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Florence protesters say “Hands Off”

By **TONY REED**
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The message was evident on a multitude of signs visible along Highway 101 on April 5- Protesters wanted the Trump Administration’s Hands off of Social Security, Medicare, healthcare, reproductive rights, voting rights, the LGBTQ community and even Greenland and Canada.

Hundreds of demonstrators joined countless Americans around the country in protesting actions of Trump Administration and its employment of Elon Musk

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Woman arrested after stabbing near Florence

LANE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

On April 8th at about 9 p.m., Lane County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a residence in the 6500 block of Canary Road south of Florence for a report of a dispute resulting in a stabbing. Despite responding “Code 3” with lights and sirens, it took approximately 40 minutes for deputies to arrive due to limited staffing and distance from their previous calls.

Deputies contacted an involved person at the residence and located the other involved person in a vehicle in the area. One of the involved had cuts to their face and a puncture wound in one leg. After additional investigation, deputies arrested Carrie Jean Hogan, 58, of Westlake. She was lodged at the Lane County Jail for Assault in the 2nd Degree and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

Council grants tax exemption to affordable housing project

By **TONY REED**
Siuslaw News

At its regular meeting April 7th, the Florence City Council approved a multi-unit property tax exemption for the Elm Street Apartments, which are scheduled to begin construction soon.

Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer opened the discussion by Noting that Florence has been working

for nearly a decade on solving its housing crisis. The city’s 2018 housing needs analysis concluded that the City will need at least 1,600 new housing dwellings over the next 20 years to keep up with population growth and current needs.

“Part of that was identifying 600 Units of multi-unit housing in a range of sizes, including duplexes and townhomes, including larger multifamily housing units such as apartments,” she said. “Some

of those have happened in just the past few years. Some of the other things we’ve been accomplishing to get housing taking care of is that we have discounted the cost of System Development Charges (SDCs) back in 2018, we’ve reduced barriers to constructing housing in 2019, we developed an accessory dwelling unit program, we continue to do our housing and economic study, so we have seen a slight increase in housing. One of

the other ways we did this was back in 2021. The city council approved, in their work plan, to begin looking at multi-unit property tax exemptions.”

MUPTE, EXPLAINED

According to Meyer, MUPTE (Multi Unit Property Tax Exemption) is a state enabled program designed to be an incentive to the building of residential properties along

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The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from April 2 to April 8th

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

At 10:27 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject banging on doors. Officers arrived and subject fled on bicycle. Subject was later located and advised. Officers determined no crime had been committed.

At 10:50 a.m., officers responded to the area of Quince Street and Highway 126 for a report of a female subject wearing minimal clothing. Officers made contact with the subject who was fully dressed and said she was putting on lotion.

At 12:22 p.m., officers responded to downtown Florence or a report of a non-injury traffic accident.

At 12:51 p.m., a caller reported that a subject had been hired to do tree trimming but did an incomplete job. Officers investigated and found it to be a civil issue.

At 1:47 p.m., the County sex offender program asked Florence Police To notify a subject that he needed to register as a sex offender.

At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Highway 101 for a report that a female and ripped clothing was urinating in public. Officers arrived to find the female fully dressed.

At 7:10 p.m., officers responded to the area of Miller Park for a report of a male subject urinating in the area. Officers contacted the subject who denied doing so.

At 9:54 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Greenwood Street or a subject possibly urinating in the area. Officers contacted the subject to find he was the same subject from the previous call, and found he had a warrant for his arrest from Springfield. Subject was taken into custody.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

At 9:34 a.m., officers contacted a female subject in the 900 block of Greenwood Street and arrested her for active warrants.

At 2:14 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of 9th Street for a report that a subject was seen vandalizing a vacant building. Officers arrived to find no one in the area and no evidence of vandalism.

At 5:50 p.m., a caller reported speaking to a friend who had claimed he was going to drive his vehicle off the Siuslaw River Bridge. Officers found the subject instead went to the hospital for treatment.

At 7:36 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Greenwood Street for a report that a subject was harassing others.

At 10:11 p.m., Officers responded to the 4300 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject in the area was using a gas-powered leaf blower.

FRIDAY APRIL 4

At 9:39 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Harbor Street, to issue a trespass notification to a subject there.

At 1:40 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Pine Street or a report of a subject refusing to leave a business. Officers found the subject had a warrant out of Florence, and he was taken into custody.

At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Highway 101 for a report of a missing person. Officers were told that a car had been loaned to a subject who had not returned it.

At 3:29 p.m., officers responded to the Old Town area for a report of a road rage incident. Officers were told that a motorcycle had been speeding and had followed a car into a parking lot where a verbal dispute occurred.

At 3:36 p.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 or a report of a subject shoplifting. Subject was contacted and arrested.

At 9:21 p.m., officers and fire Personnel responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 or a report of a smoke odor. Fire Personnel located and electrical fire in the water heater and put it out.

At 9:40 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a report of a verbal dispute occurring. Involved subjects told officers that no dispute had occurred. One subject was found to have warrants from Florence Municipal Court and was in violation of probation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

At 1:27 a.m., code enforcement was informed that a vehicle had been abandoned in the area of Rhododendron and Fawn Ridge Lane. Vehicle was later towed.

At 12:06 p.m., a caller reported a dog barking underneath the Old Town Bridge.

At 1:25 p.m., a caller reported a dog at large in the area of 12th Street.

At 9:06 p.m., a caller reported a dog at large in the area of Highway 101 and 35th Street.

At 9:57 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 126 and Spruce Street for a report of garbage in the roadway. Officers arrived but found no garbage or subjects in the area.

SUNDAY APRIL 6

At 9:49 a.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of Kingwood Street to issue a trespass notification.

At 8:15 p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of Oak Street for a family issue occurring there.

At 9:31 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 Block of Airport Road or a report of a dispute occurring. Officers found subjects had left prior to their arrival.

MONDAY APRIL 7

At 6:26 a.m., a caller reported a dog at large in the area of 13th Street and Primrose.

At 7:54 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 2nd Street for a report of a possible stolen vehicle. Officers were told that a vehicle had been parked in the area for a long time but was gone that morning.

At 8:10 a.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of Kingwood

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OBITUARIES



Obituary of Patrick J McCalmont

Patrick McCalmont, 79, of Florence, Oregon, passed away on March 12, 2025, with family at his side.

Patrick was born May 9, 1945 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Melvin and Juanita (Carstens) McCalmont. The family moved to Sioux City, Iowa when Patrick was 5.

Patrick joined the Navy in 1966, during the Vietnam Campaign, serving until he was honorably discharged in 1969. He served on the USS Benewah and earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal. After the service, he returned to Iowa.

