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Project partners from several agencies paused for a quick photo before breaking the levee to allow tidal waters back into an area that had been previously diked off to host a dairy farm. Photo by Elizabeth Goward

Levee breached to restore historic wetland

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A project that started in the summer of 2023 came together on May 29 when Siuslaw River water was allowed to flow back into a historic estuarine intertidal aquatic bed between Highway 126 and the Siuslaw River east of Cushman.

The action restores about 180 acres of title wetland covering about 6 miles of feeding and rearing habitat for Oregon Coast Coho, Chinook Salmon, steelhead, and sea run coastal cutthroat trout, as well as other aquatic and avian species. According to a release from the MacKenzie River Trust

(MRT) before the project began, the central goal was to benefit local landowners and the community, both ecologically and economically. “The conservation benefits of the project include the enhancement of tidal wetlands, which filter water and buffer storms and floods,” MRT said at the

time. “Economic benefits of restoration include local multi-year construction and planting jobs for local contractors and stronger fisheries as a result of new nursery habitat for salmon and other fish.” Drivers on Highway 126

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This bulldog was a great patient at Dr. Guevara examined and vaccinated him.

OCHS confirms cases of Parvovirus in Florence

FROM OREGON COAST HUMANE SOCIETY'

Oregon Coast Humane Society's Veterinary Clinic is urging local pet guardians to vaccinate their dogs and take precautions after multiple confirmed cases of canine parvovirus (parvo) were identified in the Florence area this week. On May 27, OCHS Veterinary Clinic treated a pregnant pit bull diagnosed with parvo, a highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that primarily affects dogs and puppies. Following community outreach efforts, OCHS learned of at least one additional confirmed case in Florence in which a mother dog and her

five puppies died from the disease. “Parvo spreads quickly and can be devastating, especially for puppies and unvaccinated dogs,” said OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson. “Vaccination is the best protection, and early treatment is critical for survival.” Parvo is spread through direct contact with infected dogs, as well as contaminated feces, vomit, water bowls, bedding, leashes, and other surfaces. The virus is extremely hardy and can survive in soil for up to a year. Pet guardians are encouraged to avoid taking unvaccinated

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Council updated on County treatment center project

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

County officials visited the regular meeting of the Florence City Council on June 1 to give an update on a Lane County Medication-Assisted Treatment Center, proposed for placement in the 000000 block of Highway 101. County Commissioner Ryan Ceniga introduced Carla Ayres and Sean Gorda, a case manager at Lane County's Methadone Clinic in Eugene. Ayres, a licensed clinical social worker and certified drug and alcohol counselor, said the Lane County Treatment Center has served the community since 1974, helping people to stabilize their lives, recover from opioid addiction, and become productive members of the community. She said the Eugene area currently has seven medication-assisted treatment programs. She said that with a staff of 34 people, the center serves 280 to 350 patients annually. She said the center provides medication-assisted treatment using methadone, a carefully regulated medication that helps reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms so individuals can maintain employment, care for their families, recover, and avoid illicit and dangerous opioid use. She said patients become more present and available to their families, which has the community benefit of stronger family stability, better outcomes for children, and reduced generational trauma. She noted that the Florence building was purchased in early January, and county staff held a town hall event, where it became obvious that more community engagement was needed. At the town hall meeting, several residents were concerned that a Montessori school

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Dance Academy holds first performance at FEC

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

A lively crowd poured into the Events Center to see Florence Dance Academy's premier performance on May 30. Entitled “We are one Beat,” the spring recital featured nearly 100 dancers. Florence Dance Academy founder Cara Richter started



Tony Reed photos



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We can all contribute – YES, YOU CAN – Part 2

By BOB HORNEY

When I got my first Statlock Bard Foley Stabilization Device attached to my right leg at OUI after Dr. Roger McKimmy inserted my first SupraPubic Urinary Catheter, I was told to change it every week, which I did. No simple task. The Statlock comes imprinted with the words, REMOVE with ALCOHOL, at both ends. They mean it because that adhesive is hanging on for dear life. The application of alcohol eventually breaks its grip (somewhat) and it can be removed

without damaging the skin (if one is careful). Then it would take me 3-4 pads of Adhesive Remover to rid the skin of left-behind adhesive. And then, find a new location for the new one,

This was my first experience with a Statlock and fortunately, just went with what OUI gave me and reordered from that same source. Now, while doing some research...I'm finding there all sorts of Urinary Catheter Stabilization Devices out there and some of them, according to reviews, are very unsatisfactory. The main complaint is the

adhesive not holding. The Bard Foley Statlock that I use costs about \$5.16 or \$129.01 for a box of 25. However, the reviews scored 4.7 with 561 reviews. The most minimal complaint that I found – adhesive not holding. I will personally verify that finding as I have never had the adhesive surrender its task before its time was up.

Now, to get to my message of today – how that weekly change that I missed turned out to be a positive experience for me. As I asked myself after realizing (several days later) that I hadn't

changed it, "I wonder if I can make it to next week?" Sure enough, I did.

Here's what that experience showed me... The Statlock remained very secure BUT when I removed it after those two weeks, I could tell it was much easier to remove. The adhesive was slowly dissolving as the days passed, but there was no sign of coming off my skin - not one sign. I still needed to use some alcohol and an adhesive remover just to clean it up.

Next came my "research project." How

many days could I use my Bard Foley Stabilization Device before it HAD to be removed or it would remove itself. Answer – 22 days. WOW!!... the answer to my desire to save money, save my skin and reduce waste to the landfill. And to boot – I've repeated it three times with no problems.

My success is predicated on proper preparations. I place the Statlock where I want it on my leg and with a marker (who is gonna see it?) trace all around it. Then I draw a mark from one side of the Statlock right down onto my skin. I find this

helpful placing it exactly where I want it. The Statlock comes with one small Skin Prep pad. I make darn sure I cover EVERY bit of skin where the Statlock will go. Let it dry completely and apply the Statlock very carefully. When I put a new Statlock on I write the date right on it.

So, with this change, my medical cost for the Statlock has dropped from \$5.16 per week to \$1.72 per week. What's more, I did it without lowering the efficiency or the quality of the device.

Hmmm, what's next?

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls between May 26 and June 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

At 11:33 a.m., a vehicle storage yard reported that a vehicle impounded by police for DUII had been broken into. Officers investigated and found the suspect had contacted the registered owner of the vehicle, who did not wish to press charges.

At 2:20 p.m., a caller reported that an elderly male had been missing for a few hours, believed to be wandering in Florence. Oregon State Police contacted Florence officers to say they had seen a subject matching that description. Officers were able to contact the subject,

confirm his identity, and return him home.

At 5:32 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver in the 1700 block of Highway 126. Officers observed the described vehicle and followed it for some time, but observed no driving behavior that would warrant a traffic stop. No further action was taken.

At 8:37 p.m., a business in the 700 block of Highway 101 reported a theft and gave a description of the suspect vehicle to officers. At last report, officers were waiting to review video surveillance footage.

At 11:35 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Nandina Drive for a report that a neighbor was playing games and being loud. The officer sat in the area for some time but heard no such noise.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

At 6:23 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving westbound on Highway 126 that was speeding and being erratic. Officers waited at the city limits, but the vehicle never entered Florence.

At 8:27 a.m., a caller reported seeing a dog in the 1700 block of 8th Street with a large tumor or growth hanging from it. Officers arrived to talk to others in the neighborhood, who said the dog had always been that way. No further action was taken.

At 9:17 a.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Spruce Street for a report that a dog had chased another person's dog as they were walking. Officers arrived to advise all parties.

