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Wyndham Hotel taking shape

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

In what used to be an open field across from the Florence Events Center, an 86-room Wyndham Microtel-branded hotel is taking shape.

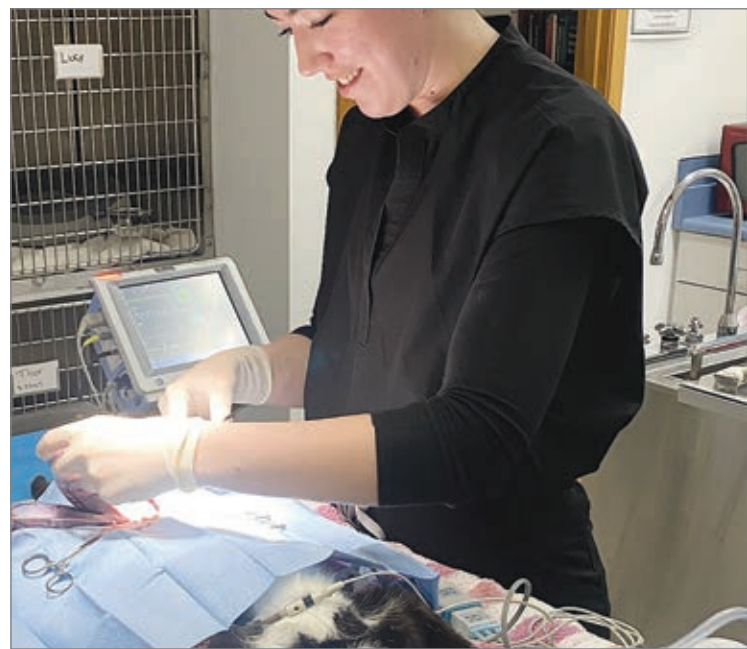
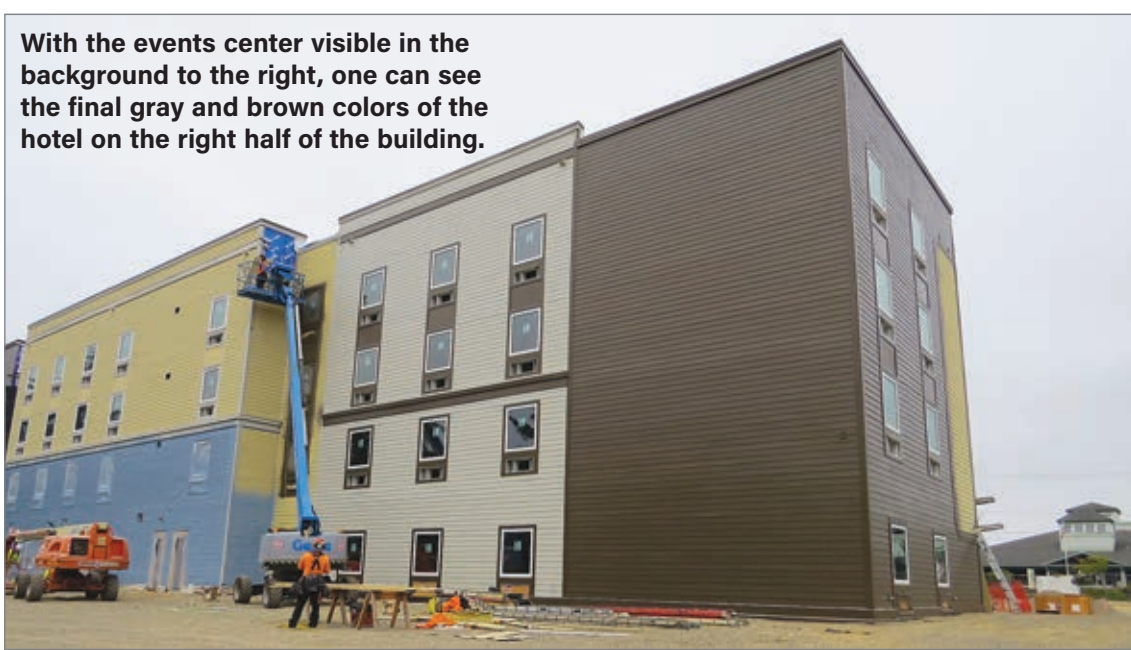
Ground was broken for the project in December, 2025, but the plan to put a hotel there goes back to before the Events Center was constructed 30 years ago. Mayor Rob Ward has noted that when the event center was built, there was a vision to have a hotel across the street. After many revisions, meetings, extensions, and much work by the Florence

Urban Renewal Agency, the contract was awarded to Braun Construction.

Braun Hospitality staff have said the project will create the “microtel” with 102 parking spaces, an outdoor patio and green space, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, stormwater detention and landscaping. The color scheme incorporates historic requirements and had been approved by a previous planning commission, staff said.

About a year ago, the City completed its Estuary Trail around the east side of the

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Oregon Coast Humane Society Veterinary Clinic celebrates first year

Oregon Coast Humane Society Veterinary Clinic is celebrating its first year of providing accessible veterinary care to animals and the people who love them with a community Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, August 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 1739 22nd Street in Florence. The celebration marks the one-year anniversary of the clinic's first surgeries following Oregon Coast Humane Society's purchase of the

former veterinary hospital earlier in 2025. Since opening, the clinic has provided care to more than 1,600 community animals, including spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, microchipping, dental cleanings, and emergency care.

"This first year has exceeded our expectations," said OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson. "The community has embraced the clinic, and we've seen firsthand how

important accessible veterinary care is to keeping people and their pets together. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped make this possible.”

The Ribbon Cutting will also honor donors who sponsored areas of the shelter and clinic. Many clinic rooms were sponsored by individuals who wanted to make a lasting

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Coast Radio's on-air auction Aug. 21

Shoppers looking for deep discounts won't want to miss Coast Radio's popular on-air Auction, returning Friday, August 21. More than 100 items and services valued at over \$25,000 will be sold to the highest bidders, giving listeners the opportunity to save hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of dollars while supporting local radio.

The live broadcast begins at 9:15 a.m. and

continues until all items are sold, typically by mid-afternoon. From furniture and home improvement services to hotel stays, dining packages, and local attractions, the auction offers something for nearly every household and budget.

"It's our twice-yearly fundraiser but instead of asking listeners for donations, we give them the chance to purchase quality goods and services

at substantial savings,” said Coast Radio General Manager Jon Thompson. “It’s a win for our listeners, our local businesses, and our radio stations.”

Complete auction listings are available online at www.kcst.com. Printed copies may also be picked up at the Coast Radio studios or requested by emailing rweil@kcst.com.

Anyone may

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Meet your first responders

Interviewed by Bob Horney

This summer, Western Lane Fire and EMS presented Bob Horney, a volunteer columnist for the Siuslaw News, with an honorary WLFEA jacket and agreed to interviews with many of its first responders. They were asked about their backgrounds, their reasons for joining the department, and to share interesting stories about their careers. The response

was positive, but generated too much information for a single article. We'll be sharing more such stories in future articles, and we hope you enjoy learning more about your local first responders. As Bob recommended in the previous article, "please let each responder who responds to your call know just how much you appreciate their life-saving commitment and choosing

Florence for their service.
Just hearing that will
make their day or night!"

Editor Tony Reeco

JACKSON RUIZ
Probationary Firefighter
Paramedic

I am a probationary
Firefighter Paramedic on
A shift at Western Lane
Fire & EMS Authority.
Every shift, I have the
opportunity to make a

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RIGHT HAND - LEFT HAND - I OWN THEM BOTH - AND THE RESULTS

By BOB HORNEY

This week we look at my Left Hand and the trouble it has caused me since 02/22/2022. Quite a date and so easy to remember. The day I let myself down... BIG TIME! Note: If you missed last week, it was my Right Hand when I did everything right. As a result, I am a 25-year prostate cancer survivor. Who doesn't delight in a nice warm towel following their shower. A friend had told me about a towel warmer and I had bought one. It was really nice stepping out of a shower, lifting the lid and pulling out a warm towel

to dry with and snuggle up with. Well, this particular morning I didn't lift it correctly to move and ended up really hurting my lower back. So much so that I ended up in the ER. Many of us know that when we enter the ER in serious pain we aren't thinking our best. That is absolutely the time we need to take our Support Person with us. In my case that would have been easy since Marianne was with me. But figuring I could handle it; I went back to the examining room alone. After some small talk of how I hurt myself, the ER doctor gave me what I would call a minimal exam before announcing I most likely suffered a slipped disk. I received a Hydrocodone tablet while in the examining room plus a prescription for continued use at home. With that I was free to go. Since my examination room was at the far end of the hall, I walked back past the nurse's station and looked around for the doctor, but she wasn't there. I had come up with a couple of questions in the peace and quiet while getting myself ready to vacate the examination room, but too late. Going through the summer on Hydrocodone with no improvement,

brought us to an August visit to the ER. I was given 2 pills after getting into the ER. Asked later how I felt, I said in my most irritated voice possible, It's still a TEN-PLUS!! Here, try these. Later - how is your pain level now. Much better, about a five. Bob, we have a spot available for an MRI right now if you would like to do that. Yes, I would! A couple hours later the results arrived - compression fractures of L2 and L3 vertebrae. One had totally collapsed and only one-third of the other was left. I am presently about 5 inches shorter than before the incident 4.5

years earlier. The loss of those 5 inches means my upper body has sunk to levels where it interferes with the lower body. For instance, my lower ribs are now colliding with my hips. That is called rib-hip impingement. As a result, I have several fractured ribs. And this - I had never heard of such a thing - Hiatal hernia. That is where the stomach is being forced up alongside the esophagus. This is not the stomach's fault; it goes back to the compression fractures not being properly identified for 6 months. Same with my multiple spine/rib nerve-ablations. To the ER Doctor, it was one small mistake. To the patient, it was the start of a domino-effect. You know my motto: Live, Learn and Share. I'm hopeful that my living and learning to take Marianne in with me to ER visits and now Sharing it with you will eliminate you having to make the same mistakes. We are a stronger community when we learn from each other's mistakes. Of course, that means we need to feel free to Share our mistakes with others...so they may learn from us. That is simply demonstrating this: Healthcare Needs All Hands On Deck!

