

PSA- Florence Future First Citizen Award

Do you know a Siuslaw High School senior who goes above and beyond — someone who shows true leadership, community spirit, and a passion for making Florence a better place? Or are you that student?

It's time to recognize the next generation of community leaders!

The Future First Citizen Award honors an outstanding Siuslaw High School senior who demonstrates exceptional civic involvement and contributes meaningfully to the welfare and improvement of Florence and surrounding communities.

Students may be nominated by others — or nominate themselves — for this prestigious recognition. Nominees are evaluated on four key areas:

- Academic Achievement (GPA)
- School Activities
- Community Service

OUTSIDE WORK EXPERIENCE

The Future First Citizen Committee will review up to ten nominations. A subcommittee will then evaluate the applications with all names redacted, narrowing the field to five finalists for final consideration. The past five First Citizens will then review and score the nominations.

Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 30, 2026

How to Apply or Nominate: Complete the Future First Citizen Nomination Form available at Siuslaw High School and return it to: Robert Orr, Siuslaw High School borr@siuslaw.k12.or.us

Award Presentation: March 31, 2026 — Special Recognition Luncheon

Help us celebrate the promise and potential of our youth — nominate a deserving student, or yourself, today!

Pauline Lucretia Wilson

4/11/1939 - 11/22/2025

Pauline Lucretia Wilson, age 86 passed away on 11.22.2025 in Eugene Oregon. She was born on April 11,1939 in Elkton, Oregon to Harry and Lena Bowman. Pauline loved to cook, she worked in many restaurants and owned two of her own, Including Pauline's Place in downtown Florence.

Pauline enjoyed spending time with family and loved ones. She enjoyed camping,playing games, exploring the outdoors and going out to eat.

She is survived by her brother Herbert Bowman and wife Luella. Children Rebecca Funke, Ann Marie Kelly, Vernon Skaalrud,



Laurie Duval and husband Randy and Sharon Jones. Grandchildren Timothy Funke, Casey Duval, Lisa Giumelli, Lindsey Korkeakoski, Sarah Giumelli, Chad Stanley, Kyle and Dylan Jones. Great Grandchildren Wyatt,Annalee, and Jacob Duval. Liam, Kenzie and Kaiden Anderson. Easton and Emersyn Korkeakoski, Brynn Giumelli-Rogers, Cohen Stanley and Calvin Funke and many nieces and nephews.

She will be laid to rest with her mother in Elkton, Oregon on December 13,2025. In a private service with family and close friends.

Mary Louise Welty Johnston

July 8, 1926 - June 26, 2025

Her friends and family agree: Mary was warm and engaging and stimulating at the same time. She rarely made small talk. Mary conversed. She was curious to know what new thing you had learned. She sought a deeper understanding. Her own unbounded fascination with the infinite variety of life inspired her to want to share with others.

It was a recipe for a life of connecting across a wide swath of humanity.



to help preserve local historic buildings, and her preservation work is featured in the book, *And When They're Gone...Landmarks of Lane County*. She served on numerous civic committees including Lane County Arts Advisory and, as a faithful opera devotee and advocate, served for many years on the Eugene Opera Board.

Mary grew up in The Dalles, Oregon, the daughter of Swiss immigrant parents who were, humble, scholarly, and principled. Her childhood was filled with the spiritual ideas of Theosophy, Annie Besant and Krishnamurti—ideas that later drew her to their center in Ojai, California to immerse herself more deeply in the thinking of a father who died during her childhood.

Mary was the youngest of four accomplished siblings. Elizabeth was a groundbreaking social services administrator, known for championing the disadvantaged and disenfranchised, especially children. Her brother Robert was an electrical engineer whose company in The Dalles electrified much of rural Oregon and Washington. Fred Welty worked for the U.S. Department of State in Europe, Africa and India and was an art and antique collector.

At Oregon State University, Mary met Stuart Johnston, an engineering student from Florence, Oregon. They married in 1948 and landed in Florence, where Stu took over his family's Johnston Motor Company – which established them in Florence, Oregon for good. She reared four sons in Florence and learned to thrive in a small town on the coast of Oregon.

When Stu was elected mayor in 1962, Mary found her second act in civic life. She spearheaded an effort to build a new library for the community from the ground up. She brought in experts to create a more well-rounded nonfiction and fiction collection as a substantial resource for students and the entire community. She championed quality and design in the new building emphasizing natural light and furnishings that would encourage and elevate its essential function as a civic gathering place. Mary also worked with county commissioners to create a regional library service and later was appointed to serve on the Oregon State Library Board for four years.

A lifelong Democrat, she once hosted a campaign party in her home for Governor Bob Straub, seeking his support for library initiatives. Her interest in history led her

After her sons were grown, Mary returned to college at the University of Oregon, earning degrees in psychology and anthropology. She graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She went on to work and interpret for six archaeological digs on the Oregon coast, assisted by Stu setting up a trailer for her to live on site for weeks at a time.

Mary inherited a collection of ceremonial African art from her brother Fred. The collection focused on the Yoruba people of Nigeria and quickly became a central passion in her life. She immersed herself in the scholarship of African art, forging friendships with noted experts like Dr. Olu Adeganmbi, a Yoruba chief and political scientist at the University of Oregon, who added to her collection in appreciation for Mary's deep respect for Yoruba culture. Portions of her collection were exhibited at institutions including the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Washington State University, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Lane Community College, and the Maryhill Museum of Art.

Mary never stopped learning, questioning, and growing. In her later years, as illness slowed her, she found peace in the solitude and beauty of her beloved home on the river—watching egrets, ospreys, and herons from her windows. Her sons—Stuart, John, Brian, and Adam—remained central to her life, as did her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She delighted in each one and celebrated their triumphs.

In her final years, she was surrounded by abundant love and care. Brian checked in regularly as he had long done and Stu visited often. Adam and John came back home, alternating as her devoted daily caregiving companions. Of her last days, John said, “Even as our hearts broke, she inspired awe, as we witnessed daily, even through illness, the extraordinarily powerful presence of her simple grace.”

She is survived by her sons Stuart (Mary) Johnston, John Johnston, Brian (Denise) Johnston, and Adam Johnston, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Siuslaw Library Foundation at: siuslawlibrary.info/foundation

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from November 26 to December 2.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 <p>At 12:42 a.m. a caller reported a box truck driving erratically and crossing center lines near mile marker 2 on Highway 126. Caller said the vehicle turned and went south on Highway 101 before officers arrived. Reedsport Police Department was notified.</p> <p>At 10:13 a.m., officers assisted a broken down vehicle in the 4900 block of Highway 101 until it could be towed.</p> <p>At 3:39 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Highway 101 for a report that a debit card had been charged three times the amount purchased. Officers found that the triple charge was a mistake and the business owner corrected the problem.</p> <p>At 5:57 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a female subject had stolen food from a business. Officers were unable to locate the subject.</p> <p>At 6:01 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 9th Street for a report of a dispute inside of business. Officers spoke to all involved parties and resolved the issue. No further action was taken.</p> <p>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27</p> <p>At 4:24 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a woman had left her phone in</p>	<p>the shopping cart and it had been stolen. Police used the internal tracking device on the phone to track it to a residence in Florence. The person in possession of the phone returned it saying they were planning on turning it in.</p> <p>At 10:02 p.m., officers responded to the area of Pine and 19th streets for a report of four males in a physical fight. Officers contacted four juvenile males in the area who denied that they had been fighting. No further action was taken.</p> <p>At 10:32 p.m., officers were investigating damage to a vehicle and possible burglary when they located a missing juvenile from Eugene. Juvenile's parents were notified and the missing person report was cleared.</p> <p>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28</p> <p>At 8:14 a.m., a caller reported a dog at large in the area of 35th St. and Rhododendron Drive.</p> <p>At 7:40 p.m., a caller reported an erratic driver in the 2400 block of Highway 101. Officers made contact with the driver and determined he was not under the influence. Driver told officers he had swerved to avoid another vehicle.</p> <p>At 9:47 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a female subject screaming and throwing things inside a store. Officers arrived to find the woman still throwing items and took her into custody. As officers were attempting to put the female in the patrol car, she kicked one in the face, causing a concussion. She was arrested for Criminal Mischief 2, Criminal Trespassing 2, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting</p>	<p>Arrest and Assaulting an Officer.</p> <p>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29,</p> <p>At 12:54 a.m., officers responded to the area of Shelter Cove for a report of a large paint can in the roadway.</p> <p>At 11:02 a.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Oak Street for a report of a transient subject dragging a dog. Officers were unable to locate the subject or the dog.</p> <p>At 11:58 p.m., officers responded to the area of Old Town and also near the Siuslaw River Bridge for a possible road rage incident. Officers learned that a male subject had got out of one of the vehicles and was running near the bank of the river and the female drove away. Case was referred to LCSO.</p> <p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30</p> <p>At 11:24 a.m., a caller in the Florence area reported being harassed on social media by a subject from Longview, Washington. Caller was advised to block the other subject.</p> <p>At 5:58 p.m., a caller reported a sedan driving recklessly in the area of 1st and Juniper streets. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.</p> <p>At 9:32 p.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of Highway 101 for a report of a disorderly subject possibly brandishing a gun in the parking lot of a business. Officers arrived to find the subject had left the area but determined the gun in question was actually a glove.</p> <p>At 10:45 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject had taken cereal, bagels and donuts from a store. Officers searched the area but were unable</p>
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Mary Ellen Hill (Mathews)

March 15, 1963 - November 20, 2025

Mary was born in Albany, Oregon to Orrin and Beverly Hill on March 15, 1963. She was preceded in death by her parents Orrin & Beverly and her brother Perry.

