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Whitmore Classical Academy complete and open



The VFW Color Guard raises the flag for the first time at Whitmore Classical Academy Sept. 10.

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

After three years of planning, public meetings, school board meetings, and reconstruction of a former retail building, Whitmore Classical Academy opened its

doors to students for the first time on September 8. Construction of the renovated building was completed only days before opening.

Inside the school's assembly room, Principal Dr. Angelina McKinsey readied kids to go outside

for the first raising of the school's flag. Funding for the flag and pole was donated by locals and veterans' organizations.

Students watched, and some saluted, as the flag was raised by the VFW Post 3232 Color Guard. After only a couple of

days of lessons, students sang America the Beautiful before starting their classroom day.

SVCS Board President Kay King and Treasurer Chuck Trent said the mornings have gone

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Principal Dr. Angelina McKinsey asks students questions about the raising of the flag.



Viking volleyball breaks streak

The Siuslaw Girls Volleyball team pulled off a come-from-behind win against Douglas on Sept. 10 at home. After losing the first set, Siuslaw came back and posted a strong lead, but Douglas fought back, coming within a few points, but not enough to overtake. Siuslaw kept the pressure on to take the third set for the ecstatic home crowd. The win followed a series of 0-3 losses for Siuslaw. The next home game will host St. Mary's, Medford on Sept 17. See more sports, coach interviews and previews on Page 1B. Tony Reed photo

Florence to Host First Annual Suicide Prevention Walk & Health Expo

Western Lane Crisis Association, in partnership with Western Lane Crisis Response and community organizations throughout Western Lane County, will host Florence's First Annual Suicide Prevention Walk & Health Expo on Saturday, September 26,

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Miller Park in Florence.

The event is designed to bring the community together around a message that is simple, but powerful: You are not alone. Your life matters. There is hope, and help is available.

Suicide impacts

individuals, families, friends, coworkers, first responders and entire communities. The Suicide Prevention Walk & Health Expo is an opportunity to remember those who have been lost, support those who are

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This humpback whale carcass, estimated to be 15 to 18 feet long, washed ashore on Baker Beach sometime before Sept. 4. Photo provided by Steve Kerr.

Whale carcass will be left alone

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

A whale that washed ashore on Baker Beach before September 4 will be left to decompose

naturally where it landed.

Jim Rice, a researcher at Hatfield Marine Science Center, who also heads the marine mammal stranding program,

said his staff was first notified of the deceased humpback whale on Sept. 4. He said the carcass appeared to show

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The things they don't tell us

By BOB HORNEY

A hospital to learn how missing information can affect one's life. I spent most of two days, September 4 and 5 locked out of my own computer — not because I forgot a password, but because BitLocker, a security feature in Windows 11 suddenly demanded a "Recovery Key" I didn't know existed. No warning. No explanation that I could understand. Just a frozen laptop with the BitLocker screen insisting I produce a key I'd never heard about.

BitLocker told me to "go to your Microsoft

account." So how was I going to do that when my laptop refused to move off the BitLocker screen? Ah, I can get on my Microsoft Account with my cell phone. By using my phone. I finally found a Recovery Key, entered all 48 digits - eight sets of six numbers - with Marianne checking every number I entered. Everything was correct. And the system still rejected it: "Invalid." No hint why. No suggestion what to try next. What BitLocker didn't tell me was that the 48 numbers I entered were perfectly valid - just for a different drive. I was never told I

had more than one drive and only one drive was showing up on the screen. I was never "told" that each drive had its own identity although I had noticed the drive on the BitLocker page did have a name. I was never told to match the Recovery Key to the specific drive name shown on the initial screen. And when I found the first and invalid Recovery Key, I was not told I needed to find the Recovery Key for the specific drive named _____.

My good fortune started around 1 p.m. on Saturday with an email from my daughter-in-law

Cindy suggesting I go to: <https://aka.ms/myrecoverykey>. That looked very similar to where I had already been but didn't want to leave any stone unturned. Unfortunately, while getting the same invalid Recovery Key only the same incorrect drive was showing up on the page. There was absolutely no sign of the drive I didn't know I needed to see. Fortunately, while contemplating what to do next, my fingers resting on the mouse scrolled down the page. Low and behold, waiting down there was another drive with its own Recovery Key. When I saw it, I

recognized its name as the same drive on the initial screen. Wow, that was my first sense of hope! That accidental scrolling revealed the real message I needed. Marianne helped with the 48 numbers, got them placed in the box, and regained use of my laptop. Perseverance and Lady Luck won out over silence.

That's the point of today's column. Whether it's a locked computer, a medical diagnosis, a new appliance for the home or driving off the lot in a brand new 2026 vehicle, the problem doesn't lie in the known - it is in the unknown. It's that silence

following the information that forces ordinary people to navigate complex systems with only half the map. Yes, the real world has us grappling for information in so many instances. How do we do this - I don't understand how to do this - What is missing here? You know - the list goes on and on at our expense. So, I ask myself, are we so ingrained with that behavior that we transfer it to medical issues and take the diagnosis without questioning it? If so, there's a very good reason to take a Strong Support Person to our medical visits.

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from Sept. 1 to Sept. 7.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

At 10:33 a.m., a caller from out of the area reported that while visiting Florence, medication may have been stolen from their vehicle. A report was taken.

At 11:06 a.m., the school resource officer investigated a reported theft at one of the schools.

At 1:23 p.m., a caller reported finding part of a brush hedger stuck in the ground in the 1600 block of 12th St. Officers took possession of the object.

At 2:54 p.m., officers were notified that a baby chicken had been located. The little chick was

presumed dead on August 18, thought to have been eaten by a dog. The chick was one of two located at the time, and officers found a home for the first one. Officers contacted the person who adopted the first chick, who agreed to also adopt the second, reuniting the two chicks.

At 3:57 p.m., a caller reported being scammed. The caller said they had sent a gift card from out of the area to purchase a dog, but when they arrived in Florence, they realized the information was fraudulent.

At 5:24 p.m., a caller reported a male subject

undressing in traffic on Highway 101. A witness provided video allowing officers to identify the subject. Officers did not locate the subject.

At 8:40 p.m., officers observed a subject in the 1600 block of 36th St. for whom officers had probable cause to arrest. The subject also had a local warrant and was taken into custody.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

At 2:46 a.m., officers made contact with the subject in the restrooms at Miller Park after hours. The subject provided a false identification. Officers found his real name, and he was taken into custody for providing false ID to an officer, and for a warrant from Lincoln County.

At 3:26 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle swerving and driving erratically in the 1500 block of 9th Street. Officers arrived, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 11:17 a.m., officers assisted State Police with

a combative subject in the 6500 block of Highway 126. The subject was taken into custody, and medical personnel were called after the subject said he had inserted an object into his rectum.

At 12:34, an officer on patrol in Florence was flagged down by a subject who wanted to report online harassment. Officers are following up on the report.

At 6:33 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 53rd St. for a reported dispute. Officers found a verbal dispute between husband and wife that did not appear physical.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

At 10:07 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 34th St. for a reported dispute. Officers found a dispute between a mother and daughter that may have turned physical. Neither party wished to pursue charges.

At 11:56 a.m., a caller reported that a vehicle in the 3000 block of

Highway 101 almost hit him and brake-checked his vehicle. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 1:58 p.m., a caller reported theft of items from an apartment in the 700 block of Laurel Street. Officers attempted, but were unable to contact the reporting party.

At 1:58 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 21st St. for a report of people arguing. When officers arrived, subjects continued their verbal dispute. No physical contact was observed, and parties agreed to separate.

At 2:24 p.m., a caller reported an Internet scam attempt. The caller said he planned to purchase an RV in Florence, for which the seller wanted a check in the mail. The caller did not send any money, but wanted to report it.

At 4:07 p.m., a subject came into the police department who had a warrant from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.

At 6:54 p.m., officers responded to the area of Nopal and 10th St. for a report that a subject had damaged his sign. Officers contacted the subject, who gave them a false identification. Upon finding his true identity, officers arrested him for providing false information, a local warrant, criminal mischief 2, and disorderly conduct 2.

At 8:02 p.m., a caller reported seeing a vehicle spinning circles in a

parking lot in the 1600 block of Highway 126. Officers arrived to find no such vehicle in the area and no damage to the parking lot.

At 8:30 p.m., officers assisted state police with the arrest of a fugitive suspect.

At 9:52 p.m., a subject came into the lobby to report an assault. The case is under investigation and has been referred to the district attorney's office.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

At 12:22 p.m., a caller reported being the victim of fraud, saying they had lost over \$10,000. The case is under investigation.

At 4:38 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was driving very slowly and almost hit their vehicle on Bay Street. Officers contacted the driver at their residence, but found no indication of impact or damage to their vehicle.

At 5:46, officers responded to the 1600 block of 19th St. for a reported dispute and yelling.

Officers determined a dispute occurred between a boyfriend and girlfriend and separated them for the evening.

