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## Kids scramble for Easter goodies



The fact that it was a week early did not seem to bother kids when the confetti cannon went off to mark the start of the Easter egg hunt at Miller Park March 28. Separated by age into three large fields, kids scramble out to find traditional Easter eggs, as well as some prize eggs hidden in the field. Families were also able to take photos with the Easter Bunny and interact club members. The event was hosted by the interact club and the Rotary Club of Florence. See more photos on page A7. Photo by Tony Reed.



Florence First Citizen Mike Webb accepts the award from former First Citizen Jenna Bartlett-Anderson. Tony Reed photo

## Webb named Florence First Citizen

By TONY REED  
 The Siuslaw News

Mike Webb and Danin Lacouture were named Florence First and Future First Citizens for 2025 at the Legacy of Leadership celebration, during a packed event at the Florence Events Center on March 31.

Mayor Rob Ward recalled past First Citizens, including two in 1998, Anna Morrison and Keith Smith, who ran against him in the local election. Noting the current nominees, Ward said their efforts have yielded lasting benefits to the community. He said that in honoring those achievements and the spirit and leadership in which they were conducted, all can be inspired.

Ward congratulated the First Citizen nominees, Dale Edwards, Gayle Sisson, Sally Wantz, Mike Webb and Greg Wood, and Future First Citizen nominees, Nyx Harklerode, Adylin Holbrook, Danin Lacouture, Camden

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## No Kings 3 rally happens in Florence



With a measurable number of demonstrators walking on Highway 101 between Highway 126 and City Hall, it was difficult to estimate how many were present for the NO KINGS 3 rally March 28. The rally was one of thousands occurring around the country that day. A small contingent of trucks with flags staged a counter protest by driving up and down Highway 101 in front of demonstrators. Florence Police Chief Pitcher said that while words were exchanged between the two factions, no further disputes were reported. Chief Pitcher confirmed that overall, the protest went well and most people remained in good humor throughout. He also noted that a medical response to the intersection just before 3 p.m. was not related to the protest, but simply to a subject who had fallen on the sidewalk. Medical personnel were able to administer aid to the subject. See more photos on page A7. Tony Reed photo.

## Project completed on Dunes access near Florence

The Great Outdoors Fund (TGOF), in partnership with Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative and the US Forest Service, announced the successful completion of a transformative project at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA).

Funded by one of the largest grants in

Yamaha's Outdoor Access Initiative history, the initiative replaced 41 aging kiosks, installed 55 new bilingual panels, and integrated QR codes for streamlined fee collection across OHV recreation sites.

This effort enhances visitor education, promotes responsible recreation, and supports conservation in one of the

nation's premier coastal dune areas. To mark this achievement, partners gathered April 2 for a "Field Day" at the South Jetty OHV Staging Area. The event celebrated

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A crew gets new interpretive panes ready to install. Photo provided.



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# I need a patient advocate, how do I inform PeaceHealth of my choice?

By **BOB HORNEY**

Okay, you've made a difficult decision and decided you need someone to accompany you to your healthcare appointments. That is tough for most people because it can mean revealing some very personal information about themselves. How one navigates their selection process is up to them and I will present the many issues to consider in the near future. But, for now, I want to turn our attention to making sure our chosen Patient Advocate is properly recorded with PeaceHealth. As I found out on March 26 and 27, that could be an easy process...except...we have a language problem. What language is that, Bob? Plain old English.

Being properly recorded as your Patient Advocate allows them to participate in your healthcare planning, non-end-of-life decision making AND allows PeaceHealth to talk with that person. After a call on March 30 and talking with a PeaceHealth representative, I learned of terminology problems with PeaceHealth in spite of 2 personal visits to the 380 Clinic. It was quickly apparent that I was still not speaking PeaceHealth's language. On Thursday, March 26, I stopped at the Clinic and had the pleasure of presenting my search for information to a PeaceHealth representative at the front check-in desk. She was aware of the paperwork for an Advocate, but that went with Advance Care

Planning or End of Life and that was not what I was looking for. My search was for someone to accompany a patient on their healthcare visits as they worked at attaining a good, long life. So, I did some digging Thursday evening and returned on Friday. Unfortunately, my experience was confirming the difficulty many of our PeaceHealth patients have experienced when seeking healthcare at PeaceHealth. Marianne drove me to the clinic on two consecutive days so I could try to get a clear message on how to get a Patient Advocate listed with PeaceHealth. And, by the time I left the clinic on Friday, I thought I had succeeded...thanks to the never-say-die help I got from the front desk

staff. When we actually hit the dead end in our pursuit of an answer, she headed for the Clinic Manager. She was going to have him call me. However, when she returned, she said to sit still, "He says he knows you and will be right out to talk with you." And there he was! (FYI - We are both on the PeaceHealth Patient Experience Committee which has been meeting virtually since COVID). And, after about a 10-15-minute chat with him, I really thought I had it together. However, on Monday, March 30, I thought I would make a test call which got me to another PeaceHealth representative, I found that I "still" had a bit of revising to do. Patient Advocate

wasn't in PeaceHealth's Computers I was told. Say what?? So, with a little spiffing up and some creative thinking, here is my understanding of how we easily get our Patient Advocate Approved. One way is to simply call PeaceHealth (541) 997-7134 and tell them you want to add someone to your Patient Contacts (this being your Patient Advocate). You will need to give them your Patient Advocate's Name, Birthdate, Address and Phone Number. Probably better off to just say: "Please add this person to my Patient Contacts:" and keep Patient Advocate in the closet. Another easy way is to take them with you when you see a healthcare provider. The check-in

personnel can take care of it right then and there under their listing of our Patient Contacts. **REMEMBER:** We are simply adding someone to our PeaceHealth Patient Contacts even though that person is our Patient Advocate. I don't expect PeaceHealth to change their computer terminology to accommodate our language, but once the listing is done, we have our Patient Advocate on board and are all set. **IMPORTANT:** Your chosen person cannot speak with PeaceHealth about you nor can PeaceHealth speak with them about you if they are not listed on your Patient Contacts. I Highly recommend that you save this information, use it as needed and PLEASE share it with others.

## POLICE LOG

*The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from March 24 to March 30*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

At 3:50 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers confirmed the vehicle had been stolen and were able to locate it later and return it. The theft of the vehicle remains under investigation. At 10:29 a.m., officers responded to Exploding Whale Park for a report that personal items had been stolen out of a vehicle. Officers found that no damage had been done to the vehicle, and the case remains under investigation. At 10:37 a.m., officers responded to the 3100 block of Highway 101 for a report of a dispute occurring inside a recreational vehicle. Officers assessed the situation and requested assistance from SOS. When personnel arrived, one of the subjects threw a drink on them. The subject was charged with physical harassment. At 12:07 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of 12th St. for a report of a dispute occurring over dogs. Officers

were able to calm the situation. At 6:26 p.m., a subject reported finding a bag with an ID in the 88,400 block of 1st Street. Officers were able to return the bag and ID to its owner. At 8:09 p.m., an officer made a traffic stop in the 4800 block of Highway 101. The officer found the driver to have a warrant from Florence Municipal Court, and took her into custody. At 8:39 p.m., officers were following up on a previous case regarding a gun found inside a backpack in Florence. Officers contacted a subject during the investigation, and arrested him for possession of meth, unlawful possession of a handgun and altering the serial number of a firearm. **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25** At 7:11 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a dispute occurring. While en route, officers learned that one of the subjects had left the area and was gone when they arrived. No further action

was taken. At 10:42 a.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of 16th St. for a reported dispute. When officers arrive they found a continuing dispute between a mother and daughter. Officers calmed the situation and counseled all parties. At 3:36 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Oak Street for a report of kids smoking and vandalizing a bathroom. Officers contacted juveniles but found no evidence of either claim. At 3:58 p.m., an officer made a traffic stop in the area of Highway 101 and 17th St.. After conducting a field sobriety test, officers arrested Michael Mann for DUII. At 6:59 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Tamarack for a report that a package had been stolen from a residence. A report was taken, and the case remains under investigation. At 7:28 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 Block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject was upset about the dog being inside a car and was threatening to break the window. Officers arrived to find the dog was in no danger.