The family moved to Florence from Albany in 1977, and Mary lived here for the rest of her life. She's a selfless person who did many things for people that see didn't know. She enjoyed cleaning cemeteries and headstones. She placed a flower on every grave in the pioneer cemetery, all people she didn't know, but felt they deserved to be remembered. On May



1 she would always make Mayday baskets and placed them on doorsteps. Once again, to let someone know they were thought of.

Mary left behind son Damon, brothers Willie and Delazon, and sister Millie. She left behind many aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, and she was especially fond of those grandchildren.

Please join us for a celebration of life on Saturday, December 13th from 11am - 2pm, at the senior center on Kingwood Street.

Charles L. Myrick

1942-2025

Charles went to be with our Lord on November 14th 2025.

He is survived by his wife Kristy of 16 years.

Around town a lot of you referred to him as Chuck the poet. He wrote almost every day. He self published his book ramblings of an old plumber. He was also known for being the owner of Chucks Plumbing for over 40 years. He loved to hunt and fish and go crabbing. He was a very active sportsman.



In his later years he developed a forgotten love for rocks as well as precious stones and sunstones. This hobby kept him quite busy. He also loved to bake for family and friends. His favorites were potato rolls, Apple cake, and cranberry orange scones. Those will be dearly missed.

Charles raised five boys, Charles W. Myrick, Arnold, Brian, and Stewart Myrick. He also raised Douglas Daniken. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brayson, Bailey, Steven Kristeena and Matthew Myrick. Also, Tanner and Danylle Daniken. He had three great grandchildren as well.

Charles is also survived by his sister Alice Lopez Fleming of Florida.

He was preceded in death by a brother Alex Lopez and one sister Rachael Strawn. As well as his parents and Alice and Alex Lopez.

Services will be held at Community Baptist Church in Florence OR. At 1:00PM, on December 13th. A celebration of his life will immediately follow. Please, come share your memories with his family.



LETTERS

CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY

I am reminded of the famous painting called “Freedom of Speech” by Norman Rockwell which hung in the lobby of my high school in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a town a few miles from Rockwell’s home in Stockbridge. It is in that spirit that the third meeting of Citizens in Support of Democracy will take place in the Bromley room at the Siuslaw Library in Florence on Saturday, December 13, at 2:00 PM.

The agenda will include discussions of those things which define us as a nation, as well as

how we can we go about securing the democratic principles under which we have lived for 250 years, and the drawing up of a manifesto.

All citizens of every – or no – political leaning – liberals, moderates, conservatives, independents, or those who are a-political and simply want to live in a free nation – all are encouraged, indeed urged, to attend and to take part in the restoration of our democratic way of life which is in danger of being plundered and destroyed.

The call has gone out. This is the new “American crisis.” You

are needed.

George Durant, moderator

DEAR EDITOR,

Here is a subject I feel is increasingly important in the internet age, especially in regard to social media and podcasting. That is the facility for critical thinking. It seems that, for a disturbing number of people, this skill has substantially atrophied in recent years, evidenced by the malarky being quoted, and based on the ability of anyone to post, for widespread consumption, whatever deceptive or distorted

information they want to concoct for whatever nefarious purpose they might have. The great weakness we seem to have as a society is that we tend to believe what we want to hear, and that tendency is increasingly exploited by charlatans. There are two, at least somewhat effective, defenses against this. Do not be so certain of what we know, it could be we are wrong, and in when in discussion or argument, listen closely to others; we might just come to realize they are right! Accept nothing from just one source.

*Jimmie Zinn
Florence*

The Christmas Rescue

FROM SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM

We can’t be sure how our holiday traditions began – circumstances perhaps. Yet even over time as those traditions have evolved, their stories continue to bring warmth to our hearts and joy each year.

During the early pioneer days, even if money was sparse that season, Santa was sure to find a plate of special treats left for him at the table. Sometimes it was only a piece of bread with butter, and some “dried up ears of corn for the

reindeer”.

As more folks settled into our area, the Grange Hall became a gathering place for the community, especially for traditional holiday celebrations. One Christmas night in 1915 after a dance at the North Fork Grange, folks were returning to Florence aboard the Ariel. It was a dark, and particularly cold night on the river when the Ariel hit a snag, creating a hole in the hull. Quickly filling with water, Captain Johnson managed to steer the Ariel to the nearest shore. All on board were

able to safely disembark without incident and grateful to be rescued by a passing boat. The next day, folks spoke of the incident. They agreed that in the darkness and with everyone weary from the evening’s celebration, luck had certainly been with them. None could say for sure, but wasn’t that rescue boat navigated by a white bearded fellow, who wore a red jacket and stocking cap?

Special Note: The Museum is closed for the Holidays, reopening Feb. 1.

ONLINE POLL

LAST WEEK, WE ASKED:
WHERE DO YOU SHOP DURING THE HOLIDAYS? RESULTS WERE

I shop local, for the most part.....	30%
Eugene, Coos Bay, Newport.....	15%
Almost exclusively online.....	40%
I same money by not shopping.....	15%

THIS WEEK WE’RE ASKING:
WHY DO YOU READ THE POLICE LOG IN THIS PAPER?

- I like to see if anything is happening in my neighborhood
- I like to know what our local police deal with
- I enjoy the odd and funny calls
- All of the above

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 16
Rain	Light Rain	Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers
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Safer routes being made on 35th Street

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

Motorists driving on 35th St. this last week have had to navigate through a lot of orange plastic, but City officials say progress is happening and the street should be back to normal by January.

The project is a Safe Routes to School project that started on November 17 by adding sidewalks and other ADA and pedestrian improvements from Siano Loop to Oak Street.

According to the City of Florence newsletter, work has started at the Siano Loop intersection and is moving east.

“While SLE Inc. is expertly managing traffic, we recommend using alternative routes like Rhododendron Drive or Heceta Beach Road to avoid the construction zone,” it said.

On Dec. 3, crews had poured new concrete



Crews were pouring sidewalks along 35th Street Dec 2. Tony Reed photo

sidewalk up the hill east above the pickle ball courts and were cordoning off and digging out inter-section corners for more

concrete.

Funding comes partly from a grant from the Oregon DOT safe routes to school program.

Mapleton Student Council Announces Annual Holiday Art Show & Market

The Mapleton High School Student Council is excited to present the Holiday Art Show and Market, a two-day celebration of local creativity, student talent, and community connection.

This year’s event features a diverse lineup of local artists, students, and makers offering hand-crafted goods of all kinds, including:

Textiles & Crochet: stuffed animals, keychains, clothing, and home décor

Jewelry: handcrafted hemp pieces, bracelets, and unique wearable art

Ceramics: student-made sculptures, dishes, vases, bowls, ornaments

Fine Art: paintings, digital prints, mixed media, stickers

Woven Crafts: locally harvested, hand-woven baskets and wreaths

Culinary Goods: home-made baked items and seasonal treats

Photography & Holiday Booths: prints, festive photo sets, and more

Youth Artist Showcase: creative works from Siuslaw High School student artists

All goods are handmade, with artists keeping 100% of their sales. A small entry fee at the door will benefit the Mapleton High School Student Council and its student-led programs.

SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday, Dec. 14, The Mapleton Booster Club will host Pictures with Santa, offering festive photos, baked goods, and holiday treats for families and visitors of all ages.

On Monday, December

15 at 5 p.m., The art show will feature an Open Mic Night, free for all attendees. Community members are warmly encouraged to participate, whether to sing, read poetry, share music, or perform.

