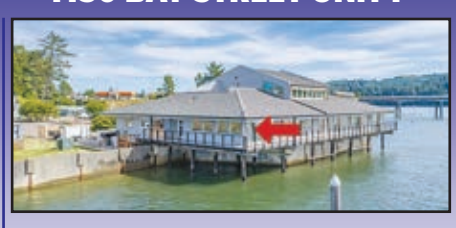
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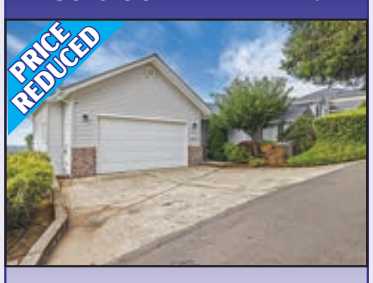
307 MANZANITA DR.



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$425,000

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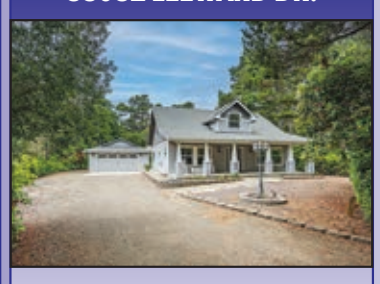
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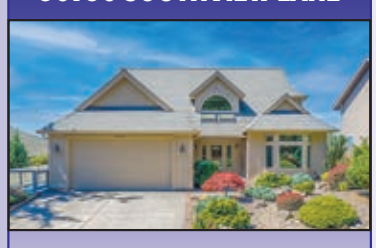
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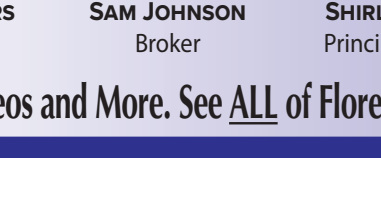
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
High ..... 2:44 a.m. 6.7
Low ..... 7:56 a.m. 2.9
High ..... 1:48 p.m. 8.5
Low ..... 8:57 p.m. ..... -1.3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
High ..... 3:39 a.m. 6.5
Low ..... 8:42 a.m. 3.2
High ..... 2:34 p.m. 8.4
Low ..... 9:49 p.m. ..... -1.1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
High ..... 4:37 a.m. 6.3
Low ..... 9:33 a.m. 3.5
High ..... 3:28 p.m. 8.0
Low ..... 10:45 p.m. ..... -0.7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
High ..... 5:40 a.m. 6.1
Low ..... 10:35 a.m. 3.6
High ..... 4:29 p.m. 7.5
Low ..... 11:46 p.m. ..... -0.3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
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Low ..... 10:53 a.m. 3.6
High ..... 4:41 p.m. 6.9
Low ..... 11:49 p.m. 0.1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
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Low ..... 12:21 p.m. 3.3
High ..... 6:01 p.m. 6.4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
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High ..... 7:25 p.m. 6.1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Low ..... 1:49 a.m. 0.9
High ..... 8:31 a.m. 7.0
Low ..... 2:48 p.m. 1.8
High ..... 8:41 p.m. 6.0

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Low ..... 2:41 a.m. 1.3
High ..... 9:12 a.m. 7.4
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High ..... 9:47 p.m. 6.0

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Low ..... 3:29 a.m. 1.7
High ..... 9:49 a.m. 7.7
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High ..... 10:43 p.m. 6.2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
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High ..... 1:08 p.m. 7.4
Low ..... 8:20 p.m. ..... -0.1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
High ..... 3:14 a.m. 6.2
Low ..... 8:06 a.m. 3.9
High ..... 1:46 p.m. 7.2
Low ..... 9:01 p.m. 0.2

Siuslaw volleyball sweep Sutherlin

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News



Siuslaw added a third win to its league ledger, beating Sutherlin 3-0 in a revenge match for the Vikings on Oct. 20.

It was the Vikings' final home game of the season, and they also honored the program's seniors and their years of hard work. Head Coach McKenzie Perry was thrilled to send her program's leaders out on a home victory in their final volleyball match at Siuslaw High School.

"Tonight we had a dominant win against Sutherlin, to avenge our fifth-set loss when we went to them. We started the night by celebrating our five amazing seniors and their families, all of whom have been in the program since I coached

See **GIRLS**, Page B2

Siuslaw suffers its first league defeat in years



Despite this dramatic touchdown by Caleb Gray, the Vikings found themselves with a deficit too great to close. Tony Reed photo.

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw's first league defeat of the season came against Sutherlin on Oct. 16, as the Bulldogs came to Hans Petersen Field and walked away with a 34-22 win.

It's been a long time since Siuslaw lost a league football game, as they were undefeated in Special District 4 over the past two seasons. You'd have to go back to October 2023 to find the last time the Vikings lost a league game.

When Siuslaw faced Sutherlin on Oct. 16, the Vikings went back and forth with the Bulldogs, but couldn't quite get the upper hand. While the

See **FOOTBALL**, Page B3

Siuslaw girls close in on playoff spot

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw girls soccer team put a playoff spot within reach by beating Illinois Valley on Oct. 15. The Vikings dominated the match, kept a clean sheet, and showed off their firepower with a 5-0 win.