In 1970, Patrick married Karen Moulds. Karen had two sons, Donald and Allen, and in 1972 the couple had a daughter, Kym. They divorced in 1978.

In Sioux City, Patrick worked many years as a butcher in the meat packing industry. After his divorce, he moved to Wichita, Kansas and then moved on to Santa Cruz, CA, where he met Diane Phipps. As they got to know each other, they discovered that each had been born in the same hospital in Fort Dodge. They were married August 20, 1983 and Patrick became father to a daughter, Tika. In 1993, a daughter, April, was born to them.

In Santa Cruz, Patrick worked as a butcher for David Meats until he was hired as a USDA meat inspector. In 1986, Patrick purchased

McCalmont’s Custom Slaughtering, where he enjoyed being his own boss and meeting many interesting ranchers in the area. He also drove bus for the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District, where he retired from in 2004.

After retirement, the family moved to Florence, OR. Patrick loved to fish. During this time, Patrick mastered the art of fly fishing. He had numerous fishing buddies, and discovered a variety of fishing holes, his favorite being Bender’s Landing on the North Fork Siuslaw River. It was there, in 2008, that he landed the holy grail of catches – a 47-pound, 43-inch chinook salmon.

Preceding Patrick in death were his parents; and two brothers, Brian and Jimmy.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Diane; children: Kym Tran (Matt), Tika Phipps (Gary), April, Donald, and Allen; grandchildren: Andrew, Julianna, Brian, LeAnn, Jayce; a brother, Michael; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to honor Patrick will be held on Saturday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., at Florence United Methodist Church (333 Kingwood St, Florence). Patrick’s cremains will be laid to rest at North Lawn Cemetery in Fort Dodge, Iowa at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the local Florence STEP (Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program) (501(c)3), at P.O. Box 1322, Florence, OR 97439.

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2024-2025 Superintendent Evaluation Summary

SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT 97J

The board of directors of has completed Superintendent Andrew Grzeskowiak’s annual evaluation for the year ending 2/28/25. The evaluation focused on eight professional standards and three superintendent goats. This will be the fourth consecutive year the board used the COSA-OSBA Superintendent Evaluation process. Regarding the eight professional standards, Superintendent Grzeskowiak maintained the highest rating of accomplished in the areas of Culturally Responsive Instructional Leadership & Improvement, Effective Financial Management and Policy, Governance and Advocacy. In addition, the Superintendent improved in the standards of Ethics and Professional Norms, and Communications and Community Relations by bringing them from the rating of effective to accomplished.

In the areas of Visionary District Leadership, Inclusive District Culture, and Effective Organizational

Management he continues to be effective, which is the second highest rating. Superintendent Grzeskowiak’s past years focus on goals set by the school board has seen marked improvement from an already effective performance. He has reached the highest rating of accomplished in all goats of; improving Community Engagement, Positive Communication, and Positive Outcomes for At[Students. The school board values the feedback from staff and community through the responses to the OSBA targeted feedback survey. The results of this survey were one source of data in the consideration of his performance, along with the collaborative work of the board and the superintendent.

Our longest serving board member praised this year’s evaluation as Superintendent Grzeskowiak’s best to date. The school board looks forward to working with Superintendent Grzeskowiak to the continued success of our district.



LETTERS

We’re now heading into a perfect storm. Not just one re: climate events that keep escalating in intensity and frequency, maybe you’ve missed it. If you haven’t noticed as well, we’re also heading into an economic and financial worldwide hurricane, brought on by some non-thinking knee-jerks that have been waiting impatiently for years to disrupt what we have left of keeping the lid on the “garbage can”, so to speak. It hasn’t been good enough for certain factions to deny the science regarding climate change, hasn’t been good enough to deny vaccine viability, hasn’t been good enough to deny so many getting reasonable health care, hasn’t been good enough to curtail education for many, hasn’t been good enough to deny actual history, hasn’t been good enough to deny fact checking and hasn’t been good enough getting rid of inspector generals. No, those attempts/actions haven’t been good enough by putting them out there in a manner that is meant to see what sticks on the wall of ignorance, now they’re placing them all together in a cluster bomb, all at once! Financial markets may come back

for the “greed worshipers” but not for regular folks and not for our Planet Earth that won’t be able to come back from a constant onslaught of attacks mounted against it that is now promised to be drastically increased, “drill baby drill”. You don’t have to be a deep thinker to see what’s on the horizon. There was a saying attributed to one of our presidents, “walk softly and carry a big stick”--now we have a president who “talks wildly and carries a big golf club”. Just think about the individuals that have the ability to negatively impact us and our Planet the most--Trump, Putin and Xi Jinping. There are none so blind as those that refuse to see, drill that into your minds !

Jeff Talbot
Florence

I thank Mayor Ward for the Arbor Day Proclamation that he read at the City Council meeting on April 7th. The proclamation listed several benefits of having trees. One important benefit is that trees “produce life giving oxygen.” I especially like Mayor Ward’s research that revealed, “two Douglas Firs

produce enough oxygen for a family of four for a year.”

I did my own research about the benefits of Douglas Firs. Douglas fir trees are highly effective at sequestering carbon. On a large scale, 5 acres of Douglas fir trees can capture enough carbon each year to offset the carbon footprint of over 1,000 people. This makes Douglas fir an essential ally in combating climate change.

The Arbor Day Foundation believes trees are vital for human health and well-being and that climate change mitigation is among the many environmental benefits.

It is my hope that the City of Florence recognizes this crucial role trees play in mitigating climate change and includes this benefit in all future Arbor Day proclamations and celebrations.

Michael Allen
Florence

Constitution: “Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare”. Congress delegated its power to the

President and can take it back. Tariffs are at the whim of one person bypassing Congressional safeties and mechanism where it was meant to be. Framers envisioned administration funding by fees (parks), duties and imposts (tariffs), and excises (federal enterprises). Foreign goods sold here is a privelege and thus taxable. With the 16th Amendment, income tax replaced tariffs as the major funding. Virtually everything we purchase is partially or totally foreign produced since regulations, taxes, and labor are less outside America. We did this to ourselves and will take decades to return the ability via reduced government, plant construction, and creating a willing workforce. Tariffs are a tax on consumers. Taxes on income are on producers. I would not mind paying constitutional tariffs if the non-constitutional income tax ended. I would end up paying the same taxes and the wealthy who buy so much more would pay more. But, income tax allows tremendous control by the government over us and now tariffs just increased our tax burden

Keith Stanton
Florence

POLICE

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Street to issue a trespass notification.

At 2:22 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 Block of 12th Street for a report of a possible sexual assault. Case remains under investigation.

At 8:08 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 43rd Street for a report of a subject trespassing. Officers made contact with the subject to find he had arrest warrants from Lane County Circuit Court. Subject was taken into custody.

