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# **SOS Opens Resource Center**



A sizable crowd comes in from the evening heat to tour the new Siuslaw Area Resource Center. Tony Reed photos



SOS Executive Director Bob Teter explains the history and purpose of the Siuslaw Area Resource Center during its ribbon-cutting Sept. 22.

By TONY REED The Siuslaw News

Over 200 people attended Siuslaw Outreach Services' (SOS) opening of its Siuslaw Area Resource Center in Florence Sept. 22, in Florence.

SOS President Stephanie Restrepo and Project Chair Montee Kennedy said the center fulfills a dream years in the making, starting with an idea by former SOS president Kim Schwartz and Executive Director Bob Teter to come up with a single regional resource center shared by multiple agencies serving people in need.

Kennedy wanted to recognize

the service of area veterans, noting that they have been foundational in completing the project.

"this project has also been made possible, thanks for the generous contributions of many donors, the hard work of our contractors, the passion of our staff and volunteers, and countless others who have given their time and energy and resources" Kennedy said. "Every one of you has played a role in getting us to where we are today."

Will Wagner, with the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Roseburg, noted that there are 2,000 veterans in Florence,

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# Elementary school improvements proposed

Committee pitches idea of replacing high school while fixing elementary school issues

> **By TONY REED** The Siuslaw News

During a Sept. 16 presentation at Siuslaw High School Principal Mike Harklerode laid out the Facility Committee's proposal to replace the high building, while also making several safety and circulation issues at the Elementary

As previously reported, Harklerode discussed issues with the aging high school and reasons for the replacement proposal.

He said replacement of the high school would "reset the lifespan of the school for a

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# The signs told the story



Hundreds of people came together Sept. 20 at the Highway 126/101 intersection in vigil for the late Charlie Kirk, but also in support and opposition to the Trump administration. Signs and flags were mixed throughout the crowd, but the most commonly displayed read, "We are Charlie," "Stand with Charlie" and "Murder is never right." Other signs opposed some actions of the current administration, calling it a "power grab" and an attack on free speech. Demonstrators stood on each of the intersection's four corners, but no clear partisan division was evident and, at times, demonstrators with seemingly oppositional signs could be seen calmly talking to one another. Police Lt. Len Larson said the crowd remained peaceful throughout the demonstration, but some were counseled for stepping off the curb and impeding oncoming traffic. He said officers often attend local demonstrations to keep the peace. Tony Reed photo



With two ducks in his mouth, Goose swims back to the shore. Tony Reed photos

# Goose gets duck, duck

By TONY REED The Siuslaw News

An enthusiastic crowd came out to Darlings Marina Sept. 20 for the Oregon Coast Humane Society's Duck Round-up fundraiser. The premise was simple-1,000 rubber ducks were sold for \$10 each. Each duck had a number written on the bottom.

All the ducks were dumped into Silcoos Lake next to Marina, where Goose, the Golden retriever, had been practicing his goose-retrieving technique.

After launching off the dock, Goose swam into the raft of

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OCHS staff carried buckets of ducks to the lake.

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# WLFEA to the rescue - vehicle extrication

and WLFEA DEPUTY **CHIEF ROB CHANCE** 

Rob Chance, WLFEA Deputy Chief says that during the past five years, WLFEA has responded to 813 motor vehicle accidents. Without an exact number placed on those needing extrication, I think we can assume that a fair number needed assistance exiting the vehicle. That being the case, I can only imagine what it was like for any of our readers being in that position and seeing the WLFEA responders pull up to the scene.

This rescue will be vastly different than arriving at the residence, backing the ambulance into the driveway, rolling a gurney into the residence and providing necessary

stabilizing care then whisking the patient to the hospital.

Now, "trapped in vehicle" moves it to a high-stakes environment which requires a tightly choreographed set of safety measures to protect both victims and responders. WLFEA and similar agencies follow protocols rooted in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and field-tested practices. Here is a breakdown of the key safety layers:

Scene Safety and Setup:

**Traffic Control:** As Rob put it, WLFEA responders rely heavily on law enforcement and ODOT responders to assist with traffic control and make sure that they are safe while operating

and providing patient care. If needed at all, it is only until law enforcement or ODOT arrives on the scene.

Lighting and Visibility: Emergency lights, cones, and reflective gear ensure visibility especially during night operations or poor weather.

**Hazard Assessment:** Crews identify fuel leaks, unstable vehicles, downed power lines, and other threats before initiating extrication.

Fire Suppression and **Stabilization:** 

**Charged Hose Line:** A fire hose is deployed and ready in case of ignition from fuel or electrical systems.

Vehicle Stabilization: Cribbing, struts, and wedges prevent movement during cutting or spreading. This protects both the victims and responders.

**Protective gear:** Firefighters wear helmets, gloves, eye protection, and turnout gear. Some departments also use ballistic vests in high-risk zones.

**Tool Awareness:** 

Operators maintain clear communication and spacing when using hydraulic or battery-powered tools to avoid accidental injury.

**Tactical Coordination:** A designated officer oversees operations, ensuring roles are clear and safety protocols are followed.

"Peel and Peek" Before cutting, responders inspect vehicle panels for hidden hazards like airbags or seatbelt pre-tensioners.

**5-10-20 Rule:** Crews maintain safe distances

from undeployed airbags - 5 inches from the side, 10 inches from the steering wheel and 20 inches from passenger dash.

**Patient Protection/ Covering and Shielding:** Tarps, blankets, and hard shields protect patients from glass, debris, and tool movement.

**Medical Monitoring:** EMS personnel assess and stabilize the patient throughout the operation, ready to intervene if conditions demand it.

**Extrication Tools and** Equipment: Modern Extrication Tools which I'm sure are being improved all the time. Among other tools in the hands of WLFEA are a Fire axe and Halligan bar, Hydraulic ram and Battery/Gas-powered circular saws and Hydraulic spreaders and cutters (commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life")

Battery-powered extrication tools like the battery powered Sawzall - a highly regarded reciprocating saw. This is a frequent tool in the hands of WLFEA responders.

Protective gear such as impact-resistant gloves and anti-fog safety glasses.

These tools are essential for safely removing victims from vehicles involved in collisions, especially when structural integrity is compromised.

WLFEA also emphasizes scenario-based training that balances both technical proficiency and strategic decision-making.

For more information about WLFEA and how to join, go to wlfea.org

# POLICE LO

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23.

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17**

At 12:20 a.m. and officer responded to the area of 15th St. and Highway 101 to remove a hazardous piece of metal from the roadway.

