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Jack Freel stands with other first responders, the council and VFW Commanders after being named Paramedic of the Year. Chantelle Meyer photos.

First Responders of the year recognized

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

At the regular March 9 City Council meeting, Veterans of Foreign Wars commanders presented awards to four local first responders.

VFW Junior Vice Commander Fred Burns and Commander Gary Covert presented the awards, noting that the hallway outside the council chambers was lined with local first responders. Burns acknowledged the work they do, followed by a standing

round of applause from the council and audience. Colbert noted that they are the first to arrive after the worst things happen and “don’t get enough recognition, as far as I am concerned.”

Florence Police Department Officer of the Year is Aaron Couture. Burns read from the statement by Police Chief John Pitcher recommending Couture, in part of his work in DUII enforcement.

“Officer Couture has

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FPD Officer Aaron Couture stands with his family, the council and VFW Commanders after being named Officer of the Year.

If I were Mayor winners



From left, Mayor Rob Ward, Councilor Sally Wantz, SHS History Teacher Spencer Lake, Camden Linton, Councilor Robert Carp, Danin Lacouture, Councilor Jo Beaudreau, Jacob Rose, Jacob Mann, Councilor Mike Webb, Connor Sarles and Nyx Harklerode. Chantelle Meyers photo.

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Mayor Rob Ward and the Oregon Mayors

Association (OMA), held the “If I Were Mayor...” contest where students had the opportunity to

share their creative and inspirational ideas about

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Florence Police execute search warrant, make arrest

On the morning of March 19, 2026, Florence Police Department, with assistance from the Oregon State Police and the Reedsport Police Department, executed a search warrant at a residence located at 2032

10th Street.

The warrant was obtained following a prior investigation.

During the operation, Bryant McMullen was taken into custody without incident. He has been charged with

Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine.

This case remains under investigation.

No additional information was released as of press time March 19.



The Rotary Auction is its main fundraiser, and this years theme was “Be a Hero.” Tony Reed photo.

Heroes helping heroes

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Over 300 people showed up, mostly in superhero costumes for the Florence Rotary Club’s biggest event of the year, the Rotary Auction. Held at the Florence Events Center on March 14, the event brought together many local businesses,

organizations, school staff and individuals with the common goal of raising money.

According to Auction Chair John Roberston, Interact Club Students from Siuslaw High School also helped in many ways during the auction and dinner. Oregon Pacific Bank staff and volunteers, coordinated by Rotarian

Karen Skulley, worked the event’s bidding from a table in the entryway while caterers prepared dinner. The Rhododendron Court made a special appearance at the event.

Roberston said that by the following Thursday, the tallied proceeds were close to \$100,000, but

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How YOUR Patient Advocate Supports You

By **BOB HORNEY**

Last week we saw the HUGE difference health-wise that occurs when we effectively advocate for ourselves. I totally flubbed the test and Ryan passed with an A+. He got his shoulder injury repaired without any game-playing by his healthcare. I, on the other hand, failed to “stand my ground” and ended up with “rest-of-life” issues from the initial compression-fracture of two lumbar vertebrae (L2 and L3). Shame on me!

Now moving on... For everyone still self-advocating, what you saw last week speaks clearly to you. You are in control of your advocacy. My inner

voice, “Bob, let me have a word with you.

Control? Think about this... You were suffering intense pain at that time. Was that pain interfering with your “control” of the situation?

Would that have been a good time to have Marianne accompany you through the ER diagnostics? She certainly would have been an effective Patient Advocate for you by speaking up on your behalf when pain got in your way and could have even changed your outcome.”

I’m so glad I still have you around – inner voice.

You are too late for me, but I bet some of the readers of this article will make good use of that

information. You are so right in suggesting that the patient’s pain can interfere with their decision making. All it takes is having a strong spouse as your advocate and things change. Thanks for your suggestion.

Now for those patients who have come to realize they are better off having a Patient Advocate accompany them on all healthcare visits, please remember that your Patient Advocate is not present to replace you but to assist you – as above. A good part of your Patient Advocate knowing how to assist you in your healthcare visit lies in them planning with you so they know what you expect from them. That

means they are going to have “inside” knowledge of your reason for the healthcare visit, what it is about, potential information to be shared and discussed, what outcome you are looking for.