At 11:02 p.m., officers responded to the 88,200 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of a possible intoxicated driver. Officers located the vehicle and field tested the driver. It was determined the driver was not intoxicated, and he was free to go.

TUESDAY APRIL 8

At 11:23 a.m. Officers responded to the 1600 block of 30th Street for a report of a domestic dispute occurring. Officers determine the dispute was only verbal, and subjects were advised to separate for a while.

At 2:46 p.m., officers responded on Sailor’s Ravine Court for a report that a door had been open for several days. Officers entered the address and found a subject deceased inside. Officers reported seeing nothing suspicious inside, and contacted the medical examiner for further investigation.

At 3:05 p.m., a caller

reported that security cameras had been stolen from the 5100 block of Heceta Beach Road.

At 3:57 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 Block of Maple Street for a report of a subject violating a restraining order. Officers found the subject there, confirmed the order and arrested the subject.

From April 2 to April

8, officers responded to 14 calls of a suspicious vehicle or person, dealt with 16 disconnected calls to 911, made 7 welfare checks, responded to 4 reports of illegal camping and made 60 traffic stops. From January 1 to April 8th, Florence police department has responded to 5,557 calls.

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1859 Oregon's Magazine features coast restaurants

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The regional travel magazine, 1859 Oregon's Magazine, features Take a Foodie Road Trip on the Oregon Coast in its March/April editions. "We try to focus on what Oregon does best in every issue of 1859 Oregon's Magazine," 1859 Oregon's Magazine Editor Kevin max said. "Some of those things are agriculture, aquaculture and the culinary arts. When you put those together with a road trip, it triggers the adventure gene we all have - whether it's dominant or recessive. We like to trip that gene a lot in

1859." According to Max, restaurants along the Oregon Coast offer something a bit different that draws folks in. "Unlike so many coastal places we visit, the Oregon Coast is wilder, less fussy," Max said. "There's less between you and the ocean. The restaurants on the Oregon Coast feel the same way - wild-caught, unfussy and straight from dory to your table." From an economic point of view, Max believes the restaurant industry is a key factor shaping the future of the Oregon Coast. "The quality and

diversity of restaurants have an outsized impact on the future of the Oregon Coast," he said. "Only light travels faster than the news of a great new venue or a fantastic meal from a restaurant on the Oregon Coast." **REACTION** The Waterfront Depot restaurant in Florence is briefly featured in the 1859 Magazine article. Florence Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bettina Hannigan welcomes the magazine exposure. "Anytime we can get on the map is a good thing," Hannigan said. "Some many times people



The magazine article features a photo of Newport's Local Ocean Seafood restaurant's crab cakes and a view of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

get on Highway 101 and they drive up and down the coast and they don't realize that we have a beautiful Old Town that is just a block and half off the highway, which allows them to be along the river, walk up and down the port, see the flower baskets and all the beautiful things that we have in town, so this is a good thing for our Old Town because it will create interest in getting people off the highway and into town." According to Hannigan, the Waterfront Depot location is prime. "The Waterfront Depot is right on the scenic river, near them bridge, so when you sit in the restaurant you are looking out on the river and see that beautiful bridge. It is a very unique and beautiful setting," she said. Hannigan said Florence offers a variety of restaurants all with delicious dishes. "The restaurant operators and their staff are such hard working people, and they are so nice," she said. The 1859 Magazine article also features the Local Oregon Seafoods Restaurant in Newport. Lauren Pahl, Newport Chamber of Commerce Marketing Manager, said the article helps give attention to her city. "It keeps us top-of mind," Pahl said, adding that the exposure can reach a large demographic of people north to Seattle and to southern Oregon. Pahl said the Newport restaurants capitalize on the city's trademark as

being the Dungeness crab capital of the world. "We take a lot of pride in that and a lot of pride in our fishing fleet and fishing industry, so I think people understand that when they come here, they are going to get fresh seafood right off the boat," she said. "There has been a recent pull for people to get locally sourced things, and what better way to get locally sourced seafood than coming to Lincoln County and the Central Oregon Coast." Lincoln City restaurants Kylo's, Mo's, and Pelican Brew Company in Lincoln City, are also mentioned in the magazine article. Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Acre-Torres said the 1859 Oregon's Magazine has a strong readership of travel, food, and lifestyle enthusiasts. "Many of whom are looking for their next getaway and expect to find great food along the way," she said. "You'll never forget where you experienced the best seafood of your life! The article demonstrates that Lincoln City offers not just great views, but also exceptional dining." According to Arce-Torres, Lincoln City has become a recognized foodie destination, with fresh, locally sourced seafood, unique flavors, and some of the best ocean-front dining views. "Visitors come specifically to experience the seafood and coastal cuisine, often planning trips around dining experiences," she said.

"Magazine exposure, like the 1859 Oregon's Magazine feature on Lincoln City's restaurants, plays a key role in attracting new visitors and strengthening the city's tourism economy. One of the most frequently asked questions from visitors at the Chamber is, "Who has the best fish and chips," and "Where do I find the best clam chowder." Acre-Torres adds that restaurants help sustain the local economy year-round by drawing in visitors outside of peak summer months. "The article not only focused on the amazing food choices at all three restaurants but included a stunning picture of the beautiful new Pelican Brewing Company on the Siletz Bay," she said. "Lincoln City benefits from being associated with top-tier dining experiences and highlighting our amazing restaurants reinforced Lincoln City's reputation as a must-visit coastal town, and a food lovers' getaway. More dining options mean Lincoln City remains competitive with other coastal towns, helping to drive continuous tourism growth." Acre-Torres added that all three restaurants featured in the article are members of the Lincoln City Chamber. "This type of exposure aligns with the Chamber's efforts to promote local businesses and boost the local economy," she said. Restaurants in Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach, and Brookings are also highlighted in the 1859 Magazine article.

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April Government Meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS:

Mon., April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council regular meetings are open to the public, televised on Charter Channel 191, and available for viewing at Vimeo the following day (vimeo.com/florenceoregon). They occur at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101. For the most current agenda & materials, visit www.ci.florence.or.us/meetings.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Florence Urban Renewal Agency
Weds., April 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tues., April 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Arts Committee
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Transportation Committee
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- Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday)
12 noon – 1:00 p.m. – Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant
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Housing

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“MUPTE allows new, multi-family units, three or more units, to be exempted from property taxes on the assessed value of ... the new residential construction for up to 10 years. Property taxes continue to be due and paid on the assessed value of the land and any commercial portion of the structure. Each municipality that adopts a MUPTE Can shape the program how we’d like, including criteria, program caps and other requirements.”

Meyer said when staff went before the council in 2021 over 91% of area taxing districts also passed resolutions in support. She said the program was certified by Lane County in 2022.