At 7:32 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report that shots have been fired. Upon arrival, officers were told that a subject had been attacked by a dog in his driveway and that he had fired a gun at it. The dog was reportedly still alive, with an injury near its ear. The subject went to the hospital for treatment before officers arrived. The dog owner was cited for having a nuisance animal and for the dogs being off leash.

At 4:04 p.m. a caller reported that money had been taken from her. While en route, officers learned that the caller had gotten her money back and wanted no further action to be taken.

At 6:28 p.m., officers responded to the 1300

block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject had taken a pair of shoes from a thrift store and left. Officers were unable to locate the described subject.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

At 1:57 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report that a fire alarm and sprinklers were going off inside a building. It was found that a propane heater had been left too close to a fire sprinkler, causing activation and flooding the building.

At 4:26 a.m., a caller reported finding bags that had fallen from a vehicle on Highway 101. Officers were able to locate the owner and return the bags.

At 9:40 a.m., a caller reported finding a few kittens on Rhododendron Drive. Officers were able to find a home for the kittens in Gardiner.

At 11:21 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving westbound from Cushman that was unable to stay in his lane and driving at erratic speeds. Oregon State Police was also contacted, but officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 12:55 p.m., a caller reported theft of a vehicle in the 2400 block of Oak Street. Officers spoke to a father who said he had lent the car to his daughter and she had not returned it. Officers advised the caller that the issue was civil in nature. No further

action was taken. At 1:43 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Maple Street for a report that a post office box had been damaged and a package had been taken from it.

At 1:57 p.m., a wallet was reported to have been found at the public library. Officers have been trying to contact the owner, but as of press time have not been successful.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

At 11:42 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle on Highway 101 near 27th St., "playing chicken" with other vehicles. Officers responded but were unable to locate the

described vehicle. At 12:11 p.m., officers made contact with a subject in the 900 block of Highway 101 and found they had a warrant for their arrest from Florence Municipal Court. Subject was taken into custody.

At 12:36 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 17th Street for a reported dispute. Officers arrived to find a civil dispute occurring over rent.

At 3:13 p.m., a caller reported finding two Pomeranian dogs in the 700 block of Skookum Drive. Dogs were taken to the Humane Society.

At 3:35 p.m. caller reported finding a pair of prescription glasses in the 1300 block of Bay Street. Call 541-997-3515 to claim the glasses.

At 8:11 p.m., a caller reported a possibly intoxicated subject driving a vehicle in the 1500 block of Highway 101. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and stop it.Upon testing the driver it was determined that they were not under the influence.

At 9:16 p.m., officers assisted a vehicle towing another vehicle in the area of Laurelwood and 35th St.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 20.

At 4:23 a.m., a caller reported finding a twoyear-old outside in the 700 block of Highway 101 with no parents around. Officers arrived and were able to locate the mother.

At 1:07 p.m., city staff reported finding a guitar in the 200 block of Highway 101. Officers believe they knew the owner of the guitar and house of press time, were attempting to return it.

At 1:22 p.m., callers

reported a subject wearing red pajamas in the area of Laurel and Bay streets yelling at another subject.

At 1:43 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 12th St. for a report that a dog had attacked another dog. Officers arrived and cited the owner of the aggressive dog for having a dog off leash and having a nuisance animal.

At 3:11 p.m., a caller reported that upon leaving the casino, a guest dropped his handgun and another subject picked it up and took it to their room. Officers arrived and were able to get the firearm back to its owner. Officers also cited the other subject for theft II and theft of lost or mislaid property.

At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to the hospital for a report of an aggressive subject. Upon arrival, the subject had calmed down and no further action was taken.

At 4:39 p.m., caller reported that a pitbull dog had wandered into a building in the 500 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and transported the dog to the Humane Society.

At 7:09 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 9th Street for a report of a subject in red pajamas trying to fight people. Officers arrived and arrested the subject for criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

At 7:52 p.m., officers responded to Miller

Park for a report of several juveniles drinking. Officers arrived and cited several juveniles for being minors in possession of alcohol. Officers reported juveniles were age 15 to 18.

Officers reported that one 18-year-old female was found to be carrying a concealed handgun. She was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol and unlawful possession of a firearm.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

At 8:30 a.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was speeding on Kingwood. Officers were out of position to respond and were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 2:52 p.m., a caller reported an elderly female in the 600 block of Skookum Drive through appeared to be wandering and disoriented. Officers arrived in the area but were unable to locate the described subject.

At 4:20 p.m., Officers on patrol in the area of Highway 101 and 126 contacted a subject found to have misdemeanor warrants from Lincoln County. Subject was taken into custody.

At 6:41 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Highway 101 for a reported domestic dispute. Case remains under investigation.

At 8:06 p.m., a caller reported that when he exited his RV with his

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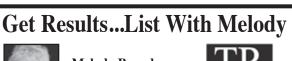
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#### **LETTERS**

#### **MILITARY MUSEUM SEATS NEW BOARD**

#### TO WHOM IT MAY **CONCERN:**

Purpose of this letter is to announce the formation of a new board of directors for the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

On September 19, 2025 an executive meeting of the then existing Oregon Coast Military Museum board of directors met, resulting in the following.

- 1. New board members were selected from qualified applicants.
- 2. The resignation of Geoff Cannon and Gary Cannon was accepted.
- 3. Board members resigned 4. That board was dissolved.

As a result, the following past officers/employees/ volunteers of the museum are no longer associated with or a spokesman for the Oregon Coast Military Museum. This includes Gary Cannon, Geoff Cannon, Patrick Ritter and

Tabitha Pitts. On September 23, 2025 and executive meeting of the new board members was convened; board members are William Rose, Darrel Haggard, Kim McDaniel, Erin Leonard-Durrant, Brian Barnard and Larry Gallagher.

The new officers are: William Rose, President, Darrel Haggard, Vice President, Kim McDaniel, Treasurer. A secretary still needs to be voted on.

The museum will remain closed until further notice as the board prioritizes steps to re-open.

We appreciate the community patience and look forward to the continued community support for the facility which displays with pride the artifacts and mementos of our America's continued need for freedom.

We will continue to make announcements and updates to keep the community advised on the repairs and revitalization of the museum.

> Sincerely, The Oregon Coast Military Board Member

Editor's Note: The above letter was received after press time and a follow-up report is pending

## DEAR EDITOR,

The letter to the Editor from Diane Manos (9/24/25) prompted me to write. Vaccines, or its predecessor procedure inoculation, have been administered since the late 1700's. George Washington, when he was leading the troops during the Revolutionary

War, ordered all recruits to be inoculated against small pox. Polio, measles, and multiple other fatal viruses have been kept under control for decades in part by requiring childhood immunization for admittance to public schools.