At 9:32 a.m., a caller reported finding a bicycle off the Munsel Creek bike path. Officers took possession of the bike and stored it at the police department.

At 10:04 a.m., a caller reported losing a brooch somewhere in the Florence area.

At 3:59 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 1500 block of 9th Street observed a driver known to have warrants for his arrest. The officer contacted the subject and placed him under arrest for two warrants from Florence Municipal Court and driving on a suspended license.

At 5:38 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Spruce Street for a report of a dispute occurring in a car. Officers found it to be a civil matter over a breakup and a car. No further action was taken.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

At 6:11 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Spruce Street and 17th Street observed a subject carrying a gas can. Upon contact, the subject gave the officer a false name. Officers determined the can had been stolen, to which the subject later admitted. Officers determined his correct identity and arrested him for theft

3, criminal trespassing, and giving false information to an officer.

At 9:48 a.m., a caller reported that a folding electric bicycle had been taken from the 1400 block of 8th Street.

At 11:04 a.m., a caller reported that her ex had been using her debit card without her permission. Officers spoke to the ex, who said he had not done so.

At 12:06 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Quince Street for a reported parking issue and encountered a subject found to have warrants from Douglas County. The subject was taken into custody.

At 2:25 p.m., officers responded to the 3100 block of Highway 101 for a reported dispute between a male and a female. Officers investigated and were told that one subject was acting out due to not having medication. All parties were counseled, and no further action was taken.

At 5:57 p.m., officers responded to the area of 35th and Kingwood for a reported dispute between a male and female. Officers found one subject to have a warrant from Coos County, and upon arrest, was also carrying a glass pipe.

At 7:32 p.m., officers responded to the area of 12th Street Nopal for a report of a possible fight occurring. Investigating officers heard various accounts of what happened. One subject was placed on a police officer hold and was cited for physical harassment.

At 8:20 p.m., a call reported that a vehicle, reporting as "an old ambulance," was driving erratically in the area of 9th Street and was unable to stay in its lane. Officers were unable to

locate the described vehicle and notified Oregon State Police to be on the lookout.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

At 4:06 a.m., officers responded to the 5600 block of Highway 126 for a report of a dispute between two subjects. Officers found that a dispute between friends had become physical, but neither wished to press charges. One subject agreed to leave.

At 9:26 a.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject was panhandling and cursing at passers. Officers contacted the subject, who said he'd been yelling because he is in pain. The subject agreed to stop yelling and said he didn't need further assistance.

At 10 a.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in some old ammunition for destruction.

At 11:11 a.m., a caller reported being in the store in the 700 block of Highway 101 when his bicycle was taken from him and his child.

At 11:20 a.m., a business in the 700 block of Highway 101 reported catching a shoplifter. Officers cited the suspected shoplifter for theft 3.

At 5:03 p.m., officers responded to the area of 21st St. and Highway 101 for a report that a vehicle had struck a pedestrian. Officers investigated and found that a woman had been trying to catch the bus and had fallen in front of a vehicle. The vehicle stopped without hitting her, but to others in the area, it appeared she had been hit.

At 6:46 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 600 block of Siano Loop observed the subject known to have a warrant. The officer contacted the subject, who said they had accidentally missed their court date. A new court date was given.

At 7:39 p.m., an officer working inside the police department detected the smell of marijuana in the

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Steve Olienyk

March 8, 1927 - January 1, 2026

Steve Olienyk was born on March 8, 1927, on a 40-acre homestead near Belfield, North Dakota. He was the son of Prokop and Dokia Olienyk, Ukrainian immigrants, who grew wheat during the Dust Bowl and Great Depression. Steve rode his horse to a one-room schoolhouse. At Belfield High School he excelled in math, history, band, and basketball, and it was there that he met his high school sweetheart, Caroline Bauer, who would later become his wife of 76 years.

After graduation, Steve attended a teacher's college and taught in a rural schoolhouse. At age 18, he enlisted in the army and served in Tokyo, Japan during the post-WWII occupation. At Sugamo Prison, Steve was selected to guard top security war criminals, including Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo who was awaiting trial at the International Military Tribunal of the Far East. Steve recalled escorting a U.S. senator to view Nagasaki after the bombing. The devastation and suffering Steve witnessed in Japan informed the rest of his life.

Steve returned home in 1946, and married his fiancée, Caroline. He took a job at First National Bank where he found his life's calling in helping people secure loans. He also helped his brother build the Belfield Movie Theater, where Steve ran the projector at night and Caroline sold tickets and popcorn. On the weekends, they built their first home. Steve loved music and played clarinet, saxophone and accordion in a band that played at community dances in barns and grange halls.

Steve loved working with people and was determined to help them qualify for loans and build better lives. He held bank management positions in Emmett, Idaho; Veneta, Oregon; and Federal Way, Washington, and went on to become Bank President for Bank of Astoria. In 1984, he moved to Florence to become Branch Manager at Family Federal Savings and Loan. He later served as Vice President at Oregon Pacific Banking Company. In



their mid-60s Steve and Caroline built their home on Mercer Lake. After retiring, Steve enjoyed working as a mortgage broker until he was 92.

Steve was raised with a strong sense of community service. He held a deep faith in God, which inspired him to help his neighbors. He loved Florence and was an active volunteer for 40 years. He

was a founder of the Kiwanis Flag Program and the Veteran's Memorial Park. He served as board president at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Heceta Water District. He was a long-time member of Kiwanis, New Life Lutheran Church, American Legion and the VFW.

Steve received the Florence First Citizen Award, Oregon Governor's Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award, The Key to Florence, Kiwanian of the Year, The Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Pat Clark Public Service Award and VFW Public Service Award for Service to Youth and Veterans.

Steve was someone who never knew a stranger. He had a gift for connecting with people in a sincere and compassionate way. He brought out the best in people. He had a twinkle in his eye as he shook your hand, told a joke, or gave a hug. He dearly loved his family, and was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He protected and guided us in all that was good, true, and beautiful. He brought great integrity, love, faith, wisdom, strength, and fun to our lives.

Steve Olienyk passed away on January 1, 2026, at the age of 98. Steve is survived by his wife Caroline, his daughter Lori (Bob Choquette), and his granddaughter Lela Choquette.

There will be a Celebration of Life on June 13th at 2 pm at New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce Street.

The family asks that in lieu of gifts, donations can be given to the Kiwanis Flag Program. Contact Clara Kuhn at 541-999-1111 or email florencekiwanis.org

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Laura Stonelake



Laura Stonelake age 59 passed away April 29th A memorial celebration of her life will be held on June 13th at 1PM at Three Rivers Casino in Florence.



The parking lots at the North Jetty will remain closed through the summer as they are replaced and outfitted with new equipment. Tony Reed photo

North Jetty access getting needed upgrades

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Regular visitors to the north jetty parking area in Florence may be happy to learn that the pothole-ridden parking lot is about to be repaved. However, construction is expected to last through the summer. “It’s a major reconstruction of the parking lot, and finally a permanent fix for the crater-sized holes down there,” said Lane County Communications Coordinator Laura Linn. “There will also be a vault

restroom added to replace the porta-potty, along with new lighting and picnic tables. This is made possible by the tax levy Lane County Parks received in 2022.” She said there are a number of other improvements at other coastal parks, including Heceta and Harbor Vista.” Project improvements include. Full parking lot reconstruction and repaving, new ADA-accessible parking spaces, construction of a new vault restroom, installation of

lighting, tables, and bike racks. According to Lane County Parks, the parking lots will be closed for the duration of the project, expected to conclude in August, weather permitting. “Visitors should expect an active construction zone with heavy equipment, noise, and restricted access around the site,” a release stated. During construction, both parking lots will be closed to the public. Limited roadside parking will be available

in the area. Visitors are asked to park only in designated areas, avoid blocking gates or access points, and keep construction routes clear for vehicles and emergency access.” County parks said pedestrian access around the site may still be possible, but visitors should use caution and follow posted signs. Beach access is available nearby at Heceta Beach, and should be considered an alternate destination during the closure.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

I wasn’t able to attend the Rhody Days events due to another commitment, but I was absolutely delighted that our DAR Float received the 3rd-place award in the non-commercial category. We always participate in Veterans Day, but this was our first entry in Rhody Days, with the goal of raising awareness of the significance of America 250! We thank our Sea Cadets for carrying the banner and the Betsy Ross flag! It was a special treat to have Sons of the American Revolution join us! Who better represents America 250?