The Holiday Art Show & Market takes place December 14–15 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mapleton Middle School in the Community Resource Center.

“We’re proud to host an event that highlights the creativity of our students and the talent within our broader community,” said a Student Council statement. “These added events make the weekend even more festive and welcoming.”

Proceeds support Mapleton High School Student Council

More information: <http://www.mapleton.k12.or.us>

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Recycle old batteries and holiday Styrofoam

FROM THE CITY OF FLORENCE NEWSLETTER

Did you know that rechargeable batteries can be recycled (lithium ion, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hybrid, plus button and coin cell batteries)? Please take them to the front entrance desk at the local BiMart location or to the Florence Transfer Station (2920 Rhododendron Drive).

Thanks in part to grant funding from Lane County, Bi-Mart stores will provide a convenient way to safely dispose of these hard-to-recycle batteries. Improper battery disposal can create health and safety concerns, such as fires that damage critical waste management

infrastructure and trucks and put workers at risk.

Participating stores can be found online on the Lane County Waste Management website.

Alkaline batteries are not part of this program, so please throw those batteries in the trash.

County Transfer and Recycling (CTR) will also be working with Lane County to provide battery recycling for their customers in the new year. Stay tuned for more details.

Since 2008, St Vinnie’s has provided Lane County residents and businesses with a safe and environmentally friendly way to recycle Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Block Styrofoam. This product is

the major packaging material for large electronics, appliances and other bulky and fragile items that need protection. It is no surprise that there is a lot more of this material accumulated after the holidays!

St. Vinnie’s has special equipment, in their Eugene Warehouse, that shreds and compresses the lightweight blocks into easily transportable logs that get shipped to companies that repurpose the material into new products like building materials and art supplies.

So please don’t throw these styrofoam blocks in the garbage, take them to St Vinnie’s so they can be recycled properly. Thank you St. Vinnie’s for your commitment to being a leader in responsible resource stewardship.

Note: St. Vinnie’s does NOT accept styrofoam peanuts or food packaging materials. More information is available here: <https://www.svdp.us/styrofoam-recycling-eugene-oregon/>

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District Attorney to speak to City Club

Lane County District Attorney, Chris Parosa will be speaking before the City Club at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Parosa’s background is extensive. After a childhood in Salem, he attended Oregon State University where he graduated magna cum laude with a BS in political science. From there, in 2003, he earned his JD from the University of Oregon School of Law.

It was in April of 2006, that Parosa joined the Lane County District Attorney’s Office where his cases ranged from misdemeanors, to drug offenses, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, sexual assault, and homicides including aggravated murder.

In November 2021, after serving as felony Trial Team Leader, Parosa was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney and, in 2024, was elected as District Attorney in 2024.

Parosa will address City Club of Florence on December 11, 2025 starting at 1:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

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Rescue helicopter will return, remain in Newport, Oregon's US senators say

BY SHAANTH NANGUNERI - Oregon Capital Chronicle

The U.S. Coast Guard has promised to indefinitely return a life-saving rescue helicopter to its facility at Newport's Municipal Airport.

Oregon's two U.S. senators said Thursday, capping weeks of angst in the town ahead of a dangerous crab fishing season. The U.S. Coast Guard removed the helicopter in late October with no public explanation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for why it was relocated to a North Bend Coast Guard facility nearly 70 miles away. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Val Hoyle and local officials have all previously said they were trying to find out why the helicopter was removed amid speculation that the Trump administration could be repurposing the site for Oregon's first long-term immigration detention facility.

Wyden told reporters on Nov. 23 that a Coast Guard representative had given him unsatisfactory answers attributing the change in facility operations to a lack of adequate staffing. On Thursday, he shared on X that the Coast Guard had reversed course.

"This is a big win to keep fishermen as well as Oregonians and tourists visiting the Newport area safe when they are enjoying the Pacific Ocean," Wyden said in a statement Thursday. "I'll keep watchdogging this Coast Guard commitment and battling against any move by the Trump administration to site an ICE detention facility in Newport

or anywhere else on the Oregon Coast." The homeland security department and U.S. Coast Guard did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The helicopter's removal quickly sparked opposition from residents. The coastal city of Newport is home to Oregon's largest commercial fishing industry, with cold and rough waters occupying the Yaquina Bay. Both the state of Oregon and the local nonprofit Newport Fishermen's Wives alongside Lincoln County sued for the return of the federal helicopter, arguing that the federal government failed to comply with federal law requiring transparency on such decisions.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken handed the nonprofit and Lincoln County a victory on Nov. 24 with a temporary 14-day restraining order that mandated the helicopter's return. The next day, John Fuller, a city spokesperson, confirmed that a rescue helicopter had landed for refueling, but he was unable to say whether it was remaining at the Newport airport on a more long-term basis. Fuller did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Thursday.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley also confirmed the helicopter's return, adding that he had arranged a meeting with a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and Wyden. He said a member of the homeland security department in attendance gave "full backup" to the Coast Guard's statement.

"The acting commandant assured me that they had returned the helicopter because of the court action, but they had



intended to return it by the start of crab season anyway, and it was back in Newport to stay," he said in a video statement posted on X.

The announcement from Wyden and Merkley comes as lawyers for the state of Oregon, Lincoln County and Newport Fishermen's Wives have filed for a preliminary injunction seeking for a rescue helicopter to stay at Newport's facility with full operational and staffing support necessary. The two cases have been consolidated, with discovery yielding a June 2025 memorandum and October 2025 extension authorizing removal of the helicopter from Newport by U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Charles E. Fosse.

"There is no question that the Coast Guard's removal of the Newport helicopter, undertaken in secrecy without any public or congressional vetting whatsoever, is exactly what Congress intended to prevent," wrote attorneys for the Newport Fishermen's Wives and Lincoln County in a Thursday court filing. It's not the first time

Newport residents kicked into action when their helicopter faced removal. When the Obama administration proposed closing the city's Coast Guard facility in 2014, the Fishermen's Wives nonprofit sued in federal court. Congress ended up passing a law that requires notice and explanation from the homeland security department should a reduction in Coast Guard facility activity take place.

"The ocean can turn on a person in half a minute," Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan said in a court declaration. "It is not a matter of if the helicopter will be needed, but when, and whether or not it will arrive in time to save a life."

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'People will boycott': How a coastal city's fight against ICE is making waves across Oregon

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The chilly breeze and sandy shores in this Oregon fishing city have shielded this town from scorching heat for decades. But despite the mist in the air, rumors here spread like wildfire.

The latest of those hunches came straight from city officials and has since commanded national attention. Newport City Manager Nina Vetter and Mayor Jan Kaplan signed onto a Nov. 10 statement suggesting the Trump administration could be planning Oregon's first Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility. The site they suspected? The municipal airport of the city, home to more than 10,000 people.

All they had were a few clues. A life-saving rescue helicopter had just been relocated from the Coast Guard's Newport Municipal Air facility to a station in North Bend nearly 70 miles away. A defense contractor wanted to lease land in December next to that facility in support of "federal operations." Job listings showed private companies were recruiting detention officers with ICE experience in Newport.

Fast-forward more than three weeks, and hundreds of Oregonians from Newport and nearby have turned out to two public meetings to voice unanimous opposition to the facility. The state of Oregon has filed a federal lawsuit seeking the return of the helicopter, and a local group supporting fishermen has done the same, winning a 14-day order just before Thanksgiving to return it to Newport. In the meantime, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, Gov. Tina Kotek, and U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle have all sought answers from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to no avail.

"Until we can get confirmation, we can't talk

about zoning and permits and and we can't talk about how it might affect our economy and whether we want these things here," said state Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis. "Should a community be able to have some say on whether a major facility like this moves into the neighborhood? I think the answer is yes, but the federal government is not owning up."

Across Oregon, local governments have debated the extent to which they should resist or comply with increasingly aggressive federal immigration policy, declaring states of emergencies, seeking assistance from local law enforcement and turning off license plate reading cameras for fear of sensitive data being leaked. The city of Hillsboro, for instance, recently backtracked on a directive warning city employees against filming ICE officers, a policy it justified by citing the homeland security department's claim that such activity could constitute harassment.

Newport's response, however, opened with a more unapologetically adversarial stance toward the federal government. The approach risked drawing the ire of the homeland security department, which has not shied away from slamming journalists and politicians who it claims are stoking fear and spreading misinformation. Local officials and advocates statewide, meanwhile, have bet on going public ahead of what they anticipate will be a lengthy legal and political battle.