The most recent threat, COVID-19, was made almost harmless by the vaccine released in 2020. Few remember that Trump's 2020 campaign was based, at the beginning, on his promise to get the vaccine approved and distributed throughout the country. He was right for once.

Vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine, has saved tens of millions of lives yet Ms. Mano sees her "freedoms" endangered because Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii want to continue childhood immunization to hold those deadly viruses at bay. What happened?

FOX "Not Really News" is what has happened. FOX is the main source of misinformation about vaccines in this country. The FOX "talking heads" should be held accountable for the uptick in deaths due to COVID, polio, measles and other easily controlled diseases. It is their constant drip, drip, drip of halftruths, misinformation and outright lies that has led well-intentioned people to distrust our government until we now have a government, at the Federal level, that can no longer be trusted.

Kudo's to the Governors Ferguson, Kotek, Newsom and Green for refusing to cave in to the pressure from Trump and RFK, Jr. I only wish our Governor Lee was as wise.

> Mark Riebau Nashville, TN

### DEAR EDITOR,

Power in and of itself is neither good nor bad. What one does to acquire it, and how it is used once attained determines that. For example, electricity can heat your home or electrocute you. But power is the most addictive force on earth.

As nineteenth century historian Lord Acton once declared, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Money is the most obvious form of power. Yet money only holds the power we give it. Once again, money itself is neutral. The Bible tells us that, "LOVE of money is the root of all evil." (1 Timothy 6:10.) Contrary to popular belief, money (power) doesn't trickle from the top down. It bubbles up from the bottom. There are good reasons why "too much" is too much. Several books have been written on how power changes the way the human brain works. People develop a "God Complex". (The God Complex: How Power Turns Humans Into Gods" by Inderbir Singh.) I remember several memorable episodes of the original Star Trek based on this topic. Why do you think "too big" is synonymous with "monstrous"? Our forefathers knew this. That's why they built so many checks and balances into our Constitution. Now disingenuous people, drunk on power, are intentionally destroying the infrastructure of our country (and the world) for their own fun and profit. We are engaged in a battle between "Punishers vs Evolutionaries". One leads us to sustainable life; the other to global death. Choose wisely which one you empower.

> Sindy Ruschmeyer **Swisshome**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR,

FCC chair Brendan Carr, a Trump minion, threatened, might take action, to pull ABC 's broadcast license if they did not fire Kimmel; bingo he is fired/suspended indefinitely. FCC chair Carr stated, "We at the FCC are going to enforce the public interest obligation", explaining those threats directed at ABC & other broadcasters. Broadcasters certainly have a responsibility to the public but Carr neglected to mention his and the FCC obligation to

explain that Trump doesn't tolerate "any" criticism and threatens (lawsuits galore) any entity or individual that demonstrates humor about his actions or his extreme troubles with truth telling. Trump lies about "everything" and distorts the truth daily on T.V. i.e. Ukraine started the war with Russia, the 2020 election was stolen, the extremist attack on the Capitol on Jan. sixth 2021 was a "day of love" during which, police officers died. Granted, Kimmel, a comic, made some bad taste comments but Trump has an everyday supplied broadcast platform for his never ending toxic nonsense which he makes continuous use of! And, we're still waiting for the "promised" complete Epstein files! - nobody's ever seen anything like it. I think it was Johnny Cochran who said, "the glove fits Mr. Trump, you're wearing it". — Nobody's ever seen anything like it.

> Jeff Talbot Florence

#### WHAT IS COMMON SENSE?

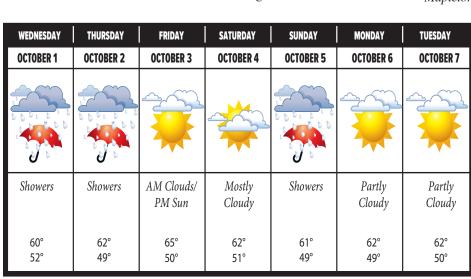
I once told a group of students to use common sense and someone wiser than me turned to me and quietly said, what if we all had different concepts of what common sense means.

When it comes to being hateful and saying hateful things, it does seem that many humans have very different perspectives on what hate means, looks like, and sounds like.

Seems like knowing and seeing hate should be common sense so it goes back to what was said to me a few years ago; we must have different ideas on what it means to use common sense. As Thomas Paine put it, common sense should be simple and self-evidently truthful but it seems that we struggle to agree what these truths should be.

Just something to think about.

> TF Walker Mapleton





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# SPAY-PAWLOOZA treats over 140 Animals

FROM OCHS

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) hosted its large-scale SPAY-PAWLOOZA event August 27–30, bringing together three veterinarians and more than 20 volunteers to provide critical veterinary services for shelter animals and pets in the community.

This marked the very first high-volume event held at the organization's newly purchased veterinary clinic, located at 1739 22nd Street in Florence.

Over the course of four days, 133 animals were spayed or neutered, including 119 community cats and 14 OCHS animals.

Additional care included dental procedures for five OCHS dogs, surgery for a dog with cherry eye, and emergency treatment for a senior Dalmatian. Two community kittens also received urgent medical care—one who had been electrocuted and another suffering from toxin exposure.

The event was made possible with the help of Dr. Jaime Thurk of Bend, Dr. Duane Schaad of Portland, and Dr. Tamay Guevera of Seal Rock, along with volunteers who assisted with recovery, data entry, cleaning, and animal prep.

"This event was a true community collaboration,"

said Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director of OCHS. "It was inspiring to see so many team members and volunteers come together for the good of the animals. We're grateful to the veterinarians who joined us for this special event."

OCHS continues to expand access to veterinary care through its spay/neuter program and emergency veterinary care vouchers for qualifying community members. Community support is vital to sustaining these efforts. To donate or learn more about supporting the Oregon Coast Humane Society's mission, please visit www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org

# POLICE

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dog, he scared away a subject attempting to

siphon gas from it.
At 8:20 p.m., officers
stopped a vehicle in the
area of 126 and Spruce and
arrested Jamie Peterson for
DUII.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 22

At 9:30 a.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Highway 101 for a report of a dog left in the car. Officers determined the dog was in no danger and no further action was taken.

At 10:02 a.m., a subject approached officers and was unhappy with their

decision regarding the previous call.

At 11:15 a.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a reported hit and run. Officers are reviewing security footage and the case remains under investigation.

At 1:43 p.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in a handgun and a small rifle for destruction.

At 5:02 p.m., a call reported that a subject tried to break into her vehicle and in doing so broke the door handle. No charges were pursued but report was taken.

At 6:54 p.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of 7th Street for a

reported dispute. Officers found a civil dispute occurring over parking on the public street.