A good advocate helps the patient write down questions they want answered, review symptoms or concerns, gather medication lists, bring recent test results or paperwork, prioritize what needs to be discussed and whatever else will be needed for a successful healthcare visit.

Let’s look now at what a strong, effective Patient Advocate does for you AND your healthcare provider. Yes, don’t ever forget that your healthcare

provider depends on accurate patient information in order to make accurate healthcare decisions. That is one good reason why the planning session with your Patient Advocate prior to the healthcare appointment is so critically important. Your Patient Advocate must know you inside and out so they can truly advocate on your behalf. Getting together prior to the healthcare visit is vital to developing a strong, knowledgeable Patient Advocate who can effectively advocate on your behalf.

Strong, alert and “on their toes” Patient Advocates will find no limits in advocating for their patients and

benefiting the healthcare provider. These include catching details the patient may not process, noticing when explanations are unclear, watching for signs of confusion or overwhelming, tracking instructions that need follow-up, asking clarifying questions, slowing the visit down, taking notes and importantly ensuring follow-through after the visit.

Note: The above lists are just the “tip of the iceberg.”

Remember, strong and effective Patient Advocates have limitless ways to turn “guess and by-golly” healthcare visits into productive health ensuring visits. Use them.

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from March 10 to March 16

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

At 6:32 a.m., a caller complained that a semi truck was driving too slow in the area of Highway 126 and Highway 101.

At 9:21 a.m., Oregon State Police asked Florence Police Department for help locating a subject who was overdue to return home. Florence police checked their flock cameras and were able to find the vehicle’s license plate and determine when it came into town. The subject was later located.

At 1 p.m., a subject

came to the police department to say they found a pair of glasses in the area of Rhododendron Drive and Mariner’s Village.

At 1:18 p.m., a caller in the 86,600 block of Highway 101 reported receiving notification that they had won a sweepstakes but needed to send money to claim the prize. Connor said they had sent some money. The caller was referred to the Attorney General’s fraud office.

At 6:14 p.m., Oregon State Police requested cover at a traffic stop in

the area of Highway 101 and Highway 189. The request was canceled while officers were en route.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

At 1:48 a.m., a caller reported that items had been stolen from him at an address on Oak Street. Officers arrived to speak to the subject and determined that it was not as it had been reported.

At 8:28 a.m., the caller from the previous incident reported that more items had been taken from him. Officers again determined it was not as it had been reported.

At 10:32 a.m., the calls continued, and officers took the subject into custody for misuse of 911.

At 12:20 p.m., a subject requested that officers stand by while he took possession of a truck that he had hired someone to work on, causing a previous dispute.

At 5:52 p.m., callers reported a driver in the area of Highway 101 and 35th St., who was speeding and swerving in the Lane. Officers located the vehicle and determined probable cause for a stop. Officers are Dane Jensen for DUI.

At 7:25 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a male subject with a knife threatening people. Officers arrived to find the subject had left the area, and others said the altercation had

been only verbal. The subject was later found and counseled.

At 8:07 p.m., officers were looking for the previous subject at an address in the 1000 block of Nopal when a male subject took off running. Officers were able to catch the subject and determined that while he was not the subject from the previous call, he did have a felony arrest warrant. Officers took the subject into custody.

At 8:29 p.m., officers responded to a report of a dispute in the area of Quinn’s Street. Officers arrive to find a dispute occurring over ownership of E-bikes. The involved parties came to an arrangement, and no further action was taken.

At 9:13 p.m., another dispute erupted over the previous call. Officers took one subject into custody for disorderly conduct.

At 10:06 p.m., a caller reported a subject sleeping in a breezeway in the 1200 block of Bay Street. Officers made contact with the subject and determined he had a misdemeanor warrant from Florence Municipal Court and a felony warrant from parole and probation. The subject was taken into custody.

At 11:41 p.m., officers responded to a report of a dispute occurring in the 3900 block of Highway 101. Dispatch could hear kids screaming in the

background. Officers contacted the involved parties, who said a verbal dispute occurred over accusations of cheating. All parties were counseled, and no further action was taken.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

At 4:35 p.m., the subject from the March 11 call claimed that belongings had been stolen while he was in jail. Officers determined it was not as reported.