At 7:14 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Highway 101 for a report of damage done to a water source. The reporting party showed officers video footage, from which they were able to identify a subject seen damaging the property. Officers have probable cause to arrest that subject the next time they encounter him.

At 9:15 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 for a reported dispute occurring. Officers contacted residents at the address who said no dispute had occurred.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

At 6:49 a.m., officers responded to the area

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DEATH NOTICES

Fred Calandrella
07/17/1938 - 07/28/2026

Fred Calandrella moved to Florence, Oregon to retire and was a member of the community for 30 years. He leaves one son, one daughter and 2 grandchildren. He will be missed.

Cremation has been completed.

Suzanne Curtis

Suzanne, age 81, passed on September 2 from a short illness. A supportive friend to many. At her request, there will be no memorial service.

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Kenneth Glenn Thrall

July 19, 1943 - August 31, 2026

Kenneth Glenn Thrall, 83, of Florence, Oregon, passed away on August 31, 2026.

Kenneth was born July 19, 1943, in King City, California, to Frank Thomas Thrall and Florence "Odessia" Sisco. He was the second of seven children.

Kenneth served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963, with his last duty assignment aboard the USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5). He was honorably discharged in January 1963.

Kenneth spent much of his life behind the wheel, working in long-haul trucking and log truck driving, including many years in Alaska, where he especially enjoyed halibut fishing. He retired from R & R King Logging, Inc. in Florence.



Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Odessia Thrall; his longtime partner, Bonnie Davis; and his oldest brother, James Thrall.

He is survived by his five children and their spouses: Jeff and Corrina Thrall, Kenneth and Keli Thrall, Trena and Larry Capri, Marlo and Jeremy Hunsaker, and Tina Stout; his siblings, Betty, Charles, Jerry, Janet, and Jack; and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kenneth will be remembered for a life of hard work, many miles traveled, and the family he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed.

In accordance with Kenneth's wishes, no memorial service will be held.

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LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

A CALL TO GATHER

I have often been told by otherwise seemingly intelligent persons to not pay attention to what Donald Trump says but to what he does. Indeed, he has done a great deal and we should pay attention to it. This is what he has done: he has continually broken the law; he has made a shambles of our economy; he has enriched himself and his family at public expense; he has cultivated a Supreme Court well versed in the art and practice of double-think; he has cowed an entire political party to destruction; he has alienated our allies; he has started a war; he has brought the American military to the brink of despair; he has reduced our national parks to real estate holdings; he has taken over the Kennedy Center in order to destroy it and all that it stands for (his envy of Kennedy is showing); he has begun building monuments to himself large enough to dwarf all the other structures in Washington, D.C.; he has nullified the concept of checks and balances; and he has reduced American citizenry to the point of insignificance. He has done more to destroy our nation than any enemy we have ever had.

I ask all those interested in preserving our union, the lovers of our democratic ideals, to meet together in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Library from 2 to 4 o'clock on Tuesday, September 28, to discuss the challenges we face and devise means of overcoming them. It will be a time to gather strength and courage, hope and belief, both in ourselves and in the country we stand for. Candidates for local offices, Sally Wantz (mayor), and Jo Beaudreau, Justin Ludwig, and Rene  Lo Pilato (city council) will be in attendance.

From here the word will go out and spread amongst the people of the town, and of the county, the state, and the whole nation. And our children, as well as we, ourselves, will be proud knowing that we stood against tyranny and on the side of Good.

George Durant
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

When will the city, county and state start protecting the residents that live along the Siuslaw River. Boaters get to do what ever they want because they bring revenue to the area. That is the excuse I keep hearing. What about the damage they do to our docks and embankments? We have to pay to repair the damage not them. I was on my dock this morning (9/5/26) and a guide boat went by full throttle within 20' of my dock causing it to rock violently and throwing me into my boat lift. This reckless, unruly and I don't care behavior also affects the wildlife in the area as well as the flora. Yes, they

bring revenue to the area during salmon season but we bring it year round. I wrote our state representative and I was told " I will tell my fishing friends". Thanks for caring, not! It's time that all of us that live on the river do something about it. Write, call, text everyone you know and let's get them to start caring about us also. We deserve some consideration and respect also.

Thanks,
Mitch Sloan

DEAR EDITOR,

Dunes City Voters Deserve the Whole Story. The campaign opposing Measure 20-386 tells voters to "look beyond the ballot title." I agree. Voters should also look beyond the opposition's mailer.

The mailer claims Measure 20-386 requires a resident host to "live inside the vacation rental." That is not what the official ballot summary says. It requires a "resident on-site host who must be present during guest occupancy." It does not say the host must live inside the rental or share common areas with guests.

The purpose of an on-site host is simple: when there is excessive noise or another disturbance, neighbors should have someone there to address it promptly—not an absentee owner or property manager somewhere else.

The mailer also declares the measure "will eliminate existing vacation rentals." The official summary instead gives existing rentals 12 months to comply with new requirements before permit renewal. The measure prohibits new short-term-rental permits. That is an important distinction.

Property rights exist on both sides of the property line. Vacation-rental owners have interests, but so do residents who bought homes in residential neighborhoods.

Ask yourself one simple question: Would you want a short-term vacation rental next door to your home?

Voters should also follow the money. Oregon campaign-finance records show thousands of dollars in contributions to the opposition PAC identified as coming from out of state. Those outside interests are entitled to contribute and express their opinions. But they don't vote here, and they don't live with the consequences.

We do.
Read Measure 20-386. Compare its actual language with the campaign claims. Follow the money. Then decide for yourself.
Vote YES on Measure 20-386.

Larry Farnsworth
Dunes City

DEAR EDITOR,

In her letter published 09/02/26, Judy Plumery praised Sally Wantz's "kindness for every human she encounters"; I have a somewhat different take.
In July 2023, the

Florence City Council interviewed me (and five others) for a position on the Planning Commission. After all interviews were complete, the council discussed the applicants.

In her public (and recorded) comments, Councilor Wantz said that I was not "straightforward about answering questions." In other words, in her view, I am devious, or a liar, or both.

I wrote a follow-up letter asking for an explanation; I received nothing other than the City Recorder's polite email telling me I was not selected.

Anyone may disagree with my views, and neither the city nor the council members owe me any favors.

But no one, under any circumstances, should question my honesty or insult my integrity.

Do I forgive Ms. Wantz? Yes.
Would I vote for her? No.

Respectfully,
Bruce Hadley

DEAR EDITOR,

I watched a program on TV last night called "The Last Word". The person interviewed was Jane Goodall. This show. Is recorded before death and only aired after the interviewee has passed away. I would highly recommend it be viewed by everyone!!!!

She talked a lot about her fear that we humans would not take steps that are in our power to stop the extinction of humans and most of the other life on this planet before it was too late. She pointed out that small changes multiplied by 8 billion people could make a huge difference. One example is she said she does not use the plastic bags in trash cans in her hotel rooms but finds something made of paper or cardboard (togo bag, etc.) to hold her waste and refuses to use plastic trash bags. A bit inconvenient but imagine is 8 billion people stopped using them? There are so many tiny things we can do as individuals that, together with billions of others could make a huge difference. We can change the policies of corporations and governments if we band together and unite on doing the little things we can do. When we were in Rwanda a few years ago after the genocide, we were touched by the story or our driver whose Mother was bludgeoned to death in front of his Father because she was a Tutsi. The Father was Hutu. The history of how Tutsis and Hutus came into being is worth looking up.....Anyway, we were not allowed to bring plastic bags into the country. Also, every third Saturday the President and every citizen go out and clean up all litter taking responsibility! Small sacrifices, Big Results!!!

Russell Myers
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

We all want what's best

for our community, don't we?

The challenge is that we often have different ideas about how to achieve that goal. Sometimes we find ourselves focused on our own agenda that we fail to appreciate those with a different viewpoint rather than working together to find common ground. We each believe our approach is the right one, but progress requires listening as well as leading.

The November election gives us an opportunity to seat an entirely new City Council. While some members may return, the council itself will begin a new chapter—with new dynamics, new ideas, and new leadership. We can, together, build on our past experiences to create a new working relationship that benefits all of Florence—not just one group or another, but everyone, including those whose opinions or priorities differ from our own. That is the responsibility of every City Council: to work together in service of the entire community and to keep Florence a vibrant, welcoming, and safe place for all.

My six years of public service as a Florence City Councilor have taught me the importance of keeping an open mind and an open heart. Being curious about and listening respectfully to differing opinions doesn't weaken leadership—it strengthens it.
As we move through this election season, I hope we can begin with one shared belief: we all want what is best for Florence. If we can agree on that, we will be better equipped to work together to achieve it.

Sally Wantz
Florence City Councilor

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like voters in Florence to please consider casting their vote for City Council to Rene  Lo Pilato. Rene  is our neighbor here in Shelter Cove. We recently had the opportunity to learn more about her, her experience and background through a Meet and Greet gathering. We came away very impressed with her managerial history, her enthusiasm for problem solving and most importantly her desire to truly listen to people and their concerns regardless of where they lie on the political spectrum.