Black & White Community Collection Event

Join the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) Aug. 22 at the Siuslaw Middle School Parking lot for the annual black-and-white recycling community drop off event from 10 AM till 1 PM.

Every year, EMAC hosts a Black and White Community Collection event in partnership with Lane County and County Transfer and Recycling (CTR). The free event is notable for collecting unwanted tires, refrigerant appliances and

propane tanks. Last year, Habitat for Humanity, St. Vinnie's and Lions Club also participated in collecting more items like used paint, reusable construction supplies and household items, mattresses, eyeglasses and hearing

aids. This year, even more local organizations are joining in to make the event the most impactful yet.

Oregon Coast Humane Society will be collecting pet food and toys and general shelter supplies. Florence Food Share will be collecting non-perishable food items like peanut butter, canned goods and pasta. Circular Action Alliance (CAA) will be collecting non-recyclable materials that cannot go in our recycling carts; items like plastic snap-on lids, stretchy plastic film, shredded paper, plastic beverage handles, pressed aluminum products and plastic buckets. Lane County Management Fix It Fair

Booth - Fix-It Fairs are free, public events promoting reuse and repair by offering participants the chance to have their items repaired by our team of skilled fixers. Stay tuned for more details on what repairs will be offered at this event!

CTR will also be taking yard debris for free - three large garbage bags per household only - and rechargeable batteries. The drive-thru event will be held on Saturday, August 22, from 10am until 1pm at the South Parking Lot of Siuslaw Middle School. Volunteers are needed, please contact the EMAC Team for more details at recycleon@ci.florence.or.us. About

Circular Action Alliance (CAA) and the EMAC RecycleOn Oregon is an initiative of Circular Action Alliance (CAA), a nonprofit organization approved by the state to implement parts of Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act. CAA collects producer fees and reinvests them into Oregon's recycling system to expand access, improves recycling services, and supports consistent, statewide recycling education. More information can be found at <https://recycleon.org/Oregon/> Questions? Email EMAC at recycleon@ci.florence.or.us or visit <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/365/EMAC>.

Forrest Gordon Grigsby

December 6, 1935 - July 28, 2026

Forrest Gordon Grigsby, age 90, passed away peacefully of natural causes on July 28, 2026, at his home in Florence, Oregon, surrounded by his loving family. Forrest was born on December 6, 1935, in a barn, in Yoncalla, Oregon, to Earl George Grigsby and Alice Emiline Elliott Grigsby. He was raised with the values of hard work, perseverance, and integrity that would guide him throughout his life.

From August 1955 through August 1959, Forrest proudly served in the United States Air Force as a Draftsman, stationed in Burns, Oregon. During those four years, he also worked two additional jobs, allowing him and his beloved wife, Lynne, to build their future together. Following his military service, they moved to Corvallis, where Forrest completed two years of forestry studies at Oregon State University.

On July 24, 1957, Forrest married the love of his life, Lynne Genevieve Scoggin. Together they shared more than 50 years of marriage until Lynne's passing in 2008. Their marriage was built on unwavering love, mutual respect, shared faith, and an extraordinary partnership. They were truly soulmates. Determined to build a career doing what he loved.

In 1973, in Florence, he and Lynne founded Siuslaw Valley Electric, Inc. Together they built not only a successful business but also a reputation throughout the community for honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, and exceptional character. Their names became synonymous with quality and fairness, earning the respect of customers, colleagues, and friends alike. Forrest genuinely loved the electrical trade. He found great fulfillment in teaching, mentoring, and encouraging aspiring electricians, proudly sponsoring several students in the Florence area as they pursued their careers.

One of Forrest's greatest achievements was mentoring his own son, Stanton, guiding and supporting him through his journeyman apprenticeship and supervisor's licensing education a brick and mortar environment, an immense commitment driving over to Eugene and back 5 days a week for 8 years, the same way Forrest journey'd his electrical education in Albany, Oregon. Through Forrest's encouragement, knowledge, and unwavering belief in Stanton he became Chief Executive Officer/CEO of Siuslaw Valley Electric, Inc. in 2005, continuing the family business and the values upon which SVE was founded. Watching others succeed, especially his son, Stanton, brought Forrest immense pride and joy.

His leadership extended beyond his profession. Forrest served on the Board of Directors for Oregon Pacific Bank from 1992 through 2003, where his thoughtful judgment and integrity were greatly valued.

From 1973 until 2008, Forrest and Lynne faithfully attended the Christian Science Society in Florence. Their shared faith was



a meaningful foundation of their marriage and remained an important part of their lives together. Outside of work, Forrest enjoyed fishing, crabbing, and hunting. He appreciated the beauty of Oregon and loved spending time outdoors.

Some of his happiest moments were the simple pleasures of sharing meals with those he loved. He especially enjoyed breakfast at Linda's Did It Cafe with his son, Stanton, where he looked forward to Darcy's famous strawberry pancakes topped with whipped cream with a side of an over easy egg and two slices of bacon. He also loved dining at Lovejoy's, savoring their unique salmon bisque. Another favorite tradition was sharing a BLT with his daughter, Deborah, at Clawson's Wheelhouse, along with a cup of their homemade chili and their famous strawberry lemonade. These special outings were more than favorite meals. They were treasured moments spent with family.

Above all else, however, Forrest's greatest passion was his family. He treasured every moment with Lynne, their children, and later his granddaughter. His home was his sanctuary, and his happiest memories were those spent with the people he loved most.

Those who knew Forrest will remember his joyful spirit, quick wit, and wonderful sense of humor. He loved to laugh and smile and had an infectious optimism that brightened the lives of those around him. Exceptionally intelligent and endlessly curious, he approached every challenge with determination and every relationship with kindness.

Forrest encouraged others, generously shared his knowledge, and made people feel capable of achieving more than they thought possible.

Forrest is survived by his son, Stanton Earl Grigsby; his daughter, Deborah Lynne Grigsby-Benard; his cherished granddaughter, KayLynne Jean Grigsby.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lynne Genevieve Scoggin Grigsby, November 18, 2008, as well as his parents, Earl George Grigsby and Alice Emiline Elliott Grigsby.

Forrest's legacy is one of integrity, generosity, humility, laughter, and unwavering love. He leaves behind not only a successful business and a lifetime of accomplishments, but also a family who adored him, countless friends whose lives he enriched, and a community made better because he was part of it. His example of living with honor, treating others with kindness, and loving wholeheartedly will continue to inspire all who knew him.

A private family service will be held in August or September 2026.

A military honors service will be coordinated to occur that day.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to the Florence Food Share in Florence, Oregon

OSP arrests one after chase, crash

OREGON STATE POLICE

On Aug. 6 at about 8 a.m., OSP became aware of a driving complaint out of Reedsport regarding a northbound black pickup on US 101. Reedsport PD was unable to stop the vehicle due to excessive speed and dangerous driving. OSP received additional calls reporting excessive speeds, lane

splitting, and dangerous passes. OSP located the vehicle heading northbound near Heceta Head Lighthouse and initiated a pursuit. For an unknown reason, the driver turned westbound off the highway into heavy brush near MP 172, ultimately driving off a cliff and crashing onto the beach. OSP located the driver a short time later hiding

in thick brush. He was transported and admitted to Florence hospital. The driver, Korry Alexis Matthews, 41 was issued citations for Felony Elude, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, and traffic violations in Lane County Circuit Court. The pickup was impounded by Mast Brothers Towing-Florence.

Wende Jarman

March 6, 1951 - June 28, 2026

Wende "Red" Jarman died on the morning of Sunday, June 28 at Avamere Rehabilitation in Eugene, the facility she had called home for over two years of declining health. She is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Alice Owen, and her sister Barb and brother Lanny. She is survived by two grateful sons, Ian and Casey; two beautiful granddaughters, Gabi and Jira; and by friends and family in the US and UK.

Red was born in 1951 in Minnesota. The death of her own mother at a young age had proven deeply traumatic for Wende, which was one inspiration for traveling West with her friend Darlene after high school. She landed first in Eugene, then in Florence (in 1972). It would remain her home for over fifty years.

After arriving on the coast she met her only husband, Michael Jarman. Though they divorced, they raised two boys together and remained close friends and collaborative parents. Wende would keep Michael's last name; he often called her "kid."

Wende was best known in Florence as the longtime owner/operator of Red's Barber Shop on Maple Street. An optimistic progressive who believed deeply in direct democracy and environmental protection, she would often engage in spirited political debate with more conservative clients in her chair. She participated heavily in the Florence Area Democratic Club for decades.

Wende often cut the hair of older clients in their homes when they became too infirm to visit her shop. She loved animals and



children. She was a prolific writer: journals, letters, birthday cards and dozens of letters to the editor of The Siuslaw News. She loved music: Motown, classic country and folk songwriters (especially Bob Dylan, John Prine and her lifelong friend Russ Nasset, who died in 2025). Wende was happiest on long road trips, at lakeside picnics and sharing holidays with her beloved family. She was a lifelong spiritual seeker and occasional attendee of Unity Church; she kept pictures of both Jesus ("a great healer") and the Indian mystic Mother Meera by her bedside; she also loved to read about Buddhism and aliens. When asked what she believed in, Wende once told her son "Everything."

She called Florence—in this very paper—"the best community in the world."

Sons Ian and Casey held her hands as she died. She died smiling.

A service will be held at noon on Sunday, August 30 at the West Woahink Meeting Hall (yurt) at Honeyman State Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Democratic Party of Lane County.



LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR

Wantz would be a ‘dedicated and faithful’ mayor For the past two years I have been meeting, in a public forum, with City Council member Sally Wantz on the first Wednesday of each month. Some Wednesdays 20 or 25 people come and others day less. Each month she gives a brief recap of City events and what the City Council has done and upcoming issues. Afterwards she opens the gathering for questions, complaints, or compliments on the work of the city. It is very informative and interesting. When questions arise that she cannot answer we usually receive an email answer with the policy or procedure of the city. There have been hard questions asked and some disappointments with the city expressed. Regardless of where she may stand on the policy or action of the city, she is fair about reporting the actions of the city and discusses the pros and cons that led to that decision. She is good about giving the historical perspective on those decisions.I rarely go to city events without seeing Sally attending and helping. She is a wonderful, knowledgeable, and approachable servant of the city who will be a dedicated and faithful mayor for all the people of Florence.

Rev. Greg Wood
Florence

DEAR EDITOR

I would like to encourage all citizens of Florence to consider voting for Dan Lofy for mayor.I have known Dan for many years and he is a trusted friend. He has donated countless hours to helping the people of Florence without seeking compensation or recognition. He is a man of faith and patriotism who loves his community and his country and wants only the best for everyone. He and his lovely wife, Teresa, and his sister, Cindy, have spent countless hours putting up flags

along Kingwood for holidays and special events. As the president of the Kiwanis Club for the past year, Dan has promoted FRAA, The Red Cross, Florence Food Share, Whitmore Academy, Habitat For Humanity, Boys & Girls Club, C.R.O.W. and numerous other organizations that strive to make the lives of our citizens meaningful and better. Dan is not a politician. His only goal in seeking to be mayor is to improve our city and cut bureaucratic red tape which presently flows out of City Hall. He is a firm proponent of our traditional values and I sincerely urge everyone I meet to make him our next mayor.

Michael J. Jacobson
Florence, OR

DEAR EDITOR

Before Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act of 1935, various rightwing critics tried to brand the program—and FDR himself—as communist or socialist. The American Liberty League even warned it would mean the “end of democracy.” It wasn’t, of course, and I doubt anyone today would volunteer to give up the Social Security benefits they have spent a lifetime earning.

Yet we’re hearing the same tired accusations again. Any proposal aimed at improving the lives of workingclass Americans—especially expanding access to health care—is met with reflexive cries of “communism” or “socialism,” instead of honest debate about what would actually help people.

Our current health care system is fragmented and inefficient. Emergency care for the uninsured is passed on to those who are insured. Benefits vary wildly depending on your state and employer. And research published in the American Journal of Public Health found that 66.5% of all bankruptcies involve a medical factor—about 530,000 cases every year.

Democratic nations with universal health care consistently achieve better health outcomes than the United States. A universal system would reduce administrative waste, provide equitable coverage, and allow the government to negotiate lower drug prices. Strong primary care prevents chronic conditions from becoming costly emergencies. And at the most basic moral level, health care is a human right.

Social Security was enacted to “provide for the general welfare.” We need a system that does the same for health care—one that ensures every American can access the care they need without risking financial ruin.

Terese Keller
Florence, OR

DEAR EDITOR

I strongly support Florence Councilmember Sally Wantz as the next mayor of Florence, and hope that you will do so as well. She has ample experience, consistently engages with constituents, and has an exceptional track record of service to our community. Moreover, in clear recognition of her outstanding leadership qualities, current Florence Mayor Rob Ward has encouraged Sally to run for mayor and offers his complete endorsement.

Sally is one of the most accessible Councilmembers. During her six years on City Council, she meets regularly with constituents to discuss their concerns and answer their questions. Sally’s City Council service has included leadership and liaison roles with the Florence Urban Renewal Agency, Budget Committee, Environmental Management Advisory Committee, Housing Implementation Committee, Transportation Systems Plan Committee, Old Town Revitalization Master Plan, and the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.

As mayor, Sally plans to focus on protecting public

safety and infrastructure and supporting Florence families by continuing her work expanding available housing and childcare. I am confident she will lead with integrity and fiscal responsibility, preserving the character of our community while preparing our city for a prosperous future.

Jill Thomas
Florence, OR

DEAR EDITOR

Oregon’s air quality grows more concerning by the day as wildfires rage across the state. Optimism can be a hard thing to hold on to as climate crises become familiar but inaction is a luxury we can’t afford – particularly as humans have an increasingly out-sized effect on our natural world.

About 25% of the state’s methane emissions are attributed to landfills and food waste is responsible for over half of those emissions. These numbers become entirely more disturbing when considering the over 600,000 Oregonians grappling with food insecurity; people who need these wasted resources.

Methane emissions and food insecurity can be reduced through the same policy solution: reducing food waste. A bill expected in the 2027 legislative session will target the state’s largest commercial food wasters, requiring them to divert that waste from landfills. Inspired by states experiencing the cascading benefits from similar legislation, this bill will put more food on plates, in food pantries, and composting facilities – not landfills.

Oregon’s DEQ will launch a \$28 million initiative to expand our composting infrastructure and greatly increase Oregon’s capacity for reducing waste. We need to hold large retailers to a higher standard regarding their food waste practices.

Josh Zahler
Eugene, OR



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Some of our local Florence greyhounds on a beach play day.

Greyhound meet and greet Aug. 22

On Aug. 22, Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest will have a greyhound meet and greet at the Florence Boardwalk Market. Local Florence greyhound owners and their dogs will have a booth at the market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be information available on adopting retired racers from GPA-NW. Owners will answer questions about what it's like to live with greyhounds.

We will have a few raffle items and donations will be accepted to support GPA-NW in their mission of rehoming retired racers. Visiting greyhounds and owners are also welcome to stop by and join in.

Food Backpack For Kids receives Major Grant in Florence and Mapleton

The Food Backpack For Kids program (<https://foodbackpackforkids.com>) is honored to announce the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from Safeway Albertsons. Safeway's generosity directly supports our mission to tackle weekend food insecurity for students in the Florence and Mapleton school districts.

This grant will allow Food Backpack For Kids to provide over 28,000 weekend meals to at-risk, food-insecure students during the 2026 school year. As we approach the start of the Fall 2026 semester, we anticipate identifying additional students who will benefit from this essential support.

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Every Wednesday, dedicated volunteers pack the food bags and load them into the Backpack van for delivery to Siuslaw (Florence) and Mapleton schools. Many of the students we serve live in rural areas and face varied challenges at home. By ensuring they have access to good food, we help them return to school on Monday nourished, focused, and ready to learn.

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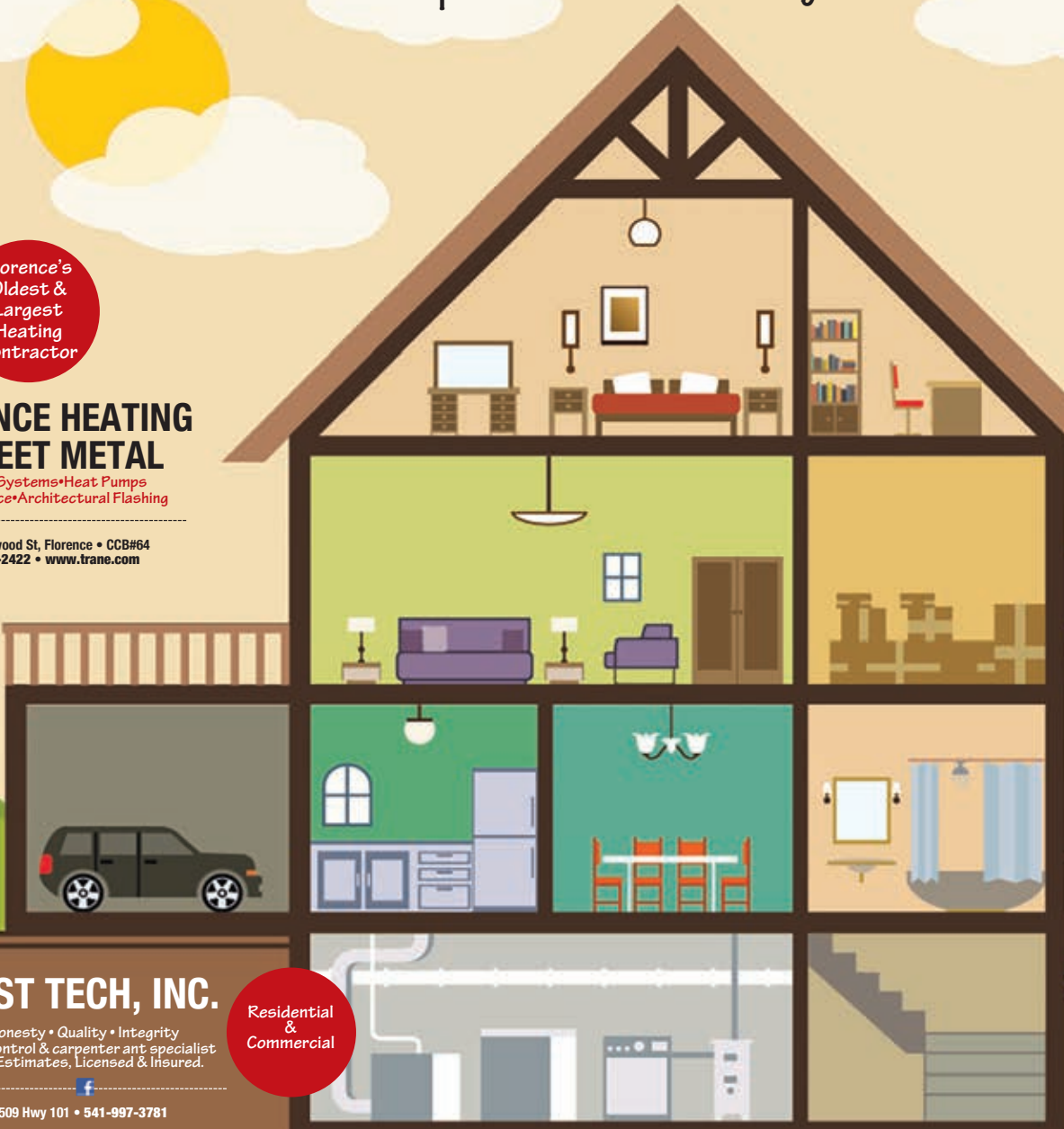
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The Moose Experiment

SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM

Moose in Oregon? It wasn't until 1960 when biologists received the first confirmed sightings of moose in northeast Oregon. While never a native species to the state, moose have been known to migrate from the neighboring states of Washington or Idaho.