It was a crucial win, and if Siuslaw won against Lost River/Bonanza on Oct. 22, they should have grabbed the fourth and final playoff berth out of Special District 3. The result against Lost River/Bonanzais unavailable at the time of press, but scores can be found at osaa.org.

Head Coach Amy Tregoning and her team are on the precipice of the playoffs, a milestone for the team, and the win against Illinois Valley was important in getting them there.

"Thursday was an important game for us, we played Illinois Valley and needed to win if we are looking to make it to playoffs, which will be a first for us," Tregoning said.

It's been a banner year for the program. The team has grown over the past five years, and they have come a long way from a group of freshmen and one sophomore who jumped from JV to varsity. Tregoning said they had to hit the ground running and credited Siuslaw's youth soccer programs with laying the groundwork for the high school team's success.

"Each year, the skill levels have just gone up. Without the youth soccer program, I don't think we would be where we are now, getting kids interested at a young age, kids developing a passion, and now really wanting to compete," Tregoning said. One thing that does stand out with this group, though, is their no-quit positive attitude. We've had ups and downs this season, but the girls are always there to support each other and keep lifting each other up. They challenge each other to do better, they hold each other accountable, they want to learn from mistakes, and keep pushing forward."

Siuslaw being on the verge of the first playoff qualification in program history hasn't been by accident. The team has grabbed big wins against Illinois Valley, Douglas, Glide, Coquille/Myrtle Point, and Lakeview. Their draw against Sutherlin on Oct. 10 gave them an important leg up over the Bulldogs in the standings.

Even though this is the best season in program history, the team still has plenty of potential to improve. The team has no seniors, with a healthy balance of juniors and sophomores making up much of the team's depth.

THE TEAM'S LEADERS SET THE TONE.

"Our two captains this year are Molly Mills and Claire McNeill. They are great leaders for our team and really represent the dynamic of our team," Tregoning said. "They are a mix of, let's take it seriously and play with all we have, and still remember why we play, because soccer is fun."

While the joy of playing has been a key part of Siuslaw's identity this season, it hasn't been easy. The team has had a lot of adversity on the road to their 5-3-1 league record, including injuries, illness, long bus rides, and shifting personnel.

At one point during the season, all of Siuslaw's strikers were injured, and they had to shift players around to keep a threat up top. At other times, injuries and illness have left the Vikings shorthanded, and they've played games

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Community Briefs

Grief Workshop

FUUF's Care Committee team will host a Workshop on Grief - especially looking towards the holidays, on Saturday, November 7th, from 12 - 2:00, at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Hwy 101 and Heceta Beach Road.

WLT meeting

West Lane Translator, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing free television and radio re-transmission to the Florence area, will hold its October Q4 Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Siuslaw Library, Bromley Room and virtually with attendance details provided to all current WLT members via email. For the convenience of the public, a summary of the meeting will be posted to the WLT website, westlanetv.org.

Florence Author Jo Guzman Celebrates Amazon Bestseller with Local Book Launch

Marijo Vollmar celebrating her third poetry collection

Florence resident Marijo Vollmar, writing under the pen name Jo Guzman, is celebrating the release of her third poetry collection, Eros Despite, with a community book launch on Thursday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Laughing Crab in Florence.

Published September 22, Eros Despite debuted at No. 1 on an Amazon poetry best-seller list and reached No. 1 on two additional new-release lists, including Asian American Poetry.

Blending original poetry with photography, Eros Despite is both a literary and visual exploration of love, identity, and self-discovery. Photographs featured in the book, including its cover art, were taken by Guzman herself, creating an intimate dialogue between her words and images.

"I meant to write a book about Eros, and I met me instead," Guzman writes in the collection, capturing the unexpected transformation at the heart of the work.

Born in the Philippines and raised in the United States, Guzman began writing poetry in her 50s. Her previous collections include Craving and 28. She is also the founder of Empowered Living Wellness Center in Old Town Florence.

Eros Despite is available in paperback and Kindle editions through Amazon, with a special hardcover edition featuring full-color photography available through participating booksellers, including Barnes & Noble.

Eros Despite, a collection of original poetry and photography, reaches No. 1 in three Amazon poetry rankings

Girls

From Page B1

them as 7th graders," Perry said. "They are a very special group, and I can't imagine a volleyball season without them!"

The win over Sutherlin was also a bounce-back game for the Vikings after they lost 0-3 to Brookings-Harbor on Oct. 15. Siuslaw's girls dusted themselves off and walked away with an impressive three-set sweep, with scores of 25-13, 25-11, and 25-18.

Senior captain Stella Duman still found ways to outdo herself, and she logged her first match with a hitting efficiency of .500 on 24 attempts. She led the charge for Siuslaw with 14 kills in three sets, plus two blocks and three aces. Perry and the team will surely miss her.

"It has been a joy to watch her develop as a player over the years, and I am proud to have coached her," Perry said. "I have a feeling her volleyball journey might not be over."