We were incredibly sad to learn of the un-American behavior of several audience members. Besides “flipping off” our Sea Cadets, a young man at the end of the parade shouted inappropriate comments.

Our Sea Cadets learn teamwork, discipline, patriotism, and skills to carry them through life. Every member I have met has shown impressive maturity and manners.

Those who behave in such an immature and inappropriate manner to others should be asked whether they have family members who served

and whether those family members would approve of their behavior. They should also be asked if they speak German or Japanese. And whether they know why they don’t have to. He could certainly benefit from becoming a Sea Cadet.

Sincerely,
Jacquie Beveridge

DEAR EDITOR,

The reason for the failure of the proposed school bond is very simple. Folks in Florence simply cannot afford it. The median age of Florence is about 52. That means the upper age of citizens is of the retirement age. The lower is around the 30’s. For the most part the retired folks are on fixed incomes. The younger folks are families with children and most are just trying to pay rent, food, and whatever it takes to raise their children. That’s it. That simple.

The argument that doctors and other professionals won’t come here because of the condition of the high school just doesn’t make sense. Of course, some won’t. But those that are here, most do stay here. The quality of education is not the

building, the quality is the staff. If the long term education staff are not happy with the conditions, why aren’t they leaving?

A new high school building must be affordable. Further efforts to fund one must not include any other educational building efforts such as remodeling the elementary school. I suppose that readers of this opinion may be asking how I voted. I voted in the best interests of the students and my wife and I.

Dana Rodet
Westlake

DEAR EDITOR,

AI’s Clear and Present Dangers

This is a bitter critique of American society when it comes to AI’s clear and present dangers.

AI has created a kind of nihilism where many techie fans are no longer capable of any real “human” feelings. The only reality they know comes online.

Nothing in this AI driven culture seems real? The message is all users work to serve the AI “Beast!”

AI is the collapse of the old order in American with a total collapse of

human standards, both for American and ourselves.

For if you are AI incarnate, you are indifferent to love, suffering and joy.

AI reduces life to common banality where war, murder and death are all the same to AI.

Dave Masko
Florence



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Culinary Academy to change owners

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

INSPIRE Culinary Academy will be under new ownership soon, but it certainly wasn't planned. Owner/founder Graham Ross started the school to help disconnected youth learn a trade that would better their own lives and offer a career path they could always turn to. However, due to health complications, Ross had to change direction.

"Believe me, it was one of the toughest decisions I have ever had to make," he said. "[To] Those who know me, know that the INSPIRE Culinary Academy has been a dream and calling for me for many years. It was a tough road getting it open and serving



INSPIRE Culinary Academy is located in Old Town Florence. Tony Reed photo.

the low-income, at-risk 16 to 24-year-olds in the Siuslaw Region."

He noted that the

academy started by using the kitchen in the Elks Lodge, but was able to open its own space a year

ago, last April.

"Twenty students have gone through four sessions," he said, "17

students have graduated, and all have jobs or have jobs lined up to start in August."

Ross said he sold the academy to Stacy Tognazzini and Will Cook.

"Stacy started her career in high school, participating in the National Restaurant Association ProStart Program, which is the high school equivalent of the program we teach to those of high school age who are not in school," Ross said. "Upon graduating from ProStart, Stacy received a James Beard Award scholarship to the culinary program at Lane Community College. Since graduating from LLC, Stacy has worked and gained a wide breadth of culinary experience.

"Her partner Will has an outstanding business career. Stacy and Will are just the right team to carry INSPIRE forward," Ross said. "They are committed to carrying on INSPIRE's mission, and they have the youth, energy, and experience to improve and grow INSPIRE better than I could ever have done on my own."

Through the academy, Ross has also held several culinary camps and fundamental cooking classes, teaching everything from ingredients and spices to knife skills, food storage, kitchen safety, and more.

Students remain close after graduating, and often reunite to cook and prepare food for various community events around Florence.

International speaker to present at PFLAG co-sponsored Library event June 14

The Siuslaw Public Library and PFLAG Florence will sponsor the appearance of speaker and author Ben Greene Sunday, June 14 at the Library at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Greene is a transgender advocate and educator who has spoken

internationally on topics surrounding transgender inclusion. After coming out at 15 in a small town, Ben has devoted his career to spreading empathy, education, and storytelling around the trans experience. Whether it's for NASA, Johnson & Johnson, or over 150 PFLAG chapters, Ben

leads with joy. He is the author of the substack "Good Queer News," as well as the book "My Child is Trans, Now What? A Joy Centered Approach to Support." He has been nominated for a GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) media award and is a fierce advocate

for transgender youth and their families, regularly speaking in their defense, including at the Missouri State Capitol.

A featured speaker at PFLAG's national convention in Chicago last August, he is passionate about leading with joy and educating others from a place of compassion—no

matter where they're starting from.

Just ahead of the speech Sunday, PFLAG Florence is holding a "pop-up pot luck" in the covered pavilion at Miller Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are invited.

PFLAG, originally called Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians

and Gays when it was founded in 1973, is a national organization with more than 400 chapters dedicated to creating a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. PFLAG Florence has been an active affiliate in the region since 2011.

Oregon's Veteran Crisis Response Task Force Law Takes Effect June 5

Legislation establishing the Task Force on Responding to Veterans in Crisis (HB 4099) officially took effect on June 5, marking a major step

forward in improving crisis response resources and coordination for veterans across the state.

The bipartisan legislation creates a statewide

task force charged with developing a proposal to ensure every Oregon county has access to trained veteran crisis response teams capable of responding effectively to veterans experiencing mental health or behavioral health emergencies.

"House Bill 4099 is a good start on the path to addressing this crisis that impacts so many of our military veterans.

That said, it is only a start. I am pleased that the bill received strong bipartisan support in the Legislature. The task force has a substantial amount of work to do in a short period of time. I look forward to the report from the Task Force in September and fully expect that it will be the first of a series of incremental steps toward addressing this

problem," said Rep. Rick Lewis (R-Silverton).

Under the law, the task force will bring together veterans advocates, law enforcement leaders, public health officials, and community stakeholders to recommend solutions including specialized training standards, coordination protocols, and improved identification systems to better support veterans in crisis.

"Veterans have been told for years to 'reach out for help,' but the help isn't there when they need it most," said Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth, Independence, West Salem and South Salem). "We've been patching holes in a broken system for too long. This bill is a good start because it finally acknowledges the crisis facing veterans and begins building real infrastructure to respond. But it's time to get serious. We need more

long-term investment if we want to actually prevent veterans from falling through the cracks."

The task force will also study ways to improve coordination between veteran support teams and law enforcement agencies, helping ensure veterans receive appropriate care and intervention during emergencies.

"When veterans reach a point of crisis, every minute matters," said Rep. Tr'ân (D - NE Portland) said. "This effort is about making sure no veteran falls through the safety net and that families know help is available. Oregon is taking an important step toward building a system rooted in compassion, accountability, and understanding."