Though unlikely today, there was a time when an idea that moose would be a good addition to big game hunting in Oregon became an effort to pursue. In 1922, Captain A.E. Burghduff of the State Fish and Game Commission, suggested Canadian moose could thrive in the Oregon forest. While considered to be an experiment, the possibility gained favorable support, since our natural surrounding areas were seen as an ideal habitat for moose. Additionally, with moose known to be prolific, it was said a small

herd would likely increase to a sizable number within 10 years.

The idea began to materialize. Five young moose born in May, 1922 consisting of three females (cows) and two males (bulls) were brought to Oregon from Alaska's Kenai peninsula. To prevent inbreeding, a hunter was hired to acquire only one calf from each set of twins, eliminating the possibility of retrieving two calves from the same cow. After capture, the young moose were initially hand-nursed for a period of time, then taken by steamer to San Francisco, then to Portland. (Initially there were 3 pairs, however a male died during the sea voyage.)

In October, 1922, the moose were liberated near the Lane and Douglas county lines (a few miles above Reedsport). Acreage surrounding Lake Tahkenitch and touching the lower end of Lake Tsitlicoos was designated a

refuge maintained for the protection of the moose. The lake area was thought to be the most adaptable for the moose and their feeding habits (vegetation, and their favorite - lily pond roots). Over one-hundred signs warning of the arrest and conviction of anyone shooting moose in the state were distributed and posted.

SIGHTINGS

In December, a trapper who regularly kept an eye on the herd for the game commission, reported witnessing moose that would often wade into deep water, then repeatedly dive down for food.

During another sighting in July, 1923, it was reported "all five of the moose were alive and husky."

On May 20, 1924 in Ada, when the Five Mile School day was over, pupils exited the schoolroom to see 3 moose in the yard. The moose were said to be calm, gentle, and

allowed the students to put their hands on them.

In November of the following year, the deputy Game Warden reported each of the cows had given birth, and all were reportedly thriving.

In 1927, a Eugene man who had been in the Siltcoos and Tahkenitch Lake region stated he found horns shed by a moose.

FIRST BORN YEARLINGS

Following a January 1925 sighting of several moose, it was noted they appeared "to be thriving" and predictions were they would be breeding during the present season. As anticipated, each of the original cows did indeed give birth during the season. By November 1926, the first native-born, yearling moose were almost as large as their mothers.

Though some farmers had initially experienced crop damage by the moose, none considered it severe enough to file claims.

However by July, 1928, crop damage had persisted and even escalated in frequency, much to the anger and frustration of garden and crop owners. A petition to remove the moose was sent to the office of the game commission. It claimed the moose were 'a serious detriment to the agricultural development of the community', and sought to have the moose removed from the area.

The last sighting of a single bull moose was reported in the marshland of Tahkenitch Lake in about 1930.

AN UNTIMELY END TO THE EXPERIMENT

Though the experiment initially appeared promising, the moose eventually met their demise in the ensuing years. Art M. Fish, chief law enforcement officer for the state game department, stated that at one point, the herd had increased to 11. There were unfortunate incidents of moose wandering near

train trestles causing themselves harm. Their wandering also brought them closer to residential homes. The moose continued to destroy and consume farm crops and became a nuisance to farmers and homesteaders. Families had become fearful the now massive moose were dangerous. Though illegal, it was apparent that at least one, possibly more of the herd were hunted, shot and killed. In another instance, a bull was shot by birdshot (perhaps as a means to scare him off), became blinded in both eyes and ultimately put down by a game warden. In the end, the proximity and 'friendly' interaction with humans early in the lives of the moose proved their coexistence could not be overcome. Despite the effort and good intentions to establish moose for big game hunting in the area, the experiment ended with a less than successful outcome.

AUCTION

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participate in the auction, whether they live in the Florence area or are simply visiting the Oregon Coast. Listeners are encouraged to pre-register before auction day.

"Pre-registering doesn't obligate you to bid," Thompson said. "It simply gives you a bidder number, making it faster and easier to participate when you hear an item you want."

According to Thompson, items can sell for 30 to 70 percent below retail value in many instances with some attracting even greater discounts.

Among the auction highlights are a \$900 Ashley cream colored swivel recliner from Florence

Home Furniture; a Dell Inspiron laptop computer valued over \$400 from FTS Computer repair, two \$500 golfing and lodging baskets from Three Rivers Casino Resort stocked with gift certificates and shag, two-night stay at Best Western Pier Point Inn valued at \$500.

The auction also includes gift certificates to many of the area's most popular restaurants, along with gravel and yard supplies, tools, paint, gift baskets, flowers, automotive services, groceries, tax services, flooring, golf packages, and a variety of home repair, gardening, and maintenance services. Additional offerings include admission passes to attractions including Sea Lion Caves, C&M Stables, City Lights Cinema, and Wildlife Safari. Lodging

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CLINIC

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investment in the clinic's success.

Since purchasing the facility, OCHS has completed extensive remodeling and invested in new equipment. The clinic now offers ultrasound, digital imaging, dental imaging, laser therapy, and in-house bloodwork, cytology, and laboratory services.

OCHS hired Dr. Tamay Guevara as its Shelter and Clinic Veterinarian. The clinic currently works with four contracted veterinarians and recently welcomed another full-time veterinarian, Dr. Lindsey Franz, to the team.

The clinic's success would not be possible without the many volunteers who have donated their time and talents throughout the past year. From helping with surgeries and animal care to assisting clients and keeping the clinic running smoothly, volunteers have played an essential role in serving the community.

"The growth of the clinic is a reflection of our community's commitment to the health and well-being of local pets," Thompson said. "We are so grateful to our donors, volunteers, and staff who have made this first year possible, and we're excited about what the next year will bring."

Clinic naming opportunities are still available.

For more information about naming opportunities or ways to support the clinic, contact OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson.

The community is invited to join OCHS on August 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate this important milestone.

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MEET From Page A1

positive impact on individuals, the community, and our society as a whole. In one instance, I had the opportunity to assist a mother in active labor with an imminent delivery, while in the back of an ambulance. It's calls like these that are fulfilling and forever memorable.

I am very grateful to "work" my dream job that does not truly feel like "work". I want to thank my family, friends, peers, and mentors for their sacrifices and countless hours building me up to the person I am today.

As a student at Sheldon High School, I had the opportunity to take a first aid and wellness class. The on-duty crew at Eugene Springfield's Fire Station 6 gave a presentation on

introductory first aid. They also brought a vehicle to the campus that was involved in a drunk driving accident. That day in class had a profound impact on my personal goals and future. I then decided I wanted to be the one helping people on their worst days.

Not long after, I graduated and joined Mackenzie Fire & Rescue's student program, where I learned invaluable on the job fire-fighting experience and life skills. The department supported me through paramedic school at Lane Community College. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to intern with WLFEA.

Florence has always felt like my second home. Because of the department's advanced medical protocols, equipment, and camaraderie, I knew I had to work and serve the close knit community of

WLFEA's district.

MICHAEL MORDEN
Firefighter/Engineer/EMT

I am currently a firefighter/EMT with WLFEA and am finishing my paramedic certification. I am excited to continue advancing my skills so I can provide the highest level of care to the citizens of Florence and the district.

I am looking forward to the future and to contributing in meaningful ways to help make the district the best it can be. I am also eager to be involved in community events and to meet more of the citizens we serve—especially during positive, everyday moments where we can build strong relationships and trust.

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MACKENZIE JEFFCOTT
Flight Certified Paramedic and Peer Support Team Lead

I chose to become a Paramedic because I grew up watching my parents serve the community as EMS responders, and the ambulance always called to me. As a kid, I would make my dad sit in the ambulance with me and explain every medication and piece of equipment, even though I didn't understand it all. When I got older, I wanted to be able to help people when they were hurt or sick, and Paramedicine seemed like the best route to achieve that goal.

I chose to work in Florence because at the time I graduated from LCC with my Paramedic degree, Western Lane was the only local agency where you could work as a Paramedic without being a firefighter, which I wasn't. I started as an intern, then worked part-time and earned a temporary-full-time position to cover employees who were out for paternity leave or out with injuries, and finally earned a spot as a full-time employee. Now, even though there are agencies closer to my hometown where I could work as a single-role Paramedic, I wouldn't trade my position at Western Lane for the world.

My most memorable call yet was a call to the dunes for an injured teenage boy. When we arrived, he had a traumatic arterial bleed coming from his abdomen. When I got to him, the patient grabbed hold of me and said: "Please don't let me die." There was so much blood that

I worried I wouldn't be able to offer him genuine reassurance. However, the team (from dispatch, to the fire crew, to the Chief Officer, all the way down the line to the helicopter crew) and I worked very efficiently that night and were able to contribute to an amazing final outcome for the patient. Because of helicopter logistics, I had the patient's mom's phone number and had texted her an update about the helicopter. Throughout the next few weeks, the patient's mom sent me pictures and videos of her son after various surgeries, during physical therapy, and eventually walking out of the pediatric hospital in Portland. It felt like such a culmination of years of education, training, and teamwork in that moment. It made me so proud of my place in the team here at Western Lane. Calls like this are what fuel me and many others like me to continue this amazing line of work.