In the final three sets of her Siuslaw career, Charley Johnson served 24, with no errors and four aces! She also served the last series of points in all three sets, closing out the wins for Siuslaw.

"Charley is such a tough and hard-working player who has committed herself to this program so wholeheartedly," Perry said. "She is such a joy to coach, and I fully trust her and have handed over a lot of leadership roles to her this season, which she has handled with confidence."

Fellow senior Paige Bottensek led the team in digs, with 10. She's been a versatile cog in the Siuslaw machine this season, playing in five rotations across every match this season, and never lets the level drop.

"She is tenacious and goes after every ball, and never does something on the court without her full effort," Perry said. "She has been a great defensive leader for this team, and will finish off a fantastic 3-year libero career on Thursday at Glide."

Siuslaw's final senior, Chloe Clark, started tonight's match with a big milestone. Her first dig of the match was her 500th career dig, an amazing accomplishment she earned as a reliable 3-rotation defensive specialist since the tail end of her freshman year.

"Chloe also has a knack for adding in a few solid backrow attacks to surprise our opponents, and that earned her another kill tonight," Perry said.

The win was a special way to cap their careers, and Perry thought it a fitting way to celebrate the seniors' time in the program. The Vikings played their final game of the year against Glide on Oct. 22. Find results on osaa.org.

Soccer

From Page B1

without subs. With the league realignment, long road trips for away games have become the norm. At times, the team has struggled to bring energy and intensity after 3-4 hour bus rides.

But through it all, the team's attitude and ability to respond to adversity have been exemplary.

"We learned what we need to do on the bus trips to make sure we are alert and ready. Players have stepped up to play positions they have never played because we needed someone to fill in, and when these girls step up, it's with 100%. We know there will be mistakes; they know there will be mistakes, but they continue to build each other up. There is no negativity on this team, which has made a world of difference. There is nothing worse than making a mistake and your coaches or team coming down on you screaming, 'What were you thinking/ What was that?' They know they made a mistake; no need to point it out. Instead, they adapt and overcome: 'you'll get it next time.'"

If the Vikings make the playoffs this season, it will be a huge credit to their ability to take the good with the bad and keep pushing forward.

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Vikings cheerleaders performed in the fog at halftime. Tony Reed photo

Football

From Page B1

game ended in defeat, it was a special occasion, as Siuslaw celebrated its 10 seniors.

Sutherlin got the scoring underway in the first quarter, breaking through the Vikings' defense for a 13-yard touchdown. Siuslaw answered in the second stanza with an electrifying 48-yard touchdown toss from Jericho Lake to Caleb Gray. Caleb's brother, Dylan, earned the honors of running in the two-point conversion. Sutherlin struck again next, this time through the air, giving the Bulldogs a 15-8 advantage.

With time winding down, Siuslaw seized the lead again. Caleb Gray and Lake proved a strong duo for Siuslaw, connecting for a second scoring play in the period. This time, Lake found Caleb Gray for another touchdown from 12 yards out. Going into halftime, Siuslaw enjoyed a slim 16-15 lead.

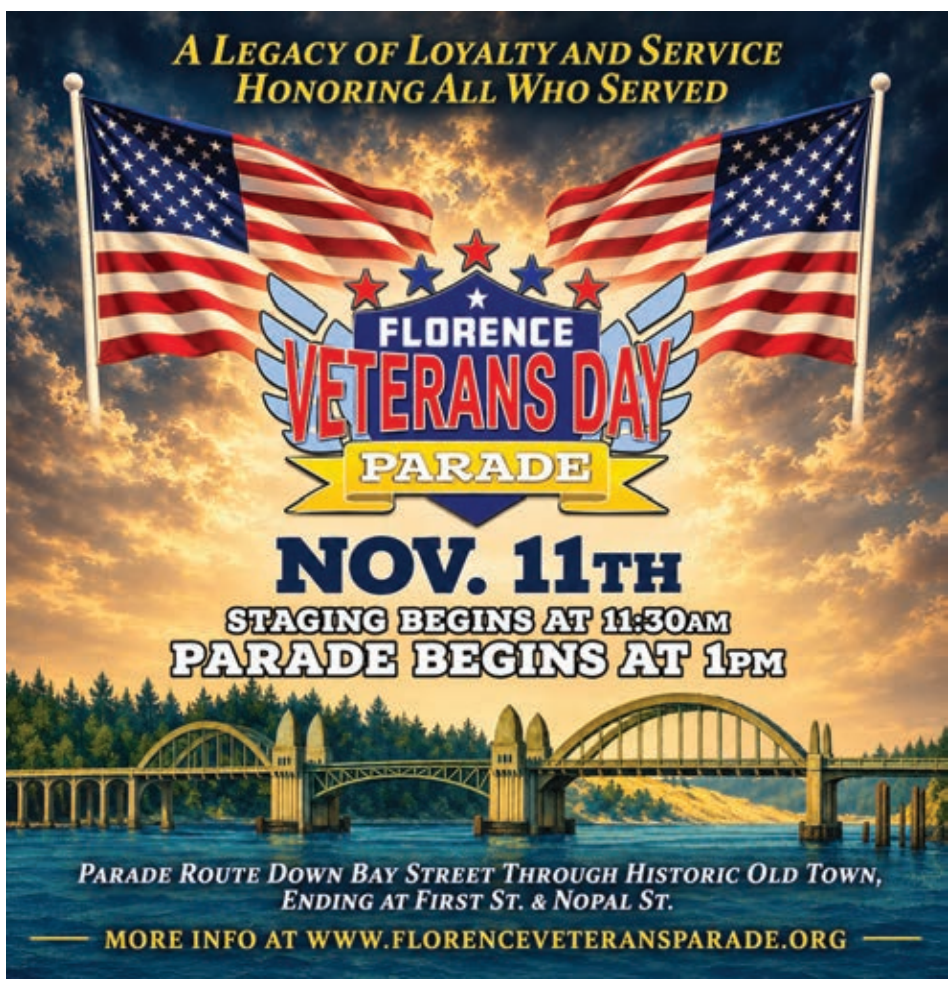
After the break, Sutherlin was the only team to put points on the board in the third. The Bulldogs put together a nice drive, punctuating it with a 1-yard run for six. The Vikings proved sturdy on the two-point conversion, limiting the damage and holding Sutherlin to just six.