At 7:34 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Kenwood for a report of an unresponsive male subject. Officers determined the subject was deceased but showed no outward signs of injury or trauma. The medical examiner was notified, and the case remains under investigation. **THURSDAY, MARCH 26** Add to 13 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Maple for a report that a female could be heard yelling before a male subject was heard revving his vehicle. Officers contacted both parties and determined they had been drinking and were in a verbal dispute. Parties agreed to go inside for the evening. At 3:24 p.m., a caller reported that his neighbor had been harassing him and taking pictures of his vehicle. A report was taken. At 5:12 p.m., a caller reported a possible burglary in the 2300 block of 24th St. Officers arrived to take a report. At 6:55 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 for a report of a domestic dispute. Officers arrived to find the parties uncooperative, but that no assault had occurred. The mail party in the dispute agreed to leave for the night.

turned in a bag that had been found near 9th Street and Highway 101. Officers were able to find an ID in the bag and return it to its owner. At 10:36 a.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the 1000 block of 10th St. for an unresponsive male subject. Life-saving attempts were unsuccessful, and the medical examiner was notified. At 2:51 p.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 101 and 126 for a report that a subject had fallen next to the street. Medical personnel were able to help the subject, and no further action was taken. At 4:36 p.m., a caller reported subjects in a vehicle, possibly smoking marijuana in the area of Heceta Beach Road. Officers in the area looked for the described vehicle but did not see it. At 5:18 p.m., dispatch received a crash notification from a phone and tracked it back to the area near the Siuslaw River Bridge. Officers found no crash, but located the phone, which likely triggered a crash response when it fell from a vehicle. The owner of the phone was found, and the phone was returned. At 9:27 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Siano Loop for a dispute between an employee and administration over pay. A report was taken. At 10:19 p.m., a caller reported loud music coming from a neighboring hotel room. Officers contacted the front desk of the hotel to handle the complaint.

longer in the vehicle. At 9:14 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 700 block of Quince Street made contact with the subject regarding a parking violation. It was found that the driver had a misdemeanor warrant from Coos County Court, after attempting to give false information about their identity. The subject was taken into custody for those offenses. At 8:08 p.m., a caller reported that he was working on his vehicle in the 100 block of Harbor and accidentally left his toolbox at the location. He said that when he returned, the box was gone. A report was taken. **Monday, March 30** At 12:50 p.m., a caller reported having a scooter taken from their porch in the 1300 block of 9th Street. At 1:15 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of 16th St. for a reported dispute. Officers arrived to find a dispute between a mother and daughter occurring. The officer separated the two, and the daughter agreed to leave. At 7:01 p.m., a caller reported garbage left at the site where an RV had been parked in the area of 37th St. and 101. Officers were familiar with the RV, located the owners and made them go back to pick up the garbage. In the first quarter of 2026 (Jan-March), FPD officers have responded to the following number of calls for the following offenses


## Marline Faye Horsky

June 22, 1937 - March 23, 2026

Marline Faye Horsky (Tucker), 88, of Florence, Oregon, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2026. She was born June 22, 1937, in Franklin, Nebraska.

Marline grew up in Nebraska and graduated from Oxford High School, where she played clarinet in the school band. She also enjoyed playing the piano throughout her life. She had a deep love for creative pursuits, especially cross-stitching, knitting, and drawing.

Faith was an important part of Marline's life. She participated in a private worship group in Florence and attended First Baptist



Church of Florence.

She is survived by her daughters, Jeri Lewis, Becky Gossett, and Jennifer Coats; grandsons, Kyle Lewis, Tucker Lewis, Jackson Coats, and Daniel Gossett; sister, Loraine "Sadie" Schoen; and brother, Keith Tucker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Royce Horsky; her parents, Clema and Frank Tucker; her sister, Maurine McClaine; and her brother, Kenneth Tucker.

Marline will be remembered for her creativity, faith, and devotion to her family. Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

At 9 a.m., a caller reported a suspicious-looking subject hanging out in the 400 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived to find the subject had left the area. At 11:33 a.m., a caller in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive reported that her garage had possibly been entered and items taken, although she was not certain. Officers increased patrol checks of the area.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28








At 10:17 a.m., a resident


### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 12:44 a.m., a caller reported a subject left in a vehicle in the 5600 block of Highway 126, possibly intoxicated. While officers were en route, the caller re-contacted, saying the subject had returned and was no

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## LETTERS

## DEAR EDITOR,

Today I will stay at home. Because I will think not about the people standing on street corners but about the history of 250 years ago when this country was founded.

When there was a real king named George, and he was taxing everything being sent to the colonies. Tea, glass, lead, paper, etc. All to pay war debts that were built up by the Europeans. But the colonists were tired of it. NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION! And what they do? They staged a revolution. 250 years ago. That is how this country began.

Now we have Representation and we should all talk to those representatives about the problems that we are facing instead of standing on a street corner yelling about “No Kings”.

Think about that when people are on that street corner. We are going to celebrate our 250 Anniversary of Freedom from a real king this July.

*Dianna Allison  
Florence, Oregon*

## DEAR EDITOR,

The SHS I remember... I am an alumnus, a parent, and previous educator who walked the halls of SHS for 3 decades. In fact, my parents moved to Florence in 1981 because of the high school's reputation and the opportunities it could provide for my sisters and me. My husband and I had a glorious high school experience, and we absolutely loved watching our two children grow up in the same community that nurtured us. However, a lot has changed in 40 years and yet so many things remain the same. Back in the early 80's the high school was still fairly new and well taken care of. We had just the right class sizes in just the right classrooms. We had a well-equipped science wing and an outstanding vocational hall. Even though you may not be able to see it now, the infrastructure of these facilities is dilapidated and below subpar.

After teaching science at SHS for 26 years, I can tell you firsthand that the facilities that we expect our students to learn science in and keep up with science standards were completely inadequate at the time I left the building in 2019. The exhaust fans, which ideally pump chemical fumes out of the labs, were unusable for years. We didn't have propane available for Bunsen burners necessary for labs. The pipes were corroding and we lacked hot water. And the least of our worries was sitting in a lab somewhere below 50 degrees trying to take a final in January freezing temperatures. My classroom, with two external walls, was at the far east corner of the building. The construction was so poor that you can hear and feel the wind moving under the walls along the concrete floor - with the single, broken window closed. In fact, you could often hear the cupboard doors rattling from the wind - no, I'm not exaggerating. These are the same walls that if they experienced a moderate sized earthquake are most likely to fall inward on students. Also, not an exaggeration.

At the failing of the last bond, my students came back to school truly dejected. I want you to know our students understand their value. When they know that the community does not think highly enough of them to secure safety in a building that they spend much of their time in, it sends a bleak message. It says that they are not worthy of our protection and respect. It is the adult's responsibility to keep our youth safe, engaged, and to provide the best possible educational opportunities we can. I understand their value and their worth. Do you? Please vote yes.

*Gina Castro Brandt  
Florence*

## DEAR EDITOR,

My family has had the privilege of living in Florence for the past 34 years, and all three of our children have attended Siuslaw schools from Kindergarten through High School. Two have already graduated and gone on to become productive adults, and our youngest will graduate this spring and attend

Willamette University to study engineering.

We are grateful for the education our children received at Siuslaw Schools, which is why we strongly support the upcoming school bond.

Too often, schools are judged by statistics alone. Those numbers don't always tell the full story. For example, Oregon's graduation rate formula can count students against a school even if they move away and never enroll elsewhere. That can unfairly impact Siuslaw High School's numbers without reflecting the quality of education.

Comparisons to statewide averages can also be misleading. Siuslaw is a small, rural, coastal district with different challenges than many others. When compared to similar districts, a much more accurate and positive picture emerges.

More importantly, real improvements are happening. Siuslaw High School now requires more credits to graduate than the state standard, has reinstated essential skills requirements, and has strengthened both attendance expectations and credit recovery. Students also have access to an impressive range of career and technical programs, along with opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school.

At the same time, our school facilities are aging and no longer meet the needs of today's students. Updated classrooms, labs, and infrastructure will directly support student learning, improve attendance, and help attract and retain quality teachers, as well as other professionals looking to relocate to Florence.

This bond is an investment in our students and in the long term future of our community.

Please join us in voting “Yes” this May for the School Bond Measure 379.

*Andy and Lori Johnson  
Florence*

## DEAR EDITOR,

NO KINGS 3 was one of the largest protests Florence has seen and I'm sure we are all asking: Was it impactful enough finally to turn the tide and end an authoritarian regime's grasp for unfettered power?

As the organizer of NO KINGS 3 in Florence, our local Indivisible group knew we had four times the signups we saw for NO KINGS 2. On March 28, as we took to the street, we were not surprised to hear many more honks and waves of support than jeers meant to dissuade us from staying committed to our pro-democracy cause. It's energizing for sure when your community cheers you on! We can't thank you enough, Florence, for your show of support.