The task force is required to submit recommendations to the Oregon Legislature no later than September 15, 2026.



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New Oregon Law Gives Communities Greater Control Over Lodging Tax Revenue

FROM OREGON LEGISLATURE

The LOCAL Act (Local Opportunities for Community Advancement and Livability Act, HB 4148) will officially take effect on June 5, giving Oregon cities and counties expanded flexibility over how they invest transient lodging tax (TLT) revenues.

The new law gives communities more flexibility to reinvest tourism dollars back into the places that make Oregon worth visiting including public safety, roads, infrastructure, and local services while still maintaining strong support for tourism promotion. It also creates a new opportunity for

small restaurants and lodging businesses to receive grants for repairs, upgrades, and other improvements.

“Tourism has become a major economic engine in communities across Oregon, but local governments have been operating under outdated restrictions that no longer reflect the realities on the ground,” said Rep. Jules Walters (D-West Linn). “The LOCAL Act gives communities the flexibility to address public safety, infrastructure, and livability needs while still supporting a strong tourism economy.”

Rep. Cyrus Javadi (D-Tillamook) said the law reflects a more sustainable

long-term approach to tourism investment.

“For coastal communities especially, tourism success brings real pressure on roads, emergency services, utilities, and small businesses,” said Rep. Javadi. “This law recognizes that healthy tourism depends on healthy communities. Visitors want to come to places that are safe, functional, and thriving year-round, and this law helps local leaders make those investments.”

In addition to preserving tourism funding, the law requires regular public reporting so communities can clearly see how lodging tax revenue is being used and where those

dollars are going.

“The new law gives communities more flexibility to reinvest tourism dollars back into the places that make Oregon such an amazing place to explore, including public safety, roads, infrastructure, and local services while still maintaining strong support for tourism promotion,” said Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin (D-Wilsonville, Sherwood, King City & Tigard). “It also creates a new opportunity for small restaurants and lodging businesses to receive grants for repairs, upgrades, and other improvements.”

“As we begin the tourist season in earnest, we are reminded

that many of Oregon’s coastal and rural communities serve far more people than actually call those communities home,” said Sen. Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook). “Those visitors support local businesses and jobs, but they also place increasing demands on roads, emergency services, parks, and other public infrastructure. The LOCAL Act gives communities greater flexibility to address those impacts while continuing to invest in the tourism economy that helps make Oregon such a special place to visit.”

The law is effective June 5, with operative changes to revenue allocation taking effect January 1, 2027.

Florence Indivisible, Dunes City Indivisible and Florence ORganizes Host Rise Up, Sing Out

On Sunday, June 14, from 4 to 6 pm, Florence Indivisible and local organizing partners, Dunes City Indivisible and Florence ORganizes, host Rise Up, Sing Out, a free, uplifting evening of song, solidarity and action in Florence. A 90-minute concert for the First Amendment will be livestreamed across

the nation. It features an all-star lineup of performers: Rufus Wainwright, Bette Midler, Patti Smith, Jane Fonda, Broadway Inspirational Voice, and others who support the freedoms that belong to us all. This local watch party invites all to join in to celebrate with food, music and fellowship the people

power that is sustained when together we build community. In the spirit of community, those attending are welcomed to bring a potluck dish to share.

The event is part of a national day of nonviolent action to respond to the attacks posed on our civil and human rights by the Trump administration and

to remind them that in America, the power lies with the people.

Registration for the Livestream Concert Watch Party is required as space is limited. There is a signup link on Mobilize.us. Search for our Rise Up, Sing Out listing in Florence, OR using the map feature and selecting

the 97439 zip code. You may also contact us at florenceindivisible@gmail.com.

Please note: A core principle behind our Indivisible actions is a commitment to nonviolence in all we do. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation

with those who disagree with our values.

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POLICE

From Page A2

booking area, and found a bag of marijuana stashed under a bench.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

At 1:25 a.m., a caller reported finding a bicycle near Miller Park. Officers arrived and found a damaged bicycle and placed it in storage.

At 7:05 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of 30th St. for a

reported dispute between family members. Officers investigated and determined the dispute had become physical, and arrested one subject for assault 4 and unlawful use of a weapon (knife).

At 10:35 p.m., a caller reported that two kids’ bicycles were stolen from the 2100 block of 18th Street. The caller reported that he located a transient subject in possession of the bicycles. The caller said he allowed the subject to keep one of the bicycles.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

At 1:31 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 900 block of Highway 101 observed a vehicle committing violations. The officer stopped the vehicle and administered a field sobriety test. Aaron Gandara was arrested for DUII, reckless driving, and failure to obey a traffic signal.

At 7:37 a.m., a caller reported finding an injured owl in the 700 block of Laurel Street. Officers arrived and took possession of the owl.

Officers were able to contact staff at the raptor center, who came to take possession of it.

At 5:45 p.m., a male caller reported a violation of a temporary restraining order by a female. Officers investigated and advised the caller that the opposite was true, and that he was supposed to stay away from her. All parties were advised, and no further action was taken.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

At 4:20 a.m., a caller

reported he was detaining a subject at gunpoint for breaking into his house in the 1500 block of Airport Road. Officers arrived to arrest a female subject for criminal trespassing.

At 10:05 a.m., their school resource officer received information that a minor had been assaulted by their mother. After an investigation, officers arrested the mother for criminal mistreatment and strangulation.

At 11:38 a.m., a caller reported garbage flying

from a truck in the area of Highway 101 near the Siuslaw River Bridge. Officers arrived and found some refuse, but nothing that would cause a traffic hazard.

At 12:46 p.m., a caller reported seeing a subject leaving the restrooms at Miller Park who may have started a fire inside. Officers arrived and could smell the odor of something burnt, but could find nothing that had been ignited. Officers were also unable to locate the described subject.



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DANCE

From Page A1

the academy just over a year ago, operating in an upstairs studio at 1745 15th Street in Florence. She said that at any given time, 90 to 100 students are enrolled in the academy.

She said performers started practicing in January for the spring recital.

Richter said much positive feedback has come in since the recital, including gratitude that her academy offers a place for kids to learn dancing.

“I got a lot of heartwarming comments that made me want to tear up a little,” she said. “People were commenting on how happy the kids looked onstage, and with how organized it looked onstage, they

knew we put a lot of work into it.”

Richter noted a particular email from a dance mom, who wrote that some of the performances “felt like one big emotional heartbeat,” while others felt like “sophisticated confusion and polished illusion.”

A winter recital is scheduled for December 18 and 19th. She added

that summer classes and an intensive session will take place this summer, culminating in a free performance at the Elks Lodge on July 15.

“I just want to say, ‘thank you.’ I think, from the beginning, the community was really supportive of the dance academy, and I don’t know where I would be without that,” she said.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2026

By **TONY REED**
Editor, Siuslaw News

By the time you read this, around 126 Siuslaw High School seniors will have walked the stage, received their diplomas, shaken hands with school officials and walked off the stage as graduates. It seems a large number for such a small town, but as they say, it took a village... This year, despite many challenges, the graduating class had 10 valedictorians with grade point averages higher than 4.0. This was also the first year that students needed 25 credits to graduate, and 15 students were handed honors diplomas, having completed 28 credits.