"People know that we can win on this," said Sidra Pierson, a senior organizer for the Cottage Grove-based Rural Organizing Project. "There's a precedent in Oregon from being the first state to pass a sanctuary law."

The nonprofit claimed a major victory when it

won a suit against the city of Cottage Grove and its police department following reports of immigration authorities accessing local jails and police officers racially profiling local residents. It marked the only instance so far of the public successfully suing a local law enforcement agency in Oregon for violating its sanctuary laws, which prohibit local and state law enforcement resources being used for federal immigration enforcement without a court order. The group also helped secure the end of immigration detentions at Sheridan's federal prison in 2018 and an ICE contract with The Dalles' regional Oregon jail in 2020.

'A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN'

Even though a federal defense contractor has since withdrawn its inquiry about leasing land at the airport and some other contractors' job postings have been taken down, there are still signs the federal government is interested in Newport.

Wyden, who hosts town halls in every county every year, had about 600 people attend his Nov. 23 meeting in Newport. Some attendees waved small flags decorated with a crossed-out ice cube and others held American ones.

Sitting in the front row were members of the local nonprofit Newport Fishermen's Wives and a 14-year-old girl who recounted the moment she found out about her father's September ICE detainment. Wyden invited her to share her story, nodding toward her during his answers to constituent questions.

"Donald Trump is not doing what he said he would do in 2024. He said on immigration he was going to go after terrorists, drug cartels, murderers, people committing violent crime," he said. "Nobody said that he was going to go after that little girl's dad."

Listening intently was Newport City Councilor Angel Aparicio-Reyes and his 8-year-old daughter. The 32-year-old was born in Newport and returned to the town after meeting his wife in Washington and attending school in California. Though Spanish was the primary language of his household as a child, he has memories of local doctors and teachers from elementary school helping him communicate in English without judgement.

Now he's had to sit his daughter down, warning

her that him being a citizen may not be enough to stop ICE from detaining him because of his appearance. The city is 16.7% Latino, according to U.S. Census Bureau data, and Aparicio-Reyes said many families are beginning to have that conversation with their kids.

"There are still people out there that do not like us," he said. "It's a very real thought that I could be taken away."

Such a possibility across the Oregon Coast has tugged at heartstrings, but it has also led some to turn to the court of public opinion.

Newport City Councilor CM Hall at an emergency city meeting Nov. 12 said she was "willing to call out and name the people who take these jobs that are posted." Hotels have informed Newport officials about a federal contractor attempting to book hundreds of rooms for up to a year starting in December on the Oregon Coast.

The Lincoln City chapter of the progressive group Indivisible told the Capital Chronicle it's discussing a "public accountability campaign" to provide residents information about which companies are supporting ICE's efforts on the Oregon Coast.

It would not be the first time the helicopter's removal spurred the town into action ahead of the dangerous Dungeness crab fishing season. In late 2014, the nonprofit Fishermen's Wives took the Obama administration to federal court over the closure of Newport's Coast Guard facility. Congress ended up passing a law that requires notice and explanation from the homeland security department should a reduction in Coast Guard facility activity take place.

But the Trump administration has not provided details on its plans in Newport. In a prior statement, the U.S. Coast Guard asserted that the Newport air facility is a staging site for specific events where there has never been a permanent assigned aircraft. ICE did not respond to the Capital Chronicle's requests for comment.

Taunette Dixon, a member of the Newport Fishermen's Wives who is set to begin fishing with her husband on a family boat in the coming weeks, described that claim as "wordsmithing a bit." She noted that there has always been a Newport helicopter in rotation from the Coast Guard's North Bend station. The Newport Coast Guard facility

was established in 1987 after the fishing vessel Lasseigne capsized about 20 miles off the coast two years prior, killing three crewmen.

"They have minutes before they have a lack of use of their limbs. Within an hour, even if they have a flotation device, they don't have a high survival rate," Dixon said. "So we are looking at them recovering our loved ones, not rescuing our loved ones."

LIMITED OPTIONS

Concern about a Newport ICE facility comes amid the Trump administration's aggressive crackdown on immigration nationwide. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol reported more than 560 arrests in October throughout the Portland area, and at least 300 detentions in November were reported statewide, according to the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition's hotline. The GOP's summer tax and spending law infused a record \$165 billion in funding for the homeland security department.

An ICE contractor on Nov. 20 also asked the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development about a "proposed action" in Newport using the 1972 Coastal Zone Management Act. The law allows for a federal agency to supersede a state's objections to its project should it be "consistent to the maximum extent practicable." Oregon could sue if it contested the federal government's assessment.

But in some ways, the issue is not squarely partisan. State Sen. Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City, told the local radio outlet KYAQ that he doesn't "see where a detention facility in Newport would be helpful." On the East Coast, an attempt to scout a New York Coast Guard site for detention purposes drew swift opposition from a local Republican U.S. representative, The New York Times reported Nov. 14.

There was also interest in Oregon for ICE under the Biden administration. An August 2024 ICE request for information sought facilities in West Coast states, including Oregon, that "may be publicly or privately owned and publicly or privately operated." Biden's Department of Justice worked in federal court to strike down California law banning private immigration detention centers in 2022, casting doubt on the enforceability of a similar 2021 Oregon law.

If legal battles were not able to stop a Newport ICE facility, Lincoln County would likely see

a significant increase in the detention and arrest of immigrants, as research on similar areas nationwide has shown. That could significantly impact life for the local Guatemalan and Mexican community, who play a key role in the area's fish-processing, floristry, landscaping, nursing and tourist economy.

Eva Gonzalez Muñoz, board president of local community group Centro de Ayuda, remembers moving to Newport as a 6-year-old in 1991, recalling only one other family from Mexico in the city at the time. Her landlords had relocated her family from a previous hotel they owned in Lake Tahoe, California.

This year, Muñoz said her group has paused several community celebrations and events, because no one wants to make themselves a target. A widely-condemned December 2024 letter circulating in Lincoln County encouraged people to track and report "brown folks" without permanent legal status to authorities. And a local conservative group reportedly crashed a recent legal briefing on immigrant rights arranged by another local Latino community group.

"We are witnessing people not going to work, not going to the stores," Muñoz said. "We're trying to scramble to find funding to be able to help these people pay their rent, pay their food, and we are actually delivering food to households that do not want to go outside."

The city of Newport, in the meantime, has tapped outside legal counsel with the explicit goal of responding to the federal government's plans for a potential ICE facility. Kate Sinkins, a Lincoln City-based immigration attorney, suspects the municipal airstrip attracted the federal government as a potential vehicle for enacting quick deportations. But as she put it: "They have a fight on their hands."

"I think they thought, 'We'll bring jobs, we'll bring money. People will be happy.' But nobody is happy, and nobody will take those jobs," she said. "People will boycott any company that works with the ICE facility. Mark my words."

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HOLIDAYS

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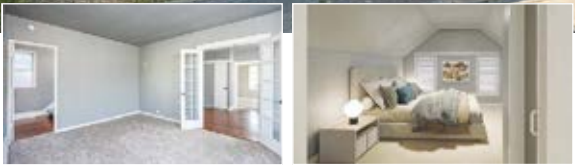
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Public urged to avoid contact with sick or dead birds

STAFF REPORT
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People across Oregon are being urged to avoid contact with sick or dead birds as highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) continues to impact wild and domestic bird populations across the state, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

There is currently no effective treatment for wild and domestic birds, and the virus can spread rapidly among bird populations and potentially to other wildlife.

ODFW is currently receiving reports of HPAI-related bird deaths across Oregon, with most cases occurring in the Willamette Valley among migrating cackling geese and some raptors.

Additional detections have been reported in eastern Oregon, where early-season duck and raptor mortalities and snow goose deaths have occurred. Sporadic reports along the Oregon Coast also include cases in gulls and other waterbirds.

Since 2022, Oregon has experienced widespread outbreaks of HPAI in wild birds and domestic poultry. This virus has been detected in nearly every Oregon

county. It has caused the deaths of more than 15,000 wild birds and the euthanasia of more than 183 million domestic poultry in North America.

Other non-avian wildlife confirmed with HPAI in Oregon include raccoons, skunks, foxes, marten and bobcats. However, nearly any mammalian species that feed on affected animals or is in a heavily contaminated environment may be susceptible to disease.

Nationwide, affected wildlife also includes coyotes, wild cats, and bears that have likely fed on infected birds. Marine mammals have also been impacted in North and South America. Domestic animals affected by HPAI include poultry, waterfowl, cattle, pigs, goats, alpacas, and cats.