We felt the goodness, relief, inspiring energy boost intended by most of our neighbors who watched. What amazing and sustaining joy we feel in that, even today, the day after. It will fuel our action for the days, weeks, months and years ahead. We know this work is not the work of any one day, but rather for the long run required to sustain democracy's well-established principles of fairness, justice and equal treatment under the law.

Thank you Florence! You're feeling more like home to us every day!

*Darlene Norwood  
Florence*

## DEAR EDITOR,

The time is now. The reasons are clear.

For the past decade now, as someone with a strong background in construction and facilities management, I have served on multiple versions of what has most recently been called the Siuslaw School District Facilities Advisory Committee, tasked with surveying the existing school buildings, assessing issues and estimating costs of repair and replacement. I strongly believe the data demonstrates that since 2016, it has made fiscal sense to replace the high school and renovate portions of the elementary school.

With school bond measure 379, the District does even more. It proposes to solve many problems all at

once—as inexpensively as possible. The plan maximizes use of District properties, dramatically reduces issues with parking and student drop-offs and pick-ups along Oak Street, enhances school bus service, vastly improves student safety and security, and increases public access to fields.

The plan also eliminates the significant burden and expense of accommodating the high school staff and students while a replacement is constructed, and at the same time it manages to reduce operational expenses going forward.

This unique possibility comes at a time when the City of Florence continues to leverage wise partnerships to increase the housing availability in the area—affordable housing that will serve our businesses, employers and workers. The City and its partners are also encouraging additional investment in childcare options. These investments will bring additional children to our schools, new opportunities for business, and additional taxpayers to the District that will reduce the per-household cost of bond financing.

Imagine an end to the difficulties we have had finding and keeping excellent physicians, gifted nurses, and other healthcare workers. Think about the benefits of our businesses finding ever-more-capable employees as new residents are attracted to Western Lane County.

Excellent facilities help to make schools strong, and strong schools make for a vibrant and growing community. It's time to vote yes for our schools and our community.

*Dr. Russ Pierson, Educator  
Lane County*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Supporting a Bond for New and Renovated Schools

As a city, we know that the foundation of a strong community begins with a quality education. Investing in our schools is not just about bricks and mortar; it's about building a future for the greater Florence community — a future where families want to settle, businesses thrive, and our children receive the best possible education.

The need for a new high school, renovated elementary school, and the creation of a unified, secure campus is clear. We must provide our students with modern, well-equipped facilities that foster learning, creativity, and growth. Classrooms that are appropriately sized, equipped with natural lighting, and supported by efficient HVAC systems, to name a few, are essential for creating an environment where both students and teachers can succeed. When our schools are safe, comfortable, and conducive to learning, we increase the chances for all of our children to reach their full potential.

Beyond the immediate educational benefits, having high-quality schools also plays a critical role in attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. Families will want to relocate to Florence if they know their children are being cared for in an environment that values education and provides opportunities to grow and thrive. It's a key factor in building a sustainable, vibrant community.

As a someone who is retired and on a fixed income, and as a Florence City Councilor, I fully support the bond to build a new high school, renovate our elementary school, and bring all of our schools into a cohesive, secure campus. We can no longer afford to delay these necessary improvements. The time to act is now. Let's make the investment today for a stronger, brighter tomorrow for all residents in and around Florence. Let's move forward—together.

*Sally Wantz  
Florence*

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# Florence to Host 119th Annual Rhododendron Festival, May 14-17, 2026

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce invites visitors and community members to celebrate “A Gathering With A Good Heart” at the 119th Annual Rhododendron Festival, taking place May 14-17, 2026, throughout Florence, Oregon—known as Oregon’s Coastal Playground.

As one of the longest-running floral festivals on the West Coast, the Florence Rhododendron Festival draws thousands of attendees each year to experience a vibrant celebration of community, tradition, pageantry, and the region’s iconic rhododendron blooms.

Festivities will kick off in advance of the main weekend with the coronation of Queen Rhododendron, the King of the Coast, and their

royal court on May 9 at the Florence Events Center. The Davis Shows Carnival opens Thursday, May 14, in Historic Old Town, launching a weekend packed with family-friendly activities, entertainment, and coastal charm.

Full details are at [RhodyDays.net](http://RhodyDays.net).

**Festival highlights include:**

- Grand Floral Parade – Sunday, May 17 at noon along Highway 101, featuring colorful floats, marching bands, and community groups
- Rhody Run & Walk (5K) – A scenic run welcoming participants of all ages and skills



takes place Saturday morning • The Florence Regional Arts Alliance Gallery & Creative Center hosts their free art show and sale at the Florence Events Center on Saturday and Sunday

- Junior Parade & Kids’ Activities – Family-focused fun on Saturday along Oak Street
- Classic Car Show ‘n’ Shine & Cruise – Saturday showcases vintage and custom vehicles at a new location this year: the large Grocery Outlet parking lot at 21st St. and Highway 101. That evening, Coast Radio’s

Classic Car Cruise winds its way throughout Old Town. Rhododendron Show & Sale – Featuring hundreds of blooms at the Florence Events Center all weekend Vendor Fair & Live Entertainment – Food, art, music, and a curated group of vendors exhibits begin on Maple Street in Historic Old Town, with more to see and do all around town For more than a century, the Rhododendron Festival has been a family tradition, an Oregon institution, bringing generations together to celebrate spring, community pride, and the beauty of the Oregon Coast. The 2026 theme, “A Gathering with a Good Heart,” was gifted by The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua,

and Siuslaw (CTCLUSI), which also provided this year’s logo. The Tribes will also serve as this year’s grand marshal for the grand floral parade. “This collaboration is long overdue for Florence,” said Bettina Hannigan, president and CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. “We’re thrilled that Chief Doug Barrett of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw (CTCLUSI) agreed to discuss the possibilities of working together and that his People put together a wonderful package of theme and design. To honor them as our Grand Marshal is only natural.” Designer and CTCLUSI Tribal Member Dylan Brainard developed the logo. The words “temuu hiisæch hai” in the Siuslaw language

provide the theme, “A Gathering with A Good Heart.” The phonetic pronunciation in English sounds like: “Tuh-moo hee-such high,” according to Patty Phillips, a tribal language instructor. “We deeply appreciate the trust, creativity, and partnership that made this possible,” added Hannigan. “We are honored that the Confederated Tribes selected the 2026 Rhody Days theme, and that a Tribal Member created the image chosen as the winning design. Dylan’s work beautifully reflects the spirit and meaning behind the theme.” For more information, event schedules, or participation opportunities, visit [RhodyDays.net](http://RhodyDays.net), [FlorenceChamber.com](http://FlorenceChamber.com), or contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128.

## Florence City Councilor and business owner featured at Chamber in April

Local artist, Florence City Councilor, and business owner, Jo Beaudreau, continues her long-running EXPLore (Explore Oregon) series with mixed media creations of the Oregon Coast.

The theme for this year’s exhibit, which is held over from March through April, is based on a short poetic story of a woman wandering in the Oregon Coast Range’s Siuslaw Forest titled “Where the Forest

Keeps Its Secrets.” The short story was written by Beaudreau and inspired by model Catrina Adams. The art is a perfect complement to the story, which is also framed and on display. Included in the

frames are moss and lichen fresh from the ancient forests around Florence, and portrayed in the paintings. “Catrina’s creative imagination, craftsmanship, and her expressiveness helped this story’s imagery come alive,” said Beaudreau. “We are thrilled to have Jo’s work on display again. She’s so multitalented. You will see and feel every part of the story in Beaudreau’s illustrative paintings. Her previous exhibits featured paintings of mermaids and her magnificent photography. This time it’s her artistry with a paintbrush. Visitors are going to love this exhibit,” said Bettina Hannigan, president/

CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. “Jo’s ‘Where the Forest Keeps its Secrets’ theme is wonderfully fanciful, and pairs well with Florence as ‘Oregon’s Coastal Playground’ and as an outdoors destination.” Beaudreau’s work has been displayed in shows and galleries across America. She currently serves on the City of Florence’s City Council and serves on the Gallery Committee for Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment (FACE) that serves the Florence Events Center. She is also a board member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and

the Oregon Coast School of Art. Beaudreau earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts at San Jose State University. She uses art as a way and means of exploring the plethora of emotions, objects, wonder, and scenery of the Oregon Coast. She also does commissioned, commercial, and portrait work. Inspiration & materials to follow your creativity can be found at [BeauxArts Fine Art Materials](http://BeauxArtsFineArtMaterials.com). For more information about the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, and how to join or volunteer, visit [FlorenceChamber.com](http://FlorenceChamber.com) or call 541-997-3128.