Unfortunately, Siuslaw couldn't regain control to start the fourth. Sutherlin added another touchdown to start the fourth quarter, rushing it in from five yards out. Again, Siuslaw stopped the two-point conversion, but Sutherlin's score gave them a 27-16 lead. Dylan Gray jolted the Vikings right back to life on the next drive. He showed off his speed with a 70-yard rushing touchdown, bringing the game back into the balance, 22-27.

But it wasn't the Vikings' day. Sutherlin put the game to bed with the final touchdown of the night, giving the Bulldogs a two-score buffer with just 1:25 on the clock. The game finished at 34-22 for the Bulldogs, solidifying their spot atop the league.

It was a big result for Sutherlin, putting them alone atop Special District 4. The Bulldogs now have a 3-0 league record and a 7-1 overall record. Siuslaw, on the other hand, dropped to 1-1 with two games remaining on the calendar. The result of their Oct. 23 game against Brookings-Harbor is unknown at press time. Still, it carries significant weight for Siuslaw's chances to qualify for the state playoffs as one of Special District 2's automatic qualifiers.





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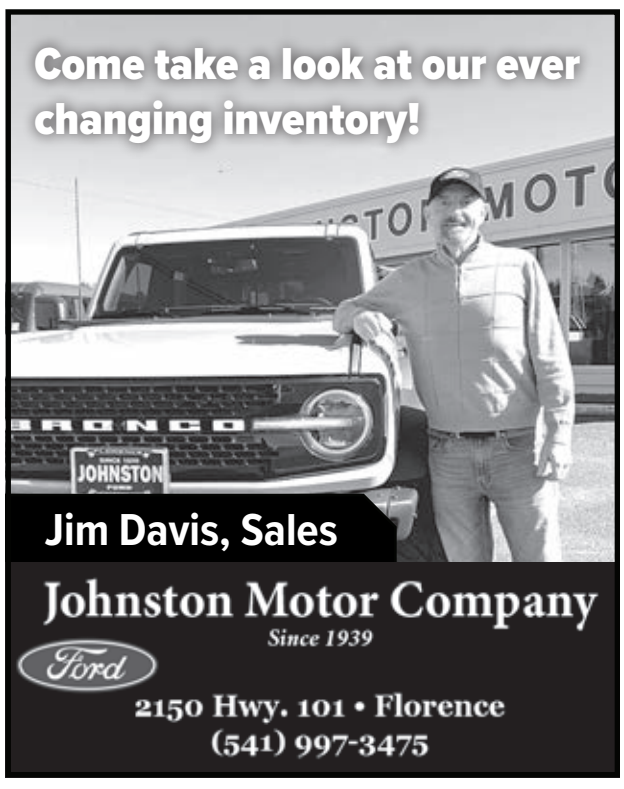
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Find the four differences between the two pictures.

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Answers: 1. Sauce on all pizzas 2. Cheese in bowl 3. Missing hand soap 4. Woman's hair is longer

Food FACT:

This beloved food, which tends to be served round or square, is enjoyed all over the world by the slice or the entire pie.

Answer: Pizza

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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1682: Philadelphia is founded in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1924: The Uzbek SSR is founded in the Soviet Union.

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NEW WORD

PEEL

wooden or metal tool used by cooks to slide pizzas into and out of an oven

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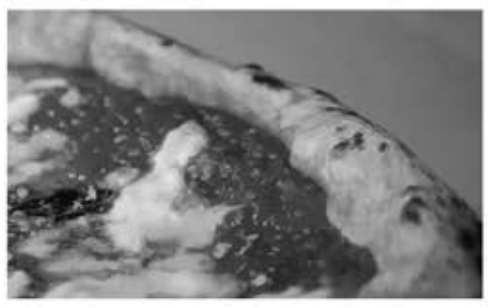
English: Sauce
Spanish: Salsa
Italian: Salsa
French: Sauce
German: Soße

Did You KNOW?