To qualify for the exemption, projects must be fiscally infeasible without it, must be within one quarter mile of a fixed Transit route. must have a minimum of three or more units, must have no short-term housing or transient housing, must be new construction only and must provide good benefits to the public of at least three per project.

Meyer noted that the city has had success in previous projects with exemptions which are the Shore Pines at Munsel Creek and Our Coastal Village Oak Manor Apartments.

The developments feature 68 units and 24 multi-family units, respectively.

THE LATEST

Our Coastal Village Elm Park Apartments will offer 32 units, Designed for Florence area families and seniors. According to staff reports, it will feature six one-bedroom units, 16 two-bedroom units, and 10 three-bedroom units. It will be located at the northwest corner of Greenwood Street and 10th Street in Florence and construction is scheduled to start in June, 2025. Meyer said the application has been looked over by the Community Development Department and approved by the planning commission. Meyer said the project meets all the requirements for the MUPTE.

After explaining that the project would not be able to meet certain requirements without the exemption, Meyer said The project would also achieve public good as required.

“Oregon Housing and Community Services confirmed in a letter dated January 15th, that it has awarded the project \$12,235,000 in Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) program funding. This amount was subsequently reduced to \$11,830,000,” according to the presentation. “Elm Park Apartments has set aside nine units for households at or under 30% of the area median income, 9 units for households at or under 40% of the area median income, five units for households at or under 50% of area median income, and nine units for households at or under 60% of area median income.” Meyer

said the set aside meets the requirements for the project to receive the LIFT program funding.

Meyer said another public benefit comes in the form of a child care facility with a four-classroom, 5,000 ft Early Learning Center adjacent to the apartments, created by an affiliate of Our Coastal Village.

“Because this is not residential, this isn’t eligible for the MUPTE,” she said.

She said that of the four classrooms, two will provide Head Start programs for local families. “Head Start of Lane County is already in process with that project project,” she said. “Head Start requires that they be at or under the federal poverty level, but the other two classrooms hope to be more market rate child care and early learning opportunities.” Meyer noted that a private entity will step in to operate it and tenants will be given options to take advantage of them.

Recreational space of 7,010 square feet will consist of a playground, garden areas, and a greenhouse, a 700 sq/ft glass area, public art area and Community Building as well.

Meyer said Elm Park,

a future city project, will receive \$48,439 from the project as it would provide benefits to tenants and the Florence community.

THE APPLICANT

Layne Morrill spoke of affordable housing, saying Northwest Housing Alternatives and Our Coastal Village are the only two companies providing local affordable housing in the area.

“We have ended up working collaboratively on the projects that have been done here and as a matter of fact, I’m working with NHA to implement a succession plan for when I’m too old to look after these projects anymore,” he said. “NHA will take that over.”

He said affordable housing in the area can be defined as subsidized affordable, noting that affordable housing costs as much to build as any other type of housing.

“The only difference between affordable housing and regular housing is that someone has to subsidize it. somebody has to pay for the cost that is in excess of what the tenants can afford to pay.” Morrill said the LIFT program is funded through state bonds and allows affordable housing

to be constructed.

He said such a project typically takes about five years to get from concept to occupancy, and credited the City of Florence for making it possible to expedite construction of such projects.

“Affordable housing is a complicated endeavor but it’s very worthwhile,” he said. “I’m glad that we have been able to gather this additional project here.”

Mayor Rob Ward recalled being told the largest increase in homeless residents in Florence affects seniors, saying he’s pleased the project is moving forward.

Councilor Sally Wantz spoke from her own experience about how difficult it is to operate child care in Florence, and commended Morrill for working it into the plan. She added that in her experience, Our Coastal Village properties are well built and well-operated.

Councilor Jo Beaudreau was not at the meeting, but wrote a letter supporting the use of MUPTE for the project.

With no further discussion, the council voted unanimously to grant the tax exemption for the Elm Street Apartment project.

ARREST

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apartment large amounts of controlled substances were located along with other evidence of drug trafficking.

“Evidence obtained during the on-going investigation and from the federal search warrant

indicates drug trafficking on a national and international level,” a Florence Police release said. “Skyler Dean Daniels, 32, of Florence, was taken into custody by Homeland Security and transported to Portland where he is expected to be held in federal custody.”

Asked after the arrest which controlled

substances were located, Florence Police Chief John Pitcher only said, “multiple,” and that the amount was measured in “pounds.” He said no evidence of a lab was located. While FPD is not aware of more expected arrests, the Department of Homeland Security is now the lead agency on the case.

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PROTEST

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and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The protest, called “Hands Off,” was held in all US States and over 1,200 locations according to the Associated Press. New sources around Oregon showed large-scale protests in every city from Coos Bay to Portland, to Bend to Eugene and Salem. Similar protests were held in smaller towns as well. According to the Canadian Press, protests even took place north of the border in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and others.

Florence ORganizes planner Leonora Kent said it would be hard to estimate the number of people since they spanned corners from the Siuslaw Bridge to Highway 126. She estimated 500, but said others she spoke to had higher numbers.

She said three groups were present, Florence ORganizes, Indivisible and an impromptu group of Hands off protesters.

At the protest, City Councilor Sally Wantz restated the words of Sen. Corey Booker, who told the Senate that the current state of America as not partisan, but a “moral moment.” Jamie Smith and Mark Levy led songs of protest in Front of City Hall.

A poem by Charles Castle, that concluded with;

“There is a high price for freedom when the ballot is bought and sold Who stands in the streets

when our leaders stand silent

We must not be complicit So we sing So we sing So we sing

in the fight of our lives”

Less than a dozen counter protesters could be seen in the crowd with pro-Trump signs. At times, pickups and SUVs displaying Trump flags and banners repeatedly drove by the protest sites, usually expressing opposition to the protest with their accelerator pedals. One SUV featured a banner of Trump’s likeness with the words “Daddy’s home” on it.

Despite their differences, demonstrations and responses were peaceful in Florence.

Florence Mayor Rob Ward said he was out of the area April 5. While he did not see the demonstration in front of City Hall in person, he was aware of what took place.

“I was pleased. I don’t have a problem with people protesting,” he said. “It’s when they become disruptive, that doesn’t bode well with me. They weren’t disrupting traffic on [Highway] 101 or anything like that. They had their signs and represented their opinions in a way that got their point across but didn’t try to be disruptive in the process. So I compliment them for that.”

Asked if Florence had seen a protest of that size before, Ward recalled one in the mid-1980s when the city shut down for a half-day to allow protest against the National Wildlife Federations’ suit against the Mapleton Ranger District, shutting down logging in the region.

Another nationwide protest is set for April 19.