At 9:21 p.m., officers contacted a subject in the 2100 block of Highway 101 and found he had multiple warrants from Florence Municipal Court. Subject was taken into custody.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

At 2:03 p.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 1300 block of Spruce Street. Officers reported nothing suspicious in nature.

At 3:10 p.m., a caller reported his vehicle was damaged, possibly Sunday. Case remains under investigation.

# Duck

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ducks and to the crowd's delight, kept swimming. He then turned about, swam back and grabbed a pink duck before swimming back through the ducks. However, before coming ashore, Goose grabbed a second duck, this time yellow.

Judges ruled that since Goose first chose the pink duck, it was the winner.

The duck's "owner," Becky Cagle, from Forrest Ranch, Calif., took home a \$500 prize.

OCHS Director Elizabeth Thompson said a 50/50 drawing with a \$340 prize was given out, but the winner's name was not known.

"This was our first event of this type and was led by Community Outreach Coordinator Valerie Swensrud," Thompsong said. "In less than a month, Valerie got sponsors and set up sales for the event to be successful."

Thompson said all money raised is used to support the shelter and community animals supported by OCHS.

All ducks were removed

from the lake afterward.
A video of Goose choosing the ducks is available on our Facebook



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# **SCHOOL**

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couple generations." He noted that the current high school was constructed almost 60 years ago, with low-bid construction, resulting in decades of modifications to keep up with changes and technology. During a later tour of the school attendees remarked at the number of cathode ray tube televisions still mounted to walls inside the school.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL BOND**

Of the two squarefoot options (110,000 vs 174,500), the larger is obviously more expensive, coming in at \$2.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value on a 25-year bond.

"On a 30-yer bond, it comes in at \$2.70," he said. "We shot high before and we missed, so we thought it would be a good idea to have a smaller high school, as well."

Saying all the same benefits would be realized on a smaller scale, Harklerode said it would also restrict the ability to expand.

"If we build a school this size, we're not sure if it's going to be enough in 15 or 20 years," he said. "Those numbers are too far out to project easily."

On a 25-year bond, the small school would come in at \$2.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value and \$2.43 on a 30-year bond.

Regarding combining the elementary school improvements with the cost of the new high school, he said the goal has been to keep the cost under three dollars per \$1,000 of assessed value.

"We didn't simply go out and try to build the biggest, fanciest high school," he said. "We really wanted to keep it affordable for the community because we know if we ask for too much, it will be dead before we even get started."

#### **ELEMENTARY ISSUES**

Saying that many issues were also identified at the elementary School, Harklerode said a smaller proposal would ask for improvements to be made there.

He spoke of a modular building constructed for the kindergarten classroom sometime ago.

"It's an offset building that we put in in 2015, and that was the year that kindergarten moved from half-day to full day," he said. "It's very nice, a very beautiful space but when you do modular construction in coastal element, you are looking at about 10 to 12 years as the useful life. This is year 11."

Harklerode added the buses pick up and drop students off on the opposite corner of the campus, meaning kindergartners must be walked through the entire elementary school hallways, across an open outdoor section, often in the rain, before they can get to the kindergarten classroom.

"The smallest legs in the district are traveling the farthest to get to class," he said. "If you have ever seen kinders walking from place to place, everything

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looks like a field trip, even if they're just going to lunch." Not only is it difficult for teachers to manage that daily migration, it also results in lost instructional time, he said.

Harklerode said that while most of the elementary school utilizes beautiful, spacious and well-lit classrooms, it has common problems with the high school, including heating, plumbing, and electrical problems.

"We went months one time with no hot water on the south side of the elementary school because the pipes are under about 18 inches of concrete and we had to rig a whole new system to pipe hot water in," he said.

Showing a map of the elementary school buildings and layout, Harklrode noted that it was constructed in four parts, compled in 1965, 1982, 1985 and 1992.

Saying the same safety and structural issues exist with both the elementary and high school, Harklerode said the lack of seismic components and the number of entrances are major concerns.

Noting that an outdoor courtyard separates the north and south halves of the school, Harklerode proposed that the space could house four new classrooms.

On the security front, Harklerode said the breezeway on the front of the school presents the most serious issues.

#### **RAINY DAYS**

Harklerode spoke of "the rainy day shed," a structure whose only purpose is to keep kids safe and dry during recess.

"that building is terrible for performing that function, he said. The wind blows sideways, the kids get wet, there is bird poop all over the place because they love it more than the kids do, and on most rainy days, the kids would opt to stay inside,

read a book or have an indoor recess, rather than spend time in the rainy

day shed."

He said if the district were to install a new rainy day shed, it could include playground equipment, and Wood chips to give kids the feeling that they're outside while keeping them safe and dry.

"The other problem we have now is that in order to go to the rainy day shed so that you are out of the elements, you have to walk the corridor right through the elements," he said, to some chuckling in the room. "You are walking through the rain to get to the spot where the rain can't get you."

After outlining the need for changes to the bus and car pick up areas, Harklrode said the proposed changes to the elementary school would not be a complete overhaul, but would possibly be large enough to make the district eligible for seismic upgrade grants.

#### **BACK TO BONDS**

"The elementary school improvements come in at 32 cents on a 25-year [bond] and 30 cents on the 30-year [bond, per \$1,000 of assessed value]," he said. "Remember that \$3 mark I talked about? If we go with the big high school option, on a 30-year bond, and the elementary school option, it comes in at exactly \$3." Harklerode said it was no accident, but a calculated square-footage equation designed to land on the \$3 mark.

"A 25-year bond for each would go slightly over," he said.

Asked how long those improvements would function, Harklerode estimated that they would last through the length of the 25 and 30-year bonds.

"We know we can't afford to build two schools at the same time," he said. "The question is: If we do nothing at the elementary school, will it last another 25 or 30 years? We know it needs some improvements but we know those are much less critical than the needs at the high school. At the high school, as we demonstrated last year, we are always at risk of having some catastrophic system failure that is going to put us out of school and be disruptive to the learning process."

#### WHY NOW?

Harklerode said that when looking at the Consumer Price Index, most residents are already feeling the increased cost of inflation when it comes to household goods. However, current and predicted indicies for construction are rising at a much faster rate, he said.

"Long story short, it's getting more and more expensive to build projects like this," he said. "The project that we wanted to build in 2018 was \$108 million. Now, we're up to about \$122 million for the high school. The running joke we've had on the improvement committee was that the right time to do these improvements was ten years ago. Ten years from now, we'll be looking back at today saying, 'this would have been...' or 'this has been the right starting point."

Noting that "there is a big difference between your assessed value and your market value," Harklerode said his own home's market value is almost double the assessed value.

"Your bond rate is going to be set at your assessed value," he said. "For high school option 1 on a 30 year bond of \$2.70 a month comes in at \$53.35 a month... \$47 a month for the smaller high school, and for the elementary school changes, it's \$5.80."