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impact of NO KINGS 3 will arrive, sooner or later, but we hope your experience on March 28 lingers enough that you stay engaged for the long run. We are building community here. And it’s an amazing time for those of us committed to better outcomes for everyday people to come together and win the day! Applause and deep bows to our ten volunteer safety monitors—joined at the last minute by several more—who blanketed the rally from Highway 126 to City Hall! To our music providers and those who brought snacks,

to the Resistance Songs group, and local clerics in their robes who joined us, many, many thanks! You deepened our experience and raised us even higher with your reassuring presence, talents, friendship and compassion for all of humankind. To our many aligned partners in Florence, Thank you for including our actions and announcements in your bulletins, social media posts, at your events, and in the news. We look forward to continuing to build community with you. Let’s close the gaps and get on with sharing the workload more efficiently.

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## The Rotary Club of Florence Scholarship Auction



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## DUNES

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the collaboration, featured a project overview,

on-site interviews, and a driving tour of completed installations.

A Northwest Youth Corps crew, working alongside Forest Service teams, assisted in the

final kiosk rebuilds and signage placements, wrapping up their involvement on this milestone day. The upgrades address key challenges, including noise management, habitat preservation, and inclusive access for a diverse and growing OHV community. Bilingual signage prominently features noise regulations, environmental guidelines, and safety tips, ensuring

all visitors can enjoy the dunes responsibly. The shift to cashless fee systems via QR codes will generate vital funds for ongoing maintenance, securing the area's future as a sustainable recreation destination.

"Seeing this project come to fruition is incredibly rewarding—it's a testament to what strong partnerships can achieve for outdoor access and stewardship,"

said Lori McCullough, Founder & CEO of The Great Outdoors Fund. "By modernizing these resources, we're not only improving the experience for today's visitors but also safeguarding the Oregon Dunes for future generations, especially as our community becomes more diverse."

"The Oregon Dunes is one of our country's iconic OHV destinations, and these types of

infrastructure improvements ensure it stays that way for the next generation of riders," said Steve Nessler, Yamaha Motorsports marketing director. "Great riding destinations don't maintain themselves — they require sustained commitment from those who care about the land as much as the experience, and Yamaha is proud to invest in the people, partnerships, and infrastructure that make places like this possible."

"This partnership has been instrumental in providing educational tools that balance recreation safety with our conservation goals," said Becca Brooke, Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest. "The new kiosks and signage will help us manage increasing visitation while protecting the unique ecosystem of the ODNRA. We're excited to see the positive impact on visitors and the environment alike." This project highlights the power of public-private partnerships in tackling recreational infrastructure needs and fostering equitable outdoor access.

For more information about the project, please visit the project's page on The Great Outdoors Fund's website.

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CITIZEN

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Linton and Jacob Mann. Kay King, 2021 First Citizen, called it amazing to look out across a roomful of people who have served the community in so many ways.

“For the past 58 years, the First Citizen Committee has recognized individuals in our town for their commitment to Florence,” she said. “The award is presented each year to an individual who, through their leadership, involvement and service, has helped grow and enrich our community.” She said nominees have been leaders and innovators in the community who bring new ideas and projects to fruition.

“Our past First Citizens helped modernize highways, including the building of the tunnel on Highway 126,” she said. “Others built and modernized our hospital, parks, schools and airport.” King invited Mike Bones to the podium to present newly-made Florence First Citizen pins to past recipients present in the room.

Saying that past Future First Citizens have gone on to careers in education, healthcare, software and design, King said they have worked to improve the communities where they currently reside.

Past First Citizen Cindy Wobbe said the nominee list was comprised of ordinary citizens who stepped up to do extraordinary things for the community.

“Some contributed in quiet, steady ways, and others more public” she said. “Each one is an honored part of a continuous and growing thread of impactful service.”

She said the list of 57 recipients (to be 58) was a model of strength and sacrifice.

After reading the names of recipients no longer alive, Wobbe asked for a moment of reflection.

THE NOMINEES

The names of the Future First Citizen nominees were read by 2023 First Citizen Jenna Bartlett Anderson.

Nyx Harklerode encourages others to join and help solve society’s most challenging issues.

“Nyx is involved in leadership activities in school and in the community,” according to the presentation. “She is a member of the national honor society, the Environment Club, Kiwanis Key Club, and



Future First Citizen Danin Lacouture. Tony Reed photo

the gender and sexual-ity alliance.” She also serves on the board of Safe Shelters for Siuslaw Students and volunteers at summer camps.

Adylin Holbrook never calls attention to herself as she serves the community in many ways.

“As a counselor and volunteer with youth, she exhibits her strong leadership abilities and offers exemplary guidance to children,” it read “Ady is hard-working, friendly and even-tempered. She is quite adventurous and enjoys trying new activities and exploring new places.” She excels at running and in other sports, having achieved several state titles.

Danin Lacouture is a scholar, athlete and leader at Siuslaw High School.

“She is the president of the Siuslaw Rotary Interact Club, leading the group while also finding ways to share responsibilities with others and help them grow, and she coordinated the Veterans Day assembly,” it read. “She has achieved many milestones while taking our most challenging classes.”

Camden Linton excels academically while performing many volunteer Leadership positions at the high school.

“Camden has the unique distinction of participating annually in a trip with his family to Grenada or Nicaragua to help provide volunteer dental care for children in need. Camden enjoys the trips and the opportunities to serve others.”

Jacob Mann excels academically while enjoying volunteering at school and in the community

“He has learned about construction while working in a family-owned business, including framing, roofing, concrete work and more,” it read. “He has also learned to repair dirt bikes and other Sand Dune Vehicles.”

According to the presentation, he is also particularly effective with children and coaches them in wrestling

and assists with community activities.

The Future First Citizen title went to Danin Lacouture, who said that since she’s graduating soon, it’s become apparent that she gets to participate in causes unique to the Florence community while playing a part in so many things.

“I recognize that that is a really big part of our community because we live in a small town, and it’s encouraged me to participate in the ways that I see so many of you participating,” she said. “It’s really impacted the person I want to become and do that with my future, so I appreciate all of you for coming together and making this community such a special place for all of you, but also, all of us in the coming generations.” Lacouture said she hopes to embody that spirit wherever she lives in the future.

Lacouture was awarded a \$2,5000 scholarship from the Marteen Wick Scholarship fund.

FIRST CITIZEN NOMINEES

Dale Edwards originally came to Florence to fill in at crossroad assembly until a lead pastor could be found.

“Fourteen years later, he has been a pastor, volunteer and community supporter,” according to the presentation. “His motto is he doesn’t just pastor a church, he aims to pastor the entire town.”

Edwards was instrumental in establishing Backpack for Kids and other programs in the community.

Gayle Sisson has been promoting the community



Many former First Citizens were in attendance at the March 31 ceremony. Photo provided.

and improving the City of Florence since 1996. As a business owner, restaurant manager, chef, fundraiser and local ambassador, she has participated in the Florence Farmers Market and many other community holiday events.

“Her leadership, generosity and unwavering dedication have made a lasting and meaningful impact on Florence,” it read.

Sally Wantz is locally known as a city councilor, but is also a member of several boards and communities and has served on the Western Lane Community Foundation and joined the Siuslaw Child Care Friends committee to oversee operation of the new Elm Park Early Learning Center.

“Sally Lives these leadership qualities each day at home and in the bigger world, adaptability, authenticity, clear communication, collaboration,” compassion, consistency, courage, decisiveness, empathy, enthusiasm, financial stewardship, inspiration, integrity, innovation, long-term vision, resilience, results orientation, self-awareness, sense of humor, strategic thinking, team building transparency, trustworthiness, and unlimited energy.”

Mike Webb is a Rotarian, city councilor, and board member who local organizations have come to depend on while embarking on new endeavors.

“In his 27-plus years at Oregon Pacific Bank, he has been instrumental in helping small businesses thrive and survive,” it read. “He has proven his dedication to our community

through the support he has given to local youth, city service organizations, education advancement, environmental projects, Economic Development, and supporting local business owners and entrepreneurs.”

Greg Wood, like the old adage, teaches less-equipped community members “how to fish” and has a heart for vulnerable and disadvantaged adults and families.

“Through developing and leading First Step Florence since 2018, Greg has helped over 70 local families with children who have struggled with housing insecurity,” it read. “First step provides transitional housing and

programs to improve budgeting, employment and parenting skills.”

As pastor of the Presbyterian Community Church, He keeps its doors open to the community.

After being named Florence First Citizen, Webb thanked Oregon Pacific Bank for fostering a culture of volunteerism and involvement in local organizations.

“I’ve had an opportunity to be involved in some things that I never would have expected to be involved in,” he said, noting how he’s seen organizations evolve and grow. “I appreciate everyone in this room and all of our past winners.”