In a manner of speaking, parents, family members, and friends walked the stage with those graduates, shepherded by teachers, administrators, school board members, bus drivers, school resource officers, local service groups, school counselors, coaches, school staff and local officials. Now, as freshman community members, those graduates face the daunting decision of whether to dedicate themselves more to their personal benefit or to that of their community. I would say those goals are not mutually exclusive and that the latter begets the former. Those who choose to remain in

Florence as adults will likely notice that this is a very involved community, where people work together to make things happen and remain involved, even during the longest and most tedious processes. Meanwhile, many others will choose to complain and criticize, but few will work to foster change. Join the people who have their hands on the actual work, not those with their hands on computer keyboards in the comments sections. As community members, future parents or even as departing residents, each graduate will reach the point where most Florence residents now find themselves- with

a vast amount of life experience, watching as future graduates bounce on the diving board of life. My advice to graduates? Choosing to stay informed, involved and helpful in your community will generate far more personal benefit and growth than a paycheck ever will. Here at the Siuslaw News, our hats are off to the grads and their families for doing what needed to be done and more.

Note: Graduation ceremonies took place after press deadline, so coverage and photos of the Mapleton and Florence graduations will appear in the next issue.



Class of 2026

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- Keegan Evans
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- Jasmine Light
- Camden Linton
- Treyson Loomis
- Jessica Lopez
- Mikenzie Lowe
- Jacob Mann
- Ashley Martell
- Valentin Martinez
- Katelynn Masterman
- Kyriana Masterman
- Braxton Mathews
- Hawken McIlvaine
- Brendan Meloro
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- Darrell Mills
- Thomas Morgan
- Ezra Nelson

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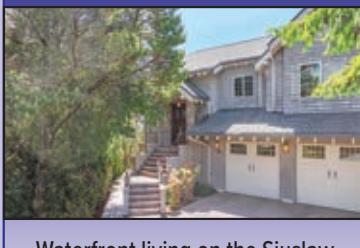
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Low	2:47 a.m.....	1.1
High.....	8:51 a.m.....	4.7
Low	2:11 p.m.....	1.9
High.....	8:51 p.m.....	7.2
THURSDAY, JUNE 11		
Low	3:44 a.m.....	0.1
High.....	10:08 a.m.....	4.9
Low	3:07 p.m.....	2.3
High.....	9:36 p.m.....	7.6
FRIDAY, JUNE 12		
Low	4:38 a.m.....	-0.9
High.....	11:15 a.m.....	5.2
Low	4:04 p.m.....	2.6
High.....	10:22 p.m.....	8.1
SATURDAY, JUNE 13		
Low	5:30 a.m.....	-1.6
High.....	12:15 p.m.....	5.6
Low	5:01 p.m.....	2.8
High.....	11:11 p.m.....	8.4
SUNDAY, JUNE 14		
Low	6:20 a.m.....	-2.2
High.....	1:09 p.m.....	5.9
Low	5:57 p.m.....	2.8
MONDAY, JUNE 15		
High.....	12:01 a.m.....	8.5
Low	7:09 a.m.....	-2.5
High.....	2:01 p.m.....	6.0
Low	6:51 p.m.....	2.7
TUESDAY, JUNE 16		
High.....	12:53 a.m.....	8.5
Low	7:57 a.m.....	-2.6
High.....	2:51 p.m.....	6.2
Low	7:46 p.m.....	2.6
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17		
High.....	1:46 a.m.....	8.3
Low	8:45 a.m.....	-2.3
High.....	3:39 p.m.....	6.3
Low	8:42 p.m.....	2.5
THURSDAY, JUNE 18		
High.....	2:40 a.m.....	7.8
Low	9:33 a.m.....	-1.8
High.....	4:26 p.m.....	6.4
Low	9:42 p.m.....	2.4
FRIDAY, JUNE 19		
High.....	3:36 a.m.....	7.2
Low	10:20 a.m.....	-1.2
High.....	5:13 p.m.....	6.5
Low	10:47 p.m.....	2.2
SATURDAY, JUNE 20		
High.....	4:35 a.m.....	6.3
Low	11:08 a.m.....	-0.4
High.....	6:00 p.m.....	6.6
Low	11:57 p.m.....	2.0
SUNDAY, JUNE 21		
High.....	5:40 a.m.....	5.6
Low	11:56 a.m.....	0.5
High.....	6:47 p.m.....	6.7
MONDAY, JUNE 22		
Low	1:09 a.m.....	1.6
High.....	6:55 a.m.....	4.9
Low	12:47 p.m.....	1.2
High.....	7:34 p.m.....	6.8
TUESDAY, JUNE 23		
Low	2:17 a.m.....	1.2
High.....	8:19 a.m.....	4.5
Low	1:39 p.m.....	2.0
High.....	8:20 p.m.....	6.8
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24		
Low	3:18 a.m.....	0.6
High.....	9:42 a.m.....	4.5
Low	2:33 p.m.....	2.6
High.....	9:04 p.m.....	6.9
THURSDAY, JUNE 25		
Low	4:11 a.m.....	0.1
High.....	10:22 a.m.....	4.7
Low	3:57 p.m.....	3.0
High.....	9:46 p.m.....	6.9
FRIDAY, JUNE 26		
Low	4:58 a.m.....	-0.3
High.....	11:48 a.m.....	4.9
Low	4:20 p.m.....	3.2
High.....	10:27 p.m.....	7.0



Junior Aidell Cadet won the high jump state championship with a leap of 5' 4.5". Courtesy photos from Becky Holbrook



Senior Danin Lacouture throwing the discus at the 2026 State Championships.

Siuslaw girls take second at state

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw girls' track and field team just achieved its best finish at state since 2016, taking second place with a superb all-around effort, led by dual state champion Aidell Cadet.

The Vikings are no strangers to historic Hayward Field in Eugene on the Campus of the University of Oregon. Under Head Coach Chris Johnson, Siuslaw has been a regular fixture at the state championships, and this season was no different. The meet was

held May 28-30, and the Vikings competed alongside 33 other programs, taking second with 48 points behind Banks, which scored 90. Junior Aidell Cadet was everywhere for the Vikings, competing in four events and placing among the top four in

each. The highlight of her trip to Hayward was the two state titles she won in the high jump and triple jump. Cadet posted a personal best in the high jump, and she didn't just clear a high bar to win the state championship. Cadet was competing

against program history, and her 5' 4.5" jump was the second-best mark in the event in program history. Cadet's mark just surpassed Caley Nordahl's record of 5' 4", set all the way back in 2001. Cadet's jump was

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Siuslaw boys take third at state

Will LOHRE
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A year removed from winning a state title, the Vikings' boys returned to the OSAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene and placed third. It was a well-rounded approach from Siuslaw, and they took bronze with 59 points behind Valley Catholic (65) and Oregon Episcopal, which tallied 67.5. En route to the top-three finish, there were some amazing individual performances, including some state titles. Senior Will Johnson went out on top in his final year at state, taking first in the long jump, second in the triple jump, and fourth in the pole vault. Johnson's leap in the long jump measured 6.61m, beating out the second-place finisher's mark of 6.54m. In the triple jump, Johnson posted a mark of 13.81m, taking second behind Valley Catholic's Elijah Schaal, who jumped 13.95m. Lastly, Johnson scored a season-best 4.31m in the pole vault, which earned

him fourth place. As one of the best athletes in Siuslaw history, Johnson went out with three state placements in his final meet. Also achieving state titles for Siuslaw was senior speedster Thomas Morgan. Morgan has had a phenomenal season for the Vikings, winning state titles in the 100m and 200m. The 200m saw Morgan take the title with a time of 22.19, outpacing the silver medalist who notched a 22.37. In the 100m, Morgan was also atop the podium, sprinting his way to a time of 11.03. A new addition to the team this year, Morgan solidified his spot among some of Siuslaw's all-time speed runners. Also scoring big points for the Vikings was sophomore distance runner Henry Stone. Stone placed second in the 3000m with a time of 8:42.96, rounding out his season with a silver medal. In the 1500m, Stone was more in the middle of the pack,

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Will Johnson capped his Siuslaw career with a state championship in the long jump. Courtesy photos from Becky Holbrook



Thomas Morgan showed his speed with state titles in the 100m and 200m.