Harklerode noted that residents can go to the county website https://lcmaps.lanecounty.org/propertysearchnew/ to look up their property's assessed value.

### OPTIONS

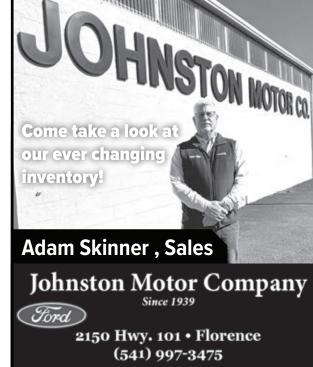
ballot options will be 1) a smaller high school plus the elementary school improvements, or 2) the larger high school with the same improvements at the elementary school. When asked why the high school and elementary school cannot be separated into separate votes Harklerode said it was thought that voters might simply go with the cheapest option to make the improvements at the elementary school, while leaving out the high school option.

"Right now Siuslaw School District is debtfree in terms of construction," he said, "because we paid off the middle school, and we haven't incurred anything else, even when we built the kindergarten additions, even when we brought in the four new classrooms and the modular office to the high school... we did it all with capital projects money." When asked, he said the projected cost would include everything from materials, labor, equipment, studies, permits, fees, and more.

He said that when looking at renovation and modification as options, the new high school remained the best option for the school district in terms of cost, functionality, and disruption to students. The same was the case at the elementary school.

More such meetings will take place around the district to ensure that all affected residents will know what's being proposed and why.

"We don't have a timeline," he said. "Ideally, by February, we would have that recommendation ready for the school board and they would make a decision, potentially for this May. However, if we are not ready yet, if we haven't gotten the word out and the need for a new high school has not saturated into the community, or the need at the elementary school isn't something people have weighed in on enough, we are going to take some more time and try the election at a different time."

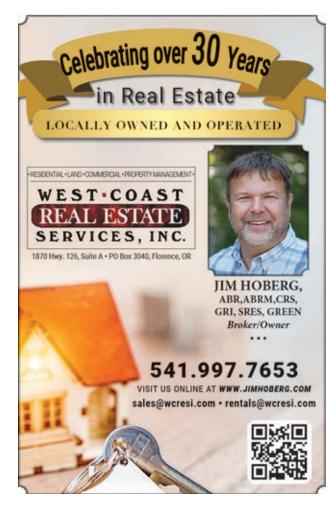


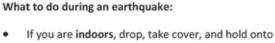


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which has a population of 10,000. He said that when treated with kindness, veterans always give back to their communities.

Reading the Veterans Creed, Wagner said it reflects how we care for one another as a community. Wagner introduced Veterans Suicide Prevention Coordinator Dr. Stacy Nielsen, who noted that September is Suicide Prevention Month, making it a perfect time to open the facility.

County Commissioner Ryan Ceniga was not able to attend, but wrote that he supports the facility whole-heartedly as it embodies the county commitment to partnership and inclusion.

"The cross-agency collaboration reduces the overhead, reinforces our local safety net, and ensures services are accessible, regardless of location or transportation challenges," Ceniga wrote. "It is precisely the kind of investment that builds healthy, resilient and inclusive communities throughout our region."

Florence Mayor Rob Ward noted that SOS provides shelter, rent assistance programs, homeless prevention assistance, rapid rehousing assistance, energy assistance, utility assistance, transportation vouchers, prescription assistance, self sufficiency classes, shower and laundry vouchers, special veteran voucher programs, domestic violence information services, sexual assault advocacy, family abuse protection, and programs for children of domestic violence.

"That's just some of

the things they do. It's also interesting that they provide classes and workshops for our community," he said, listing several such

"As the City of Florence, we are so thankful to have them here," Ward said. "They play a big partwhen our police officers find somebody in mental distress and having a problem, they actually have a way to get help for that person, as opposed to just putting them in jail. That's pretty special."

#### THE HISTORY

Following a round of applause for his part, Teter recalled that back in 1985, a group of Florence residence saw the film "the burning bed," a movie about a woman facing a lifetime of physical abuse. Teter explained that the Woman in the film reached the point of desperation because she felt she had no support and could find no way out.

"These women, knowing there were others in their community who were facing similar situations, were inspired to act," he said. "They formed the Siuslaw Area Women's Center, a shelter program for women and children fleeing sexual and domestic violence." Other needs were identified in the process of helping people, and assistance was provided with rent, utilities, food and other needs.

"By the year 2000, they were serving over 1000 local residents," he said. "In 2015, they hit another milestone, serving just over 3,000 residents in over a year, and, they paid off their mortgage and established an endowment."

Surveys were conducted in 2018 to determine how the community could be better served, he said.

"a reoccurring theme that kept coming up over and over again was that clientele were challenged by a variety of support services that were out there, both here and in the Eugene area," he said, adding that access to those services was challenging. "it was difficult for a working family to take time off to access services and take off more and more time. Often times they would have to travel to Eugene to access those services. Many services and resources were not available. In talking with those agencies based outside of our area, their solution was 'we'll just create more online access"

Teter said that created its own challenges, especially since a third of our community does not have Internet or phone access. He said a lack of space to serve clients was also a local challenge, and some local agencies were providing service from their staffs' homes.

Calling the facility "a one stop shop campus," Teter said it will increase access and assistance for low income families and those in need.

Teter spoke of a successful facility created in Sweethome, saying staff felt the same could be done in Florence.

"The facility we wanted to create would house human service agencies that would have similar vision and a complementary purpose, he said. Centralizing resources give clientele easy access to a multitude of programs which access immediate needs and provide support and encouragement to gain self-sufficiency." Teter added that area nonprofit agencies can also use the facility for training and coordination.

#### **COMING TOGETHER**

After a lot of meeting, planning, and research, it became clear that the dream was outgrowing the current facility amid other obstacles.

"It took a lot of faith to go forward with the project, facing all that- the pandemic, the restructuring, the funding concerns. We hit hurdle after hurdle, and we hit a point where we were questioning ourselves- Do we or don't we? We continued to put effort into this dream."

Teter said that after asking God for guidance, he was approached by the leader ship of the Nazarene Church, which was considering folding.

"As Steve Hutchinson, of Oregon Pacific Nazarene said, 'We see SOS as carrying on the mission of the Nazarene Church," Teter said, "to be there for the poor, aid widows and orphans, to be a light for those hurting."

Teter said the comment reminded him that the bible recommends the same- to help those in need.

He said after three years of being vacant, negotiations began for possession of the building.

Calling him an angel, Teter said Mike Webb, and team at Oregon Pacific Bank, was able to close the deal in 59 days, one day short of the required 60.