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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

High.....4:05 a.m.....6.7  
Low.....11:34 a.m.....0.8  
High.....6:29 p.m.....4.9  
Low.....10:45 p.m.....3.9

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

High.....4:56 a.m.....6.4  
Low.....12:39 p.m.....1.0  
High.....7:47 p.m.....4.8

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Low.....12:01 a.m.....4.1  
High.....6:05 a.m.....6.1  
Low.....1:47 p.m.....1.1  
High.....8:59 p.m.....5.0

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Low.....1:41 a.m.....3.9  
High.....7:27 a.m.....5.9  
Low.....2:48 p.m.....0.9  
High.....9:48 p.m.....5.3

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Low.....3:03 a.m.....3.4  
High.....8:46 a.m.....5.9  
Low.....3:38 p.m.....0.7  
High.....10:23 p.m.....5.8

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

Low.....4:03 a.m.....2.6  
High.....9:52 a.m.....6.1  
Low.....4:22 p.m.....0.6  
High.....10:53 p.m.....6.3

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Low.....4:53 a.m.....1.7  
High.....10:48 a.m.....6.3  
Low.....5:02 p.m.....0.6  
High.....11:22 p.m.....6.9

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Low.....5:37 a.m.....0.7  
High.....11:40 a.m.....6.5  
Low.....5:40 p.m.....0.8  
High.....11:51 p.m.....7.4

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Low.....6:20 a.m.....-0.2  
High.....12:30 p.m.....6.7  
Low.....6:19 p.m.....1.1

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

High.....12:23 a.m.....7.9  
Low.....7:03 a.m.....-0.9  
High.....1:20 p.m.....6.7  
Low.....6:57 p.m.....1.5

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

High.....12:57 a.m.....8.3  
Low.....7:48 a.m.....-1.4  
High.....2:12 p.m.....6.6  
Low.....7:37 p.m.....1.9

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

High.....1:34 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....8:34 a.m.....-1.6  
High.....3:05 p.m.....6.4  
Low.....8:19 p.m.....2.4

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

High.....2:16 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....9:24 a.m.....-1.5  
High.....4:03 p.m.....6.1  
Low.....9:04 p.m.....2.8

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

High.....3:03 a.m.....8.2  
Low.....10:18 a.m.....-1.2  
High.....5:04 p.m.....5.8  
Low.....9:57 p.m.....3.2

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

High.....3:57 a.m.....7.8  
Low.....11:17 a.m.....-0.8  
High.....6:12 p.m.....5.6  
Low.....11:03 p.m.....3.5

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

High.....5:01 a.m.....7.2  
Low.....12:23 p.m.....-0.4  
High.....7:24 p.m.....5.6

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Low.....12:28 a.m.....3.5  
High.....6:16 a.m.....6.6  
Low.....1:30 p.m.....0.0  
High.....8:31 p.m.....5.8

# Vikings softball eyeing a step up

**Will LOHRE**  
Siuslaw News

Spring is in full bloom by now, and Siuslaw softball is hoping this spring will be a chance to grow and develop a fresh Vikings core.

Head Coach Amanda Richards said her squad is a “very young group,” with nine freshmen and only one senior among the 16-person squad.

“We made the decision to keep every athlete who came out, and that depth will be important as we continue to grow throughout the season,” Richards said. “Our upperclassmen have put in significant work during the offseason and have already set a strong tone by pushing their teammates to improve every day.”

The Vikings lost their first and second games of the season against Harrisburg and Sweet Home, but rebounded for their first victory against Bandon on Mar. 23. They played a second game against Bandon that day as well, but the result was not officially

counted as a varsity contest.

The first game saw Siuslaw win 9-7, with an impressive showing at the plate powering the triumph. Siuslaw recorded 13 hits, led by freshman Eden McCord. McCord had three hits in three at-bats, including a double and two RBI. Two other Viking freshmen helped boost the scoreline, with Che Bruce and Talia Gray both getting two RBI on each of their single hits.

The game was won in the bottom of the sixth when Siuslaw scored the decisive two runs to break the 7-7 deadlock. Senior Elizabeth Redelfs knocked in the first run with a fly-ball single, allowing Bruce to cross home plate. Redelfs would also get to make it home, with Gray singling on a ground ball to give the Vikings some breathing room.

Siuslaw won the second game of the double-header 16-10, but it did not count toward their record because it was

See **SOFTBALL**, Page B2



# Siuslaw golfers growing this season

**Will LOHRE**  
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw’s golf programs were back in action to close out March, and both teams attended tournaments on Mar. 30, each showing improvement after teeing off at the Siuslaw Invitational.

For the girls, it was an hour and a half trip up to the Bandon Dunes Sheep Ranch Golf Course for the Bandon Invitational. With a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean from atop the bluff, three Vikings headed out on

the links.

Head Coach Nik Remer said Sheep Ranch is a “stunning” but “challenging” course, and he was happy with how his team played.

“The team made the most of the opportunity and showed outstanding improvement,” Remer said.

Senior Jozy Hulet shot the best for Siuslaw, shooting a 94 over 18 holes, a nine-stroke improvement from the previous week, and she was rewarded with an impressive 3rd-place individual finish.

Freshmen Lily Lewis scored a 113, and Violet Ory-Remer notched a 120. Remer said they had “remarkable performances,” a fact reflected by their scores improving by nearly 30 strokes from the week prior.

“Their rapid progress is a testament to their hard work and dedication,” Remer said.

For the boys, Mar. 30 brought a trip to the Salem Golf Club, where Siuslaw faced off with many of the teams they’ll see at districts at the end of the season.

“The boys competed at

Salem Golf Club, a challenging, tree-lined course that rewards accuracy and smart play,” Remer said. “Facing a strong field of 13 schools, Siuslaw continued its steady improvement with a solid 4th-place team finish.”

Senior Micah Blankenship continued his solid shooting on the links, showing a steady hand on the tricky, tree-lined course. Blankenship tied for sixth and posted the Vikings’ lowest score, 85. Sophomore Mason Wright was not far

behind, and he tied for ninth with an 87. Senior Camden Linton posted a 95, and sophomore Lucca Flosi added a 101 to round out the varsity scoring.

At the junior varsity level, Chase Linn delivered “an excellent performance.” He shot a 50 over 9 holes to tie for 1st place in the JV event.

The boys will be back in action in a Special District 2 tournament at Emerald Valley Golf Course on Apr. 6. They’ll look to stay on the upward trajectory.

# Florence Dance Team Performs in Disneyland Parade

On March 27, fourteen dancers from C.R.O.W.’s Flight and Jr. Flight Dance Teams had the extraordinary opportunity to perform in a parade at Disneyland in Anaheim, California. The performers danced from “It’s a Small World” through the park and down the iconic Main Street, U.S.A.

The Flight and Jr. Flight dancers, who train locally through C.R.O.W. (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops), participated in this unique opportunity through Dance The Magic, a program that gives young performers the chance to showcase their talents at the Disneyland Resort. Dancers participated in a professional photo shoot,



polished their choreography during a rehearsal led by current and former Disney parade performers, learned valuable presentation and performance skills, enjoyed a buffet meal with Mickey shaped waffles at the Sleeping Beauty Terrace, and were given private entry to Cars Land for an

invite-only “Party in the Park” with rides, treats, and special activities. The Dance The Magic “Diamond Classic” program included more than 364 dancers from across the country and as far away as Australia.

For many of the C.R.O.W. dancers, this was their first time



performing at a major destination venue. The experience gave students the opportunity to proudly represent the Florence community while building confidence and creating lifelong memories. The trip also allowed dancers to explore future career possibilities in the

performing arts, broadening their horizons and opening their eyes to a wider world.

“We were incredibly proud of how our dancers represented the Florence community,” said Melanie Heard, Artistic Director of

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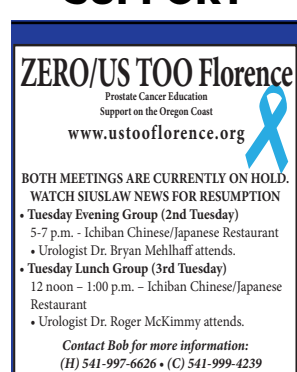


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# Community Briefs

## Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Announces Spring Concert Series

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra announces its spring concert series. Under the direction of Ernie Hills, the group will be performing Handel's Water Music, Symphony No. 4 "London" by Haydn, and Dvorak's Slavonic Dances. Concerts are free and open to all. Fridays, April 24 & May 1, 7 PM at the Florence Presbyterian Community Church, 3996 Highway 101

Sunday, April 26, 3 PM at the Yachats Presbyterian Church, 360 W 7th Street  
**ABOUT THE OCCO**  
The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra is an all-volunteer group that formed in 2001. Orchestra members include amateurs and professionals, from students to seniors, and travel from all along the coast and from the valley to play together. The group is currently led by Ernie Hills. For more information, visit [oocorchestra.org](http://oocorchestra.org).