To the residents of our service area, I would like to say a genuine thank you for trusting me in their most vulnerable moments. Every moment of human connection turns a job that would otherwise be very clinical into a career worth continuing. It's because of the people who live here that I am able to live out my dream of helping people, and I am so incredibly grateful for that opportunity.

COLTEN GRISWOLD
Firefighter Paramedic

Why did you choose a life-saving career? I've always felt a strong pull to help people when they need it most. Being able to

bring calm and care into difficult moments makes this more than just a job for me—it's a calling.

I chose Florence for its close-knit, supportive community. I value being somewhere I can truly know the people I serve and feel connected to the place I'm protecting.

The most meaningful moments are when you see a positive outcome—when someone recovers or takes the time to say thank you. Those stay with you.

I plan to keep growing in this role and eventually mentor newer firefighters, just like others did for me. I take pride in being approachable, dependable, and committed to this community.

To the community: We're here for you. Small steps like fire safety and preparedness really do make a difference, and we're always happy.

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HOTEL

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hotel’s location, along the bank where the hillside meets the marshland. The trail is just over a quarter mile long and connects Quince Street South of the construction site to the edge of Highway 126 next to Munsel Creek. The hotel now overlooks the trail from the hilltop, but guests will not be able to see it because of the trees. Construction continues despite the rain, and completion is expected for Spring 2027.

With that date just over eight months away, Matt Braun of Braun Hospitality gave a tour of the site and a status report.

He said the project is on schedule, maybe a week or two ahead, as crews made good time this summer.

“We have three critical dates for tracking,” he explained. “‘Substantial completion’ is when the permits can be closed out, and the construction work is complete. That’s December 16. Then we have our ‘Move-in/FFE (fixture, furniture and equipment) day,’ which is the beds in the TVs on the panels on the walls. We’ll be doing that on January 18 or so. Then we have about six weeks of getting things ready with operations.”

He said the first guests will be welcomed the first week of March, followed by a grand opening celebration once operations have smoothed out.

ON THE SITE

Mark Johnston, site superintendent with Todd Construction, said they currently have 45 to 50 construction workers on the site.

Braun said the completed hotel lot will feature two connecting driveways off Quince, with the northern driveway designed for larger vehicles and commercial trucks. A cross-walk will also be installed on Quince Street between the hotel and the event center.

On the east side of the property overlooking the



Matt Braun looks toward the Siuslaw River from the top floor of the future hotel across from the event center.

Estuary Trail, landscaping will be installed with native plants and stormwater swales.

“Beyond that, we will let it be native,” he said.

Inside the structure, Braun noted that workers are completing walls and interior work from the top to the bottom floor. On the fourth floor, most walls have been sheetrocked, while the bottom floor is still mostly bare wall studs.

“They back themselves out of the building,” he said, noting that the first floor lobby will be one of the last areas completed.

“One of the interesting and unique things about Florence is that there is no natural gas here,” he said. “So we had to make all these adjustments for hotels to operate, since natural gas is such an efficient fuel for everything from heating to drying [linens] and because we have a commercial washer and dryer,” Braun said. “We had to upsize our power supply to accommodate the electric dryers.”

Windows in the top, east-facing rooms feature views of the Siuslaw River marsh through the treetops, while windows on the west side look over toward the event center.

“On sunset days, it

should be a really pretty view because you can almost see the horizon from here, Braun said while looking out a top floor window,” Braun said.

LOCALLY SPEAKING

Asked if employees will be hired from the Florence community, Braun said yes.

“As much as we can, absolutely. We’re very interested in supporting the local economy and local workers. Where we can, we’ve hired local contractors,” he said, pointing at workers on the site.

He said the hotel will employ about 12 full-time positions and about 10 more, for a full staff of about 22 to 24, seasonally.

Asked if rooms, halls and lobby will feature local art and photos, Braun’s face lit up.

“I actually have an art budget. I’ve talked to a couple local folks, but I haven’t found anybody yet,” he said. “I’d like to



Sheet rock insulation is nearly complete on the top floor, and construction personnel are working their way down.

find a professional photographer who would do 80 or so pieces. If it’s within my budget, I’d be happy to do that.”

He said that while the franchise has a standard art format, he does have some creative license to incorporate local features.

He said that because his company is not a giant corporation with levels of administration, he has the freedom to partner with locals to bring the whole project together.

“That helps alleviate risk and brings in local expertise,” he said. “We have investors from across the area, with a lot of them from Eugene. We have an interest in seeing economic development here in Lane County, so putting that package of investors together was really pretty fun, and it was nice to see so much local excitement.”

He said the project has had a local feel from the start, from City participation to the

contracted company, and a Springfield management company.

“Even our investors are highly local,” he said. “So this is really a truly local project across the board.”

Braun noted the City’s work in realizing the dream of having a hotel component to the event center.

“The City was a vital part of the success of this project,” he said, “These public/private partnerships are a vital part of economic growth and investment, and their participation in this will pay dividends to the City through taxes, through jobs, and kicking off more investment and development in this town and also through additional revenue at the event center, which will be able to go from single day events to multi-day

events.”

Braun credited Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer for her work and research.

“She had a lot of key information that was a big part of convincing financiers and banks that this is a viable project in a viable community,” he said. “All of the tourism, and research and reports that come from Travel Lane County and the City were really key in putting together these investment packets to make it an opportunity that was appealing. So again, it was public-private partnerships, public support and government playing a key role in helping spur economic investment.”

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480 SHERWOOD LOOP Meticulously maintained manufactured home in Florentine Estates. Open flexible floor plan. New roof in 2023. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1494 SF. \$434,900	1601 RHODODENDRON DR. #640 One row back from Siuslaw River. Corner lot w/ circular driveway. 30'x10' garage & 13'x24' shop. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1540 SF. \$359,900	83224 CLEAR LAKE RD. Best of country living on 1.35 acres in the south lakes area. Spacious and comfortable home. 3 Bed/3 Bath, 2129 SF. \$549,000	1610 38TH LOOP Original owners of 2 story home in popular neighborhood. New carpet & fresh paint. 9' ceilings. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1900 SF. \$539,500	5323 LEAVITT LP. Beautiful waterfront retreat on Woahink Lk. Expansive windows. Multiple outdoor living spaces. 3 Bed/3 Bath, 2450 SF. \$1,200,000
5198 GRAND AVE. Close to beaches and Old Town. Plenty of flat space for parking. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1440 SF. \$375,000	5096 WOOD LAKE WAY Wooded & private Heceta South home w/add'l lot available. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1822 SF. \$599,500	3734 S TENMILE LAKE, LAKESIDE One-of-a-kind Lakefront home-boat access. Tucked away on 3+ acres w/ boat house. 4 Bed/3 Bath, 2800 SF. \$875,000	85313 GLENADA RD. \$3400/mo. rental income, vintage mobile home, huge shop, & tiny home. .88 acre of professional landscape. \$550,000	1021 PRESTWICK CT. Spacious cape-cod style cottage in gated Golf Course community. Upstairs bonus room w/ a half bath. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2367 SF. \$699,000
2515 WILLOW CREST CT. Vaulted great room centered around fireplace and anchored by kitchen designed for function. Covered front porch.. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1963 SF. \$739,900	514 LEMWICK LANE YACHATS 3 story home w/ magnificent blue water views. Expansive living area. Close to the 804 walking trail. 2 Bed/3.5 Bath. 3152 SF \$935,000	84226 CLEAR LAKE RD. Well loved custom home. Vintage homey feel. Only 1 mile to Woahink Lake and Dunes. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath. 2491 SF. RV garage/shop. \$829,000	88082 LEEWARD DR. Breathtaking woodwork, classic arched doorways and many high end touches. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath. 1904 SF. \$735,000	5360 BUCKSKIN BOB Charming lakefront cabin on .56 acre with boat dock! All new fixtures, flooring & paint. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1560 SF. \$699,000
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

High.....6:04 a.m.....4.8
Low.....11:06 a.m.....2.7
High.....5:36 p.m.....6.6

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Low.....12:55 a.m.....1.0
High.....7:25 a.m.....4.5
Low.....11:55 a.m.....3.4
High.....6:26 p.m.....6.4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Low.....2:06 a.m.....1.0
High.....9:04 a.m.....4.5
Low.....1:07 p.m.....3.8
High.....7:31 p.m.....6.3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Low.....3:15 a.m.....0.8
High.....10:28 a.m.....4.7
Low.....2:34 p.m.....4.0
High.....8:42 p.m.....6.4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Low.....4:14 a.m.....0.5
High.....11:17 a.m.....5.0
Low.....3:46 p.m.....3.7
High.....9:44 p.m.....6.6

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Low.....5:02 a.m.....0.1
High.....11:51 a.m.....5.3
Low.....4:41 p.m.....3.4
High.....10:36 p.m.....6.9

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Low.....5:41 a.m.....-0.2
High.....12:20 p.m.....5.6
Low.....5:27 p.m.....2.9
High.....11:20 p.m.....7.1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Low.....6:14 a.m.....-0.4
High.....12:46 p.m.....5.9
Low.....6:08 p.m.....2.4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

High.....12:00 a.m.....7.1
Low.....6:45 a.m.....-0.5
High.....1:11 p.m.....6.2
Low.....6:47 p.m.....1.8

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

High.....12:39 a.m.....7.1
Low.....7:14 a.m.....-0.5
High.....1:37 p.m.....6.5
Low.....7:26 p.m.....1.3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

High.....1:18 a.m.....7.0
Low.....7:43 a.m.....-0.3
High.....2:02 p.m.....6.8
Low.....8:04 p.m.....0.9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

High.....2:00 a.m.....6.7
Low.....8:13 a.m.....0.1
High.....2:29 p.m.....7.1
Low.....8:45 p.m.....0.5

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

High.....2:45 a.m.....6.4
Low.....8:44 a.m.....0.7
High.....2:58 p.m.....7.3
Low.....9:28 p.m.....0.3

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

High.....3:34 a.m.....6.0
Low.....9:17 a.m.....1.3
High.....3:31 p.m.....7.4
Low.....10:17 p.m.....0.1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

High.....4:30 a.m.....5.6
Low.....9:54 a.m.....2.0
High.....4:10 p.m.....7.5
Low.....11:15 p.m.....0.1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

High.....5:37 a.m.....5.1
Low.....10:37 a.m.....2.7
High.....4:59 p.m.....7.4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Low.....12:23 a.m.....0.2
High.....6:59 a.m.....4.8
Low.....11:36 a.m.....3.3
High.....6:00 p.m.....7.3

Siuslaw geared up for the gridiron

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

It's been a "pretty normal" summer for Siuslaw Football.