WHAT TO DO

Report groups of sick or dead wild birds to the Wildlife Health lab at 866-968-2600 or wildlife.health@odfw.oregon.gov. ODFW staff are monitoring and tracking continued mortalities. Samples may be collected in cases involving large numbers of dead birds or multiple species. Single dead bird reports are useful for tracking

suspicious cases; however, due to limited staff, and resources ODFW will not be able to respond to all such reports.

Do not handle wildlife that is sick or found dead. If it is necessary to dispose of a carcass, use a shovel or wear impermeable gloves, wash hands with soap and water, and change clothing before having contact with domestic poultry or pet birds.

Keep dogs away from sick or dead birds. There are no known cases of domestic dogs becoming sickened by contact with sick birds. But hunters should not feed dogs any raw meat, organs, or other tissues from harvested waterfowl, and they should not allow retrieving dogs to interact with sick or dead birds.

Typical symptoms in wild waterfowl include lethargy, inability to fly, erratic behavior, loss of coordination, cloudy eyes, swimming in circles, and head shaking. However, some dabbling ducks may carry the virus without symptoms, spreading it through their feces to other birds and wetlands. Infected wild mammals may appear sick or neurologically abnormal, or be found dead after consuming

infected birds, and should also be reported.

Birds typically die within 72 hours of showing clinical signs. Currently, rehabilitators in Oregon are advised not to accept waterfowl with bird flu symptoms due to the risk of the disease spreading to other birds in their facilities.

RISK TO HUMANS

The risk to people from this strain of avian influenza is low. Since 2024, there have been 71 human cases of avian influenza in the United States, including two deaths. Most of these cases were exposed to infected dairy herds or domestic poultry farms. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides updated information on human cases of HPAI.

REPORT ILLNESS IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Death or illness among domestic birds (chickens, turkeys, Guinea fowl) should be reported immediately to ODA. Please report by calling 503-986-4711 (alt. phone 1-800-347-7028). Find more information on avian influenza in domestic birds and tips on protecting backyard flocks from ODA.

Police

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to locate the subject.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

At 1:39 a.m., officers on patrol in the area of Quince Street located a bicycle and trailer believed to be owned by the subject of the previous call.

At 9:16 a.m., the subject from the 9:32 p.m. call returned to the business and was asked to leave. Officers were able to identify the subject using camera footage and are continuing to look for him.

At 1:00 p.m.. Officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a report of a dispute between a mother and son in the library.

At 4:40 p.m., a caller reported finding two dogs in the 2800 block of Rhododendron Drive. Officers arrived and helped the subject

transport the dogs to the Humane Society.

At 7:51 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Highway 101 for a report of a found bank card. Officers were able to identify and locate the owner, who agreed to come take possession of the card.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

At 2:56 a.m., the subjects from a previous road rage call returned, generating calls to the police department. Officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and Highway 126 to find the subjects had left the area.

At 12:28 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 23rd St. for a report that subjects had broken a fence and a gate. Officers found minimal damage to both, a report was taken.

At 5:50 p.m., officers responded to the event center for a report of a woman yelling and causing a disturbance. Subject had left by the time officers arrived.

Whale

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that the whale was given a “cocktail of medications,” including sedatives and anti-anxiety medications but the necropsy showed it had an empty stomach and only minor lesions from fishing gear and a crab net tangled around it.

The petition asks for an immediate and complete overhaul of the US Marine mammal health and stranding response program. It says the current system operates on a deeply flawed philosophical premise that large whales cannot survive stranding, resulting in protocols characterized by delay, rejection of community aid, sedation of conscious animals, and premature euthanasia.

“All in all, this stranding event once again demonstrated the complete failure of the US stranding network in its response to live strandings,” the website states. “The time has come for significant change, and we hope that the despicable way in which Pickles/Hope was treated has opened the public’s eyes and will be

the much-needed catalyst for this change.”

The website lists six examples from 2000 to present where beach whales were successfully rescued in other countries.

It’s at <https://stranded-nomore.org/petition/>

NOAA RESPONSE

When asked about the petition, Public Affairs Officer Michael Milstein at the West Coast Region NOAA Fisheries office said there has been a lot of misinformation and incorrect assumptions surrounding that stranding.

In regard to suggestions that the whale should have been lifted or towed to the water, Milstein said NOAA has published its own web page dedicated to addressing such notions. It addresses topics mentioned on the petition site, including reasons for euthanasia, rescue methods and limitations.

It’s at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/marine-life-distress/frequent-questions-live-large-whale-strandings-west-coast>

Milstein said NOAA staff have also been answering related questions on its social media pages.

Center

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after which opening could happen in 6 to 8 months.

ODD TIMING

Davis said he’d heard murmurs about the City Council’s approval of a warming shelter just 200 feet from the site. He said a wave of calls came to the county criticizing the use of the building slated for a treatment center.

“So we called everyone back and said, ‘that’s not our building.’” he said.

The Siuslaw News also received a couple calls asking about the location of the warming center.

It could be assumed that the confusion comes from the fact that the county-owned building has no numbers on the outside and the warming center location shares the Muffler Works building.

“I thinks that’s a testament to how much the actual population of Florence occupies that area of town,” Davis said. “It’s a pass-through area of town- that’s one of the reasons we chose it. We had other properties available to us that were closer to downtown. The feedback we heard from your city manager, the chief of police and other folks was that it would potentially be better and more warmly received if it were on the outskirts [of town].”Davis previously said the main consideration of the building is based on the fact that it used to be a medical clinic. He said physical health services are a part of the program, which creates a need for having medical infrastructure already installed.

THE PLAN

Davis previously said the treatment program is designed for individuals who are committed to treatment.

“This isn’t people who are actively using. This

isn’t individuals who are on the fence about whether they want to make a life change. These folks have already made a life change and because of the nature and chemistry behind opiates, it’s almost impossible for these folks to quit ‘cold turkey.’ This medication assisted process helps them do that.”

He said Florence is being considered because a number of daily patients are driving from the coast to Eugene for treatment.

“That’s an incredible barrier to make that drive every day, get your treatment and drive back, because it is a daily thing,” he said. “That, coupled with our talks with law enforcement and first responders looking at overdoses and other indicators of opiate use in the Florence area, there’s a clear need there, so this was an opportunity for the County to step in and start the conversation with the community about what that would look like.”

Davis stressed that the proposed use is not a foregone conclusion and that the problem will exist in the community regardless of whether the facility exists.

“This facility will be meant to try to remedy the problem, not add to it,” he said in June, noting that the center would not operate in such a way as to attract camping, drug use and hazardous garbage. “The problem is already there. People are already addicted to this drug and what we’re doing is setting up a facility to make it really easily accessible for folks to start the process of weaning off of it.”

When asked, he said the original plan is still in place.

“Everything is exactly the same, which is interesting because this is the first time we’ve had a County-owned property in Florence,” he said, noting that county staff will be working on the site. “It’s part of our overall

strategic plan to invest in rural spaces as much as possible. I think it’s a benefit to the community.” He said that while some may be concerned that the process will take a building off the City Tax roll, the building was formerly state-owned and sat on the market for a while.

“While it’s not going to be taxed, it will support the economic vitality of Florence, that’s really what we’re trying to hit on, in addition to the need that exists in Florence. We are going to open the doors for 30 to 50 people who live there in Florence, who are depending on opiates,... but when folks have to travel to Eugene to get their dosage, there is a greater chance of ‘falling off the wagon.’”

He said having the treatment center in Florence will not encourage drug use, but will be treating the drug use that already exists here.

“You’re also increasing the likelihood that these folks will continue their independence from illicit drugs and that’s good news for everybody,” he

said. “we just need to have more conversations to help people understand that your problem is here, right now. It’s not going away unless you do something about it. The evidence says that, arguably, this is the best strategy to eliminate that problem.”

OUTREACH

A small meeting took place with local real estate personnel Dec. 3 and more are being planned in Florence.

“We are really trying to introduce the Florence community to County Services and make sure that rural footprint is going to be the norm going forward,” he said. “We’re really trying to jump into those rural spaces as much as possible, so we’re not relegated to the Eugene/Springfield metro area.”

Davis said more small meetings are coming up but a larger public discussion is planned for January and will be noticed as soon as it’s confirmed.