## Florence pet loss support group

Healing After the Loss of a Beloved Pet

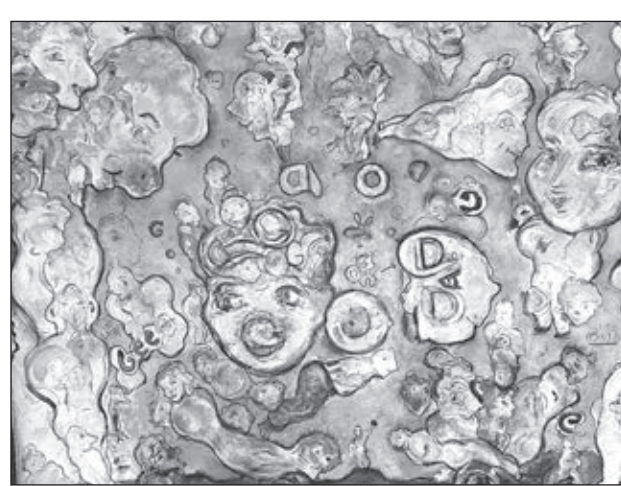
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Ministry and is facilitated by Licensed Professionals who are animal lovers with training in grief work. For more information, Contact: Judy Dolmatch, LCSW, (808)936-9291 K.S. Stanley at [fuufanimalministry@gmail.com](mailto:fuufanimalministry@gmail.com)

workshop and soil pH testing event! Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Florence Food Share Community Garden, 2190 Spruce St. Learn the basics of composting—what materials to use, how it works, and the different methods to get started at home. Bring your soil samples for testing! \$2 per sample (cash only). Bring 1 cup of dry soil per sample (limit 3). For more information, contact Tammy Roche at 541-344-5859 or [Lane.extension@oregon-state.edu](mailto:Lane.extension@oregon-state.edu). Grow smarter, compost better, and get your soil ready for a successful season!

## Lind Exhibit at Library

The work of Kyle Lind will be on display at the Siuslaw Public library through April. Lind, a 43-year resident of Florence works from his studio home on Siltcoos Lake. His work has been featured in around 200 shows in various places. His work is so varied in style and medium that you really have to just see it. Check <https://www.siuslawlibrary.info/> for library hours and more information




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## SOFTBALL

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played as a JV contest. With a 1-2 record to start the year, Siuslaw is trying to improve on the 4-21 mark they registered in 2025. Richards and her team have already set their aims for this campaign, and it's pretty straightforward. "Our goals this season are clear: we want to double our win total and compete at a level where we can sweep a league

opponent," Richards said. An aspect of the team that will help them get there is the squad's pitching staff. Richards said, "there's a lot of excitement" about juniors Chloe Clark and Tara Boomer and freshmen pitchers Che Bruce and Dilynn Bailey. In preparation for the season, Siuslaw's four pitchers started putting in work well in advance of the opening pitch. "They got an early start, beginning their work three weeks ahead of the rest of the team, and that dedication is already paying off," Richards said. This season won't be about just a couple of star players, though; the way the team will maximize their performance this year will be with how they play together as a whole. "There isn't just one athlete to highlight, what stands out is the group as a whole. This team brings a great combination of speed and strength at the plate, and they are genuinely fun to watch compete," Richards said. "As the season progresses, the key will be for all 16 players to recognize the potential they have as a unit. Once that happens, this is a team that can compete with anyone." Results from Siuslaw's doubleheader against Elmira on Apr. 3 are unavailable at the time of press. They will next play against Creswell in an away doubleheader on Apr. 8, weather permitting. Following the matchup with the Bulldogs, Siuslaw will commence the Far West League play portion of the season, playing the first of three games against South Umpqua on Apr. 14.



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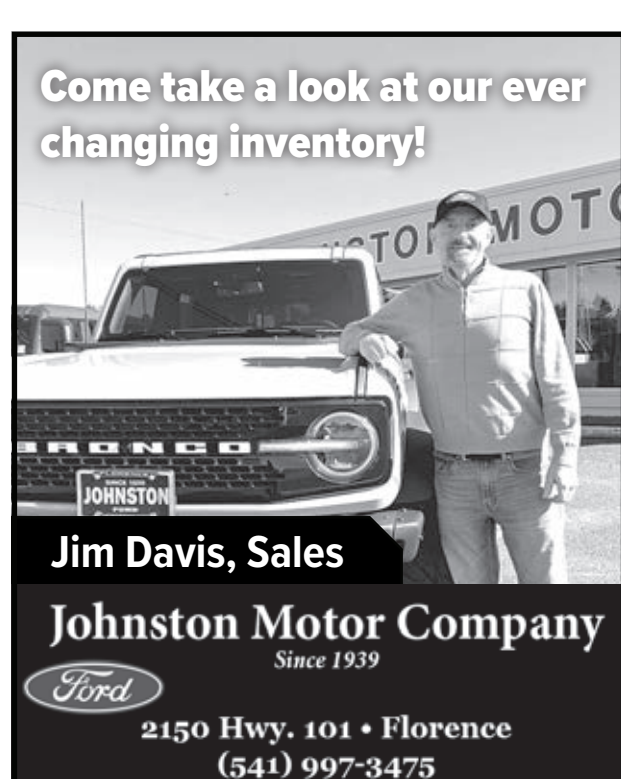
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# Call for Art Elm Park Early Learning Center & Apartments

Elm Park Apartments and Elm Park Early Learning Center, in partnership with Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, is pleased to invite emerging, mid-career, and established artists to submit 2D &/ or 3D original artwork for their property.

Elm Park Apartments is an affordable rental housing complex located at 1051 Greenwood Street, and Elm Park Early Learning Center is a co-located four-classroom childcare center at 1001 Greenwood Street. Both are in the City of Florence, north-west of the City of Florence Justice Center. The property is currently under construction, with plans to install the art from this call upon completion of construction and the grand opening of the property. Additional information about this project and its impact on our

community is listed at the end of the application under Background Information.

There are several locations for art on these properties, and the call requests two types of art. Each location has specific dimensions and particular requirements.

- 2D works will be purchased and placed in the Elm Park Apartments' Community Room and Rental Office, which will welcome visitors and residents, and in the entry corridor of the Elm Park Early Learning Center, which will welcome children and parents each morning.

- 3D, up to two possible locations for outdoor sculptural work that will be purchased and installed outside. One east of outside the Community Building and the other between Buildings D & E.

The Art selected for these locations will provide community pride,

give artists an opportunity to share their art in an area with high visibility and create a sense of place for our community members and visitors.

There will be an Application & Project Presentation about this Call for Art on April 14, 2026 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the FRAA Creative Center (1458 1st Street), right around the corner from the FRAA Gallery. The presentation will cover the Call for Art as well as the Elm Park Property and Development.

Apply and pass on this opportunity via the Florence Regional Arts Alliance Website: [bit.ly/CallForElmParkArt](http://bit.ly/CallForElmParkArt)

Deadline to apply is June 1st, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. For more information visit [FRAAOregon.org](http://FRAAOregon.org) or email the Elm Park Call for Art Email at [ElmParkCallForArt@gmail.com](mailto:ElmParkCallForArt@gmail.com).

# Join us for a casual and informative Coffee with CASA event!

CASA of Lane County will be at River Roasters on April 8 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and learn how you can make a difference in the life of a child in foster care. Whether you're curious about volunteering or just want to learn more, we'd love to connect with you. Central Coast Spotlighters Present April 18, 2026

Please join us to discover more about the craft of our Local Authors: Rod Scher, with his publicist and illustrator: Molly Gorman Dumas, and author Cynthia Jacobi. This Willamette Writers Coastal Chapter (WWCC) meeting at the Newport Public Library from 2-4 p.m., will showcase each author in a dual presentation.