We have found Florence an exceptional place to live for these last 11 years and believe it deserves leaders who are excited about its future and its citizens. Rene  is ready, and oh so willing to embrace the challenges that our community will be facing, both now and long term.

Florence deserves the kind of enthusiasm and commitment that Rene  will bring to the Florence City Council. Please mark your ballot for Rene  Lo Pilato, but even if you don't, make sure you VOTE!

Norm & Shelly Warden
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VETERAN’S VIEWPOINT

POW/MIA Recognition Day approaches

CAL APPLEBEE,
Contributor

As the annual day approaches that recognizes those Americans who were prisoners of war or those still missing in action, it serves us all to step back in time and remember where it originated from, including that symbolic flag.

No commemoration had been held to honor those service members held in captivity nor still missing until July of 1979 when a national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. established by President Jimmy Carter as a national day of prayer. Then in 1984 President Ronald Reagan hosted a POW/MIA recognition day at the White House. The time of year for what would become an annual tradition bounced around between April and July but eventually the 3rd Friday of each September was finally selected to take advantage of better weather.

The driving impetus for this day was the result of decades long efforts by family members of listed POW/MIA service members seeking closure,

when they formed the National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, also known as the National League of POW/MIA Families. The iconic and symbolic black flag was adopted by the League in 1972 and originally only flew over the White House. In 1990 Congress passed the National POW/MIA Flag act recognizing it as the official symbol and commitment to locating and returning POW/MIA service members. Since then, the flag has also been directed to be flown at public institutions on an additional five designated days.

In 2015 the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was founded with the specific mission to identify and recover missing service members, including WWII, Korea, Cold War and Gulf Wars, not just Vietnam era.

In addition to these efforts, other traditions and efforts have evolved recognizing those service members who didn’t return, such as the Missing Man Table, a tradition often observed at a variety of military and Veteran events.

Sometimes referred to also as the Fallen Comrade Table, it also originated out of growing concern over Vietnam POW/MIA. As many as nine different items can be incorporated into the display with the elements representing different elements of symbolism. Locally, the Florence Elks Lodge 1858 will conduct a version of the Missing Man Table at their annual POW/MIA Day ceremony to be held on Friday, September 18th at 1:00 p.m. at their lodge on 12th Street. The ceremony is open to the public.

Probably one of the most moving symbols of the recognition for POW/MIA is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. Located on the National Mall in our nation’s capital, it was created in 1982. Each year Veterans on the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight, which is also scheduled later this September, visit that memorial. That wall when first constructed, contained the names of 57,939 Vietnam Veterans who paid the ultimate price. Since its creation, additional names have

been identified and added to the wall over time and now that number totals over 58,200 names.

There are at least six different traveling versions of the wall that have visited communities around the national since 1982. Two replicas of the wall have visited Florence in the past. The Moving Wall had been in Oregon three times before the Vietnam Veterans of Florence brought it here in 2001. This wall is a one-half scale version of the original in our nation’s capital and was set up at Miller Park. Tim Sapp coordinated that effort and told me that when they picked it up at the Oregon/Washington border to escort it to Florence, thirty-six members of the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association joined them. By the time the convoy reached Florence, over one hundred motorcycles escorted it.

In 2019 a coalition of Veterans and community organizations hosted another version called The Wall That Heals. This three-quarter scale replica came with a mobile museum display as well and was set up at the Siuslaw Middle School. Like the 2001 visit, this visit included commemorative ceremonies as well.

Whether it is a version of the Vietnam Wall or a rendition of the Mission Man Table ceremony, be sure to stop for a few moments on Friday September 18th and say a prayer for those lost, missing, and their families. And to all of our Vietnam Veterans with us here today, ‘Welcome Home’.

a successful Realtor, and I began calling on him as a target customer. Over lunch one day I first learned he was a Vietnam Veteran. Then I learned he was interested in old Jeeps. I just happened to bring two Jeeps with me when I moved, and he was intrigued, and wanted one as well.

I started surfing Craigslist and soon found a derelict WWII jeep in need of restoration, but he was more interested in a turn-key rig. He soon talked me out of my 1952 Navy Jeep, which he promptly painted OD green, and I bought the derelict jeep and began rebuilding it.

Next, we decided we needed a Veterans Day parade to drive in, so started that effort in 2006 and it is still rolling along after over twenty years. Then Tim, as well as Wayne Sharpe who both worked on the parade committee with me, agreed to start a military museum, which is also still going strong.

Although I knew Tim was a decorated Vietnam Veteran, he didn’t talk about it much until one night we were driving home in the dark on I-5, hauling his second military Jeep. He opened up and began sharing what it was like being in combat, witnessing his friends becoming scared, and getting maimed or killed. He told me about the incident in which he received his injuries.

Although there were no Veterans in Tim’s immediate family, Tim volunteered for the draft at 17 and was drafted just two weeks after his 18th birthday, landing in the Army infantry as a staff sergeant. While his platoon moved through unsecured territory one day, while carrying the additional gear of another soldier who had fallen ill, another GI tripped a wire on an IED which was aimed at Tim. It exploded, causing serious injuries to Tim as well as other GIs in the group. That additional gear he carried prevented more serious injury or death. For refusing aid for himself until his wounded comrades could be treated, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device, but after receiving eye injuries and later losing his lower left leg to amputation.

Of course, he was driving 80 miles an hour with

my derelict trailer loaded with his Jeep, in the dark on I-5, when I learned of his impaired vision.

After treatment for his wounds Tim was discharged from Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, now Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McCord. During his short stint as Platoon Sergeant, Tim was awarded multiple additional citations including Silver Star, Bronze Star with “V” Device and even the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star from the Republic of Vietnam – so many they won’t all fit on his DD-214.

Tim told me that his faith in God protected him during his short military career, which was evidenced by a white pocket Bible, given to him by his father. He carried that in his wallet. Unfortunately, he had left it in the APC the night before he was injured, losing that protection.

After recovering from his wounds Tim began a farming career in the Valley before moving to Florence and entering a career in real estate. Although Tim has maintained contact with only a couple of those he served with, he has maintained a high level of support to local Vets through participation in Band of Brothers, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 2001 he coordinated the visit of the Moving Wall here in Florence.

And of course, the Veterans Day Parade. One of my most memorable experiences with Tim was one parade year when we had donkeys entered. Tim was riding around the staging area on a donkey instead of tending to his assigned parade duties, and I had to ask him to get off his ass and get to work.

Tim – thanks for your service to our country, our community and thanks for being a good friend.

HONOR FLIGHT
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FOR SEPTEMBER 21

The community will come out once again on the afternoon of September 21st to welcome home three local area Veterans when they return from their four-day Honor Flight to our nation’s Capital. The South Willamette Valley Honor Flight Florence contingent should arrive in Florence around 1:30 in the afternoon, landing at the Florence Elks Lodge 1858 on 12th Street. Florence Kiwanis will have American flags along their incoming route to the Lodge. Please come out and join us in honoring and welcoming these local heroes.

Listed below are the contacts for each all three Veteran Service Organizations in Florence:

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VETERAN PROFILE - TIM SAPP

I have met, interviewed and become friends with numerous Veterans in the last couple of decades since I arrived in Florence. While some elements of their stories are similar, others are not, for example whether they flew, sailed or saw ground action. One element remains constant, that is they all state that they just did their job to serve their country, and they don’t brag about it.

However, one Veteran stands out among those I’ve known, at least to me – my friend Tim Sapp.

I first met Tim when my wife and I moved to Florence in 2005. I was in the title and escrow profession then, Tim was

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Giant sand labyrinth returns

Circles in the Sand returns to Heceta Beach at Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center in Florence on October 24 and 25, transforming hundreds of feet of shoreline into an enormous, walkable labyrinth that will exist for only a few hours before the ocean erases it.

The free event offers an unusually strong visual opportunity for television, news, and other photographers: internationally recognized beach artist Denny Dyke and dozens of volunteers will spend several hours carefully creating the intricate design in the sand. Observers are welcome to watch the artwork take shape.

The walk-through begins at 5 p.m., giving visitors the opportunity to experience the completed labyrinth as the afternoon light changes. Sunset and the maximum low tide are at approximately 7 p.m.



each day.

And then, inevitably, the tide comes in.

By the following morning, the beach will once again be a blank canvas.

THE BEACH BECOMES ART

Dyke created Circles in the Sand in 2011 and has since developed an international following for his enormous sand labyrinths. His work has been featured on the CBS Evening News. In the event's early years, some beachgoers reportedly mistook the mysterious

patterns for unexplained "crop circles."

Using simple tools, careful measurements, and countless footsteps, Dyke and his team create geometric designs stretching hundreds of feet across Heceta Beach.

But visitors aren't simply spectators. They are invited to walk through the artwork itself, becoming part of a masterpiece that will soon disappear.

"There really isn't another place quite like this," said event organizer Lon Beale, internationally known as Dr. Dune

for his work in sandboarding and dune stewardship. Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is a co-sponsor, and President and CEO Bettina Hannigan says, "That sense of wonder, combined with the beauty of Heceta Beach, makes Circles in the Sand one of the most inspiring experiences on the Oregon Coast."