At 10:16 p.m., officers received a request for assistance from Newport to find a missing subject thought to possibly be in Florence. Officers had no contact with the described subject.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

At 6:56 a.m., a caller reported a juvenile head run away from home in the 1400 block of ZebraWood. The juvenile was found safe and sound soon after. No further action was taken.

At 1:25 p.m., a caller reported damage had occurred to their vehicle at an unknown location in Florence. Officers took a report.

At 3:04 p.m., a caller reported a hazard in the roadway in the 2400 block of Highway 101. Officers found that the items were soda cans. No further action was taken.

At 7:07 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Airport Drive for a report of a dispute. Officers contacted a male and female subject who were not injured and denied any further assistance.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

At 8:55 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Royal Saint George for a reported assault. Officers contacted a female who said she was hit by another. Officers located the aggressor and cited them for physical harassment.

At 10:32 p.m., Dispatch received a call from Oregon State Police requesting Florence officers check the welfare of a subject near the Siuslaw River Bridge.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Add 2:02 a.m., an officer on patrol in Florence could hear a dispute occurring near 12th St. in Florence. He male subject fled the area. Officers contacted a female who was not hurt. Officers later found the male. All parties said the dispute had been only verbal.

At 11:33 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Maple Street for an open 911 call where a dispute could be heard in the background. Officers contacted the involved parties, who said it had been only verbal. One male subject was told to leave and was warned not to return.

At 5:24 p.m., a caller reported that someone possibly stole his scooter that was in Miller Park. A report was taken.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

At 10:35 a.m., a subject came into the police department on an unrelated matter and was found to have a warrant from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.

At 3:01 p.m., officers responded to the area of Laurel and Rhododendron for a report of a vehicle with trash and a dog inside. Officers found a subject whom they had dealt with many times for the same type of call. Officers previously took no action, as it is not against the law to live in a car with a dog. However, this time, officers determined that the dog appeared to have been neglected and removed it from the vehicle. The owner was cited, and the dog was taken to the Humane Society.

Add 4:25 p.m., a caller reported that a shotgun had possibly been stolen in the 300 block of Rhododendron Drive. A report was taken.

At 7:19 p.m., officers in the area of Highway 101 and Quince Street contacted the owner of an RV that had been parked there. Upon questioning, the subject gave officers a false name. When warned of the possible consequences of giving a false name, the subject gave their real name. It was found that he had a misdemeanor warrant from Reedsport. Officers also found a small amount of meth. Subject was cited and released.

At 11:20 p.m., a caller reported an RV in the area of 37th St. and Pine with a loud generator. Officers contacted the owner and advised him to discontinue using the generator.

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William (Bill) Vern Hine was born February 26, 1941 and passed from this life to the next life, December 08, 2025. He is best remembered locally as a school bus driver. Survivors are his wife of 62 years, Jo, family, Burleigh, Larry, Robyn and Gerry, their spouses, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. A potluck memorial will be held in the Meeting Hall at East Woahink Lake, March 28, 2026, at 1:00 pm. Attendees are also welcome to share memories of Bill.

Siuslaw's Schools Need an Investment in Safety and Learning

By **ROBERT ORR**
Chair, Citizens For Schools and Community

Siuslaw High School students are learning in a building that is now more than 55 years old. Portions of Siuslaw Elementary School are even older. These facilities were built long before modern earthquake safety standards, modern school security practices, and the technology that now plays a central role in education.

As a result, students and staff work every day in buildings designed for a very different era.

Safety is one of the most pressing concerns. Siuslaw High School has 17 separate entrances, making it difficult to manage access and maintain secure learning environments. At the elementary school, some hallways open directly to parking areas. Today's

school designs emphasize controlled entry points and improved visibility to better protect students and staff.

Our current buildings were simply not built with those priorities in mind.

The challenges extend beyond safety. Many building systems are outdated and increasingly costly to maintain. Major components, including heating systems, have required repeated repairs, and at times the high school has had to close when parts were unavailable. Electrical infrastructure installed decades ago was never intended to support modern technology-based learning.