Rod Scher will present in the first hour with Molly Dumas contributing, to his journey editing, magazine writing, and his

current works and latest book ~ Ship of Lost Souls: The tragic Voyage of the Steamship Valencia. Rod began his career teaching high school English and journalism in Oregon and California. After several years in the classroom, he left teaching to become an editor at Harcourt. Among his other pursuits that we will learn more about, he is now semi-retired and travels in his motorhome with his wife, Lesley. He currently resides in Depoe Bay, OR <https://www.rod-scher.com/>

Molly Dumas is a publicist and illustrator who lives on the Oregon Coast and recently retired from her work at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. She studied fine art under renowned Chicago artists that included John Weber and Sandra Jorgensen. She has refined her craft in hand-pulled linocut block prints, painting and drawing. Molly is a

commissioned illustrator for Rod Scher's landscapes and ships, and is featured at Freed Gallery in Lincoln City, Oregon. [www.molly-dumasart.com](http://www.molly-dumasart.com)

Cynthia Jacobi will share excerpts and readings from her book: I Know About These Things in our second hour. Cynthia's life on the Oregon Coast has gained her several awards for her poems. She is a member of the Oregon Poetry Association, Willamette Writers, and is a visual artist who served on the Board of Directors for Writers on the Edge as well as the Northwest

Poets' Concorde. Cynthia's poems have been in various publications including Verseweavers, Tuesday, Mortality Poems, The Grace of Oregon Rain, and Just Imagine: Oregon Horizons. Cynthia will engage us in a visual poet's presentation!

Both authors will have Q & A and book signing opportunities after both presentations at 3:55 p.m. Venmo, cash, or check welcome for most. Come join us with great expectations!

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## DANCE

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**BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE**  
 They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.  
**How to play it safe:** Never turn your back on the ocean.

**WATCH THOSE LOGS**  
 The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.  
**How to play it safe:** If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

**RIP CURRENTS**  
 Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.  
**How to play it safe:** Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

**KNOW THE TIDES**  
 Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.  
**How to play it safe:** Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches. Know when the tide is coming in by [visiting the tidetable website at the Hatfield Marine Science Center](http://visiting_the_tidetable_website_at_the_hatfield_marine_science_center) <http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html>

**HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU**  
 Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.  
**How to play it safe:** Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

**BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS**  
 Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.  
**How to play it safe:** Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

**HEADS UP**  
 Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.  
**How to play it safe:** Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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### THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**1606:** The Virginia Company of London is established by royal charter.

**1816:** The Federal government of the United States approves the creation of the Second Bank of the U.S.

**1912:** RMS Titanic sets sail from the United Kingdom.

### SPORTS FACT:

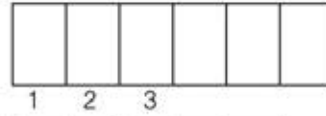
This is a low-impact paddle sport that mixes rules of tennis, paddle ball and more.

Answer: Pickleball

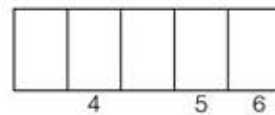
### Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

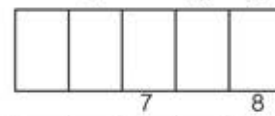
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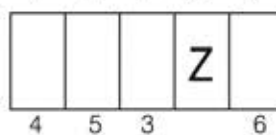
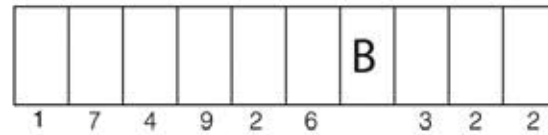
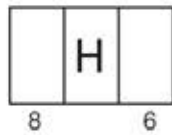
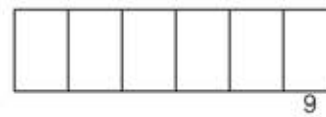
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Answers: Player, Score, Point, Attack; The pickleball craze

### NEW WORD

#### BASELINE

the line marking each end of a court

### How they say that in...

- English:** Ball
- Spanish:** Pelota
- Italian:** Palla
- French:** Balle
- German:** Ball

### Did You Know?

Although pickleball seems like a recent phenomenon, it actually was created in 1965. The game initially was played using makeshift equipment.



### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pickleball and paddle

## ROAD TRIPPING WORD SEARCH

O E Y D B C I N E C S L D Z A D D P K V  
 I V I H A A T L A S P D R S P D S P V D  
 R Z N H H I D A A S P H A L T H E L P H  
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 T K D K R O T N U A Z T H N I O A R P V

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

### WORDS

- ASPHALT
- ATLAS
- BILLBOARDS
- CARAVAN
- COOLER
- DETOUR
- HIGHWAY
- HORIZON
- INTERSTATE
- ITINERARY
- MILEAGE
- MOTEL
- NAVIGATION
- ODOMETER
- OVERLOOK
- PITSTOP
- PLAYLIST
- ROADSIDE
- SCENIC
- SNACKS
- SUNSET
- TOLLBOOTH
- VASTNESS
- WANDERLUST

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by Dave T. Phipps



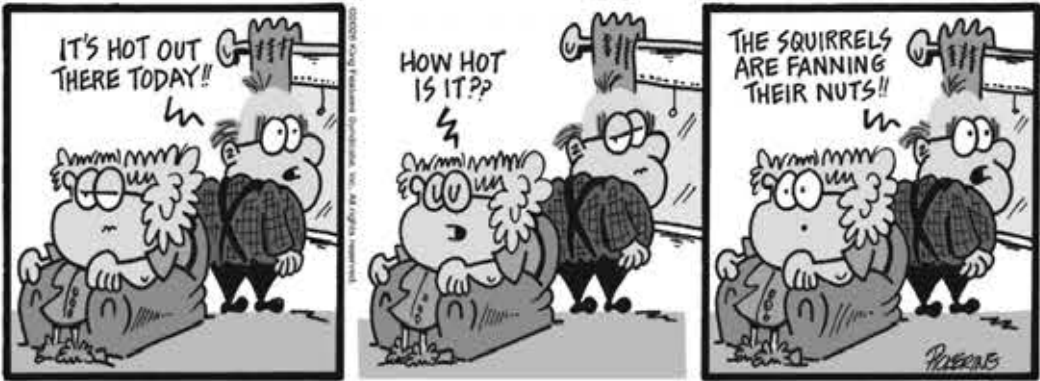
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by Jeff Pickering



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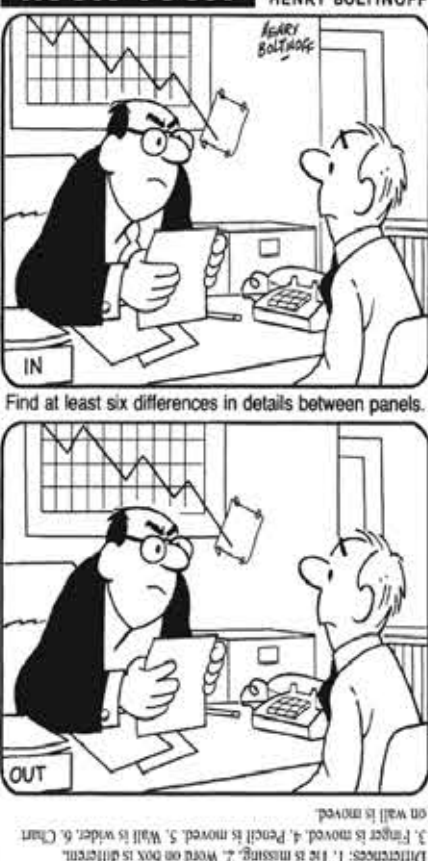
### OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Millholland



### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: T equals P

TUT ZVM WUSR WSTPKWFZK  
EDU ZMUKPW NOWD WSAD ZW  
GRSPNOV, JPRRUENOV ZVM  
ZRGZAUKP: FSVZ FSKVPK.