HOW TO GET THERE

Organizers recommend riding Florence's local Rhody Express bus service to Three Rivers

Casino Resort to catch the casino's free shuttle for this event to the beach.

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE: Parking near Heceta Beach is extremely limited. A free shuttle will operate from Three Rivers Casino Resort for the event.

• Pick-ups: On the hour, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

• Drop-offs: On the half hour following each pickup

Heceta Beach features Mobi-Mats, accessible beach pathways located

just north of Driftwood Shores that make reaching the sand easier for people using wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, and other mobility devices. David's Chair, an all-terrain motorized beach wheelchair, is also available by reservation (DavidsChair.org).

Co-sponsor Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center will also host kite-flying exhibitions, live music, and food concessions on the outdoor deck and lawn.

Author Sue DeMarinis to discuss latest book

Oregon author Sue DeMarinis will be speaking at the Siuslaw Public Library on Thurs., Sept. 24th, at 2 p.m., about her novel The Feathers of Fortunato, a multi-generational story of an Italian-American family. Ride the roller coaster from rags to riches, financially and emotionally, following this Italian immigrant family who found the American dream, lost it and recovered a legacy of strength and success through the 20th century's tumultuous Twenties, desperate Thirties, and flourishing Forties.

Marino finds the feathers of the millinery trade open doors to high society for him and his brothers, a career that allows for contacts with notorious underworld characters, like fellow Italian immigrant Lucky Luciano. But when society falls from prosperity to poverty during the Depression, it's the women of Marino's family that set a course for survival through their cunning connections with Broadway starlets, Mafioso hit men, Italian speakeasies, and the haute couture of WW II German-occupied Paris.

Author Sue DeMarinis is a Brooklyn, New York, native, now living in Ashland, Oregon. She retired after 30 years as a chiropractor and took up writing novels. She is also the author of Hidden in Haarlem and

The Stationmaster's Wife, which has a Florence, Oregon, connection. DeMarinis has previously

visited the Siuslaw Public Library to discuss these books.

She will also be at the

Florence Festival of Books on Sat., Sept. 26, 2026.

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Dozens of kitschy-campy vintage travel trailers will be decked out for public viewing at Heceta Beach RV Park, 4636 Heceta Beach Rd (at the intersection with Rhododendron Dr.), Saturday, September 26, 2026. The free, family-friendly event runs from noon to 3:00 p.m.

“This is about celebrating the spirit of vintage camping and the artistry of restoration,” said organizer Terry Hankins. “The trailers are all so different. Some quite rare and have such interesting histories and enjoy vintage hot rods and cool cars which will be cruising in around noon to stage by the trailers too.”

Some of the trailers are restored to perfection, some are still in the careful and loving



restoration process. The public is welcome to come meet the owners who love to share about their love for vintage trailer camping, restoration, and what it takes to keep these relics on

the road.

“Florence is known as Oregon’s Coastal Playground for many reasons—golf, fishing, crabbing, sandboarding, riding the dunes on an ATV; but, thinking within the context of “retro,” it is also a super town for antiquing and thrifting. So if you’re thinking of a weekend getaway, this makes for a great time to come out and play,” said organizer Terry Hankins. Hankins and her husband Dan are owners Exploding Whale Beach Camp, home to their three classic rentable (AirBnB) Airstreams and a 1960s Streamline.

For more information about Goin’ with the Flo, call or text Terry Hankins, 541-999-3078, email xplodingwhale@gmail.com, or search Facebook for “9th Annual Goin’ with the Flo Vintage Trailer Rally.” For directions and reservations, call Heceta Beach RV Park at 541-997-7664.

Art Studio Tour in Florence

FROM FLORENCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Art lovers, collectors, and visitors to the Oregon Coast will have two weekends to explore the creative side of Florence and the surrounding region during the 2026 Elements of Art Studio Tour, continues September 19–20, from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

The annual Florence, Oregon, art studio tour is a self-guided experience that invites visitors to explore local artist studios, meet the artists, discover new talent, and see where creativity comes to life. More than 30 artists are participating in this year’s tour.

MORE THAN 30 ARTISTS PARTICIPATING

The 2026 tour features more than 30 participating artists:

Shell Baker, Jo Beaudreau, Linda Bickel, Gabriella Borsay, Marcella Calloway, Melissa Davis, Erin Ellis, Lyndsey Fox, Jodie Garrison, Amanda Herbert, Blooma Kennedy, Kary Keppol, Kassy Keppol, John Leasure, Lara Magruder, Louis Mawcinitt, Mariann Mawcinitt, Jennifer McKenzie, Cammie Pavesic, John Parulis, Tamarah Phillips, Dena Reed, Susan Record, Peggy Ross, Bobbie Soshnick, David Stockton, Heather Truax, Marina

Torpin, Shannon Vavich, Gary Winterholler, Emily Free Wilson, and Jen Woody.

SEPTEMBER 19-20 – SECOND TOUR WEEKEND

The first took place Sept 5 and 6, but the second studio tour weekend again offers visitors the opportunity to explore participating artists’ studios from noon to 4 p.m.

The second weekend coincides with the Coastal Plein Air Event at the Florence Events Center.

SEPTEMBER 23 – PASS/PORT DROP-OFF

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to BeauxArts Fine Art Materials by this date to be entered into prize drawings and to help select artists for awards.

SEPTEMBER 29 – AWARDS CELEBRATION, 5-7 P.M.

The Elements of Art Studio Tour concludes with an Awards Celebration at the Florence Events Center Galleries, 715 Quince Street, Florence. Announcements will be made at 6 p.m.

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providing access to participating artist studios during official tour hours. Participants can have their Pass/ports stamped at studios for chances to win original artwork and other prizes.

The Standard Pass/port includes the Tour Program and a collectible Artist Tour Book, as well as an official tour sticker.

The Collector’s Pass/port includes the Standard Pass/port items, along with gifts, a limited-edition tour print, a surprise item, and additional entries into the art prize drawings.

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Materials by 5 p.m. on September 23 to be entered into prize drawings and to provide feedback that will help nominate artists for awards.

Pass/ports are available before or during the tour through the Elements of Art Studio Tour website or at BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, 2285 Highway 101, Suite H, in the Coastal Fitness Plaza in Florence.

During the tour, Pass/ports may be picked up at Dragon Art Studio at the Oregon Coast School of Art, 325 High St., Gardiner, or at BeauxArts Fine Art Materials

POLICE

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of 101 and 43rd St. for a reported road hazard. Officers found a bagged tent in the roadway and placed it in evidence storage.

At 9:55 a.m., caller reported that an elderly subject had snuck out in the 400 block of 9th Street. Family members re-contacted dispatch to say the subject had been found.

At 10:22 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of 35th and Siano found

a garage door opener. The item was placed in evidence storage.

At 11:46 a.m., a caller reported an erratic driver heading westbound into Florence. Officers parked at the city limits, but the described vehicle did not pass their location.

At 3:31 p.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in old ammunition for destruction.

At 3:46 p.m., a call reported finding a phone on Redwood. Officers found the owner, and the phone was returned.

At 6:06 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle in the area of Bay Street and

Maple Street spinning out. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

At 9:23 a.m., a caller reported a subject in the 1600 block of 17th St. who was bleeding. Officers contacted the subject to find that he had reopened an old wound.

At 9:52 a.m., officers investigated a report of sexual abuse. The case remains under investigation.

At 4:58 p.m., a caller reported losing a person in the 700 block of Highway 101. The caller was advised to cancel any bank or credit cards.

At 6:32 p.m., a caller reported a woman sitting on the curb screaming in the 500 block of Ivy. Officers contacted the female subject and provided a courtesy ride to another location.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

At 10:05 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject had thrown coffee on a female and left.

At 10:28 a.m., a caller reported a semi truck with a trailer traveling southbound on Highway 101, swerving and driving slowly. An officer located the semi-truck and was following it when it scraped the Siuslaw Bridge. The officer contacted the driver and found she was not impaired but was tired. The driver was counseled, and officers found no significant damage to the bridge.

At 1:31 p.m., a caller reported that a male and

female were fighting inside a vehicle. Officers arrived in the area and were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 2:34 p.m., a caller reported a boat blocking the roadway on 9th Street. Officers arrived but found the boat had been moved.

At 4:44 p.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in old ammunition for destruction.

At 11:45 p.m., a caller in the 600 block of Rhododendron Drive reported seeing the dome light in his parked car come on. Officers arrived and found the door of the vehicle slightly open, but no evidence that anyone had been inside.

At 11:47 p.m., a caller in the 100 block of Shoreline reported loud bass music. Officers arrived but found the area quiet.

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ACADEMY
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exceptionally well, with both staff and parents quickly learning the most efficient ways to use the parking lots and entrances.