Learning spaces themselves also present significant limitations. Some classrooms lack natural light, which research shows can affect student engagement and academic

performance. Others are too small to support hands-on learning, where students work on projects and teachers need space to move freely among them. Science labs that once supported a wide range of experiments are now restricted due to corroded pipes buried in concrete floors that can no longer be safely used. In addition, without a proper auditorium, student performances, assemblies, and community events are often held in the gymnasium, where poor acoustics and limited seating reduce both comfort and accessibility.

After two years of study, the Citizen Facilities Advisory Committee recommended replacing the aging high school and improving safety and learning conditions at the elementary school. The committee carefully evaluated

remodeling options and concluded that the scale and complexity of necessary improvements exceed what can be effectively addressed through renovation of the existing facility. On January 14, 2026, the Siuslaw School Board approved the full recommendation and moved forward with the proposed bond.

Modern school facilities are an investment in the entire community. Strong schools help attract families, support local businesses, and sustain long-term economic vitality.

The estimated cost is \$2.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Residents can learn more and estimate their individual cost at siuslaw-school-bond.com.

This May, I encourage residents to support student safety and our community's future by voting YES on Measure 20-379.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

The proposed Siuslaw High School Bond, if passed, will cost property owners in our district 2.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 30 years. After going to two presentations on the bond and taking a tour of the high school, I talked to people who have worked in the building and was told that the building itself has "good bones". I believe it could be remodeled for a fraction of the 139 million the district is asking for. The electrical system and heating/air system could be completely replaced, and the elementary school could have the one point entry and seismic upgrades that are very much needed. Proponents of the bond also state that it has to pass so the district can receive the 6.1 million from the OSCIM funds, BUT, they don't tell us that it is a matching grant. The bond could be 6.1 million and we would still receive the 6.1 from the State of Oregon. Let's be good stewards of what we have and save Siuslaw citizens 30 years of unnecessary debt.

Lynne Twombly
Florence

being diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer.

My cancer was found during my annual screening mammogram. Many people think that if they have no family history, they aren't as likely to get breast cancer. That just isn't true. Having a history of breast cancer in the family does increase your risk of getting breast cancer. The truth is that 75% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history. That is where I fell. No family history.

Three different doctors told me how lucky I was to catch this aggressive cancer in stage 1. Had I waited one more month, I would have been in stage 2 or even stage 3. I spent 10 months going through treatments. Surgery, aggressive chemo and radiation treatments. I am now cancer free. I will be monitored closely for the next 5 years.

I want to encourage women when they turn 40 (earlier if you have a family history of breast cancer) and continue to get your annual screening mammogram. It might just save your life. It did save mine.

Jennifer Goldblatt
Florence

staff in both districts who go the extra mile to "enhance and expand learning opportunities for students." Lastly, I extend deep gratitude to live in a community who values and supports the future citizens of Florence. This is a great place to live! Let's keep it up by passing the school bond to build a much-needed new high school and to upgrade the elementary school for our youngest citizens!

Suzanne Mann-Heintz
Former President of Siuslaw Education Foundation
Former Board member for Siuslaw School Board
Current Executive Director for Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students

DEAR EDITOR,

I have read Mike Allen's LTE (March 11) concerning "the City's failure to respond to sustained community advocacy." As a member of Florence's Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC), I would like to offer another perspective. These comments are mine alone and do not necessarily represent the City of Florence or EMAC.

Mike Allen states that the City of Florence "suggests an alignment with climate denial rather than engagement or action." I disagree. The City of Florence supports EMAC's endeavor to reduce plastic contamination and educate the public about recycling. The city also supports EMAC's Tree and Vegetation subcommittee, active in street cleanups, ivy removal, and planting events. It's worth noting that Mayor Ward and his wife attended EMAC's first Speaker Series (March 11), with Justin Gast (DEQ) speaking about Oregon's recycling and the importance of responsible end markets. Councilor Sally Wantz not only attended but arrived early to set up. Mike Allen did not attend.

Allen wants the city to form a committee to tackle climate change. I say the City of Florence has one. EMAC is an advisory committee to the City of Florence, and while we are not declaring a Climate Emergency, EMAC is taking meaningful climate action.