Pepperoni is the most popular pizza topping across the globe. It is closely followed by extra cheese and sausage.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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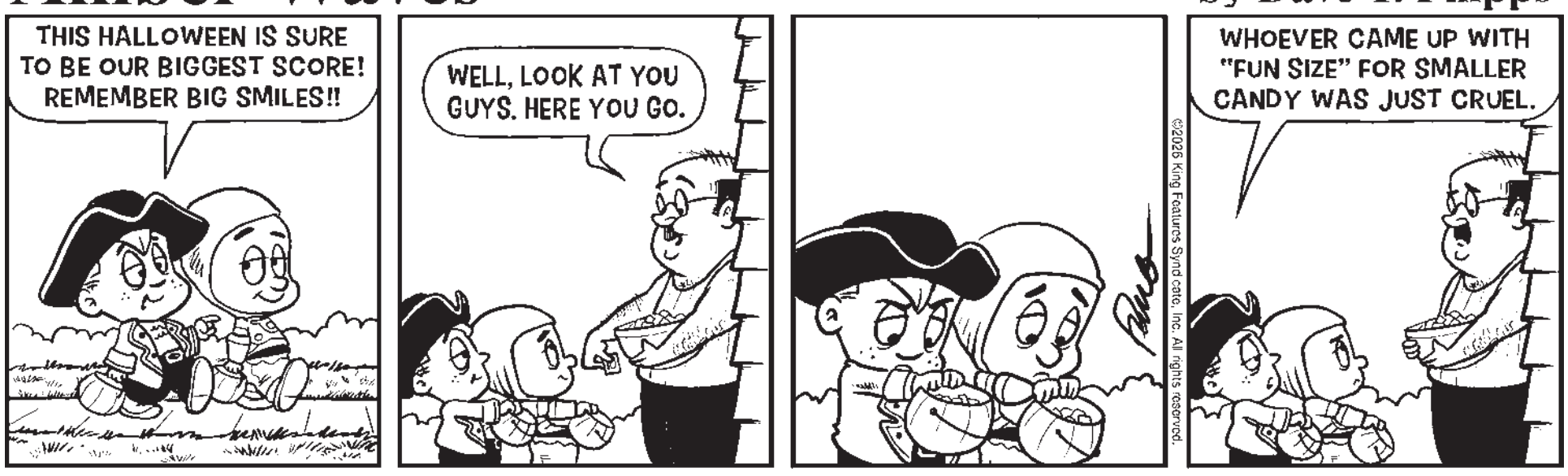
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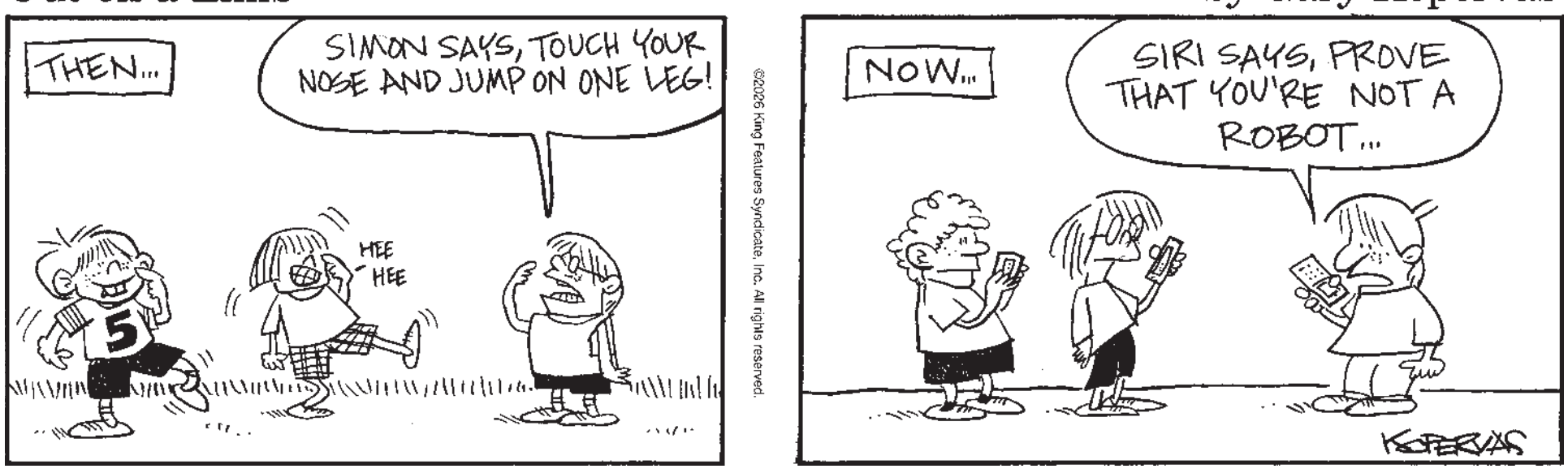
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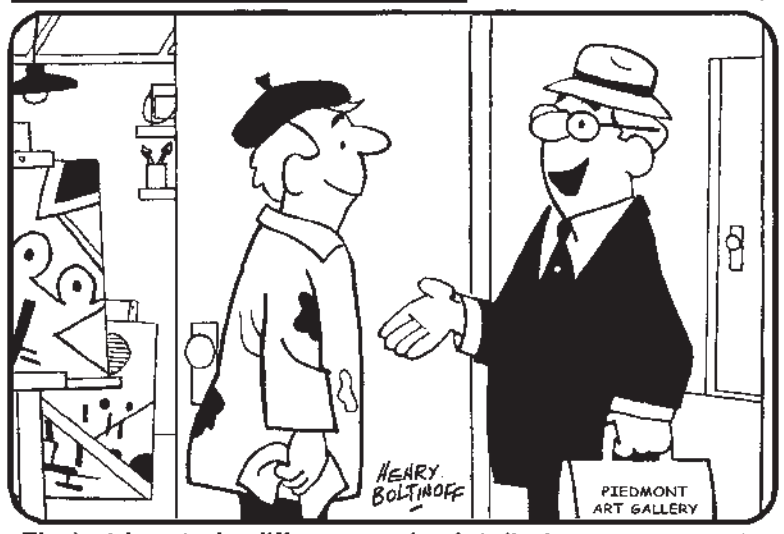