"We actually took possession two days before Christmas," he said, "so that was a great Christmas present.

Teter said he hopes that the building will be a catalyst for coordination and collaboration between other agencies.

#### WHAT IT WILL BE

"This will be a place where all walks of life can come together to

the culture alive, he noted that inside the building, visitors will find many tributes to the language and history of the Siuslaw Indians. He said space has also been dedicated to

#### COMMUNITY, **COLLABORATION**

local veterans.

Thanking individuals, contractors, workers and partners, Teter said some work has yet to be done.

"his is an interesting time for us to do a project like this, he said. We are in the midst of financial uncertainties, a lot of our funding has been greatly reduced., which is going to make serving Florence a challenge. But the timing is also perfect, in that the way to address those insecurities and uncertainties is to collaborate, to bind together and work together and coordinate together. So, even though this may be a little bit of a leap of faith, I have faith in this community. I have faith in my God, I have faith in my staff, we can do this. We can serve our community and we can make our community better."

Following the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, Teter officially opened the Siuslaw Area Resource Center.

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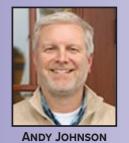
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LOW	4:05 a.m.	0.3
High	10:44 a.m.	5.9
Low	4:18 p.m.	2.5
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Low	4:47 a.m	0.1
High	11:15 a.m	6.5
Low	5:07 p.m	1.6
High	11:05 p.m	6.9

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Low	5:26 a.m	0.1
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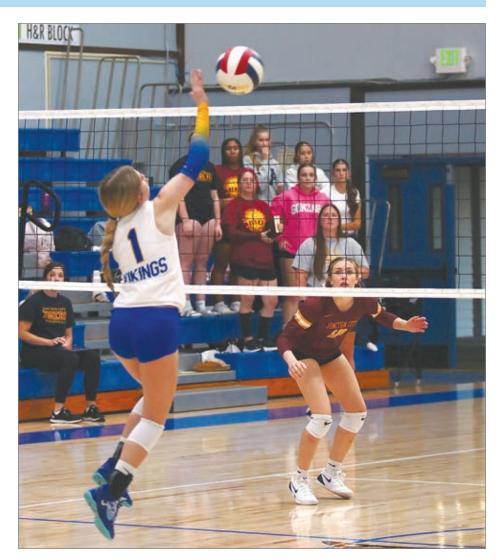
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Siuslaw did its best to hold off Junction City Sept 18 but couldn't make it happen. Tony Reed photo



# Siuslaw volleyball loses league opener

Will LOHRE

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The Siuslaw varsity volleyball team put together some good preseason results, going 4-3, but couldn't convert that positive momentum into a first league win.

Siuslaw saw its

four-game winning streak in non-league play snapped in a home game against Junction City. Head Coach McKenzie Perry said the team played well, even though they lost in three sets, 18-25, 20-25, 15-25.

"The girls did a great

job of keeping intensity even while playing from behind," Perry said. "I saw some good things from players all around the court, from first kills to strong defense from front row players and back row players alike." Coming out of that

defeat, the Vikings turned their attention to working on out-of-system plays that require sending a strong free ball over, and she also said they will be doing "a lot of serving practice." The Vikings missed many of their first serves, which hurt them over the course of the match.

"However, one huge highlight is the serving game that Paige Bottensek brought tonight, with five aces on 14 attempts," Perry

See **SIUSLAW**, Page B3

#### HERE. IS. BETTER

# Hope makes the Mission Possible documentary

A soldier's story is always personal, but never more than in HERE. IS. BETTER., a documentary film with unprecedented access inside trauma therapy sessions of men and women Veterans battling posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This powerful feature length documentary offers a uniquely

hopeful and impactful perspective on a rising mental health crisis in America.

A free documentary screening will be held at three Rivers Casino on Sunday, October 5. Doors open at 2 p.m. and the movie starts at 2:30. At 4 p.m., a question and answer session with the panel will commence.

The film's run time is 96 Minutes.

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psychotherapies for PTSD. From former presidential hopeful Jason Kander's decision to seek treatment during his Kansas City mayoral race to a Vietnam War Veteran haunted by events from over 50 years ago to the often overlooked voices of women Veterans, this

See **HOPE**, Page B2

# Mapleton Harvest Festival attracts hundreds





**Tony Reed photos** 

### Siuslaw NEWS STAFF

Kids, adults and families came out on an otherwise gray Saturday to enjoy the Mapleton Harvest Festival, just off Highway 126 on Sept. 20. Visitors were treated to music, food, games, bounce houses and a car show. Many area vendors came to the event, offering a wide selection of crafts, foods, unusual wares and services. Lane County Sheriff's Office openly displayed its armored vehicle and personnel were on hand to talk to residents about whatever was on their minds.

According to organizer Jamie Crawford-Sautner, 640 people attended the event. She called the number great for a single day, especially considering that other nearby towns had their own



fundraisers and events going on.

She said Florence Kiwanis sponsored the Kid zone with the exception of Siuslaw Vision sponsoring one of the games.

"I am so thankful to those organizations," she said. Overall, guests appeared to enjoy the day, even though some felt the weather wasn't favorable.

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# Community Briefs

#### The Heart of Compassion

A compassionate response to suffering is not merely to feel for it—but to attempt, in whatever way we can, to lessen it. True compassion calls for both courage and wisdom: the courage to face pain-our own and others'-and the wisdom to know how best to respond. What might it mean to meet our own failings with compassion rather than judgment? What responsibilities do we bear when confronted

with the suffering of others, near or far? And how do we discern the limits of what we can give, or when enough is truly enough? This Sunday, October 5th, we invite you to join in reflection and conversation as we explore the heart of compassion—together.

Location: 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road

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#### Mushroom festival to sprout again in Yachats

The public is invited from October 17-19 to taste, learn, and explore during the Yachats Mushroom Festival.

Attendees can enjoy guided walks, engaging talks, hands-on workshops, and a bustling vendor fair filled with fungi-inspired delights. Whether you're a seasoned forager or just curious, it's the perfect time to discover the wonder, science, and magic of mushrooms (but not "magic mushrooms")... and get expert help identifying your mycological

"This year's Yachats Mushroom Festival celebrates the theme "The World of Mushrooms," a reminder of just how vast and fascinating fungi truly are," says Nichole Lippincott, executive director of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, October 17, the festival kicks off from 5:00–6:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons with a mushroom-themed dinner by Big Dog BBQ, a local food truck. Following dinner is the 7:00 p.m. keynote presentation by Daniel Winkler: "Fruits of the Forest."