INSIDE THE SCHOOL

During a quick tour of the building before school started, SVCS Executive Director Jennifer Waggoner showed that while some rooms still need to be filled out and small finishes need to be made, the building and school are entirely operational. She noted that doors will be locked manually as soon as school starts, but an automated system is coming soon. She said the school’s safety team has had State and local police inside the building, and more police-led trainings are pending. She said volunteers are screened through the national criminal and sex offender background check and required to read and sign a code of conduct document and review/sign sexual abuse awareness forms. “It’s a little more extensive than some schools,” she said, noting that visitor IDs will be checked at the admin office. “We feel good about that.” Fire Marshals have also examined the building, which also features

evacuation maps, fire extinguishers and an AED machine. Contractors were set to return on weekends and off-times until remaining details are complete.

WHERE IT STARTED

King said the idea for the school came together in 2022. King, a former public school teacher, said she’s been involved since 2023, and the first concepts for a classical education charter school began in 2022. “We formed a board of interested people and the board has just evolved through the years,” she said. “There were people who helped with the contract and the application... Then we had to have a sponsor, and that was the [Siuslaw] school district.” King said it was a difficult process. “It took a lot of educating and communicating and massaging the application and the contract until everyone felt comfortable with it, and it felt really good when they approved our application,” she said. “Then the hard work began because we didn’t have any money.” She noted that even though the application had been approved, public school funding could not start until just before the school was to open. “To get a building, we tried to find something to

lease,” she said. “There was nothing of size that would work. We found two buildings, and this wasn’t even one of them, at first.” She said when the Rite-Aid building came up for sale, the board was doubtful it would be possible to purchase and renovate it. She said that once fundraising started and donations began to come in from individual donors, the effort picked up speed as people toured the building and got on board with the vision. While the building was one part of the project, the curriculum was another, followed by hiring teachers and staff later. “When we decided on the curriculum and the classical model, that was Donna Heinen, who brought the idea of the model from Manhattan, where her children attended a classical education academy,” Kind said, noting that the board stuck to the mission of creating a unique method of combining curricula. “We thought at first we would just be K-2 because of space, but a lot of parents had children in K-3 and 1-3 and didn’t want to go to different schools to drop them off, so then we added Third. Each grade was about \$22,000 for just the curriculum,” she said, thanking Three Rivers Casino for grants



Those who have seen the inside of the Whitmore Classical Academy Building would likely be surprised to know it looked like this just over a year ago. Tony Reed photos.

to offset those costs. King spoke of how desks were supposed to arrive only days before opening and staff were prepared to assemble them from kits. Luckily, they arrived assembled and ready. Staff found that cafeteria tables were about \$2,500 each, but through a stroke of luck, a supplier in Texas had some for \$800, with shipping included. “Those kinds of things have just happened along the way,” she said, adding that one educational assistant, Wesley Coleman, is educated in classical music, plays many instruments, and immediately started teaching songs to students, along with other duties. “Having a music teacher makes me very happy,” King said, “because sometimes those things get cut out.”

SIGN OF RELIEF?

Asked how it feels to be sitting in the completed school after more than three years of planning, meetings, fundraising, and construction, King paused a moment. “It just brings me to tears,” she said. “When I stood out there and watched that flag go up, I just... It’s very, very humbling.” She added that it could not have happened without Chuck Trent knowing what he does about policies. She said Trent wrote

over 200 policies for the school to meet Oregon school requirements. “All of our expertise has come together, but it’s extremely humbling and the amount of people who’ve supported us,” King said support has come in many meaningful ways, from a roll of stamps to handwritten thank-you notes to a glass boat sculpture full of small stones, each representing a student.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The school will host K-3 students this year, adding a 4th grade class next year and another in subsequent years, with the goal of becoming K-8 in five years. Students have a common dress “uniform” that combines blue, gray, white, and khaki colors with school logos on the shirts. “It’s something all the kids have been excited about, and it has created a level playing field,” Waggoner said. “Already, in the first couple of days, you can see how proud everyone is of how they look.” The WCA website states, “Nothing in the dress code shall be construed as restricting religious apparel, head or hair coverings.” WCA will also have a four-day school week, but will feature its “Explore” program on Fridays, where students can do remedial work or

other experiences. King said staff is working to have Eugene Symphony Association conduct an Instrument Petting Zoo, hold instructional field trips and guest instructors. She said Inspire Culinary Academy owners Will Cook and Stacy Tognazzini want to put on student cooking classes. Waggoner said that time can also be used for activities like Oregon Battle of the Books and other afternoon programs. All instructors and aides go through a background check and have been trained in school security protocols. Asked for the total cost so far, King said over \$2 million has been raised through donations, which helped to get the loan for the \$2.14 million building. She said original estimates for renovations and supplies came in over budget, but reductions were made, and certain items like cabinets were held off or sourced elsewhere. Asked to address any commonly voiced concerns, King stressed, “We are not a religious school. Our curriculum is not religious, and why would we even take a chance in that if we would lose our funding?” King said SVCS wants to have a good relationship with Siuslaw School District, saying, “WCA is a school within the district.”

EXPO
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struggling, celebrate those who continue to fight, and remind everyone that conversations about mental health and suicide should never have to happen in silence. “This event is about connection,” said Melissa House, President of Western Lane Crisis Association and Program Manager for Western Lane Crisis Response. “We want people to know that even during their darkest moments, there are people in this community who care and resources available to help. Sometimes

hope begins with simply knowing you don’t have to face something alone.” The morning will begin at 9 a.m. with opening remarks, community speakers and messages of hope and lived experience, followed by a suicide prevention walk until 1 pm. Throughout the event, attendees will also have the opportunity to visit a Health & Resource Expo featuring local and regional organizations, learn about behavioral health and community resources, meet local first responders and service providers, and participate in activities focused on hope, remembrance and connection.

The event will also include a memorial garden and ribbon wall, community activities, music, food, treats and a raffle. Thanks to the support of community partners, participation in the walk is free and everyone is welcome. Event T-shirts and swag bags are also available for purchase while supplies last. Western Lane Crisis Association is grateful for the tremendous support received from local businesses, agencies, nonprofit organizations, first responders, healthcare providers and community members who have helped make Florence’s first Suicide Prevention Walk & Health Expo possible.

“This truly takes a village,” House said. “The number of organizations and individuals who have stepped forward to support this event shows how much our community cares about one another. Our hope is that this becomes an annual event that continues to grow and reminds people year after year that every life matters.” Community members are encouraged to attend whether they have been personally affected by suicide, want to support someone they love, work in behavioral health or public safety, or simply want to stand alongside their neighbors in support of suicide prevention.

WHALE
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signs of killer whale predation, based on photos, but did not appear to have been hit by a ship. The area where it’s located is inaccessible by vehicle and not close to any human development or camping areas. Rice said it will likely be left there to decompose. According to Scientific American, 187 gray whales have been found

dead this year along the west coast from Mexico to Alaska. Most of them were found to be emaciated, while others were hit by boats, according to researchers. While the humpback carcass did not appear to be emaciated, its cause of death has not been determined. As of Sept. 9, a necropsy had not been conducted. A fresh seal carcass was found onshore nearby, cut cleanly in half, possibly indicating an encounter with a boat propeller.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		
High	4:41 a.m.	5.5
Low	9:50 a.m.	2.8
High	3:59 p.m.	6.8
Low	11:04 p.m.	0.6
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
High	5:41 a.m.	5.1
Low	10:28 a.m.	3.4
High	4:40 p.m.	6.5
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
Low	12:04 a.m.	0.9
High	6:54 a.m.	4.8
Low	11:19 a.m.	3.8
High	5:34 p.m.	6.2
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		
Low	1:16 a.m.	1.1
High	8:23 a.m.	4.7
Low	12:38 p.m.	4.1
High	6:46 p.m.	6.1
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20		
Low	2:28 a.m.	1.1
High	9:40 a.m.	4.9
Low	2:11 p.m.	4.0
High	8:06 p.m.	6.1
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		
Low	3:29 a.m.	0.8
High	10:27 a.m.	5.2
Low	3:23 p.m.	3.5
High	9:15 p.m.	6.2
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22		
Low	4:17 a.m.	0.6
High	11:00 a.m.	5.5
Low	4:18 p.m.	2.9
High	10:10 p.m.	6.5
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23		
Low	4:56 a.m.	0.3
High	11:27 a.m.	5.9
Low	5:04 p.m.	2.3
High	10:58 p.m.	6.7
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		
Low	5:30 a.m.	0.2
High	11:53 a.m.	6.3
Low	5:45 p.m.	1.6
High	11:42 p.m.	6.8
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25		
Low	6:02 a.m.	0.3
High	12:18 p.m.	6.7
Low	6:24 p.m.	0.9
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26		
High	12:25 a.m.	6.8
Low	6:34 a.m.	0.5
High	12:44 p.m.	7.1
Low	7:03 p.m.	0.2
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27		
High	1:08 a.m.	6.8
Low	7:07 a.m.	0.8
High	1:12 p.m.	7.5
Low	7:43 p.m.	0.3
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28		
High	1:54 a.m.	6.7
Low	7:41 a.m.	1.3
High	1:42 p.m.	7.8
Low	8:24 p.m.	0.6
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29		
High	2:42 a.m.	6.5
Low	8:16 a.m.	1.8
High	2:16 p.m.	7.9
Low	9:10 p.m.	0.7
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30		
High	3:35 a.m.	6.2
Low	8:54 a.m.	2.4
High	2:55 p.m.	7.9
Low	10:00 p.m.	0.6
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1		
High	4:34 a.m.	5.8
Low	9:37 a.m.	2.9
High	3:41 p.m.	7.8
Low	10:58 p.m.	0.4
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2		
High	5:42 a.m.	5.5
Low	10:30 a.m.	3.4
High	4:38 p.m.	7.5

Vikings volleyball serve up the season

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Blocks, sets, spikes, and digs have been all over the court for the Vikings volleyball team as they start September. Siuslaw already has five matches in the ledger, including their first league game.