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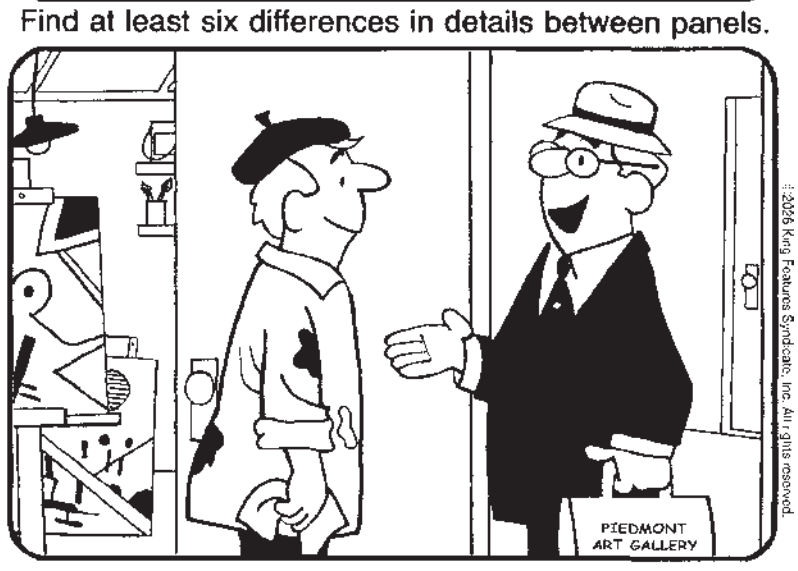
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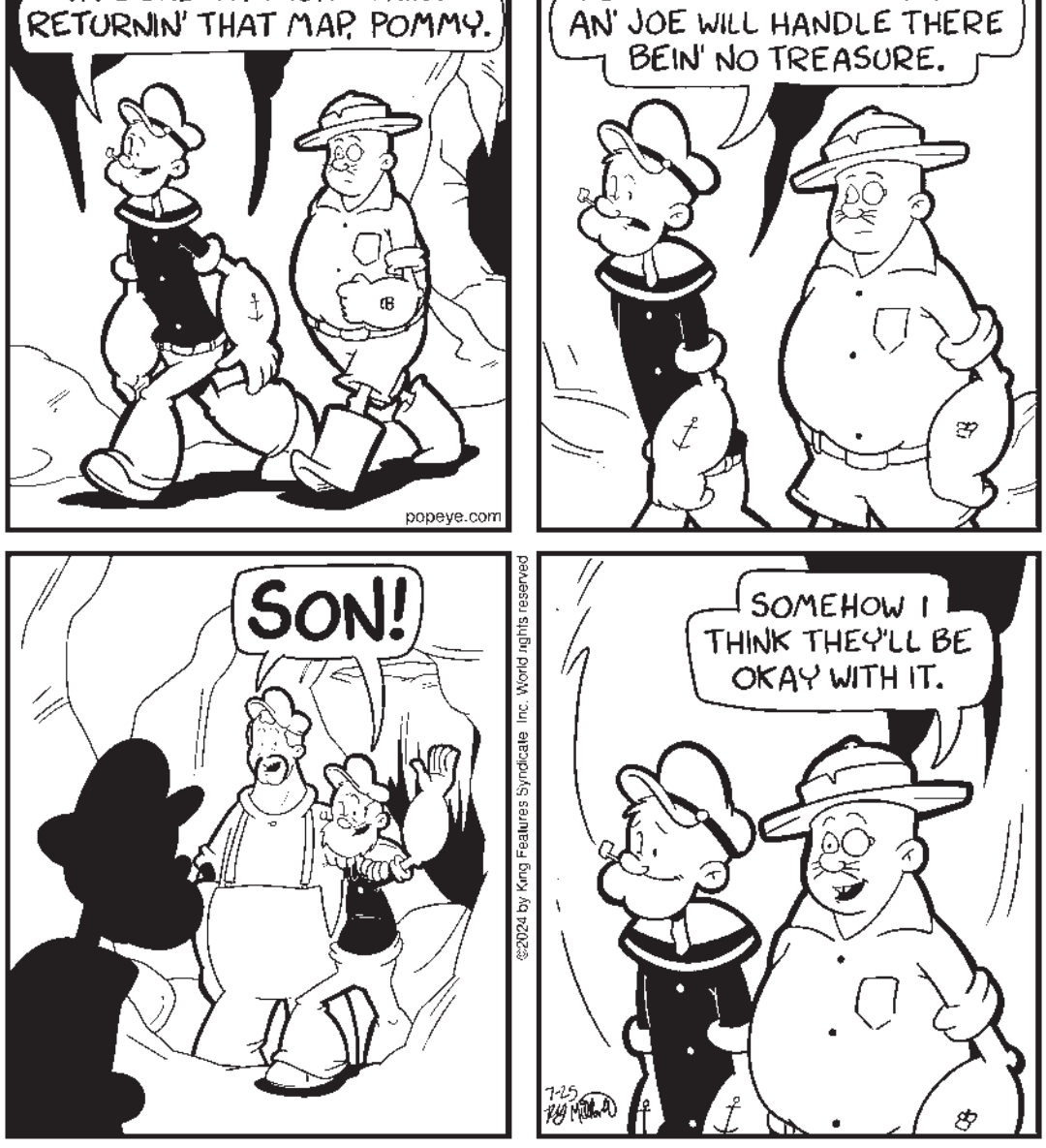
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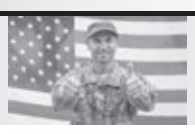