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High.....4:50 a.m.....7.1
Low10:25 a.m.....3.3
High..... 4:01 p.m.....6.8
Low 10:42 p.m.....0.5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

High.....5:36 a.m.....7.1
Low11:37 a.m.....3.1
High..... 5:06 p.m.....6.0
Low 11:29 p.m.....1.3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

High.....6:21 a.m.....7.2
Low 12:50 p.m.....2.6
High..... 6:22 p.m.....5.4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Low12:18 a.m.....2.1
High.....7:06 a.m.....7.2
Low 1:57 p.m.....2.1
High..... 7:48 p.m.....5.1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Low1:10 a.m.....2.8
High.....7:49 a.m.....7.3
Low 2:55 p.m.....1.5
High..... 9:12 p.m.....5.2

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Low2:05 a.m.....3.5
High.....8:30 a.m.....7.4
Low 3:44 p.m.....0.9
High..... 10:21 p.m.....5.5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Low3:01 a.m.....3.9
High.....9:10 a.m.....7.5
Low 4:27 p.m.....0.5
High..... 11:14 p.m.....5.9

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Low3:54 a.m.....4.2
High.....9:50 a.m.....7.7
Low 5:07 p.m.....0.2
High..... 11:58 p.m.....6.2

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Low4:42 a.m.....4.3
High.....10:28 a.m.....7.8
Low 5:45 p.m.....-0.1

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

High.....12:37 a.m.....6.4
Low5:25 a.m.....4.3
High.....11:07 a.m.....7.9
Low 6:21 p.m.....-0.2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

High.....1:13 a.m.....6.5
Low6:05 a.m.....4.2
High.....11:44 a.m.....8.0
Low 6:57 p.m.....-0.3

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

High.....1:48 a.m.....6.6
Low6:43 a.m.....4.1
High..... 12:21 p.m.....8.0
Low 7:31 p.m.....-0.4

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

High.....2:22 a.m.....6.7
Low7:21 a.m.....3.9
High..... 12:59 p.m.....7.9
Low 8:05 p.m.....-0.4

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

High.....2:56 a.m.....6.8
Low8:02 a.m.....3.8
High..... 1:38 p.m.....7.6
Low 8:38 p.m.....-0.3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

High.....3:29 a.m.....6.9
Low8:46 a.m.....3.6
High..... 2:20 p.m.....7.3
Low 9:12 p.m.....0.0

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

High.....4:02 a.m.....7.0
Low9:37 a.m.....3.3
High..... 3:09 p.m.....6.8
Low 9:48 p.m.....0.5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

High.....4:36 a.m.....7.2
Low10:35 a.m.....2.9
High..... 4:07 p.m.....6.3
Low 10:28 p.m.....1.1

Siuslaw girls start season with loss



Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

Girls basketball season started with a loss on Dec. 3, as the Vikings hosted the Taft Tigers and ended up on the wrong side of a 70-29 scoreline.

The Vikings have a young squad this season. Captain Mia Snider is the group’s sole senior this season, and five of the 13 players listed on the team’s OSAA page are freshmen. Going up against a team that was ranked #10 in OSAA’s 3A preseason Girls Basketball Coaches Poll, it was always going to be a test.

Taft has just one freshman this season, and with a combined eight juniors and seniors, the Tigers are loaded with veterans. While there was a gulf on the scoreboard, the 29 points scored by the Vikings were a solid mark, one that would have been the fifth most in a game for Siuslaw last year.

In their 24 games last season, the Vikings eclipsed 30 points four times, but struggled to score more than 20 points consistently, finishing with fewer than 20 in 11 games. Last season, Siuslaw also faced Taft in the season opener and ended up losing 67-12.



Last season was all about growth for the Vikings, and it was evident in the number of games they won. Siuslaw won more league games last season than they had since 2014-2015. If they can replicate the scoring they produced against Taft, they may have a

chance to add to that tally this season in the Far West League.

The 29 scored against one of the potential top teams in the state is a good sign for a growing Siuslaw program with a new Head Coach in Amanda Richards. Junior captain Aidell Cadet

paced the team in scoring, chipping in 16 points in the game, accounting for more than half of the Vikings’ total.

Siuslaw took their game on the road on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6 to play in the Coquille Winter

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Siuslaw boys lose first game



Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

The Vikings boys basketball team squared off with the Taft Tigers in the season opener on Dec. 3, and the game ended in defeat for the

Vikings. The 76-53 scoreline didn’t reflect the competitiveness of the contest, as the Vikings stayed within touch distance for much of the game, with the

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Community Briefs

Robbie Dee Christmas violin concert

The starlight cabaret presents the Christmas music of Robbie D, Saturday, December 20 at Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Doors will open at 5:30 and Showtime is at 6 p.m., FUUF is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road.

Light Up a Life ceremony slated for Dec. 13

For 29 years, Peace Harbor Hospice has remembered loved ones with gifts of light on a beautiful Christmas tree. Community members are invited for the 30th edition of this ceremony on Saturday, Dec.

13, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. It includes reflective readings, the recitation of names and lighting the dedicated tree at the events center. This event is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one. This is a special time to remember loved ones during the holiday season through readings, music, and the lighting of the dedicated Light Up a Life Tree.

Resident Sentiment Survey is Live

Travel Lane County has launched a community survey as part of its Destination Master Plan process, inviting residents across Lane County to share their

perspectives on tourism's role in our region. The Destination Master Plan, now entering its research phase, is a 10-year roadmap to guide how our visitor economy grows and supports the Eugene, Cascades & Coast region. The plan will help ensure that tourism continues to bring benefits to the people who live here — including support for local businesses, outdoor recreation, arts and culture, jobs, and thriving communities throughout Lane County. Residents are encouraged to take the short survey to share what matters most to them. Feedback gathered will help shape strategies that reflect local priorities, community needs, and the unique character of our region. "This plan is about our community's future," said Travel Lane County CEO Samara Phelps. "We know that tourism succeeds

when residents feel supported, included, and heard. This survey gives everyone a chance to help guide how we welcome people, support local businesses, and build the kind of place we're proud to call home." The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. All responses are confidential and will be analyzed in aggregate only. Take the survey: <https://www.research.net/tr/TravelLaneCo>

Holiday events at Serene Abundance Studio Space

Visit Serene Abundance Studio Space at 148 Maple Street in Old Town Florence on Saturday, December 13th for a day of creative inspiration.

Featuring a Layered Hearts Expressive Art Workshop from 11am-2pm, followed by a Holiday Pop Up Art Market from 3 to 5pm, with seasonal refreshments. To learn more and register, visit sass-flo.com/events, or call 541-590-3877.

Seventh Day Adventist Church presentation

Florence Seventh Day Adventist Church presents: "For His Glory: From the Cradle to the Cross." Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 10:45 am. Christmas musical program with lunch to follow. Please RSVP text Christine at 702-353-0867. Also, there will be a giving tree to assist the local nonprofit Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students.



Boys

From Page B1

Tigers ultimately pulling away in the fourth quarter. Head Coach Dylan Perry went on 106.9 Coast Radio Viking Sports Talk on Thursday to break down some of the elements from the game. Perry and the Vikings entered the game against Taft eager for a challenge. Taft was one of the top teams in the state last season, and Siuslaw also opened its 2024/2025 campaign against the Tigers. The previous matchup between the two programs resulted in a 38-66 loss for the Vikings, and with that in mind, Siuslaw was excited to see how they

stacked up against Taft. "We opened with them last year, too. They kind of spanked us last year, but we got our stuff figured out and had one of our best seasons in program history last season, too," Perry told Wayne Sharpe in the interview. "The boys were super excited for the test. It's always good to go out there and go against some of the best teams in the state right off the bat, see what deficiencies you have that we need to improve on." Though it was a familiar foe for the Vikings, the game did provide something unprecedented for Perry. Five Siuslaw players fouled out for the first time under Perry's coaching, forcing the Vikings to rely on their depth. There are ordinarily about eight players in Siuslaw's rotation, but with five players racking up too many fouls to play, Perry brought in some JV

players to fill the gaps. Siuslaw battled to get the game within eight points in the third quarter, but then "kind of fell apart" in the fourth quarter. Nevertheless, Perry said it was a "good battle," and they played some good basketball against a well-coached, versatile Tigers team. Siuslaw wants to focus on "attitude and effort," and Perry said his team played well in pursuit of those goals. Despite the loss, there's no reason Siuslaw won't be able to build off it like they did last year. The Vikings' next test came at the Coquille Winter Lake Classic on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. The results of games against Toledo and Junction City are unknown at the time of press. The Vikings will next be in action against Elmira on Dec. 12 at Mac Court on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.



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Oregon Dungeness crab met both meat and safe biotoxin level requirements; however, the season is delayed as Long Beach, WA crabs have not yet met the meat fill requirement. Most Dungeness crab advisory committee members support the delay as it is least disruptive to traditional fishing patterns and may improve market conditions.