Over the course of that five-game span, the Vikings have gone 1-4. The lone win came in the first game of the season against Reedsport on Aug. 28 at the Double Dual hosted by Elmira High School.

Siuslaw played two games, one with the Brave and the second against hosting Elmira. The Vikings beat Reedsport in four sets, by scores of 17-25, 25-23, 25-22, and 25-10, before falling to Elmira in three sets, 15-25, 22-25, and 14-25. After the split results, Head Coach McKenzie Perry said there were some highlights from the two matches.

“We saw some really bright spots in the fourth set vs. Reedsport, and

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McKenzie Ulrich smashes the ball past two North Bend defenders in Florence on Sept. 2. Tony Reed photo.

Siuslaw football take loss to Vale

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

It was a battle between the top two teams in 3A on Sept. 5, and #1-ranked Vale showed why they are the top dogs, beating #2 Siuslaw 57-8 at Caldera High School in Bend.

Both schools have Vikings as their mascots, and in this clash between Vikings, Vale were a cut above. They jumped out

to a 43-point lead in the early exchanges, leading 43-0 by halftime.

It was a balanced attack for the Vale Vikings, as they racked up 272 rushing yards, and junior quarterback Cal Johnson threw for 106 more. Siuslaw couldn’t match Vale’s explosive offense, and their only score of the game came down the stretch.

After Vale added 14

more points in the third, Siuslaw scored the only points in the fourth quarter. Junior quarterback Jerich Lake used his legs to great effect, rushing in a 10-yard score to break the shutout, bringing the score to 57-8, which would end up being the final tally.

Vale finished last season as the #6 team in the state, and they have reached the state quarterfinals in each of the last

five seasons. It was a good game to test where Siuslaw is at against a team that looks to be the best in the state.

Next on the schedule was a game against Newport away from home on Sept. 11. Newport entered the game 0-1 following a 21-6 loss to Taft. It’s the rekindling of an old-school rivalry, and the Vikings will had every motivation to get back

to winning ways. The result of that matchup is unavailable at the time of press.

Siuslaw will be back at home at Hans Petersen Field for their next game against Elmira on Sept. 19. That will be the penultimate matchup in their non-league schedule, and then Special District play will get started against Creswell on Sept. 25.

Siuslaw boys soccer start season

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw boys soccer team started the season 0-2, but the small but resilient Vikings squad has already shown signs of improvement.

The Vikings opened the season at home against Pacific on Sept. 2, and came in with just nine eligible players. Kickoff was 5 p.m. at Hans Petersen Field, and while only nine Vikings took the field, Pacific opted to play with a full 11.

The Pirates proved a ferocious foe, and they bagged their first goal of the game four minutes in. By halftime, Pacific had seven goals while holding the Vikings scoreless. To start the second half, the Vikings defense held the Pirates at bay. But about 20 minutes into the half, the Pirates buccanered

into the attacking third and added an eighth. That marked the end of the contest at about 60 minutes.

The game ended 8-0 in favor of Pacific, but Head Coach Londi Tomaro took some positive takeaways from the game.

Our boys played hard and worked to put together plays the entire game, despite being down in goals,” Tomaro said. “As coaches, we saw many things to be happy about.”

Tomaro lauded the efforts of freshman keeper Lelend Fuller in goal, saying he was “fantastic.” On the other end of the pitch, Mason Wright, Lucas Hunt, and Talmage Lake put together some “great attacking presses.” In the mid-field, Sal Chinn made his presence felt by disrupting Pirate attacks, while

Logan Alcorn controlled possession with some good drop passes. On defense, Milo Holbrook, Jeremy Weisenbach, and Ryan McCoy held a solid defensive line and successfully stopped many attacks.

“We look forward to building on the skills and raw talent that the players have, and we’re excited about their potential,” Tomaro said after the game.

The next game on the calendar was against Coquille on Sept. 8. The Vikings had to hop in the longships and journey away, taking on the Red Devils at Coquille High School.

“The game started out fairly evenly. We had nine players, and Coquille started with nine as well. They scored a few minutes into the game, and we quickly answered with

a goal of our own to tie the game,” Tomaro said.

It was Lucas Hunt who netted the first goal of Siuslaw’s season, and he got his foot on a ball in front of the net, guiding it past the goalkeeper into the twine. It was a back-and-forth start to the game, and it was exciting to watch.

Siuslaw raised the bar from their first performance, and Tomaro said the defense did a good job of covering attacking players and breaking up plays. However, the Red Devils broke through again, taking advantage of Siuslaw’s inexperience and lack of subs. With heavy legs starting to take a toll, the Red Devils piled on the pressure, taking a 1-6 advantage into halftime.

In the second half, Coquille’s strong attacking play continued, while

the Vikings created some chances for themselves, sneaking past the Red Devil defense a few times in the half.

Although we had some good attacking plays and passing combinations that resulted in shots, we did not score again,” Tomaro said.

Coquille scored their ninth goal 21 minutes into the second half, ending the game 9-1, but Tomaro was still impressed with the team’s resolve in the face of a daunting deficit. Yet again, Fuller was exceptional in net, throwing himself this way and that in goal to make save after save.

“In both of our games so far, our freshman goalkeeper, Lelend, has played beyond expectation. He has made save after incredible save and

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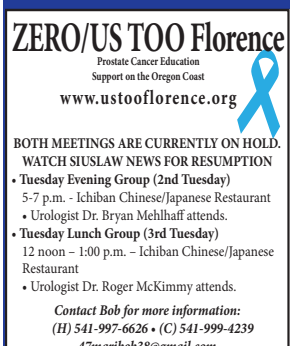


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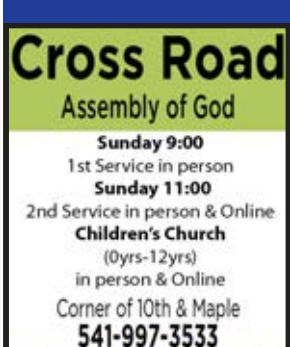


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Community Briefs

Basic Genealogy Class Series

The Siuslaw Public Library will be presenting a two-part Basic Genealogy Class series, on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd and Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at 10am each day in the library's Bromley Room. Librarian Kevin Mittge will be discussing in the first class how to get started researching your family history, what free websites are available for research from home, what records are available and how to use them, and what resources the Siuslaw Public Library can offer. The second class will focus on DNA: what tests are available, what do you get when you test, and what do you do with

the information you have received. Both classes assume little or no family history research experience. No preregistration is required, just come ready to ask questions and take notes! Librarian Mittge has been researching family history for over forty years and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Florence City Council candidate forums

#1 The Florence Toastmasters Club is hosting an in-person forum on Saturday, October 3rd starting at 2:30 at the Bromley Room. #2 is with Coast Radio on Wednesday, October 7th. I believe it's starting at 4pm in person at the

FEC, broadcast live and live streamed on FB.

#3 Interviews with Will Yuman of "West of the Tunnel" will be posted online October 8th. <https://www.westofthetunnel.org/>

#4 is hosted by the Florence City Club on October 8th at 4:30pm at the Siuslaw Middle School.

Candidate forum

Florence Toastmasters Club will host a candidate forum on Saturday, October 3 from 2:30 to 5 PM in the Bromley room at the Siuslaw Public library.

You can hear from candidates seeking to represent the Florence and Mapleton communities in state and federal

legislative races. Each participating candidate will have 8 to 10 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their qualifications, priorities, and local issues. All participating candidates will receive speaking time. This is your opportunity to learn about the candidates before the November election. For more information contact John Robertson, VP of public relations at johnrobertsonspeaks@gmail.com

Calling all artists, Sand Sea and Stars!

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You're invited to pick up the rules and applications at Backstreet Gallery,

1421 Bay Street, also online at www.backstreet-gallery.com. Then challenge yourself to reach for the stars and channel your creativity into your interpretation of the theme.

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The entry forms and fee deadline is October 15 with the entry fee at \$5. The show runs from November 3 to December 1, with delivery of the completed art piece on November 1, 2. The Artists' Reception is on November 14, 3-5 p.m. So, roll from the sea to the sand and be our Challenge Stars.