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Low.....	9:16 a.m.....-0.1
High.....	3:50 p.m.....5.6
Low.....	8:52 p.m.....3.1
THURSDAY, APRIL 17	
High.....	2:44 a.m.....7.1
Low.....	9:56 a.m.....0.1
High.....	4:38 p.m.....5.4
Low.....	9:24 p.m.....3.4
FRIDAY, APRIL 18	
High.....	3:20 a.m.....6.9
Low.....	10:43 a.m.....0.3
High.....	5:33 p.m.....5.1
Low.....	10:05 p.m.....3.7
SATURDAY, APRIL 19	
High.....	4:04 a.m.....6.7
Low.....	11:39 a.m.....0.5
High.....	6:40 p.m.....5.0
Low.....	11:03 p.m.....3.9
SUNDAY, APRIL 20	
High.....	5:02 a.m.....6.4
Low.....	12:42 p.m.....0.5
High.....	7:51 p.m.....5.0
MONDAY, APRIL 21	
Low.....	12:31 a.m.....3.8
High.....	6:17 a.m.....6.1
Low.....	1:47 p.m.....0.5
High.....	8:51 p.m.....5.3
TUESDAY, APRIL 22	
Low.....	2:04 a.m.....3.4
High.....	7:43 a.m.....6.0
Low.....	2:46 p.m.....0.3
High.....	9:37 p.m.....5.8
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23	
Low.....	3:17 a.m.....2.6
High.....	9:03 a.m.....6.1
Low.....	3:38 p.m.....0.3
High.....	10:14 p.m.....6.4
THURSDAY, APRIL 24	
Low.....	4:17 a.m.....1.5
High.....	10:12 a.m.....6.3
Low.....	4:26 p.m.....0.4
High.....	10:50 p.m.....7.1
FRIDAY, APRIL 25	
Low.....	5:09 a.m.....0.4
High.....	11:13 a.m.....6.5
Low.....	5:11 p.m.....0.6
High.....	11:24 p.m.....7.7
SATURDAY, APRIL 26	
Low.....	5:58 a.m.....-0.6
High.....	12:10 p.m.....6.7
Low.....	5:54 p.m.....1.0
SUNDAY, APRIL 27	
High.....	12:00 a.m.....8.2
Low.....	6:46 a.m.....-1.5
High.....	1:06 p.m.....6.7
Low.....	6:38 p.m.....1.5
MONDAY, APRIL 28	
High.....	12:38 a.m.....8.5
Low.....	7:33 a.m.....-2.0
High.....	2:01 p.m.....6.6
Low.....	7:22 p.m.....2.0
TUESDAY, APRIL 29	
High.....	1:18 a.m.....8.7
Low.....	8:21 a.m.....-2.1
High.....	2:57 p.m.....6.5
Low.....	8:07 p.m.....2.5
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30	
High.....	2:02 a.m.....8.5
Low.....	9:11 a.m.....-1.9
High.....	3:54 p.m.....6.2
Low.....	8:54 p.m.....2.9
THURSDAY, MAY 1	
High.....	2:50 a.m.....8.2
Low.....	10:03 a.m.....-1.5
High.....	4:54 p.m.....5.9
Low.....	9:47 p.m.....3.2
FRIDAY, MAY 2	
High.....	3:43 a.m.....7.6
Low.....	11:00 a.m.....-0.9
High.....	5:58 p.m.....5.7
Low.....	10:51 p.m.....3.5

Siuslaw softball and baseball update

Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

Siuslaw’s baseball and softball teams have been at the plate and around the diamond, and though victories have been hard to come by, both teams have captured wins in the early season.

BASEBALL

Through the first eight games of Siuslaw’s baseball season, the Vikings were 2-6. The Vikings achieved their first win against Toledo on Mar. 29. The Vikings built a lead through the opening four innings, jumping ahead 7-1.

Jacob Mann had an exceptional game on both sides of the plate. Mann got on base in each of his four at-bats, with two doubles and two bases on balls. Meanwhile, on the mound, Mann walked away with the win. Despite giving up three runs, Mann was also fooling batters, racking up eight strikeouts during the game.

The Vikings let the lead slip a bit in the fifth and sixth, and the Boomers pulled back within one run, but Siuslaw held on for the 7-6 victory.

After the win against Toledo, the Vikings had a three-game skid. They lost to Toledo 11-1 in the second game of their back-to-back on Mar. 29, and then fell to North Bend by a score of 1-16 on Apr. 2.

After losing the first game of a back-to-back against Sweet Home on Apr. 5, Siuslaw won their second game of the season in the rematch. The Vikings took home the W in dramatic fashion. Down 7-6 in the final inning, Siuslaw tied the game at 7-7 when Max Reynolds hit a one-out double. With the bases loaded and the game on the line, Joel Sissel hit a single down the line into left field, driving in the game-winning run and taking the game 8-7.

Unfortunately, the Vikings could not carry the momentum into another win. Siuslaw lost



Player rosters are not yet available to identify players, but more photos from these baseball (above) and softball games against Sweet Home can be found on our website, thesiuslawnews.com Tony Reed photos.



their game to Newport 12-0. The results of the Vikings’ games against Elmira on Apr. 11 and South Umpqua on Apr. 15 are not known at the

time of press. Each game is critical now as the Vikings are into the league portion of their schedule. Their next action is a back-to-back

against South Umpqua on Feb. 18.

SOFTBALL

Siuslaw softball has had some trouble in the

non-league phase of the schedule, as they lost their first eight games of the season. The Vikings

See **SOFTBALL**, Page B3

Siuslaw brings on girls basketball coach

Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

There will be a new hand on the helm for the Vikings girls basketball team, and Siuslaw’s new head coach comes into the position with plenty of experience.

“Siuslaw High School is excited to announce the hiring of Amanda Richards as our new Varsity Girls Head Basketball Coach,” Siuslaw Athletic Director Chris Johnson said.

Richards is in her second year with Siuslaw

Schools and is currently teaching 7th-grade math. Within Siuslaw athletics, Richards has two years of experience as the high school JV volleyball coach and varsity softball assistant coach.

Before becoming a member of the Viking family in Florence, Richards spent six years coaching girls’ basketball at Eisenhower High School in Goddard, Kansas.

Her experience hasn’t just been with a clipboard on the bench, however. Richards has

also competed on the hardwood. She is a former high school and junior college basketball player from Tennessee. According to Johnson, Richards is dedicated to building a strong program and fostering community support.

Richards will take the reins from Aaron McNeill. McNeill coached the Vikings in each of the last four years, starting in the 2021-2022 season, according to OSAA. During those four seasons, the Vikings had a record of 5-90. Despite

some really challenging seasons, things were trending up this year.