Jordan Rainwater gets his day in the sun

Vikings football great is among the newest members of the Siuslaw Hall of Fame

FIRST IN A SERIES

By DON HUNT

Siuslaw Hall Of Fame Inductee, 2023

Jordan Rainwater is one of the best and most versatile football players

in Siuslaw High history, and he has the statistics, first-team all-state accolades and a state title to prove it. The 2007 Siuslaw graduate was named first-team all-state as a wide receiver and lock-down cornerback for the Vikings' state championship team in 2006, and he set a school record by returning three punts, three kickoffs and three interceptions for

touchdowns during his career. He was also the Far West League's most valuable player as a senior. "Jordan was a great competitor and he did things with such ease," recalled Tim Dodson, the Siuslaw head coach between 1996-2015. "He was sneaky quick and was always in the right place when running pass routes. And he really worked on the specifics

of his craft. He was very much a pleaser and a perfectionist." Rainwater was tiny as a freshman, tipping the scales at just 100 pounds. By the time he was a senior he was still on the slender side at 6-0, 150 pounds but he had such sure hands that he dropped only one pass as a Viking. He finished fifth in school history with 1,310 receiving yards and 15

touchdowns. Rainwater and his cousin, Drew Rainwater, were the most prolific and feared wide receiving tandem in the state in 2006. The 2026 Siuslaw Sports Hall of Fame induction is Friday, Aug. 21, in the Siuslaw High School main gym. Doors open at 5 p.m., ceremony at 5:30. Admission

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Community Briefs

PFLAG Planning Summer Events

The regular meeting Monday, June 8 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall included logistics planning for summer events, including the personal appearance by Ben Green, author of “My Child is Trans, Now What?” who will speak on Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. The event is free and is co-sponsored by PFLAG and the Library. Prior to Ben Green’s appearance, PFLAG will host a “pop-up potluck” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Miller Park.

Then, on June 19, PFLAG will table at the Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Florence Organizes. This year, event will be held at the pavilion at Honeyman State Park, East Woahink Day Use Area, from 10 to 2. There will be food, games, speakers, songs and lots of fun for all ages.

On July 4, PFLAG will once again partner with

PFLAG Central Oregon Coast (Newport) to march in the Yachats Chamber of Commerce La-de-da Parade at noon on Ocean Avenue. This non-mechanized parade is a charming classic of zaniness, and PFLAG Florence has been a participant since 2015. If you can’t march, come and watch. Marchers assemble in the Yachats Presbyterian Church parking lot around 11 a.m.

PFLAG also expects to table at the Farmers Market on the Waterfront (dates to be set), and during the Power of Florence Day July 18 on the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

PFLAG will continue to hold regular meetings on the second Mondays of the month – July 13, August 10, and September 14 – during the summer at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meetings are free and refreshments are available.

PFLAG Florence is one of more than 400 chapters in the largest national organization serving the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them.

Flag retirement

A flag retirement ceremony will take place June 14th at 10 a.m. in Florence. The ceremony will be hosted by Frances M. Yost, American Legion Post #59.

Flag retirement ceremonies are a dignified way to dispose of unserviceable American flags. According to the US flag code, when a flag is too worn, torn or faded to be a fitting symbol of display, it must be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

The ceremony will take place across from the Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority station, Highway 101 and 26th Street. All are welcome to attend.

SHS Class of '86 Reunion

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 will celebrate their 40-year reunion the weekend of Aug. 7-9. Families can join the Friday night pizza party at Abby’s. Class members and their guest can enjoy the raddest dinner with an 80’s musical soundtrack Saturday night at Lovejoy’s Restaurant and Tea Room. Those Vikings who are not in the private Facebook group Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 Reunion can email archerjenn@yahoo.com to stay in the loop.

Don't miss Florence's Healthy Aging - Healthy Living Senior & Lifestyle Expo!

Join the fun June 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florence Events Center on Quince Street

for a lively and informative community event focused on healthy aging and living well.

Attendees can explore health screenings, wellness information, retirement resources, local services, and more — all designed to help improve quality of life for seniors, caregivers, and families.

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The expo is produced by Siuslaw Consulting and sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor, Oregon Pacific Bank, and ATRIO Health Plans.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Celebrating the life of John Favors

Friends, family and acquaintances of John Favors are invited to gather and share memories in his honor, June 13, at noon. The celebration of life will occur at the Crossroad Church, 1380 10th St. in Florence.

City Block Party to return

The City of Florence is excited to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Community Block Party on Friday, July 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. in historic old town Florence. The 2026 community block party will be held on Bay Street between Laurel Street and the Siuslaw River Bridge. A free concert will be provided from 6 to 10 p.m. by the band 5 guys named Moe.

We will again be inviting our partner agencies and organizations to set up throughout the block party area, as well as fun activities for people of all ages. Our six previous block parties have been made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. As we plan for 2026, we are again looking for this

support to assist in providing this amazing event for our community.

Futurist Dr. Ruth L. Miller to Present Community Workshop on Navigating Rapid Change

The world is changing in ways few people anticipated, and the pace of transformation continues to accelerate. How can individuals, families, and communities prepare for an uncertain future while maintaining resilience and well-being? Internationally recognized futurist, educator, and author Dr. Ruth L. Miller will address these questions in a special workshop, “New Tools for Thriving in a Very Different World,” on Saturday, June 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at FUUF. Drawing on decades of experience studying emerging trends and future possibilities, Dr. Miller will explore current global shifts and discuss what may be unfolding over the next several years. Participants will gain practical insights and resources designed to help them navigate change, strengthen self-reliance, and support the people and communities they care about. The program will include a slide presentation, interactive dialogue, and take-home materials. Attendees will leave with tools and perspectives that can help make life more comfortable and sustainable during times of rapid transition. All are welcome. Materials will be provided. No payment is required, but donations are welcome.

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is free. A donation to Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club is encouraged.

As talented as Jordan Rainwater was on offense and defense, it was his kick returns that electrified Siuslaw fans the most. As a senior, he set a school record by returning two punts for touchdowns in the same game – both covered 53 yards against Douglas. He also took kickoff returns 76 and 81 yards yards to the house as a senior, and he raced 94 yards for a touchdown with a kickoff return against Sisters as a junior, the fourth-longest in school history.

“He was very savvy as a kick returner,” said Dodson. “His instincts of

darting into the seams and avoiding people, the way he moved his hips, was amazing. Very few kids got a clean shot at him.”

Rainwater also was a highly capable blocker, and the one he threw against a Sisters defender in the 2006 state championship game was instrumental in the Vikings’ walking off with a 21-14 overtime victory.

With the score tied at 14-14 in overtime, Siuslaw faced a third-and-seven situation from the Sisters’ 22-yard line. Quarterback Jacob Mitchell tossed a screen pass along the sideline to Drew Rainwater. Jordan Rainwater knocked aside one Sisters defender and Drew Rainwater side-stepped another as he dashed 18 yards to the 4. Kody Thrall plowed into the end zone two plays later, giving Siuslaw the

lead, and the Vikings held Sisters scoreless when it took possession, securing the state title.

“That was the highlight of the game for me, blocking for Drew on that bubble screen,” Jordan Rainwater said. “I came down with food poisoning the night before the game and wasn’t at my best.”

Added Dodson: “We had been struggling a little bit on offense going into the overtime period, and so that play was a big deal.”