That means there's been plenty of time on the field and in the weight room as the Vikings try to hit the ground running to start the season this fall.

A year removed from finishing the regular season as the #5 team in the state, Siuslaw has a new foundation to build on this season. The football program graduated more than 10 seniors last season, including some of the program's biggest stars in Will Johnson, Micah Blankenship, Owen Burt, Jacob Mann, and Jaxon Chiang, among others.

To help fill the void, there's a strong incoming freshman class, and even before the fall begins in earnest, Head Coach Sam Johnson says this year's team is one of the biggest he's ever had. There are 50 kids involved with the team right now, including 17 freshmen. With solid upperclassmen depth to fill out the roster, Johnson is pleased about how things are shaping up.

"It's nice because we did graduate a ton of kids and a ton of starters, and it's tough to replace that, but it is nice to have the numbers to try to do that.



Siuslaw Football Head Coach Sam Johnson.

We have some really good kids coming back that will be juniors and seniors who have started for us before and know our operations. So it'll be a good transition," Johnson said. "Last year's seniors did a good job of teaching the way and the standard that we do things. So, it's always hard to replace any senior class, but we think we can do it. That's just kind of how things operate. You hope for really good senior classes, but then it's harder to lose those senior classes once they're grown."

One of the players to watch this season will be junior Jericho Lake. As a sophomore last season, Lake took on the quarterback role with starter Micah Blankenship going down with injury. Coming into this campaign, Johnson said Lake has been making major strides, physically and in a more expanded role.

"He looks a few steps faster than he did last year, which is kind of

the big thing we needed from him; to take that sophomore to junior jump. And he has done that. He has gone to a bunch of camps this summer at different colleges; I know he's being looked at by quite a few colleges already," Johnson said. "So he's done a really good job of stepping up and understanding what his role is going to be in this team. And then just trying to, you know, get him into our system has been pretty easy, and he's a gamer, and he's willing to kind of do whatever it takes for us to have a chance to win games."

While the Vikings will be hoping to grab their fair share of wins this season, Johnson was sure to emphasize this is a new squad. Comparing them to previous iterations isn't productive, and expectations need to be tempered.

The Vikings have been a regular season juggernaut in recent years, but Johnson wants to make sure that the 2026 Vikings can build their own identity.

"We've put ourselves in a good position where we haven't lost a league game since 2023. So, I think a lot of people have expectations, and I think the kids have expectations. As we kind of get gearing up, we're not trying to recreate last

year, the year before, or a state championship. We're just trying to build this group and allow them to have success, make memories, and have fun," Johnson said. "So that's kind of the big emphasis right now. We're not focused on Coquille or Vale or any of the opponents. We're just focused on how we can make this as good as we can. And how can this group live up to the standard of Siuslaw football?"

Johnson said that heading into the season, the athletes have done a great job of buying into their own identity without allowing previous seasons to dictate expectations.

"What matters is the group we have right now that's gonna figure out how to win football games and create the brotherhood and figure out their way of leaving their mark on this program," Johnson said.

A new season brings new challenges, and one of the games Johnson is most looking forward to is lining up against Newport High School. Since Newport moved up to 4A football, the long-time rivalry matchup has cooled off a bit, but this year will bring the two teams back to the battle lines for the first time since 2023.

It's a matchup that

brings up old memories for Johnson from his time donning the blue and gold, and he's excited to see a new generation experience the rivalry.

"Newport is back on the schedule, and that's been Siuslaw's long-seated rivalry. So, that's a really exciting one, and it's been exciting to be able to get the kids to understand that rivalry because it was a big deal, even when I was in high school. I played Newport every single year, and long before that, it was kind of that true battle of the Central Coast: who reigns supreme over the Central Coast," Johnson said. "So, it's exciting to have them back on the schedule, and our kids are very excited to have them on the schedule."

That game will be the third on Siuslaw's schedule, and the teams will battle it out at Newport High School on Sept. 11. The summer has seen the Vikings play some 7v7 football and complete a combined team camp with Sheldon. Now, August will have them getting daily double practices and workouts as they get the season started in earnest. Follow along with the Vikings with the Siuslaw News.

The Vikings' first game will be against Coquille at home on Aug. 28.

Siuslaw Hall of Fame to honor Vikings greats

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

A new class of Vikings' greats is about to be enshrined at the Siuslaw Hall of Fame.

The event is slated for Aug. 21, and in his second year as Athletic Director, Max Perry is looking forward to hosting it at the high school for the second consecutive year. The doors open at 5 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 5:30. While admission is free, the school hopes attendees will contribute a \$10 donation to the Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club. There will be concessions available, with the class of 2027 running the snack shack to raise money for the coming year.

"I'm really excited about this year. I mean, they're all cool. It's really neat when we get people to come back into the town, who had done so much while they're here. And I think for a lot of people, it's maybe their first time coming home in a while. I know there are a couple of people being inducted this year who haven't been back in quite some time," Perry said.

Perry is himself a Siuslaw Hall of Famer, inducted in 2024, and

this year he's excited to welcome some of his former teammates into the club. The 2026 class includes David Mann, Drew Rainwater, Ashlee Cole, Mikaela Siegal, Kyle Kotaich, Luke Sims, and Jordan Rainwater, and you can read write-ups written by Siuslaw Hall of Famer Don Hunt about each individual at thesiuslawnews.com.

One of the special aspects of the event, year after year, is hearing from the inductees about what their time at Siuslaw meant to them and passing their insight on to the coming generations.

"One of the coolest things about the Hall of Fame, and we kind of had that last year, is we really encourage the high school athletes to come listen to what these older people had to say, and try to pass on some of those lessons people learn from their experience and then how it's applied to their life later on," Perry said. "Last year, we had Guy MaMac, who was one of the greatest running backs in school history. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame, and we had the high school football players there watching, and they'd heard the name Guy MaMac, and I



The stands of Siuslaw's gym were packed at the Hall of Fame ceremony in 2025, the first such event to be held at the gym. Courtesy photo from the Siuslaw Hall of Fame Facebook page.

don't know if they'd ever met him. So it was cool to hear him talk about his experience and how that led to what he did later in life in the military and what he's doing now."

A moment that stood out to Perry was seeing two current Vikings' running backs take a picture with MaMac, blending the past and present of Siuslaw Football. It's one of the special occurrences that the Hall of Fame ceremony offers in this community.

As someone who grew up in Florence and has been around the sports scene "forever," Perry said seeing people come back and share what their

time at Siuslaw meant to them.

"I think for high school kids, it's really easy to be myopic and so focused on this being the only thing in the world right now. And then for them to not realize how their current experience impacts people who have gone through there, the kids who are going to come up later, it's just kind of a neat experience for everybody," Perry said. "So, I'm excited about that. I love hearing stories. I have a couple of stories I'm excited to tell about a few of the people. It's gonna be good."

Perry has been working

at SHS for almost 12 years. With old friends and classmates coming back for the ceremony over the years, one of the funny quirks of welcoming people back is showing them around the old stomping grounds. While not too much has changed over the years, it's always fun to see the looks on his buddies' faces as they retrace their steps.

Historically, the Hall of Fame ceremony was held at the Florence Events Center, a more formal affair that included dinner. When Perry took over last year, he opted

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Upriver Farmers Market includes family fun

The Upriver Farmers Market at Mapleton Community School is more than a place to shop for fresh, locally grown food, delicious baked goods, and hand-made artisanal products. It is a place for families, neighbors, students, and community members to gather, connect, learn, and enjoy an afternoon together. The 2026 Upriver Farmers Market takes place every other Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. between Friday, August 14th and Friday, September 25, at Mapleton High School, 10868 E Mapleton Rd,

Mapleton, OR 97453. Admission is free and open to the public. Families are invited to make an afternoon of their market visit, with children's activities taking place throughout the market - including face painting, chalk drawing, and a market scavenger hunt. At 4:30 p.m., children and families can gather for a special librarian-led storytime followed by music and hands-on craft activities. The story and activities offer a chance for children to slow down, use their imaginations, and create together while families connect

with others in the community. Along with family activities, visitors can shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, and other locally produced items from area vendors. The market also provides an opportunity to learn about community resources, meet local producers, and support neighbors and small businesses. The Upriver Farmers Market is supported by Mapleton Community School's Garden Project-Based Learning (PBL) program, which gives students hands-on opportunities to connect classroom

learning with real-world experiences. Through the school garden and market, students explore agriculture, environmental stewardship, nutrition, entrepreneurship, and community engagement while developing leadership and career-ready skills. The market is also proud to accept SNAP/EBT benefits, helping make healthy, locally grown food more accessible to members of the community. Whether you come to pick up fresh produce, visit with neighbors, participate in a children's activity, listen to a story, make a craft, or simply spend

time together, the Upriver Farmers Market offers something for everyone.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Upriver Farmers Market

When: Every other Friday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. between Friday, July 3rd and Friday, September 25th, August: 14, 28, September: 11, 25

Where: Mapleton High School, 10868 E Mapleton Rd, Mapleton, OR 97453

Admission: Free and open to the public

Payment: SNAP/EBT accepted, along with other standard payment methods

Take the ArtWalk in Florence

From THE CITY OF FLORENCE

The community is invited to the City of Florence Public Arts Committee's Art Exposed Walking Tour on Saturday, August 22, 2026, beginning at 2 pm.