This season, the Vikings won the most games they have in a single campaign since 2018-2019. Siuslaw finished 3-21, with the win over Reedsport and the two wins over Douglas being buoyant highlights in McNeil’s final season.

Richards is inheriting a pretty balanced squad, though there will need to be some new faces who step up into leadership positions. The Vikings graduated Macy McNeill,

Makayla Bender, and Sophia Montoya, each of whom was a captain for Siuslaw High School this year.

Luckily, the makeup of next year’s roster will give plenty of runway for growth, as only two members of this year’s squad were juniors, and the rest were sophomores and freshmen.

With plenty of time between now and the start of the basketball season in December, Richards will have plenty of time to get bedded into the position.



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Need a car seat? A limited number of new and replacement car seats will be available for qualifying families at no cost, thanks to our generous community partners.

This is a great opportunity to ensure your child's safety on the road—no appointment needed!

Date: Saturday, April 19th

Time: 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: Miller Park

For more information, contact Liz at 541-997-3212 or SRO Coons at 541-997-3515.

Let's work together to keep our little passengers safe!

Siuslaw Region Child Care Needs and Support Survey

Siuslaw Vision, Siuslaw Family Connection, and the Child Care Working Group seek information on Siuslaw Region families' child care needs. Take the Child Care Needs & Support Survey to learn about care options, quality care, affordability, and more, as well as report what your family needs to care for your children. go to <https://siuslawvision.org/surveys-assessments/> and click on the Survey of Child Care Needs. This information will be used to support regional work to increase child care capacity and provide solutions for families in Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City, Deadwood, and Upriver Siuslaw communities. The Siuslaw Vision Child Care Working Group includes the City of Florence, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, Onward Eugene's Lane County Child Care Sector Strategist, Siuslaw Family Connection, resource providers, local child care providers, and parents. Learn more

about the Vision's work at <https://siuslawvision.org/>.

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Celebrate Earth Day with Florence Habitat ReStore!

Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be hosting their Annual Earth Day Up-cycle Contest from April 15th through April 26th. Art pieces are to be made of mostly recycled (pre-used) materials.

You can participate by entering the contest or visiting ReStore to see the creativity of others in our community and

casting your vote for your favorite(s).

Prizes will be awarded to the top three works of art that receive the most votes. Voting will begin on April 15th, so the sooner you enter the more potential votes your creative masterpiece can receive.

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for policies and regulations. With appointments approved by the Mayor and City Council, these groups dedicate countless hours to public education, research, and decision-making. The following Boards, Committees, and Commissions are currently filling vacancies for varying term lengths, with the positions set to begin June 1, 2025.

- Planning Commission
- Florence Urban Renewal Agency
- Environmental

Management Advisory Committee • Public Arts Committee

- Transportation Committee

For full details on the roles of the open positions, you can visit the City Website here: <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/boardsandcommissions/apply-city-board-committee-or-commission>. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 9, 2025. Applying for a position is easy. Applications can be completed on the

City's website at www.ci.florence.or.us and are available by contact City Recorder Lindsey White via email at lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us or via phone at 541-997-3437. For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of these bodies, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths, or other questions, please contact City Recorder Lindsey White at 541-997-3437 or via email at lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us.

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Technology/smartphone classes for seniors.19 percent	It's super-important, so many families are struggling
College credit courses for high school students.....52.4 percent	It's important but not the top priority
Arts, music, writing.....9.5 percent	It's important but will attract people from outside Florence
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Weather was outstanding for one day of the weekend during games against Sweet Home. Tony Reed photos



SOFTBALL
From Page B1

were bested by Taft in each of the games on their doubleheader on Mar. 28. Their next game was

a heartbreaker against Newport on Apr. 1, ending up on the wrong side of a 7-6 defeat. The Vikings followed up that loss with two defeats by double-digit margins against Sweet Home on Apr. 5. After some tough

results, the Vikings got their first win of the season! Siuslaw put together a solid game against Reedsport on Apr. 9, and they came away with a 4-1 win! It will hopefully give them a jolt as they get into league play. The results of the Apr.

11 game against Elmira/Mapleton and Apr. 15 game against South Umpqua are not known at the time of press. The next chance to catch the Vikings in action is a home doubleheader against South Umpqua on Apr. 18.