VIKINGS

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even though we got swept by Elmira, there were some great things happening, especially in the 2nd set," Perry said.

Charley Johnson, Maren Hughes, and Stella Duman led the team in kills across the two matches, collecting 10, 11, and 15 kills, respectively. Paige Bottensek was also highlighted by Perry for her impressive serving, and she notched nine aces in the two contests.

Next up on the schedule were games against North Bend on Sept. 2 and

Newport on Sept. 3.

Both games were played at home, and both saw the Vikings lose 3-0. Despite the losses, each match offered encouraging signs for the growing Siuslaw squad.

Despite losing the sets 12-25, 16-25, and 13-25 against North Bend, McKenzie Ulrich had the "match of her life."

"She hit the ball really hard and had the most kills and highest hitting efficiency on the team tonight, and also the highest she's ever had," Perry said.

In the match, Ulrich racked up nine kills across the three sets and managed a .533 hitting efficiency. Stella Duman also played

"very well," and Perry said she continued to lead the team in many ways. Chloe Clark and Paige Bottensek each had nine digs and were tested on defense by strong outside swings, but did well covering large portions of the court.

"We will continue building the strength of our block and also our serving consistency," Perry said after the game.

The next day, the Vikings welcomed the Cubs to Siuslaw High School, losing in a hard-fought, three-set match. The scores were 23-25, 24-26, and 18-25.

Two sets came down to the very end, and Perry left the game excited about the fight her team showed.

"The girls played AMAZING and hung with a really tough team. In the first two sets, we led most of the time and served and attacked with serious intensity that I haven't seen from these girls in the time that I've coached them," Perry said.

Hughes was tenacious in attack for the Vikings,

amassing eight kills and fantastic hitting efficiency. Freshman Kinley Krieger served very aggressively, picking her spots with precision to rack up five aces.

"Overall, I am liking what I'm seeing at this point in the season. That's the end of the preseason for us, so after three matches against 4A schools, we start league on Tuesday against a really tough Coquille team," Perry said after facing the Cubs.

After wrapping up the non-league schedule, Siuslaw hit the road to face off with Coquille on Sept. 8. Far West League play got underway against the Red Devils, who are looking like one of the strongest outfits in the league. Last season, Coquille went undefeated in the Far West and made the playoffs.

It wasn't going to be easy, and ultimately, Coquille won the match in three sets, winning by scores of 6-25, 12-25, and 17-25.

Knowing it was going to be a tough game, Perry and her team used the match to get sophomore setter Beyla Tattershall into the flow of the season. Tattershall was out of town for all of preseason, and so the game against the Red Devils was the perfect time to work her into the rotation and try some new lineups.

"Our newest potential starting lineup made an appearance in the 3rd set, and that was definitely our most successful, despite spending some of our focus on lineup issues," Perry said after the game. "I see a lot of potential still, and we will drill the lineup hard in practice tomorrow and will be ready to use it in full force against Douglas at home on Thursday."

Something that didn't show up in the box score during the match was the hard work of the frontline at the net. Duman had nine block touches (1 scored a point and 1 error, and the other eight protected the defense), Maren Hughes had 6 block touches (4 resulting in points and no errors), and Bristol Erickson had 4 block touches.

Impressively, Ulrich continued her 100% serving run for the season. Clark had seven digs off some very hard-hit balls, and Perry said she did a great job getting in front of the ball and being where she needed to be.

Siuslaw beat Douglas Sept. 10 at home.

Results from the Sept. 15 game against Illinois Valley is unknown at the time of press. Vikings volleyball will be back in action against St. Mary's, Medford on Sept. 17.



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October 29 and 30. The version will offer a walk through tour of the maze with no actors involved. The sensory-friendly tour will take place from four to 4:30 p.m. on those days, and a less scary hour, with no jump scares will be featured from 5 to 6 p.m. It’s always a fun time and feel free to show up in your own scary costume on Halloween.



Soccer

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has continued to work hard through every play,” Tomaro said. “It is exciting to see his athleticism and work ethic come together.” In just a week’s time, Tomaro said the group’s progress was evident.

Some specific areas that saw an uptick were passing and moving the ball up the field, and the defense working to cover each other more effectively. The Vikings had a chance to get back to work against Douglas on Sept. 10 and Illinois Valley on Sept. 15. Results from those games are not known at the time of press.

Heading into those matchups, the Vikings will hope to build on the areas they’ve already been sharpening. “We showed improvement over the last week, which is great. We know that the boys are working hard and will continue to grow and improve as the season goes on,” Tomaro said after the game against Coquille.

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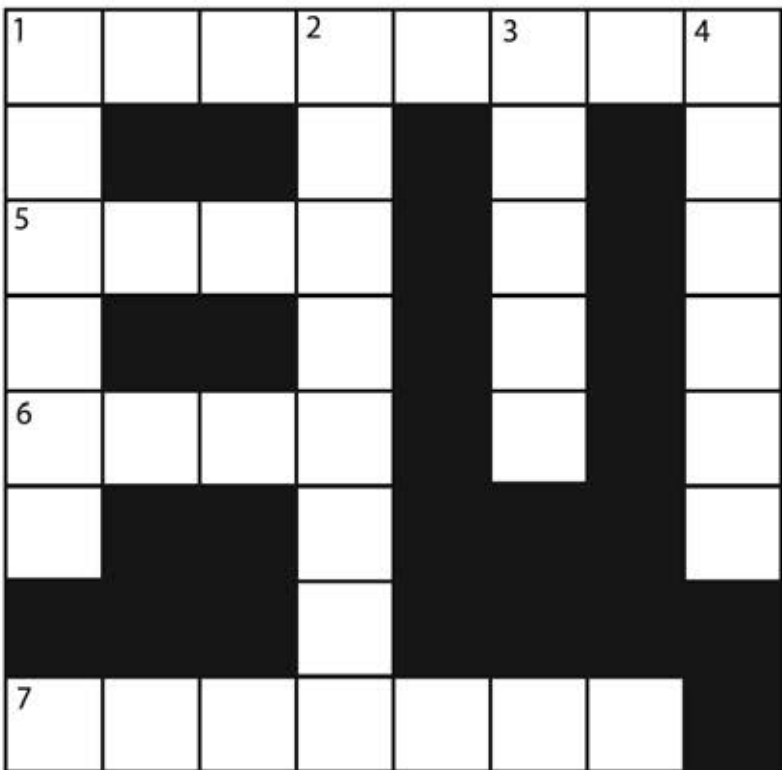
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Sewing tools
- 5. Destroy
- 6. Once more
- 7. Materials

DOWN

- 1. Sewing string
- 2. Clothes for guys
- 3. Found on shoes
- 4. Securing fabric together

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1814: Francis Scott Key writes, “Defence of Fort McHenry,” a poem that would later be used as the lyrics for “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

1917: The Russian Republic replaces the Russian Empire.

1975: Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized.



This is an especially old skill, dating back more than 25,000 years. It is even older than weaving.

Answer: Sewing



THIMBLE

small, hard cap that protects the finger while pushing a sewing needle

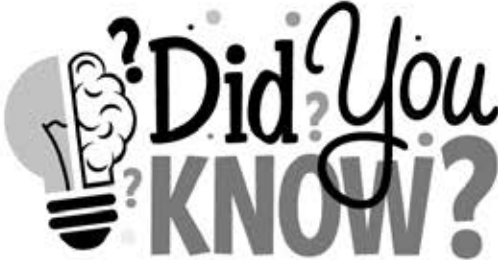
1. Thread 2. Menswear 3. Laces 4. Sewing

1. Thimbles 5. Ruin 6. Anew 7. Fabrics

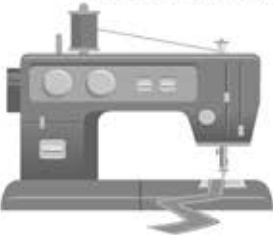
Answers:



- English:** Needle
- Spanish:** Aguja
- Italian:** Ago
- French:** Aiguille
- German:** Nadel



The sewing machine was not invented by a single person, but a result of the innovations of different inventors.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Sewing machine foot