Although football was Jordan Rainwater’s favorite sport, he was no slouch in basketball and baseball. On the hardwood, he was a lockdown defender and clutch performer for the Vikings, who won the Far West League during the 2006-2007 season. And although he wasn’t a high

volume scorer, his all-around play earned him league MVP honors as a senior.

“I took a lot of pride in shutting guys down on the other team, and I had a lot of steals,” said Rainwater. “It was an honor to be recognized by the opposing coaches.”

Rainwater was first-team all-conference in baseball, where he shined as a sure-handed second baseman and lead-off hitter for the Vikings.

Rainwater earned a scholarship to play football at Western Oregon University, and was holding his own as a redshirt freshman.

“I was having success going against the starters,” said Rainwater. “But I was young, immature and a little depressed, and so I left after one year. I regret not sticking it out.”

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also oh-so-close to setting the all-time mark, which belongs to Darla Geer, who achieved a leap of 5’ 5” back in 1983.

In the triple jump, Cadet cleared the field with a score of 11.30m, marking a second state championship. Cadet holds the all-time Siuslaw record for the triple jump, thanks to an 11.65m leap at the 2026 Junction City Invitational.

Cadet also took home a bronze medal in the 300m hurdles and a fourth-place finish in the 100m hurdles. Her contributions to the Vikings’ push for silver were invaluable, and she secured 31 points toward Siuslaw’s final score.

Other notable Viking

performances came from Danin Lacouture, Sophia Stymans, and Maely Chiang.

Lacouture came into the state championships as the defending state champion in the shot put, but wasn’t able to replicate the feat this time around. Lacouture finished fifth with a 10.95m, and though it wasn’t a repeat title, she still managed important points. She also posted a score of 32.88m in the discus, finishing fourth.

Lacouture finishes her career with the Vikings holding the seventh-best marks in Siuslaw history in both the shot put and the discus.

While the 2026 championships marked a farewell for Lacouture, it was also an arrival for Stymans. The freshman posted a personal best mark of 11.11m in the shot put at her first state meet, taking fourth in the event, just .04 behind third place. It was an excellent end of the season for a

Viking with plenty of meets ahead.

Last but not least, sophomore Maely Chiang rounded out the lineup for Siuslaw. Chiang took sixth in the discus toss with a throw of 31.74m, adding three points to the Vikings’ score.

Thanks to placements from each of their state attendants, the Vikings managed to reach levels the program hasn’t seen in a decade; a successful season by any metric.

BOYS

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taking seventh with a personal best time of 4:02.42.

Also running in the 3000m for the Vikings was freshman Henry Dotson. Dotson capped his first trip to the state championships with a 13th-place finish in the event with a time of 9:32.39.

Another senior who called it a career at Hayward Field was Jacob Mann. A multisport athlete in baseball, football, and track and field, Mann finished sixth at state with a throw of 14.36m.

Other individual athletes competing in final rounds at the state championships included senior Garin Fidler, junior Caleb Gray, and junior Davian Frazier. Fidler competed in the shot put alongside Mann, and finished 12th with a 12.71m throw. Gray took part in the javelin toss and took sixth with a 47.93m. The second Viking to compete in the triple jump was Frazier, and he placed 11th with an 11.94m leap. Frazier also battled it out in the 110m hurdles, finishing 13th in prelims with a time of 17.29.

The final event that saw Vikings battle with the best in Oregon was the 4x400 team of Will Johnson, freshman Greysen Doyle, Thomas Morgan, and Henry Stone. The Vikings took 10th in a 13-team field with a time of 3:34.60 to round out Siuslaw’s state results.

For a team that had a lot of holes to fill after the 2025 seniors graduated, the Vikings went out and hung with the best teams in Oregon, and third place was a great result to show for all their hard work.

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WATCH THOSE LOGS
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How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

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

KNOW THE TIDES
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HEADS UP
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June 8, 2026 Posting Date

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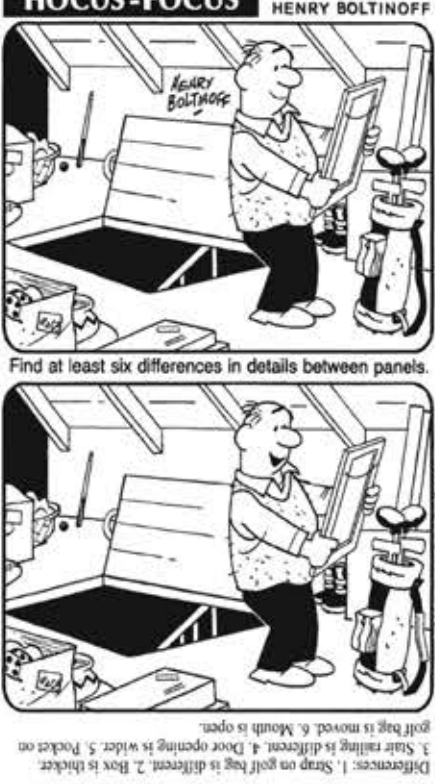
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals Y

M UBNRQ ICVJYMPRH PBJ
VCIBFFCPQ JOYJ JYMRBV JB
YPHBPB CRZC. OC QMQP'J
ZNMJ FC UCRR.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

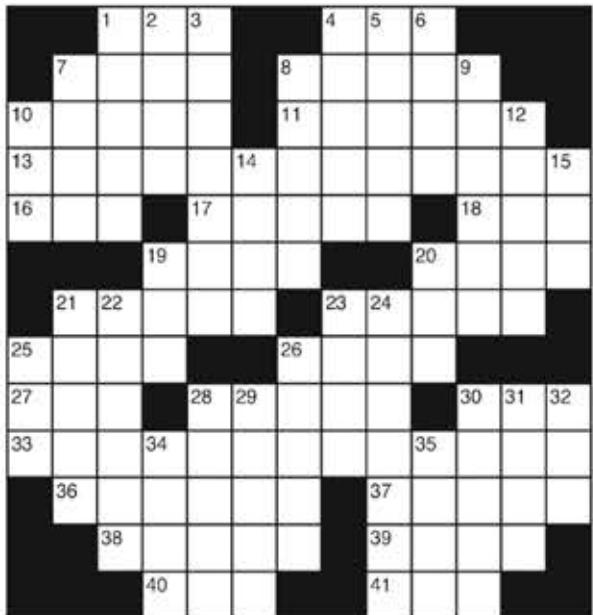
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Center
4 Solo in space
7 Lawn mower brand
8 Spoils, with "on"
10 Wanderer
11 Beethoven's Third
13 Time management aids
16 Citric beverage
17 Got up
18 Mosquito barrier
19 "— chic!"
20 Feel sorry for
21 Mom's sister, informally
23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
25 Impudent
26 Owl call
27 Solid-rock insert
28 Spine-tingling
30 Lupino of film
33 Commuters' buys
36 Turned to mush
37 Lounges
38 Egypt's neighbor



DOWN

- 1 Bro
2 Russian river
3 Tattoos, e.g.
4 Circle dances
5 Expiate
6 Dresden denial
7 Frog's kin
8 Apollo's birthplace
9 Picturesque
10 Secret protection doc.
12 Mountain crest
14 Quarry
15 Farm pen
19 Stick with a kick
20 Cauldron
21 Greek storyteller
22 Faraway orb
23 Business abbr.
24 Author's payment

- 25 Actress Dawber
26 "Papa" of classical music
28 Molts
29 Traction aid
30 Archipelago part
31 Editing mark
32 Ninny
34 Verifiable
35 Harboring a grudge

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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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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who is the long-time host of the reality show "Survivor"?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in "Pulp Fiction"?
- U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?
- MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?
- LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?
- INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?
- MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?
- HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