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The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		+	= 13
+		+		+
	+		+	= 19
×		+		÷
	+		÷	= 12
=	=	=		
30		19		14

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals C

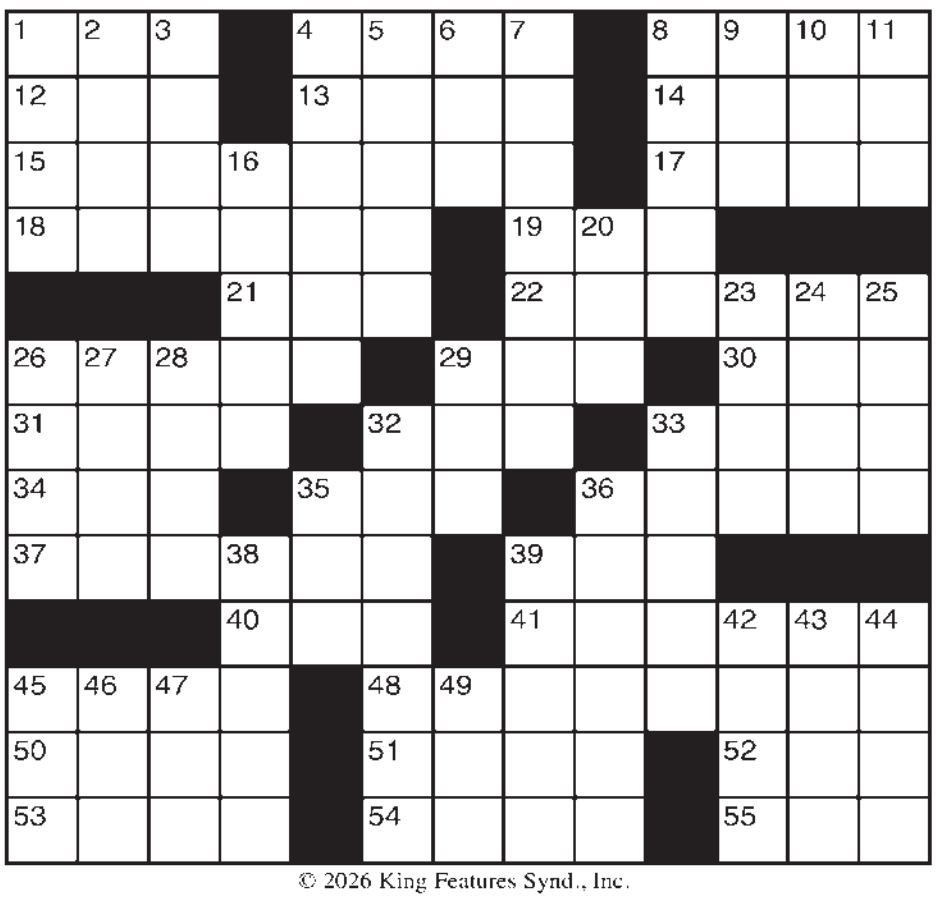
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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Personal
4 Poi base
8 Fraud
12 Romance
13 — incline (tilted)
14 Unruly groups
15 Message from an admirer
17 Border on
18 On an angle
19 Vinyl records
21 Before
22 "Darn it!"
26 Scrabble pieces
29 Movie format
30 "Little piggie"
31 Rd. crossers
32 Grant's foe
33 1982 sci-fi film
34 "The Newsroom" actor Patel
35 Farm grazer
36 Resided
37 "I, Robot" author
39 Lanka lead-in
40 Storm center
41 Sculpted trunks
45 Sagan or Sandburg
48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
50 Squad
51 — Stanley Gardner
52 PC linking system
53 Short cuts
54 Snitched
55 Vintage