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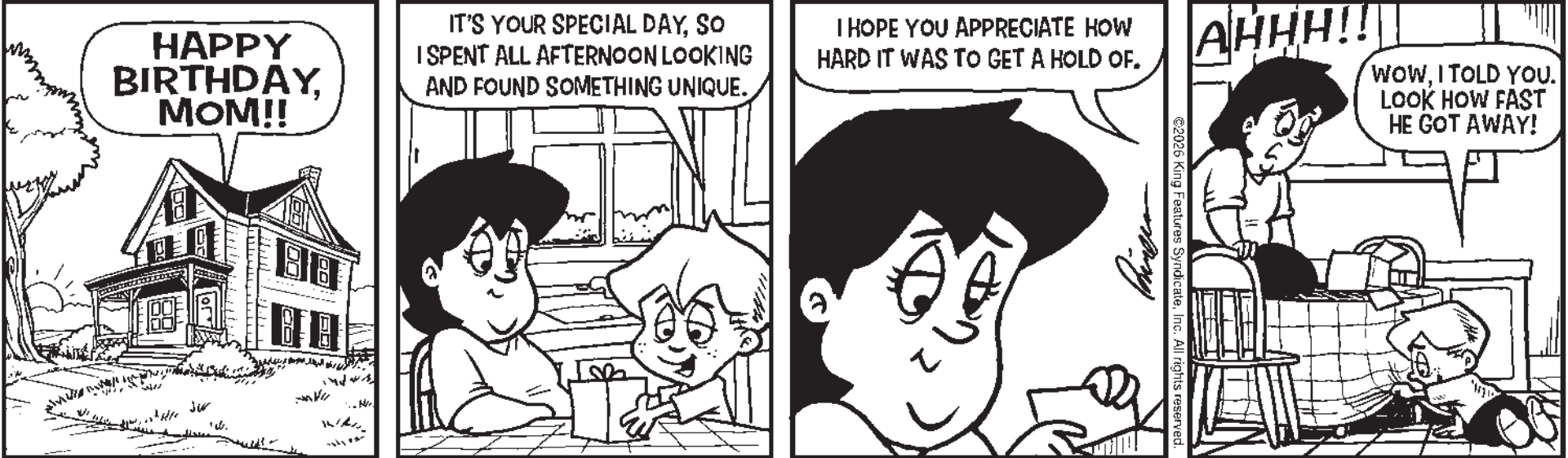
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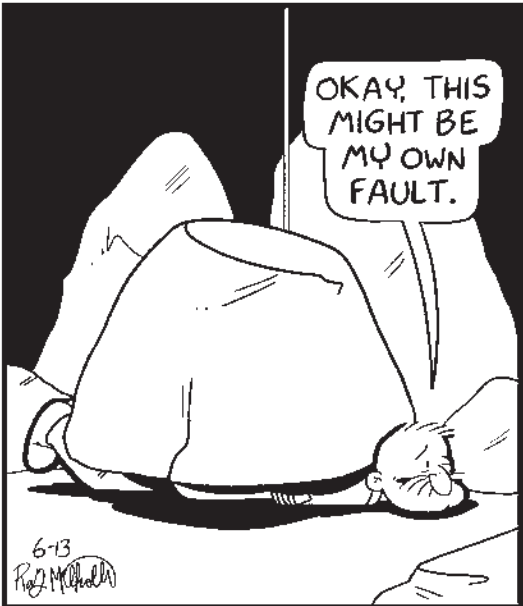
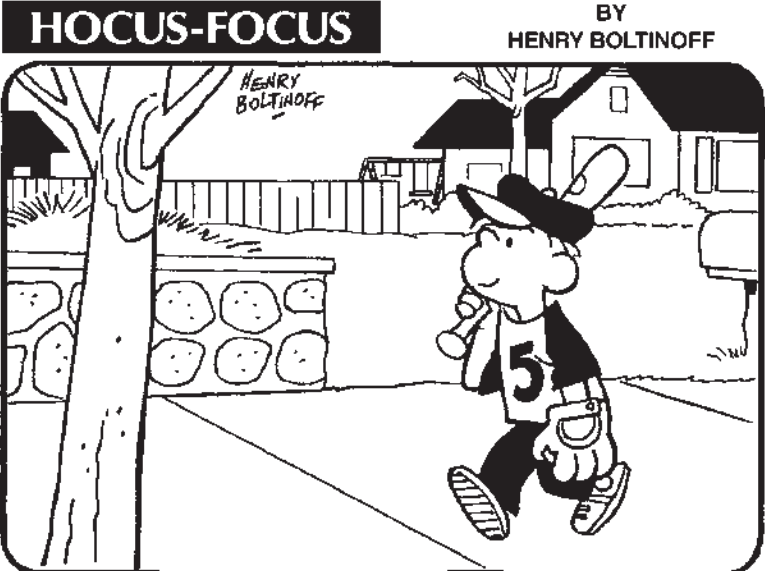
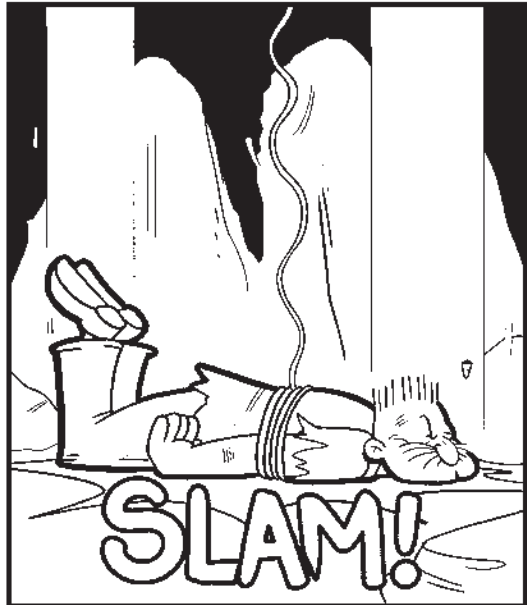
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-	x	= 21
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+	+	= 14
=	=	=
1	11	39
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

CryptoQuip

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

Clue R equals C

QINY RMVKL BMV RNKK FCMFKC
QIM GMYC "HM" MH EMACYIHP
JH N KCPJEKNYJGC NEECAZKB?
NHYJ ZMLJCE.
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ashley and Wynonna
6 Consumer protection agcy.
9 Catchall abbr.
12 Track star Bolt
13 Tic-tac-toe win
14 "The Matrix" character
15 Refuse an offer
16 Seattle suburb that's home to Microsoft
18 Credit rating publisher
20 Skin soother
21 Corp. money exec
23 Overly
24 Part of LGBTQ
25 Hit on the noggin
27 Japanese fish dish
29 Tranquil
31 Sort of dive
35 Police ID
37 Employ
38 Hairnet
- 41 Moray, for one
43 Past
44 Plane-related
45 Country song?
47 Archbishop Tutu
49 Stag
52 Altar affirmative
53 Reuben bread
54 More practical
55 Aachen article
56 Rowing need
57 Birch's kin
- 10 Mortise partner
11 Encryptions
17 "Butterfly" singer Carey
19 Medicated
21 "60 Minutes" airer
22 Nemesis
24 Fill in — blank
26 Explosive sound
28 Bed cover
30 Wee bit
32 Tiara stone
33 Work unit
34 Old Olds
36 Census info
38 "Sexy" Beatles girl
39 "— say more?"
40 Director Welles
42 — apso (small dog)
45 Novelist Seton
46 Airline to Tel Aviv
48 Spanish gold
50 Born
51 Blunder

DOWN

- 1 Roast beef au —
2 "Suits" network
3 "Shark Tank" star — John
4 Flintstones' pet
5 Stuffed shirt
6 Gift giver's words
7 Low digits
8 Atlantic fish
9 — Holmes (Sherlock's sister)
10 Mortise partner
11 Encryptions
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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.

1. White Cliffs of O
2. Monkey with A
3. Police ID — D —
4. Canonized one S — T
5. Hollywood owner T
6. Whistle A
7. Saunter B
8. Mountainous I
9. Scream, like a pig — L
10. Royal chair — E
- Under water worker I
Bad humor E
Flat-bottomed boat — R —
Muffled F — D
Come again? D
Hand in the rear U
Abundant J
Yuletide snub O
Noisy door sound — K
Multitude — G

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of Jon Snow's dire wolf in "Game of Thrones"?
- HISTORY: Which Civil War general literally used "scorched earth" tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?
- MOVIES: Which 1960s movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?
- CHEMISTRY: Which element's symbol is Sn?
- LITERATURE: What is the length of a traditional sonnet?
- GEOLOGY: What is a common name for calcium carbonate?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave radio addresses that were described as "fireside chats"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the shape of the Milky Way?

Trivia answers

- Ghost.
- General William T. Sherman.
- "Easy Rider."
- Indian Ocean.
- Tin (stannum).
- 14 lines of poetry.
- Limestone or chalk.
- Burger King.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Spiral.

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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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CHRISTMAS

Today's Word

3. Honest; 4. Scout
1. Anthem; 2. Prior
Solution

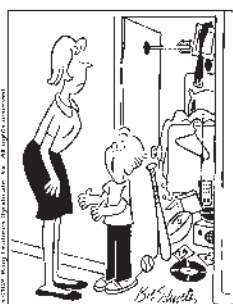
SCRAMBLERS

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!

Chant
HAMNET
Former
RIPOR
Candid
SO THEN
Patrol
STUCO

TODAY'S WORD



"Clean up my room? You act like
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Extra
Records
Breathes heavily, like a dog
Paint finish option
Willie Mays or Barry Bonds

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D	N	O	M	R	E	D	O	N	A	V	S		
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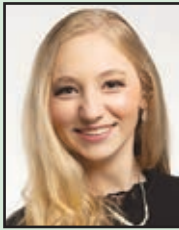
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