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AUDITOR

Today's Word

3. Eager; 4. Hoist

1. Module; 2. Enact

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Solution

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TSN2-153 A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL LINCOLN PUD
will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 440 Fir Avenue Reedsport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e), (f) and (h) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by governing body to negotiate real property transitions, to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties

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Charming 1 bdrm, 1 bath home in Coast Village. 630 sq. ft. home has an oversized carport, room for RV Parking, updates & upgrades throughout. Storage shed & bunk house. **\$269,500 List #1336/253054270 ***

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Private & undeveloped .23 Acre lot located in Glenada off Hemlock Street. Lot is zoned RR2/BD. Possible views of the forest and neighborhood. Buyer to research all allowable uses. **\$58,500 List #1371/583488803**

Coast Village property with 1 bdrm main house & 1 bdrm bunk house with a covered patio living space between the two. Lots of storage for toys & tools. Lots of parking & back alley way access. **\$275,000 List #1305/213625180**

Prime commercial lot with 250 feet of Highway 101 frontage. Property was previously a site for restaurant with a paved parking lot for 15 cars. Blocks off the Hwy 101 & Hwy 126 junction. **\$458,000 List #1343/503682183 or 349985048**

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Amber Waves

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NOT A WORD.

Out on a Limb

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FISH OUT OF WATER, OUT OF GAS

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

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PUBLIC NOTICES

storage units are Unit #E-123, 5x10 (Conrad Anderson), Unit #A-28, 5x10u (Peggy Duncan), Unit #I-25, 10x10 (Gregory Hemperly), and Unit #K-8, 14x26 (Jason Trebolo). Publication dates: June 3, 2026 & June 10, 2026.

Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing TSN26-155

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Siuslaw School District 97J, Lane, State of Oregon, for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at 2111 Oak Street, Florence, OR, 97439. The hearing will take place on the 10th day of June 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested individuals. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 11th at 2111 Oak Street, Florence, OR 97439, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

FUND: 100 – General Fund

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
R1900 – Other Local Resources	413,798	1000 – Instruction	3,044,894
R3299 – Restricted Grants	161,202	2000 – Support	1,646,596
R5150 – Loan Receipts	8,099,482	5120 – Tax Anticipation Loan	3,982,992
Total	8,674,482		8,674,482

FUND: 203 – Special Revenue

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
R4500 – Federal Restricted	20,000	2000 – Support	20,000
Total	20,000		20,000

FUND: 209 – IDEA Grant

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
R4500 – Federal Restricted	15,000	1000 – Instructional	15,000
Total	15,000		15,000

FUND: 210 – Title I Grant

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
R4500 – Federal Restricted	15,000	2000 – Support	15,000
Total	15,000		15,000

FUND: 240 – Food Service

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
R4500 – Federal Restricted	20,000	3000 – Food Service	20,000
Total	20,000		20,000

TSN26-154

A public meeting of the Siuslaw School District 197J Board of Directors will be held at the Siuslaw School District Office, 2111 N. Commercial Street, on June 16, 2026 at 6:30pm. Instructions on how to submit public comments will be available on the district website at www.siuslaw.k12.or.us or at the meeting. It is the intent of the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Siuslaw School District 197J Board of Directors. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected online at www.siuslaw.k12.or.us or a paper copy can be provided by request at (541) 997-2651. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
	Last Year 2024-2025	This Year 2025-2026	Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	\$4,357,508	\$4,586,814	\$3,277,319
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	8,975,267	9,231,631	9,668,094
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	1,733,516	1,825,872	1,887,018
Other Revenue from Local Sources	1,562,761	1,287,359	1,435,897
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	288,904	410,500	430,500
Revenue from State Sources	8,478,358	9,936,021	9,259,474
Revenue from Federal Sources	2,866,592	2,315,188	1,926,687
Interfund Transfers	49,598	158,100	150,000
All Other Budget Resources	134,449	331,017	220,000
Total Resources	\$28,446,953	\$30,082,502	\$28,254,989

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$13,677,415	\$13,377,566	\$12,612,056
Other Associated Payroll Costs	6,626,758	6,881,246	7,213,467
Purchased Services	2,617,458	3,160,099	2,962,400
Supplies & Materials	1,715,747	2,032,310	1,595,422
Capital Outlay	259,061	587,167	348,263
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	696,159	796,910	842,550
Debt Service*	1,749,168	1,856,757	1,725,581
Interfund Transfers*	49,598	150,000	150,000
Operating Contingency	(257,580)	1,013,930	438,650
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	1,312,414	226,517	366,600
Total Requirements	\$28,446,159	\$30,082,502	\$28,254,989

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULLTIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$15,118,662	\$14,477,801	\$14,658,189
FTE	143.38	130.24	119.60
2000 Support Services	9,353,023	10,451,321	9,124,597
FTE	68.78	69.63	58.60
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	787,341	796,795	811,372
FTE	6.53	6.77	6.85
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	333,572	1,109,381	980,000
FTE	-	-	-
5000 Other Uses	-	-	-
5100 Debt Service*	1,749,168	1,856,757	1,725,581
5200 Interfund Transfers*	\$49,598	150,000	150,000
6000 Contingency	-	1,013,930	438,650
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	1,054,834	226,517	366,600
Total Requirements	\$28,446,159	\$30,082,502	\$28,254,985
Total FTE	218.19	206.64	185.05

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING **			
Revenue from the local option levy and the State School Fund revenue during the 25-27 biennium will contribute to the continued financial stability of the Siuslaw School District.			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit: \$3.8928 per \$1,000)	3.8928	3.8928	3.8928
Local Option Levy	0.75	0.75	0.75
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$2,980,000	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$2,708,368	\$0
Total	\$5,688,368	\$0

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New Listing

2332 24th St. - \$290,000
2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, 1305 SqFt. Florence investor opportunity. Fixer ready for transformation in Summerset Estates. #3786-771599461

Price Reduced

125 11th St. - \$429,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1200 SqFt. Coastal cottage near North Jetty with detached shop, oversized corner lot, and river access. #3773-427560152

Price Reduced

129 Evergreen Ln. - \$375,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1172 SqFt. Florentine Estates fixer with flexible layout, workshop garage, and private setting ready for updates. #3760-474192263

Price Reduced

Pacific View Dr. #700 - \$140,000
0.69 acre lot in Pacific View Business Park, ideal for offices, light manufacturing, or R&D. Potential tax incentives and savings. #3497- 23155611

Price Reduced

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

11445 E Mapleton Rd. - \$745,000
3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2440 SqFt. Five-acre riverfront property offering privacy, versatility, large shop, and endless potential. #3738-363944680

88426 2nd Ave. - \$710,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1810 SqFt. Whimsical beach retreat, proven Airbnb income, ocean views, one block to sand. #3742-457960361

1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$315,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Updated home in 55+ Greentrees Village with vaulted ceilings, skylights, covered porch, and ample parking. #3665-689410988

65 Shoreline Dr. - \$695,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2145 SqFt. Shelter Cove gated community. Minutes to beach. With added bonus 16x26 sq ft hobby room. #3745-168626712

179 Laurel St #9 - \$449,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1272 SqFt. Old Town furnished condo with river views, private tower, balcony. Beautiful coastal living. #3749-672611193

87784 Terrace View Dr. - \$749,000
2 Bdrms, 4 Baths, 3879 SqFt. Large, tri-level home with views, two double garages and room for RV. Priced to sell. #3751-653392791

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

83269 Clear Lake Rd. - \$849,900
3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2835 SqFt. Beautiful two-story craftsman on private acreage with bonus room, office, garage, RV parking, and garden. #3759-330687265

13904 Stagecoach Rd. - \$584,000
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