Saturday & Sunday, October 18-19 will feature a Vendor Fair: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Yachats Commons 441 Highway 101, featuring artisans, food, crafts, and all things mushroom.

Mushroom ID Hall: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. under the big top on the Commons lawn, hosted by the Lincoln County Mycological

Society (LCMS), Cascade Mycological Society (CMS), and North American Truffling Society (NATS). Bring your "finds" for expert identification.

Talks & workshops, walks and more will be available for all.

For more information, full schedules, and ticket sign-ups, visit YachatsMushroom Festival.org

#### **Understanding** short-term rentals

**City OF FLORENCE** 

Do you have questions about Short-Term Rentals (STRs) in Florence? Want to learn more about how they fit into the City's housing goals and share your thoughts on how they can fit into Florence's neighborhoods? Join the City of Florence for a City Hall Open House to discuss proposed STR policies and share your feedback. Join us on Monday, October 13, 2025 at Florence City Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and a presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m. Those interested in attending the event can find out more at https:// bit.ly/FlorenceSTR. The open house will provide information on current STR regulations, proposed updates to City Code, and how the City's Housing Implementation Plan (HIP) addresses STRs, housing affordability, and neighborhood livability. City staff will be on hand to answer questions and collect community input. To learn more about the city's efforts on evaluating and preparing STR regulations and see the community's survey results on STR, visit: ci.florence.or.us/planning/ short-term-rental-housingproject was identified as a need in the Housing and **Economic Opportunities** Project completed in 2018. These project plans and materials are available by visiting the City's project webpage: https://www. ci.florence.or.us/planning/ housing-and-economic-opportunitiesproject-completed-nov-2018. If you have any questions, please contact Management Analyst Peighton Allen at (541) 997-3437 or peighton.allen@ci.florence.

#### Siuslaw Vision Refresh: Ten **Years of Action**

From SIUSLAW VISION

Join us Oct. 16 for a special event commemorating a decade of community collaboration and success. Together, we'll look back at transformative projects, explore what made them work, and dream about what's next. Join us in exploring where we've been, and where we're going.

Celebrating Today and Shaping Tomorrow - 3:30-5:30pm

Welcome & History -A look at how Siuslaw Vision came to be. Community Success

Panel – Hear from local leaders about projects that turned ideas into action.

Interactive Small Groups - Share your own stories, challenges, and hopes for the future.

Live Graphic Recording Watch ideas come to life visually in real time! This engaging gathering will be led by Charlotte Young, meeting leader and picture note taker.

Happy Hour Celebration with Chamber Business After Hours 5:30-7pm

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# **HOPE**

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### THE PANEL

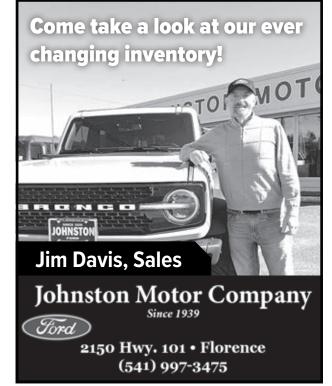
The panel will include: Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Military Suicide Loss Survivor, VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator Washington County Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Mental

Health Professionals. Veterans,

The Panel Q&A to be moderated by Amy Almond-Schmid, Executive Director of the Returning Veterans Project.

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# Murder suspect nabbed in Florence

**Siuslaw NEWS STAFF** 

A murder suspect reported to have been mistakenly released from Multnomah County jail was arrested in Florence on Sept. 25 at a local gas station. According to a release from the Multnomah County Sheriffs Office 26-year-old Ty Sage was mistakenly allowed to post bail and was subsequently released from the Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) on Monday, Sept. 22. On Tuesday,

September 23, 2025, MCSO learned about Sage's release.

"Sheriff Morrisey O'Donnell immediately launched an inquiry into how Sage's release occurred," the release states." The preliminary review suggests a misinterpretation – on MCSO's part – of the initial court order presented to the sheriff's office that was signed September 17 and filed Sept.18, 2025. The full inquiry remains ongoing."

According to court

documents, a Multnomah County grand jury indicted Sage on May 13, 2025. The indictment charged him with one count of second-degree murder in the death of 15-year-old Lowgunn Ivey, of Gresham, and one count of first-degree robbery.

According to MCSO, Sage was arrested how to gas station off Highway 101, and no force was necessary. Sage will be booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on a no bail hold.



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If you're interested in becoming a Tutu Dad, please email crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com or text 541-999-8641.



# SIUSLAW

From Page B1

said. Kylee Stinger and Stella Duman both played with fantastic court vision and saw holes in their defense, and hit smart and aggressively."

The first Far West matchup saw the Vikings face off in an away game against Sutherlin on Sept. 23. Siuslaw was defeated in three sets: 21-25, 24-26, and 17-25.

While it wasn't how Perry would have liked to get underway in league play, she said her players kept their energy high, and "played well overall." The lapses that ultimately cost the team were the drops in intensity level at the end of each set.

Even though it was a disappointing result, there were still plenty of positives for the Vikings. Some of the highlights were stellar spells of individual play.

"Stella Duman dominated our offense with 12 kills on 27 attempts, with only one error," Perry said. "Mia Snider also took a huge amount of swings with 34 attempts, but their defense picked up most of her attacks."

Defensively, the Vikings' blockers did "a great job shutting down their strongest hitter." Perry said that even though their stats don't catch the eye on the box score, their contributions during the match were invaluable.

"Those players who helped the defense out with strong blocks were Stella Duman, Kylee Stinger, Charley Johnson, and Mihaela Stapleton," Perry said.

While the blockers were holding down the defense at the net, Perry said Danin Lacouture was the most dominant player on defense for the Vikings. Lacouture was everywhere, chipping in seven digs, amping up the connectivity of the team with communication, and bamboozling the opposition with "a very tricky serve" that Perry said is "always fun to watch." Lacouture ended with two aces, as did Stinger and Mia Snider.

Even though the Vikings couldn't quite take a set off the Bulldogs, Perry is already looking forward to their scheduled rematch on Oct. 9.

"I look forward to playing this team again, because I think they

are very beatable, and the team did a great job adapting to shut down their strong players," Perry said.

Siuslaw is looking to get back into the playoffs for the first time since the Vikings' semifinals run in the 2022/2023 season. While it wasn't an ideal start to league play, there's plenty of time through October for them to get in the playoff hunt.

The results of Siuslaw's Sept. 25 game against Coquille, Sept. 27 Junction City Tournament, and Sept. 30 matchup with South Umpqua are not available at time of press. The Vikings will be back in action against Glide on Oct. 2 in a home league match.



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## **Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Range of motion





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**1944:** German troops end the Warsaw Uprising.