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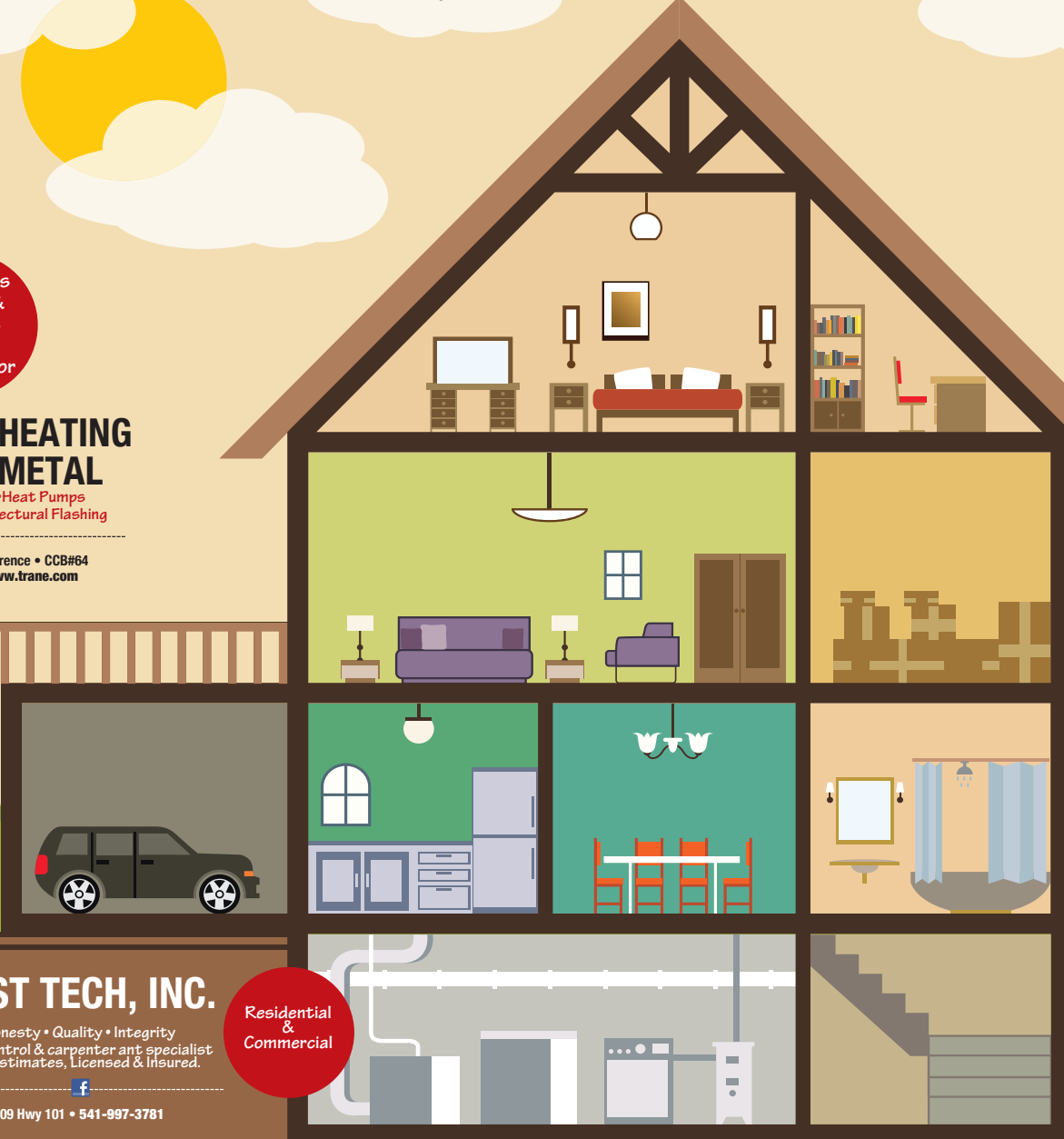
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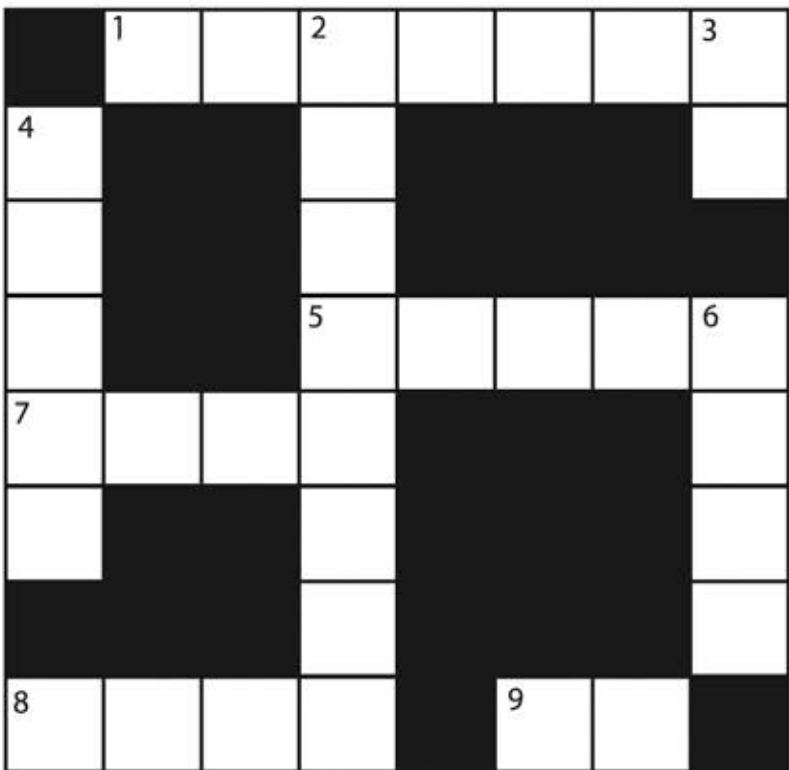
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Where flowers grow
- 5. Where lawns meet the road
- 7. A way to leave
- 8. Green grass
- 9. Not “down”

DOWN

- 2. A response to
- 3. The lower of the Dakotas (abbr.)
- 4. Cuts grass
- 6. Dirt

Answers:
Across
1. Gardens 5. Curbs 7. Exit 8. Lawn 9. Up
Down
2. Reaction 3. SD 4. Mower 6. Soil

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1775: The Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage is organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

1908: The Hauser Dam in Montana fails.

1999: A severe hailstorm strikes Sydney, Australia.

Science FACT:



Different species of this plant grow better in certain climates, so homeowners must choose carefully.

Answer: Grass (lawn)

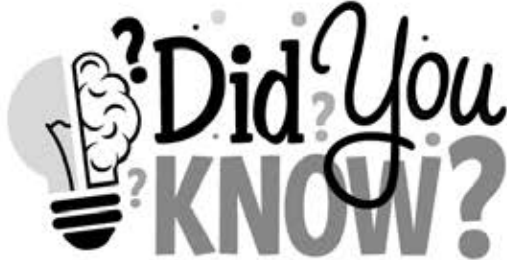
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- Spanish: Verde
- Italian: Verde
- French: Vert
- German: Grün



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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- AUTHOR
- BOOKS
- BROWSER
- CARD
- CATALOG
- CIRCULATION
- CITATION
- COURSE
- DESK
- EDITOR
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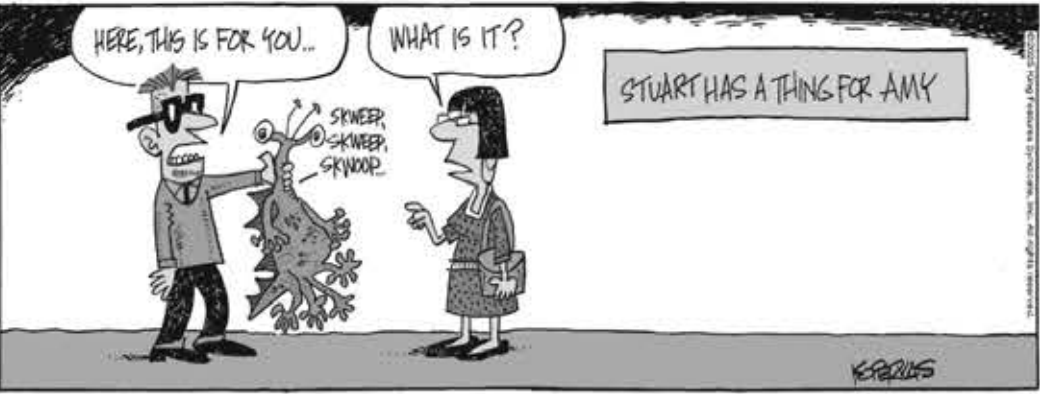
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CryptoQuip