The tour will gather at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101. The

first few minutes will be a review of the art selection process and an introduction to members of the Florence Public Arts Committee. Around 2:15, the tour will begin and stop by each of the 6 locations of Art Exposed ReVision Florence:

- Location #1 – Highway 126: Harold Linke, "The Sky's the Limit!"

- Location #2 – Eighth Street: Kirk Seese, "The Pollinator"
 - Location #3 – Nopal Street: Diego Harris, "Heart of the River"
 - Location #4 – Maple Street: CJ & Katen Rench, "East to West"
 - Location #5 – Laurel Street: Davingy, "Blue Jig and Jag"
 - Location #6 – First Street: Rick True, "Translucent Perch"
- Members of the Public

Arts Committee will have information on each art piece, including price information, artist bio, and description of the medium used to create each one. People will be taking pictures and video during the Art Walk. The whole tour will be just over 1 mile long, and bikes are welcome.

After the Highway 101 tour, people can then proceed to Historic Old Town Florence to view

the 8 sculptures on display there.

In total, the City of Florence has 14 sculptures in its Art Exposed Rotating Outdoor Art Gallery. The six on Highway 101 stretch from Highway 126 down to the Siuslaw River Bridge. The Old Town Gallery 2025-2027 has eight sculptures. Learn more about Art Exposed in Florence at <https://ci.florence.or.us/Art-Exposed>.

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for a change of scenery. "Looking at budgets and what we're trying to do with the Booster Club, we decided it would be neat to do it in our gym, which is what we did for the first time last year," Perry said. "I think it's really cool. If these people are coming back, we might as well be in the same place that brought us all together."

In the new setting at

the Siuslaw main gym, half the bleachers were pulled out for seating, and some chairs were placed on the court to accommodate a few hundred people. Perry is hoping to see a good turnout at this year's event, and if they need to fill both sides of the bleachers to seat more people, it would be a "champaigne problem" to have.

Above all, Perry wants young athletes to come see what Siuslaw athletics are all about through the eyes of some of the program's greats.

If you're a parent of a young athlete who's heading into high school,

I think it's a cool opportunity for them to frame what the experience could be like. I never want a kid's whole goal of high school sports to become a Hall of Famer. We're more interested in process-based goals, like doing the right things," Perry said. "But I think coming to hear people talk who had done the right things, who worked really hard throughout high school and pushed themselves both academically and athletically, I think it's good to hear what those people have to say as kind of a preface to what high school could be like if you do the right things."

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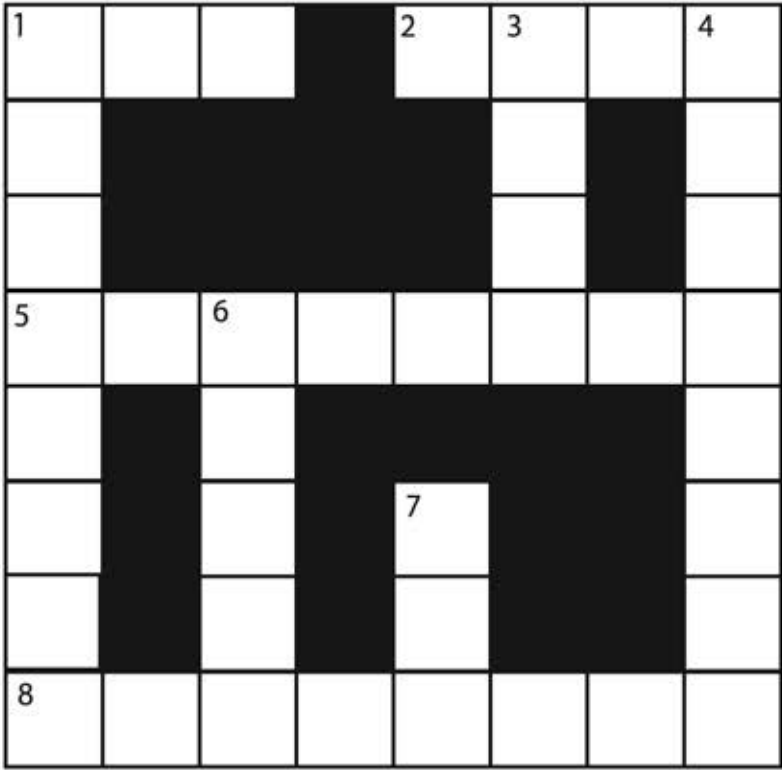
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- ACROSS
1. Feline
2. Neatens hair
5. A citizen from a particular country
8. Site or monument
- DOWN
1. Traveling fair
3. Not closed
4. Baseball stadium
6. Bird’s claw
7. Precious stone

Answers:
Across
1. Cat 2. Comb 5. National 8. Landmark
Down
1. Carnival 3. Open 4. Ballpark 6. Talon 7. Gem

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NEW WORD

CARNIVAL
a public event or celebration that is typically held outdoors

Food FACT:

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Answer: Corn dog

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Ride ticket

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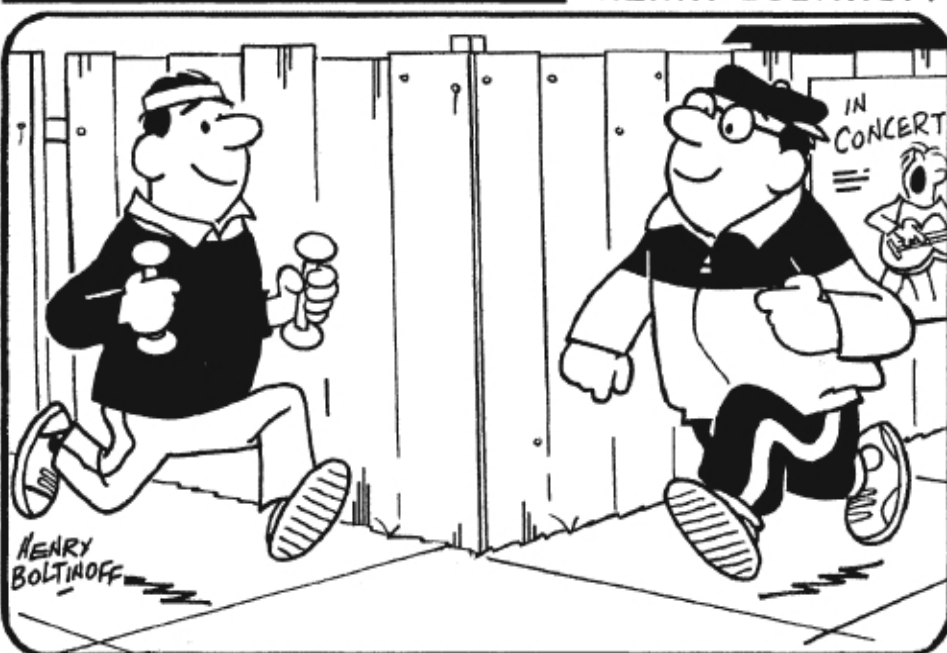
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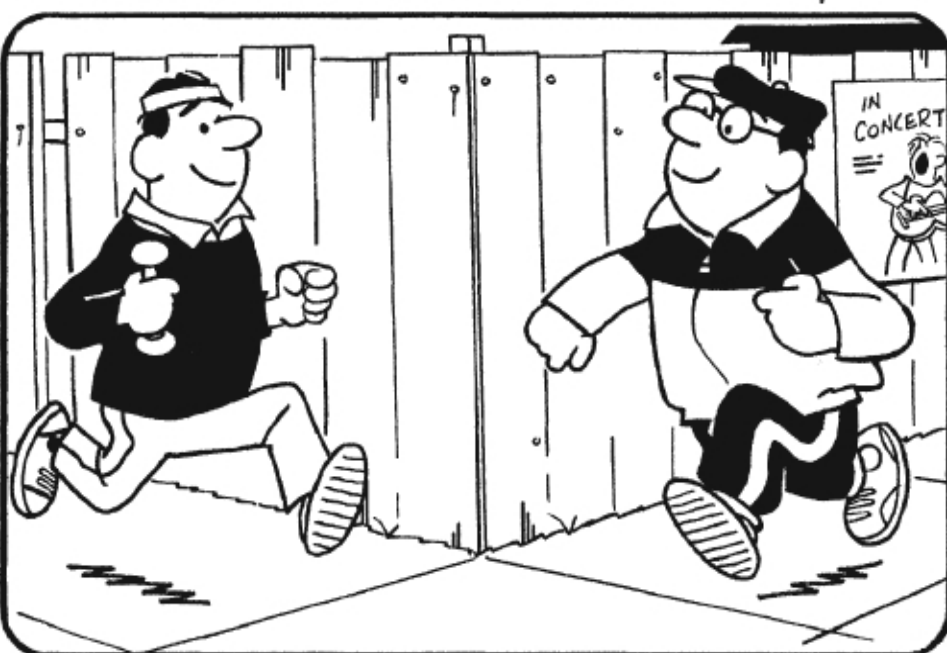
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accompanied by clue and error.