Nancy Rhodes
Florence

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with sadness and gratitude that I announce the dissolution of the Siuslaw Education Foundation. The Foundation was founded in 2015 as a "brainchild" of Lynne Finney and myself. Our mission was to "enhance and expand learning opportunities for students in the Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts." It had a 9-year run and we were able to fund many important projects for both school districts. Three outstanding ones were helping furnish the new preschool program in Mapleton, providing additional funds to make sure every student in the Siuslaw School District had a computer and internet access during COVID, and finally, also when COVID restrictions were lifted, procuring a grant to pay for 365 students to have a week of summer programs: swimming lessons at Coastal Fitness, music or drama classes at C.R.O.W., or art activities with Kassy Keppol through Dragon Arts. I want to express deep appreciation to the 14 people who served as Board members during the nine years, and the hard-working

DEAR EDITOR,

A note of thanks to all of those who worked hard to bring together the beginning of Whitmore Classical Academy which will educate children in Kindergarten through the 3rd grade this coming fall. This charter school is an opportunity of choice for parents in the realm of their children's education. Thank you to all who asked questions and met together to work through final details. Thank you to the contractors and other officials who have been and are a continuing part of this project. Also, a thank you to the Siuslaw School District for working out various details. And finally, a thank you to all of those in our community who value children as the treasure that they are.

Sincerely,

C.M. Drozdenko
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

My name is Jennifer. I was a mammogram technologist in John Day, Oregon for 10 years. March marks my one year anniversary of



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City of Florence awarded for Outstanding Economic Enhancement

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

The Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) held its Annual Member Appreciation Dinner and fundraiser on Friday, March 6, 2026, at the historic Cottage Grove Armory to give awards to many county agencies and individuals, including the City of Florence.

At the March 9 Florence City Council meeting, Mayor Rob Ward said that when he heard the City was to receive an award, he

found it amazing to think about how much staff does behind the scenes.

City Manager Erin Reynolds said that the entire council, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer and Senior Economic Development and Communications Management Analyst Chantelle Meyer attended an awards dinner put on by LCOG on March 6. The City was awarded “a very heavy marble” along with the recognition.

Reynolds said that initially, staff did not know

who nominated the City. It was later disclosed that the nomination came from one of the City’s partners.

“It’s always fun to [see] through someone else’s eyes what they see of is and our work,” she said, “so it really was an honor to accept this award.”

Saying that economic development is one of the city’s five goals, she said the team works every day to enhance and strengthen Florence’s economy and quality of life.

Reynolds read from the

recommendation, which said the city of Florence exemplifies the commitment to support small businesses, help families find opportunity and give the community the confidence needed to invest in its own future.

“Through energy, creativity and determination, Florence has embraced economic development as both a responsibility and an opportunity,” she read. “What sets Florence apart is not the quantity of their initiatives but the intentional way they approach

them. Over the past year, Florence has advanced workforce development through career technical education and regional collaborations, supported small businesses and start ups through innovation networks in the cascade West innovation hub, invested in child care solutions, understanding that economic vitality depends on families and stable work force, made meaningful progress in housing development, including mixed use and multi-unit projects to

support current residents and future growth and continue neighborhood and infrastructure developments that prepare the community for long-term vitality.”

The recommendation concluded by saying the city’s efforts also strengthen the entire region economically.

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Whitmore Classical Academy curriculum adopted

FROM SIUSLAW VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

Following an extensive review of the school’s curriculum, Siuslaw Valley Charter School Board of Directors voted to adopt their curriculum for Whitmore Classical Academy. The extensive review process was to ensure the school’s curriculum aligns with Oregon Common Core State Standards. Over the course of several months, more than 500 hours were dedicated to developing curriculum with crosswalk documents that identify where each state standard is addressed within the instructional materials. A curriculum crosswalk is a document that lists each Oregon Common Core standard alongside the curriculum, demonstrating where and how the standards are covered within lessons and instructional resources. The crosswalks also include a supplemental section identifying

where additional activities, enrichment opportunities, or instructional supports may be used to further reinforce specific standards.

Throughout the process, consultation occurred with other charter schools, educational professionals, and Oregon Department of Education curriculum specialists to ensure the work was completed carefully and accurately. The crosswalk documents were also reviewed by Jaime Hunt, a licensed teacher and independent education contractor in the community, whose evaluation provided valuable feedback to strengthen the documentation and confirm standard alignment.