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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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Forever

WASLAY

Guide

TERSE

Shade

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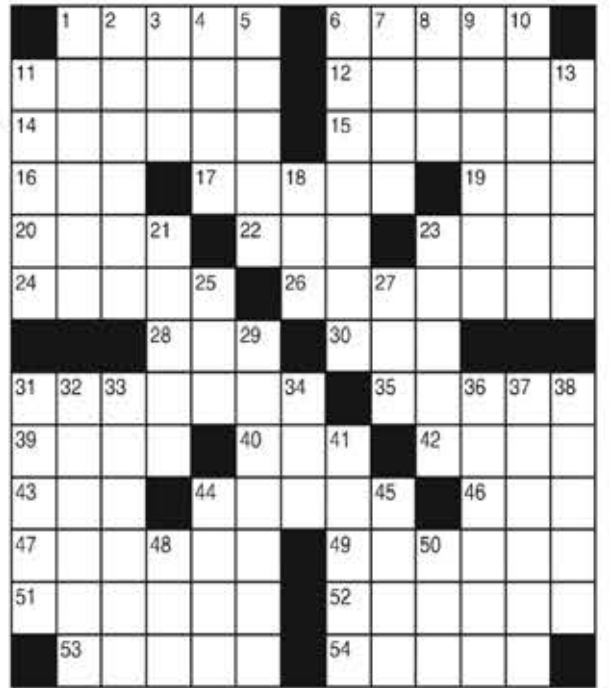
TODAY'S WORD



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 — Ark
- 6 Con games
- 11 French novelist
- 12 Heckler's weapon
- 14 "Delta Wedding" author Welty
- 15 Defeated in a footrace
- 16 Govt. stipend
- 17 Roly-poly
- 19 Roast VIPs
- 20 Golf pegs
- 22 Docs' org.
- 23 Lap dog, for short
- 24 Former First Daughter
- 26 Most sore
- 28 401(k) alternative
- 30 Med. plan
- 31 Popeye's veggie
- 35 Muslim legal expert
- 39 Centers
- 40 Possesses
- 42 Uttered
- 43 Before
- 44 "Graceland" singer Paul
- 46 The Browns, on scoreboards
- 47 Chew out
- 49 Tex-Mex treat



- 8 Invoice fig.
- 9 "Little Women" matriarch
- 10 Pancake towers
- 11 Defeats
- 13 Start
- 18 Hollywood's Thuman
- 21 Tibia settings
- 23 Reverent
- 25 Altar in the sky
- 27 "Let me think ..."
- 6 Tolerate
- 29 Reach
- 31 Biblical realm
- 32 Least spoiled
- 33 Portugal's place
- 34 Sandwich meat
- 36 Glib
- 37 Inclined
- 38 Concepts
- 41 Remote locations?
- 44 Halt
- 45 iPod model
- 48 Asia's — Darya river
- 50 Keypad trio

### DOWN

- 1 Mal de mer
- 2 "Golden" tunes
- 3 Dye type
- 4 Angelic instrument
- 5 Milan's La —
- 6 Tolerate
- 29 Reach
- 31 Biblical realm

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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	3	9			5	8		

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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## ? Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
3. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
4. HISTORY: What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
5. LITERATURE: In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
6. TELEVISION: Where is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state borders two oceans?
10. MUSIC: What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

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### WALLET

Today's Word  
3. Steer; 4. Umbra  
solution

### SCRAMBLERS

S	M	I	L	E
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S	W	O	R	E
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F	R	O	W	N

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Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

Pop and soul superstar who adores fish such as bluefin, yellowfin and albacore: Tuna Turner.  
answer



Solution time: 21 mins.

## King Crossword

Answers

1. Iraq
2. The Star of Life
3. "The Beast" to the kids and Hercules to his owner
4. Columbia
5. Homeric Greek
6. Cried; Alaska
7. A mob
8. Autotomy
9. Alaska; Pacific and Arctic Oceans
10. "Tim McGraw"

Trivia Answers

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**Trigeminal Neuralgia Causes Shock Pains in Woman's Lower Jaw**

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a 73-year-old female who's in above average health. I have recently been diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia after many trips to the dentist and finding out that my pain wasn't dental-related. I experienced electrical shock pains in my lower left jaw when I talked and ate, and sometimes when I brushed my teeth. I am on 300 mg of gabapentin, and after a month, I can say that I'm about 95% better. I still feel some sharp sensations for a few seconds when starting to eat. In the previous year, I was on Fosamax for osteoporosis for one year. Since this didn't show an improvement, I was given one infusion of Reclast. I will be due for another in June.

I mentioned this diagnosis to my ophthalmologist recently, and she mentioned that these drugs for osteoporosis could possibly narrow the openings that the trigeminal nerves run through, therefore rubbing on the nerves themselves. Do I need to stop taking the osteoporosis treatment to stop the nerve pain? Your thoughts on this would be appreciated. — D.K.V.

**ANSWER:** Trigeminal neuralgia is a neuropathy (a disease of the nerve) that, in this case, causes face pain. The pain is often described as an electric shock, but it can vary in different people. It also gets misdiagnosed as a dental condition. Gabapentin (Neurontin) is often tried, and a 95% reduction is a very good outcome in this disease, which can sometimes be frustrating to treat.

Bisphosphonate drugs like alendronate (Fosamax) or zoledronic acid (Reclast) do not directly cause trigeminal neuralgia. Most cases are thought

to be caused by the compression of the nerve root that is deep inside the brain by an artery. Microdecompression of the nerve is sometimes used to treat trigeminal neuralgia, although the success rate isn't perfect and the pain relief isn't always permanent.

Bisphosphonates can occasionally cause a condition called osteonecrosis of the jaw. This condition can press on the trigeminal nerve, causing a facial pain syndrome. Your endocrinologist or primary care doctor who is prescribing the treatment should be aware of your facial pain and ensure that you do not have this complication.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am writing to seek advice regarding medical privacy for someone I know. Due to significant distress caused by social media, this individual is hesitant to seek medical care for fear of being recognized and is looking for a highly private or discreet health care option.

Could you please provide information on which steps one should take if they require a high level of anonymity when seeing a doctor? Are there specific resources or types of practices that specialize in this level of privacy? — D.H.

**ANSWER:** I daresay that there are physicians who have many famous patients. Certainly, a physician who has a smaller practice and a private entrance would make sense for a person who doesn't want to be seen in public. I suspect that the best way to find out is by asking other famous people who live in the same area. I have known doctors who were "physicians to the stars."

On rare occasions when I have a similar situation, I come in early before anyone else has arrived (my practice is a busy academic group) so that the patient can be seen with as much privacy as possible.

I would also argue that privacy should be respected for all patients, but anonymity is probably unwise (and may be impossible for someone who is very well-known), as having a patient's correct medical history is important.

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

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 A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Budget Committee of the Siuslaw School District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Siuslaw Middle School Commons, 2525 Oak St, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 9, 2026, at the school district office, 2111 Oak St., Florence, Oregon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting to hear discussion about the proposed programs with the Budget Com-

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 mittee. Public input will be taken at the April 22, 2026, budget meeting. Please see Siuslaw School District's Website for additional information and future scheduled budget meetings. Future meetings: April 22, 2026 - Public Input; Committee Considers Proposed Budget May 13, 2026 - Final Budget Meeting; Board Finalizes Budget June 10, 2026 Board Adopts Approved Budget with Amendments Additional notice and information will be located on the Siuslaw School District website at: www.siuslaw.k12.or.us. Publication date: 4/1/26 & 4/8/26  
**TSN26-126 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE**  
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**Even Exchange** ANSWERS

1. Oldest, Oddest	6. Place, Peace
2. Parts, Parts	7. Branch, Branch
3. Austin, Dustin	8. Blank, Blink
4. Camper, Casper	9. Pride, Prime
5. Phony, Feony	10. Shore, Short

**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. First born	L _ _ _ _	Most peculiar	_ D _ _ _
2. City of Light	_ _ _ _ I _	Hair d visions	_ _ _ _ T _
3. Texas capital	A _ _ _ _	Actor Hoffman	D _ _ _ _
4. Tent dweller	_ _ M _ _	Friendly ghost	_ _ S _ _
5. Fake	H _ _ _ _	Spring bloom	_ E _ _ _
6. Win, _ _ _ or show	_ L _ _ _	Cease fire	_ E _ _ _
7. Whiten with bleach	_ L _ _ _	Twig	_ R _ _ _
8. Like an empty page	_ _ A _ _	Eye movement	_ _ I _ _
9. Lion's group	_ _ _ _ D _	First-class	_ _ _ M _
10. Coast	_ _ _ _ _ E	Brief	_ _ _ _ T

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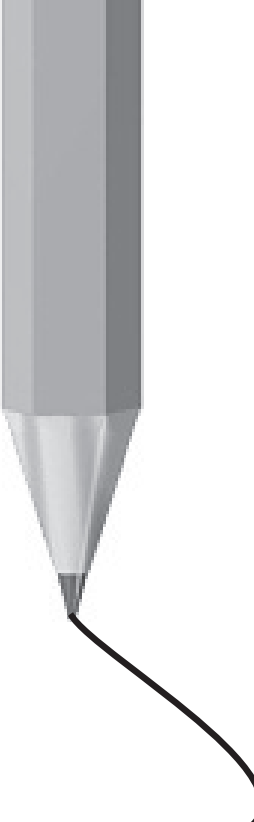
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14-April: "SkyKing" (Documentary) — Hulu

14-April: "Untold: Jail Blazers" (Documentary) — Netflix

15-April: "Love Island: Beyond the Villa" (Season 2) — Peacock

15-April: "Balls Up" (R) — Prime Video


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16-April: "Beef" (Season 2) — Netflix

17-April: "Roommates" (R) — Netflix

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