Clue: L equals Y

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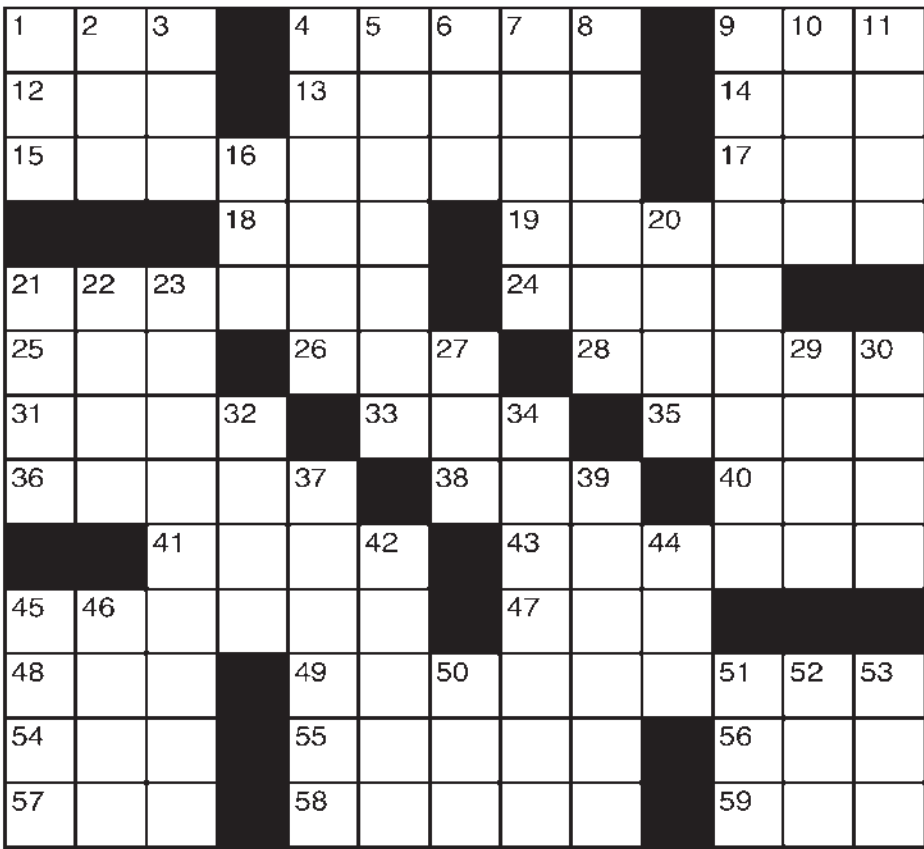
- Layer
- Radiant
- Soup legume
- Dubai's country, for short
- Kin of "Presto!"
- Online chats, briefly
- Keyboard piece for two
- Impose
- Pained sounds
- Nobel-winning Mother
- "Hooray!"
- Story lines
- Hollywood's Gabor
- Genetic stuff
- Nasser's successor
- Stinging insect
- Pop
- Arias for one
- Animal's nose
- Mexican Mrs.
- Teeny
- "Phooey!"
- Disney exec Michael

- 1912 Olympic legend
- MGM motto start
- Tease
- Teen's formal-wear
- Under the weather
- Perfume compound
- To and —
- Flamenco cheer
- Belittle
- Box office buys, slangily

- Hammett pooch
- M-Q connection
- Some HDTVs
- Evergreen trees
- Nobelist Pavlov
- Latin ballroom dance
- Small batteries
- Sheltered
- Wedding cake layer
- Kitten's sound
- Visionary
- Designated
- Put on a clothesline
- Succinct
- Lith., once
- Small combo
- Mound
- Non-Rx
- Newt
- Lanka
- Boston squad, for short

DOWN

- Young dog
- Chou En- —
- Pro vote
- Acknowledged
- Blessing
- Actress Lucy
- "Get Here" singer Adams
- Tends the lawn
- Stops talking
- Flightless birds



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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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|---------------------|---|-------|-------|--------------------|---|-------|-------|
| 1. Rework | L | | | 5. Barney, Barley | F | | |
| 2. TV accessory | I | | | 6. Remote, Remove | A | | |
| 3. Luster | O | | | 7. Floor, Flood | R | | |
| 4. Pursue | A | | | 8. Packer, Pucker | E | | |
| 5. Deputy file | N | | | 9. Fable, Table | S | | |
| 6. Roomer | D | | | 10. Stroll, Scroll | T | | |
| 7. Carpet location | R | | | | | | |
| 8. Green Bay player | A | | | | | | |
| 9. Aesop's tale | F | | | | | | |
| 10. Ambly | T | | | | | | |

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- TELEVISION: Which musical instrument does Leonard play in "The Big Bang Theory"?
- MUSIC: In what year did the Woodstock music festival take place?
- MOVIES: Which horror movie features a character named Ellen Ripley?
- HISTORY: When did the French Revolution begin?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
- U.S. STATES: How many states border Mexico?
- GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in the game of Jenga?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain chain in the world?
- ART: Who painted the "Mona Lisa"?
- MATH: How many sides does a hexagon have?

Answers

- Cello.
- 1969.
- "Alien."
- 1789.
- Thinly sliced raw meat or fish.
- Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
- 54.
- The Andes in South America.
- Leonardo da Vinci.
- Six.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

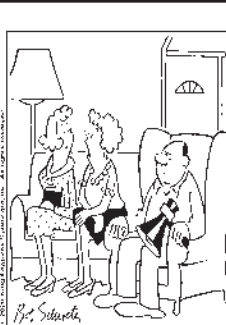
Today's Word

3. Gospel; 4. Scion

1. Sensor; 2. Mature

Solution

Today's Word



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!

- Alarm
- SNORES
- Ripe
- RUMATE
- Truth
- POGLES
- Heir
- ICONS

TODAY'S WORD



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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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5580 Otter Wy. - \$425,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 780 SqFt. Beautiful 10.13 acres with clean, turn-key home close to the lakes and dunes. #3813-470260169



Bambi Court #2600 - \$275,000
0.5 acre lot. View lot in Fawn Ridge West. Dreamy setting, ready to build. #3824-583441811



4990 Mitchell Loop Rd. - \$395,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2665 SqFt. Custom ranch style home with open living, sunroom, and garage with RV parking. #3695-161538459



2372 S 22nd Ct. - \$549,900
3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2113 SqFt. Move-in ready home with updates, spacious living areas, pellet stove, on a cul-de-sac. #3769-768863492



90 Outer Dr. - \$289,000
3 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, 936 SqFt. Gated coastal community home with amenities, deck, garage, storage, and nearby beach access. #3770-770508845



1600-245 Rhododendron Dr. - \$249,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1782 SqFt. Beautifully renovated Greentrees home with vaulted ceilings, RV parking, garage, and community amenities. #3775-261569229



5282 Dunewood Dr. - \$849,000
4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2610 SqFt. Custom home in prestigious Reserve, featuring hardwood floors, attached shop, and landscaped privacy. #3818-414708798



89215 Sutton Lake Dr. - \$947,000
3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 1982 SqFt. Lakefront home on 3.69 acres. Solid wood doors, hardwood floors, high ceilings, and fireplace. #3780-422372104



6895 Canary Rd. - \$639,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Nicely updated manufactured home, 24x48 shop and 4.41 acres just 3.5 miles to Florence. #3782-653581277



1640 19th St. - \$475,000
1680 SqFt Duplex. Turnkey 2018 with two flexible units, modern finishes, garages, strong rental demand, immediate income. #3784-460153542



88380 2nd Ave. - \$455,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1650 SqFt. Private beach area retreat with spacious porch, fenced yard, RV hookups, and coastal living. #3785-640791175



89412 Shore Crest Dr. - \$243,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1080 SqFt. Corner lot double-wide manufactured home with shop, RV parking, fire pit, and more! #3787-351311135



89616 Ben Bunch Rd. - \$1,350,000
3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 3879 SqFt. Luxurious primary suite, custom kitchen, vaulted ceilings, expansive acreage, with peace and seclusion. #3789-231959855



87735 Hwy 101 #1 - \$45,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 672 SqFt. Coastal living made easy with outdoor space, storage, and community amenities. #3790-722905311



88416 1st Ave #209 & #211 - \$289,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 780 SqFt. Oceanfront resort condo with Pacific views, beach access, amenities, and investment potential. #3791-504912477



3760 Hwy 101 #18 - \$89,900
2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, 938 SqFt. Updated home with new LVP flooring, ductless furnace, fenced backyard, 2 sheds, carport and more. #3792-616813315



89406 Leverage Dr. - \$675,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2123 SqFt. Private custom home among towering evergreens, vaulted ceilings, loft, near Sutton Lake. #3793-154050269



1601-558 Rhododendron Dr. - \$329,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1152 SqFt. Lovely home located in 55+ gated community. Detached garage and peek river views! #3794-358006338



1220 Bay St. #302 - \$625,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1369 SqFt. Stunning river and bridge views from this immaculate 3rd-floor condo on Bay St. #3800-596171338



5485 Huckleberry Ln. - \$1,100,000
3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2875 SqFt. Tucked on Woahink Lake, this peaceful retreat offers lake access, scenic views, and tranquility. #3801-614306853



8 Onadoone Ct. - \$795,000
4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2762 SqFt. Custom Craftsman with golf course frontage, open layout, and versatile indoor-outdoor living. #3805-550740873



438 Sherwood Lp. - \$480,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1782 SqFt. Coastal inspired home in 55+ Florentine Estates. Freshly updated and move-in ready. #3806-609538668



Tahkenitch Lake - \$99,000
1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 500 SqFt. Rare Tahkenitch Lake float house. All the comforts of home...almost. #3807-165615744



1345 Mulberry Ln. - \$570,000
4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2219 SqFt. Updated home featuring luxury vinyl flooring, fresh paint, office, spacious living, prime location. #3812-592222104



128 Park Village Lp. - \$525,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1606 SqFt. Single-owner home with resort-style backyard, RV parking, open floorplan, and parks nearby. #3815-265502141



131 Shoreline Dr. - \$725,000
3 Bdrm, 3 Bath, 2378 SqFt. Desirable gated community retreat offers open floor plan, master suite, ocean proximity. #3816-611159890



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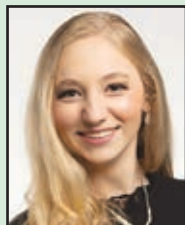
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