Washington will test crab again and if meat fill in Long Beach crab meets the required 23 percent, the season will open Dec. 16. If meat fill is less than 23 percent, ODFW will consider a partial opening south of Cape Falcon with fleet input and the Tri-State decision process.

When the Oregon season does open, it will be under a fleet advisory that fishing vessels should

be vigilant and move or avoid setting gear in areas where whales are foraging or transiting to minimize risk of entanglement.

Targeted to open Dec. 1, Oregon’s ocean commercial Dungeness crab season can be delayed so consumers get a high-quality product, and crabs are not wasted. It can also be delayed to have an orderly opening in conjunction with California and Washington.

Weekly season opening updates are posted online until the decision to open the season is made.

COMMERCIAL BAY CRAB FISHERY

The commercial bay crab fishery closes at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 1 in conjunction with the delayed ocean commercial season. It will reopen through December if the ocean commercial season does so.

On the Move: Oregon drivers urged to ‘Watch for Wildlife’

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As deer, elk, and other species begin their fall migration, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation (OWF) is reminding drivers to stay alert and help prevent wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Each year, an estimated 5,000 large animals are struck and killed on Oregon roads, with peak collisions occurring in October and November when animals migrate to lower elevations. Collisions not only threaten wildlife but also endanger motorists.

“Slowing down to admire the beauty of our changing seasons also lessens the likelihood of a collision with wildlife on the move this time of year,” Oregon Wildlife Foundation Executive Director Tim Greseth said. “Deer, elk and other wildlife are moving from their higher elevation summer range to where they’ll spend the winter, which puts more of them on our highways and roads.”

Drivers can reduce their risk by slowing down at dawn and dusk, observing wildlife crossing caution signs, and avoiding sudden swerves. When one animal crosses, others may follow.

The Watch for Wildlife specialty license plate, in part, helps fund projects that make roads safer for both people and wildlife, undercrossings, overcrossings, and fencing. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of this plate support efforts to improve and restore habitat connectivity statewide.

“Not only is the Watch for Wildlife plate



When one animal crosses, others may follow. (Courtesy photo)

nice-looking, but the money it raises helps reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions throughout the year,” OWF External Communications Manager Mo Montgomery said. “Plate holders should feel good knowing their license plate saves lives.”

Oregonians can order the Watch for Wildlife plate through the DMV or visitmyowf.org/watchforwildlife to learn more about how plate sales fund critical habitat connectivity projects throughout the state.

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GIRLS

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games is not known at the time of press.

The Vikings will be back in action against Elmira on Dec. 12 at Mac Court on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

HAVE FUN! BEACH SAFE!

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How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

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How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

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1768: The first edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica is published.

1817: Mississippi becomes the 20th U.S. state.

1901: The first Nobel Prize ceremony is held in Stockholm on the fifth anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.

Book FACT:

This term refers to reading texts quickly but not completely.

Answer: Skim

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

GPAES

12

CVROE

34

KAMR

5

AIED

6

4216

1

B

335

Answer: Read a book

NEW WORD

SYNOPSIS

a brief summary of something

How they say that in...

- English: Cover (book)
- Spanish: Forro
- Italian: Copertina
- French: Couverture
- German: Umschlag

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Little Free Library

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U	U	S	Q	Y	B	C	K	A	C	L	C	S	E	I	R	O	I	T	P
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I	L	T	Y	T	S	E	T	L	W	M	Q	P	B	I	T	K	A	L	S
A	G	X	Q	P	Y	M	X	G	T	B	O	N	F	A	F	E	T	W	G
N	D	P	M	R	G	F	L	E	C	P	C	D	W	T	T	R	S	A	C

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

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- ABYSSINIAN
- CALICO
- CLOWDER
- DOMESTICATION
- FERAL
- HAIRBALL
- HISS
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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: E equals B

MAITZOCPGQ OEGSC O

WPZAWTL GZ TOMLESV CJOC

NZAWAZR ORIAQMPQV RSZWOIAR:

PC'R OQ SNJPTT EAACTA.

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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!

God TIDEY

Fold PLATE

Rouse WEAKO

Hint LIMPY

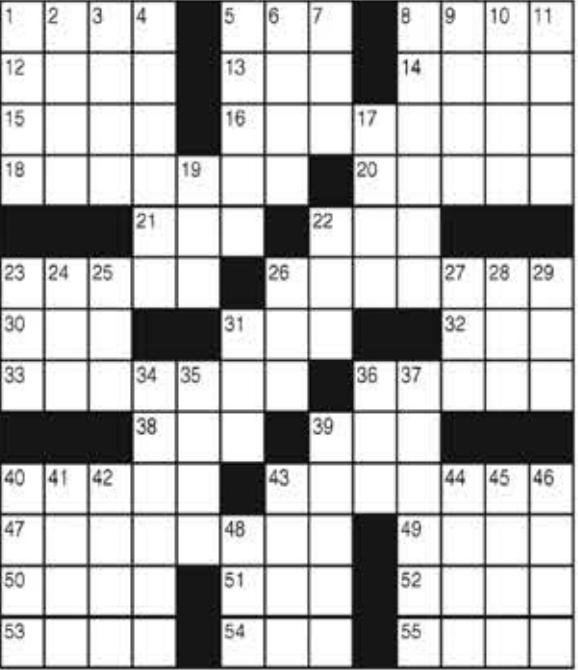
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Touse
- 5 Resistance unit
- 8 Prego rival
- 12 Bickering
- 13 Zodiac animal
- 14 Pub orders
- 15 Tabula —
- 16 Sheer fabrics
- 18 Santiago resident
- 20 Playful sea critter
- 21 Mormon church, for short
- 22 Top card
- 23 Army bigwigs
- 26 Scolding
- 30 "Humbug!"
- 31 Cooking fuel
- 32 French pronoun
- 33 Upbeat
- 36 Rose protector
- 38 Weeding tool
- 39 Spanish gold
- 40 Parlor pieces
- 43 Bar exercises
- 47 Trailblazing congresswoman Shirley —
- 49 Power co. supply
- 50 Suffix for million
- 51 "Levitating" singer Lipa



- 52 Poet Teasdale
- 53 Rolling stone's lack
- 54 Lair
- 55 Threaded fastener
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Hereditary unit
- 11 Cold War initials
- 17 Central points
- 19 Asner and Harris
- 22 Sounds of relief
- 23 Telly network
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 Sashimi fish
- 26 Automobile
- 27 "As I see it," in a text
- 28 Fish-fowl insert
- 29 Tom Collins liquor
- 31 "My word!"
- 34 Stages
- 35 Ritzy
- 36 Part of TNT
- 37 Truthful
- 39 "Holy cow!"
- 40 Con job
- 41 Columbus' home
- 42 Evergreens
- 43 Crossword hint
- 44 — Bator
- 45 Lima's land
- 46 "Shoo!"
- 48 Quirky

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Large body of water

Soak

A nit that was not picked

What you're trying to do

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Breathing

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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King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

1. Duke
2. The Ming dynasty
3. "Hole"
4. "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel
5. Kneecap
6. Santiago
7. A Benedictine monk named Dom Perignon
8. The cherry blossom and the chry
9. sandhem
10. Black, although red also can be hot

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?
- MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?
- MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend..."?
- ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?
- FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?
- SCIENCE: Which wire is usually the main "hot" one in electrical work?

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PAYDAY

Today's Word

3. Awake; 4. Imply

1. Dearly; 2. Plead; solution

SCRAMBLERS

E	V	I	L	A
S	T	I	E	V
E	L	O	S	
E	S	O	T	
E	S	O	D	
D	N	O	S	

Solution

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

It's an uphill beetle.
prefers ascending surfaces:
firefly or ladybug that
Declaration about a
answer

CryptoQuip

in two-wire circuits

10. Black, although red also can be hot

9. Gabriel Garcia Marquez

sandhem

8. The cherry blossom and the chry

Perignon

7. A Benedictine monk named Dom

6. Santiago

5. Kneecap

Cartunkel

4. "The Sound of Silence" by Simon &

3. "Hole"

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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 MISTIE. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Kilt or a-line	___ K ___	Blouse or tee	___ H ___
2. Eight musical notes	___ ___ V _	Fuel rating	___ ___ N _
3. Self-serve meal	___ ___ T	Shock absorber	___ ___ R
4. Customer	___ ___ R _	General George	___ ___ T _
5. Culpability	F _ _ _	Treasure house	V _ _ _
6. Stay behind	___ M _ _	Recollect	___ T _ _
7. Handmade blanket	___ ___ T	Feather	___ ___ L
8. Splinter	___ L _ _ _	Shake from the cold	___ H _ _
9. Actress Halle	___ E _ _	Musician Manilow	___ A _ _
10. Humpback, e.g.	___ A _ _	In one piece	___ O _ _

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to your good health

WITH Dr. Keith Roach

Metoprolol Prescription for Palpitations Exacerbates Anxiety

DEAR DR. ROACH: I just discontinued using metoprolol succinate extended release (ER) at a dosage of 6.25 mg. My heart rate is normally in the 70-80s, and my blood pressure is normal. My doctor prescribed it for palpitations, but it seems totally unnecessary. My issue is that I am experiencing tachycardia of over 100 beats every single night as well as dry mouth.