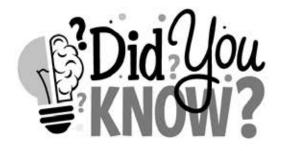
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Answer: Person stretching



# WORD SEARCH



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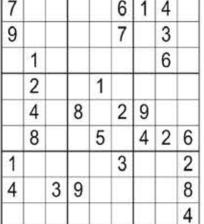
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#### 4 -Rodriguez 1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the dog on "The Brady Bunch"? 2. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847? 3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located? 4. HISTORY: Where did the Renaissance begin? 5. MOVIES: What is the nickname of

the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"? 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the

20th president of the United States? 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many amendments are in the United

States' Bill of Rights? 8. ASTRONOMY: What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?

9. MUSIC: Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"? 10. LITERATURE: What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?

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#### JOGGING Today's Word 3. Banjo; 4. Tough 1. Enigma; 2. Tragic; uomnios SCRAMBLERS



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> L. Tiger Trivia Answers

Amber Waves









by Gary Kopervas





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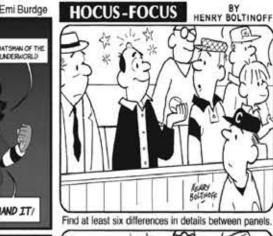
















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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phippe



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# CryptoQuip

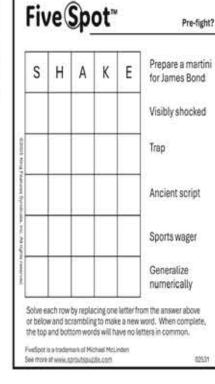
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error,

Clue: K equals F

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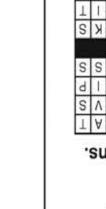
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SCRAMBLERS sle the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then Mystery GEMANI CARTIG Pick NOJAB Strong OUGHT TODAY'S WORD



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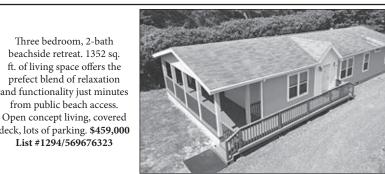


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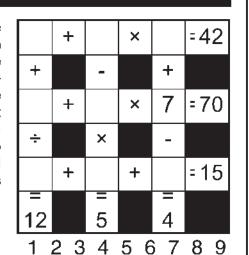
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# WITH Dr. Keith Roach

## **Eligard Injections** Cause Man To Develop **Breast Tissue**

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been treated for prostate cancer and stopped my semiannual Eligard injections three years ago. I'm 75 years old and about 5 feet, 9 inches tall. Before treatment, I weighed 227 pounds; I currently weigh 209 pounds. My testosterone level is 49.6 ng/dL. My breasts have become somewhat feminine.

My question is: Will they regain their normal appearance? I'm losing weight slowly, and I'm trying to build muscle with weights. — Anon.

ANSWER: Gynecomastia is the growth of male breast tissue, specifically when not due to breast cancer. It can happen during puberty in healthy males, but it is a common side effect of androgen deprivation therapy for prostate cancer. Up to 75% of men treated with antiandrogen therapy like leuprolide (Lupron or Eligard) will develop breast tissue.

It isn't likely that the breast tissue will go away on its own. For men who want treatment due to the appearance or tenderness of the breast tissue, there are radiation, medication and surgical treatments available. Radiation therapy is the most effective for men who develop breast tissue with androgen-depletion treatment.

Tamoxifen is the usual medical treatment, and you may ask the physician treating your prostate cancer about these choices. Men who can't take or choose not to take either of these treatments can be referred for surgical treatment, which can be liposuction or a mastectomy.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 74-year-old active male currently

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taking a daily 81-mg aspirin due to a periodic heart arrythmia. I have elective sinus surgery scheduled, requiring that I be under a general anesthetic for 90 minutes and that I be off aspirin for the two weeks preceding the procedure.

I'm beginning to have second thoughts about the surgery as I wonder if I'm risking a stroke. Would you please share your thoughts on this? Thank you. — R.B.

ANSWER: Aspirin is used in some people with atrial fibrillation (the likely heart arrythmia you would be put on aspirin for) when they are at a low risk for a stroke.

There is a score called the CHA2DS2-VASc that is used to estimate risk. People at a higher risk are recommended anticoagulants such as apixaban (Eliquis). Since you are 74, you get at least one point for your age, and unless you have another risk factor that I don't know about, you have an estimated risk of stroke without treatment of approximately 0.6% per year.

While it is true that being off aspirin for a period of time around a surgery increases your stroke risk, your risk is already so low that the absolute risk of being off aspirin for two weeks is quite small. You should always consider the risks of any surgery against the benefits, but the risk of stroke in your case is small compared to the risks anyone has with sinus surgery (such as bleeding or an infection).

I am a little surprised about it being two weeks; normally when a person comes off aspirin before surgery, it's for five to seven days. Also, not all surgeons require aspirin to be stopped before sinus surgery.

Since your reason to be on aspirin is to prevent a stroke due to your arrythmia, and this risk appears to be very small, it may be that the surgeon determined the risk of stopping aspirin was so small. So, it wouldn't be worth the possible increased risk of bleeding from the sinus surgery if you're still taking aspirin.

If you haven't talked to your regular doctor or cardiologist about this, I recommend doing so since I don't have your full medical history.

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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9-Oct: "Vicious" (R) — Paramount+

9-Oct: "Boots" (Season 1) — Netflix

9-Oct: "Saquon" (Documentary) — Prime Video

10-Oct: "The Woman in Cabin 10" (R) — Netflix

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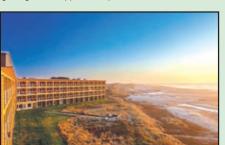
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4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2152 SqFt. 5 acre, riverfront property with horse stalls, chicken coops, duck pond, and more! #3689-285143016



**9580 North Fork Siuslaw Rd. - \$635,000** 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2000 SqFt. Rare North Fork property. 2.3 acres, 5-bay shop, nice home and creekfront! #3687-532377590



88416 1st Ave #201 - \$200,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 497 SqFt. Oceanfront Driftwood Shores condo on 2nd floor, great for living or investment



95469 Hwy 101, Yachats - \$650,000 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2044 SqFt. Ocean-view home in Yachats! Vacation rental friendly, remodeled, spacious lot, near town! #3630- 608501985



**75 Harbor St. #304 - \$560,000** 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 1250 SqFt. Top-floor condo, river views, granite kitchen, gas fireplace. Enjoy elegant coastal living every day. #3642-577600768



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



**3890 Spruce St. - \$455,000**3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1478 SqFt. Oversized garage, RV parking, beautiful fir trees, in-town! #3671-699141635



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