DOWN
1 They give a hoot
2 Scarf material
3 De — (from the start)
4 Printer refills
5 Battery part
6 Squealer
7 Bob Marley hit song
8 Big hit
9 Corn core
10 — Dhabi
11 Rockies hrs.
16 Tools for duels
20 Third degree?
23 To be, in Tours
24 "Neato!"
25 Superman's alias
26 "There!"
27 Currier's partner
28 Jeans maker Strauss
29 Morning moisture
32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
33 Spin
35 Demure
36 Buzzed
38 Thaws
39 Unmoving
42 Aviator's milestone
43 Track shape
44 Email command
45 Young lion
46 Year in Spain
47 Chest bone
49 Granada gold



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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Young canine		U		Fully of energy		F	
2. Fetch			G	Brim			K
3. Buy stocks & bonds	_ _ _ _		S _	Concoct	_ _ _ _		N _
4. Time regulator			C	Mantle		A	
5. More rapidly	_	A _ _ _ _		Promote	_	O _ _ _ _	
6. Instilled knowledge	T			Seized the baseball	C		
7. More bleached out		R		Author		R	
8. Outrigger			E	Tonet			N
9. Tiger or mako			K	Like cheddar cheese			P
10. Frontrunner		A		Banker		N	

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: In which year was the euro currency introduced?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the driest in the nation?
3. ANATOMY: A phalange refers to what in the human body?
4. MOVIES: Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to anthropomorphize?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
7. MONEY: Which president is pictured on the $50 U.S. bill?
8. LITERATURE: The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?
9. MUSIC: Who was the founder of Motown Records?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is East Timor located?

Answers

1. 1999.
2. Nevada.
3. Finger or toe.
4. "Django Unchained."
5. To give human traits to non-human things.
6. Edna Krabappel.
7. Ulysses S. Grant.
8. "Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There."
9. Berry Gordy Jr.
10. Southeast Asia, occupying half of the island of Timor.

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SCRAMBLERS
Solution
1. Tracer, 2. Hence
3. Encore, 4. Hiatus
Today's Word
HURRICANE

Weekly SUDOKU

		4				1	2	8
		2	1		9	5	6	7
7	1		5		8	9		
	4		9				7	1
6			7		1	4		
3	7		8		4	2	9	
			3	9			4	
		3		8		7		
4		7						3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Accord **CUTER**
Later **NEECH**
Repeat **CORNEE**
Break **AUTHIS**



"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a _____."

TODAY'S WORD

FiveSpot™

Basic algebra

C	H	A	R	T	
					Map
					Arrive at
					Escapade
					Come in second
					Loses color
					Skier's milieu

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Go Figure! answers

	14		19	30
12 =	÷	1	÷	7	+	5
	÷		+		×
19 =	8	+	9	+	2
	+		+		+
13 =	6	+	3	+	4

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

9	5	4	6	7	3	1	2	8
8	3	2	1	4	9	5	6	7
7	1	6	5	2	8	9	3	4
5	4	8	9	6	2	3	7	1
6	2	9	7	3	1	4	8	5
3	7	1	8	5	4	2	9	6
1	8	5	3	9	7	6	4	2
2	6	3	4	8	5	7	1	9
4	9	7	2	1	6	8	5	3

Even Exchange answers

1. Puppy, Peppy
2. Bring, Brink
3. Invest, Invent
4. Clock, Cloak
5. Faster, Foster
6. Taught, Caught
7. Whiter, Writer
8. Canoe, Canon
9. Shark, Sharp
10. Leader, Lender

CryptoQuip answer

If actress Stone and her clones filled up a theater, I suppose one would see rows of Sharon.

FiveSpot™ Solution

C	H	A	R	T
R	E	A	C	H
C	A	P	E	R
P	L	A	C	E
S	P	O	L	E

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TODAY'S WORD CRUNCHER

"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a CRUNCHER."

King Crossword — Answers
Solution time: 26 mins.

B	O	B	S		T	O	L	O		D	L	O
U	N	I	T		E	R	L	E		L	A	N
C	A	R	L		S	O	I	N	L	O	V	E
S	O	S	R	O	T		E	Y	E			
A	S	I	M	O	V		S	R	I			
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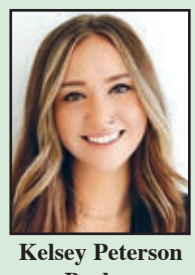
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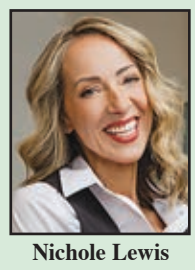
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