Could this be anxiety? And do you think an antidepressant like Zoloft or Paxil would help? I had a Holter monitor, which showed nothing wrong with my heart. The palpitations were sporadic only when I was anxious.

I stopped metoprolol because it exacerbated my anxiety and caused me depression as well as panic attacks. My doctor prescribed me 1 mg of Ativan to take at bedtime, but I am very scared of getting addicted to it. So, I thought maybe an antidepressant would help instead. My doctor prescribed 25 mg of Zoloft, but I want another opinion. — S.S.

ANSWER: Generalized anxiety disorder is a common problem and may be associated with panic attacks (sometimes depression as well). The most common and highly effective medication treatment for generalized anxiety disorder, with or without panic attacks, is an SSRI-type drug like sertraline (Zoloft). Therapy is another option, and the two together are more effective than they are separately.

Metoprolol is an effective treatment

for the fast heart rate that some people get when they have anxiety, and metoprolol by itself is helpful for many people who have anxiety. (The high heart rate can make people feel even more anxious.) However, it sounds like metoprolol did not work for you. There is a small increased risk of depression among people who take beta blockers like metoprolol.

In my opinion, lorazepam (Ativan) is not a good long-term choice for an anxiety disorder, but it can still be helpful in some people while they're waiting for another treatment to start working (such as therapy or a medicine like Zoloft). It takes six to eight weeks to reach maximum effectiveness.

Addiction is not an issue when both the patient and prescriber agree that it will be only used as a short-term treatment. For Zoloft, 25 mg is a low dose, and some people need higher doses (sometimes much higher) to control their symptoms.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why shouldn't you use antibiotics for a cold? — T.Y.A.

ANSWER: There are two main reasons. The first is that antibiotics are effective against bacteria; they're not effective against the viruses, which are the cause of colds. It is true that a person (or their doctor) cannot be 100% sure whether they have a virus, but people are generally pretty good about knowing when they have a cold.

The second is that resistance to antibiotics has become a major issue in medicine. There are now strains of bacteria that are resistant to all antibiotics, and I have seen patients die because their bacteria were resistant to all the antibiotics we have. Using antibiotics less often and for shorter durations is a major goal to reduce the rate of antibiotic resistance. (Antibiotic use in animals that are raised for food is a major issue as well.)

Patients can help by not asking for (or demanding) antibiotics for what are almost certainly viral infections.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Fun Fact

The “Royal Game of Ur” is the oldest playable board game found in the world so far. In 1922, Sir Leonard Wooley led a team that discovered two sets of this game in a tomb near the site of ancient Ur, in southern Iraq. It has been dated to be roughly 4,600 years old.

Sources: gamecabinet.com, gdkeys.com, britishmuseum.org



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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of Dec. 15, 2025.

ON NOW: “Dance Moms: A New Era” (Season 2) — Disney+

ON NOW: “The Bad Guys 2” (PG) — Peacock

ON NOW: “Predators” (Documentary) — Paramount+

16-Dec: “Castle Rock” (Seasons 1-2) — Netflix

17-Dec: “Fallout” (Season 2) — Prime Video

18-Dec: “Emily in Paris” (Season 5) — Netflix

19-Dec: “Jake vs. Joshua: Judgment Day” (Heavyweight Boxing Event) — Netflix

19-Dec: “Kumail Nanjiani: Night Thoughts” (Comedy Special) — Hulu

19-Dec: “Relay” (R) — Netflix

19-Dec: “Born to be Wild” (Docuseries) — Apple TV

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Even Exchange

1. Skit, Shift	6. Remain, Retain
2. Octave, Octane	7. Quilt, Quill
3. Buffet, Buffer	8. Silver, Shiver
4. Patron, Patton	9. Berry, Barry
5. Fault, Vault	10. Whale, Whole



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3932 Spruce St. - \$539,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1472 SqFt. Enclosed sunroom, RV parking with hookups, outdoor hobby room and tool shed with gardens. #3717-687208935



The Rambling Rose - \$195,000
4200 SqFt Business Opportunity. Turnkey Old Town restaurant offering prime visibility, full equipment, strong tourism, and growth potential. #3715-671951240



87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1866 SqFt. Secluded property with mature fruit trees, custom kitchen, bonus room, shop, and river access. #3714-272688773



Tiernan Rd. #100 & #200 - \$125,000
1.32 acre lot. Two taxlots with mature trees and mostly cleared with potential river views and boat access. #3713-742202700



179 Outer Dr. - \$299,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1100 SqFt. Peaceful Coast Village home with natural light, cozy spaces, garden paths, and convenient amenities. #3716-756515536



100 Rhododendron Dr - \$844,000
3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 1952sqft. Riverfront home with 3-car garage and RV parking pad. Potential for a boat ramp and dock. #3537-24452689



8760 Hwy 101 #16 - \$75,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 840 SqFt. New flooring, HVAC, insulation, paint in/outside, water heater and fridge. #3622-639962623



9580 North Fork Siuslaw Rd. - \$632,500
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2000 SqFt. Rare North Fork property. 2.3 acres, 5-bay shop, nice home and creekfront! #3687-532327590



5262 Nopal St. - \$430,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1493 SqFt. Coastal charm meets modern living in the desirable Three Mile Prairie neighborhood. #3670-317018212



89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 784 SqFt. Recently upgraded fiberglass doors, shower, laminate flooring, windows, ceiling fans, shed and carport. #3694-555498165



238 Horseshoe Bend - \$199,750
1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 500 SqFt. Nice corner lot with RV hookups. Home is well cared for with bonus room and garden. #3690-524301067



4838 Lake Blvd. - \$925,000
3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 1884 SqFt. Large turnkey home with Siltcoos Lake views, boathouse/dock and RV Parking. #3700-717794144



87830 Terrace View Dr. - \$435,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1482 SqFt. Shop/Garage, RV Garage with 30 AMP, private covered deck, enclosed sunroom/greenhouse. #3702-456128863



1600-113 Rhododendron Dr. - \$158,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Excellent opportunity to bring in a new manufactured home. Call agent for buyer incentive details. #3705-730692234



83763 Hwy 101 #10 - \$115,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 800 SqFt. Move-in ready home in 55+ Lakeshore Park. Peaceful, low-maintenance, all-season comfort and charm! #3664-366140328



1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$365,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Updated home in 55+ Greentrees Village with vaulted ceilings, skylights, covered porch, and ample parking. #3665-689410988



3761 Nandina Dr. - \$572,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1622 SqFt. Modern coastal home with timeless finishes, located close to the golf course. #3711-166279270



3890 Spruce St. - \$420,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1478 SqFt. Oversized garage, RV parking, beautiful fir trees, in-town! #3671-699141635



89510 Hwy 101 #23 - \$99,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Spacious, clean, and affordable. Appliances included. Lake access. Move-in ready condition. #3679-545143954



5218 Dunewood Dr - \$885,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2120 sqft. New Construction Jan 2025, on 0.4 ac in the Reserve at Heceta Lake, with a 3-car garage. #3576-24348410



5500 Meadow Lake Way - \$829,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2153 SqFt. Immaculate open floor plan on 1.57 acres. Three car garage. Room for RV storage. #3681-125390651



5170 Grand Ave #19 - \$129,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1052 SqFt. Nice, clean, completely upgraded manufactured home in Big Spruce MHP is a must see! #3685-571961488



1600-29 Rhododendron Dr. - \$254,000
3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1308 SqFt. Inviting 55+ retreat featuring pellet stove, efficient heating, new appliances, covered deck, workshop. #3698-344579839



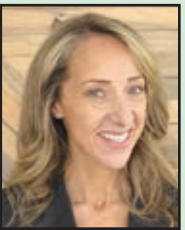
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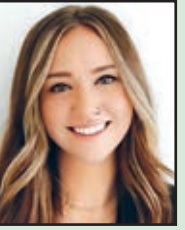
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