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 L

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CFYSMVGVVR ZGY YZNMUFBMY?
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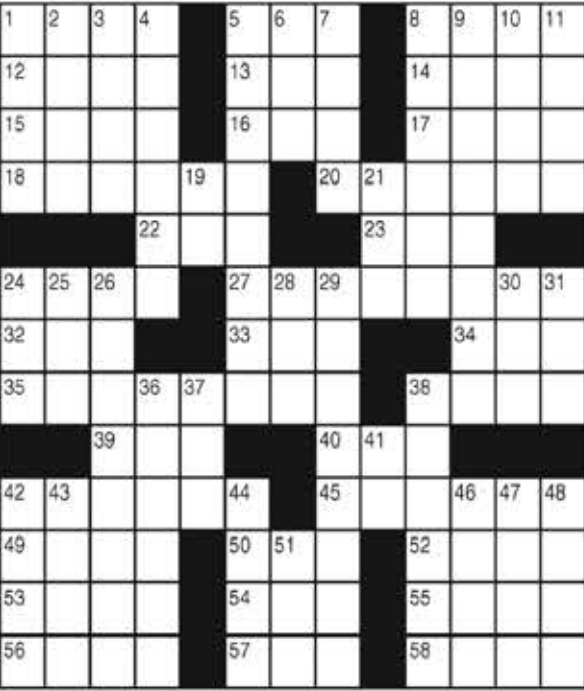
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Barn birds
5 Snooze
8 Humdrum
12 Nerd's kin
13 Somewhat (Suff.)
14 Green land
15 Hindu royal
16 "My word!"
17 Taxi alternative
18 Allow
20 Peace
22 Nobel
23 Armed conflict
24 Melville captain
27 Shortly
32 — canto
33 Nonpro sports org.
34 DDE's opponent
35 Parts
38 L-Q bridge
39 Moray, for one
40 Attempt
42 "Rats!"
45 Actress
49 China setting
50 "The Greatest"
52 Empty truck's weight



- 53 Male deer
54 Meadow
55 Inventor's inspiration
56 Sharpen
57 Family
58 "Brian's Song" star
7 "That was close!"
8 Biondi in "It's a Wonderful Life"
9 Resident of Monrovia
10 War god
11 Wife of Zeus
19 French article
21 "Adorbs!"
24 Sit-up targets
25 Haw preceder
26 Resident of Oran
28 D.C. baseballer
29 Resident of Vienna
30 Summer sign
31 Mentalist's gift
36 Household
37 Yale grad
38 Spiritualist
41 Egyptian sun god
42 Sprint
43 Regarding
44 Chat
46 "Mary — Little Lamb"
47 Bailiwick
48 Campus big-wig
51 Island garland

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Weekly SUDOKU



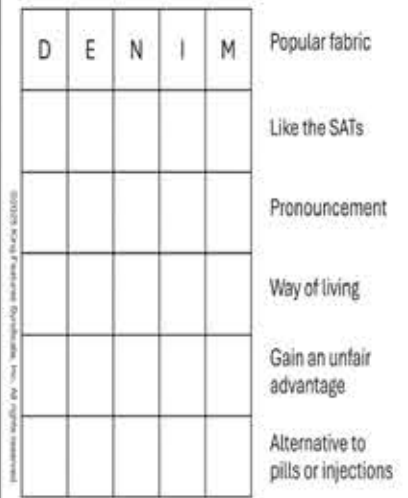
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
2. HISTORY: When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
3. MOVIES: Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
4. U.S. STATES: In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
5. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
8. CHEMISTRY: A diamond is composed of which single element?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
10. ANATOMY: What is another name for the condition called "piloerection"?

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10. Goosebumps
9. Canada
8. Carbon
7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions
6. 1.5 feet
5. "Murder, She Wrote"
4. New York (N.Y.)
3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro)
2. Jan. 2, 1971
1. A centimeter

Answers

EXERCISE

Today's Word

3. Extend; 4. Scope

1. Certify 2. Chaste; solution

SCRAMBLERS



Solution



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

"Tie, tie again."

A young child fails at fastening his shoelaces?

What should you say when answer

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Answers

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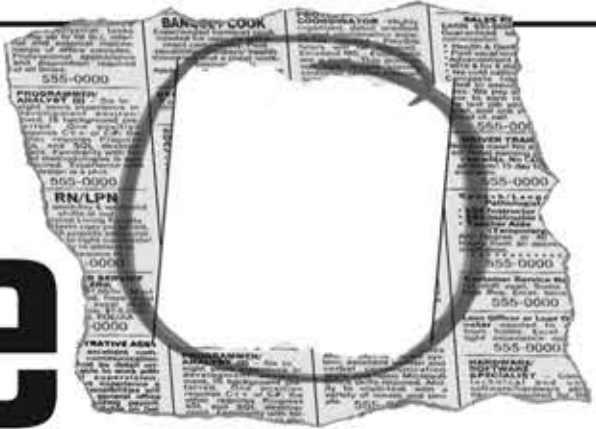
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will be held at 82877 Spruce St. Westlake, OR, 97493. The meeting will take place on April 30th, 2025, at 6pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 16, 2025, at 82877 Spruce St, Westlake, OR between the hours of 10am and 4pm. Published April 16th and April 23rd, 2025.

SLN25-124
NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Budget Committee of the Siuslaw School District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at the Siuslaw Middle School Commons, 2525 Oak St, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public input. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on the district website or at the school district office, 2111 Oak St, Florence, Oregon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or on

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the district's website at www.siuslaw.k12.or.us. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Please see Siuslaw School District's Website for additional information and future scheduled budget meetings. Future meetings: May 14, 2025 - Final Budget Meeting; Board Finalizes Budget June 11, 2025 - Board Adopts Approved Budget with Amendments Publication date: 4/16/2025

SLN25-129
Notice of Public Sale: Florence Mini Storage intends to sell at public auction storage contents to enforce a lien imposed according to the provisions of the Oregon Self-Service Storage Facility Act (ORS87-685 to 87-695 inclusive). The contents of the storage units listed below will be sold to the highest bidder unless payment is made in full before day of auction. The live public auction will be held at Florence Mini Storage, 4099 Hwy 101, Florence OR 97439 at 12 pm on Friday, April 25, 2025. The storage units are Unit #H-22, 10x20u (John Destefano); Unit #F-123, 10x10 (Don Fox), and Unit #A-16, 10x20u (Mark Hobbs). Publication Dates: April 9, 2025, and April 16, 2025

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.

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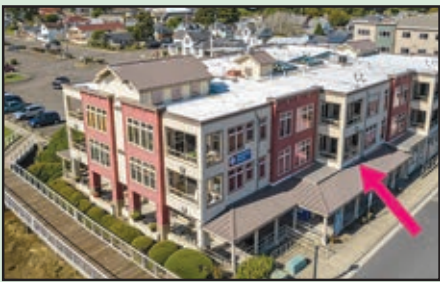
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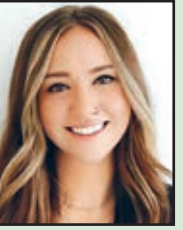
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