While many charter schools demonstrate standards alignment internally without producing formal crosswalk documentation, Director Hammon noted that completing this level of documentation provided an additional layer

of transparency during the public review process.

The Board of Directors ultimately determined that the curriculum meets Oregon Common Core State Standards and approved the curriculum following the public review period. The supplemental section of the crosswalk documents will continue to evolve as additional instructional resources and supports are identified.

Jennifer Waggoner, Executive Director for Whitmore Classical Academy stated, “The work of this team is amazing. We have great curriculum, an outstanding Instructional Principal and our teachers will be top notch while working to get better every day. Our Classical Education teacher led classrooms will provide student engagement and teach a love of learning. We are so excited to soon see kids in our classrooms and get to work.”



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C.R.O.W. Dancers shine at Inferno Regional Competition in Portland

Thirteen talented dancers from C.R.O.W.'s Flight and Jr. Flight Dance Teams recently traveled to Portland to compete at the 3-day regional Inferno Dance Competition, where they delivered an impressive showing both on and off the stage.

Collectively, the dancers brought home a total of 17 High Gold and Platinum level awards, reflecting their hard work, artistry, and dedication throughout the season. In addition to their competitive success, the Flight Team was also recognized for the character they displayed during the event, receiving 7 staff pins for kindness and empathy.

C.R.O.W.'s Jr. Flight team also earned a special Judges Award for "Continuous Flow," an honor that highlighted the team's performance



quality, collective movement, and overall presentation.

"We are so proud of these dancers not only for how they performed, but for how they represented Florence with kindness, grace, and professionalism," said Melanie Heard, Artistic Director

of C.R.O.W. and Director of Flight. "Awards are always exciting, but it means just as much to be recognized for empathy, teamwork, and the positive energy our students bring into the world. I'd also like to thank and recognize Jr. Flight Director Elyse Stewart and

choreographer Noah Reed for their outstanding contributions to both teams."

C.R.O.W.'s Flight and Jr. Flight Dance Teams provide young dancers with high-quality dance training and performance opportunities while also emphasizing leadership, sportsmanship, and



personal growth. Their success at Inferno is a wonderful reflection of both their talent and their character.

In just over a week, both teams are headed to Disneyland to dance in a parade down Main Street

USA. Open auditions for Flight and Jr. Flight will be held on April 29th at 6:30 PM at the C.R.O.W. Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, please visit www.crowkids.com/flight-dance-team

Florence Habitat for Humanity launches "Home is the Key" Campaign

This April, Florence Habitat for Humanity is joining Habitat organizations nationwide in the annual Home is the Key campaign — a month-long effort focused on expanding access to affordable homeownership in our community.

Home is the key to stability, health, and opportunity. Yet in Florence and across Western Lane County, too many families are priced out of safe, affordable housing.

Throughout April, Florence Habitat invites the community to help "open the door" in simple and meaningful ways:

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key at the Florence Habitat ReStore

Round up purchases at the ReStore register

Drop spare change at participating local businesses

Become a Door Opener Business Partner

Donate or volunteer

All funds raised remain local and directly support Florence Habitat's homebuilding, ramps and rails accessibility program, and critical home repair initiatives.

"Affordable homeownership strengthens families and neighborhoods," said Janell Morgan, Executive Director of Florence Habitat for Humanity.

"This campaign makes it easy for everyone in our community to be part of the solution."

Businesses throughout Florence are partnering as "Door Opener Partners" by hosting change collection boxes, sponsoring

keys, and promoting the campaign.

The campaign runs April 1–30, 2026.

To learn more, visit the Florence Habitat ReStore or follow Florence Habitat for Humanity on social media.

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Goodwill hiring in Florence

Goodwill employment specialist Radiant Gaines was excited to announce the reopening of the Goodwill job connections in Florence.

"We are committed to helping others overcome employment barriers and become employed. We help with all kinds of barriers to employment," she said, noting that those using food stamps or other government assistance may qualify for additional resources if they apply. Radiant's Personal goal is to work herself out of a job, by helping the entire city of Florence get hired, if they want to be.

For more information, Stop by the office at Goodwill office at 1310 Highway 101 in Florence

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FRAA offering free workshops on press release writing, graphics creation

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chances of your PR or PSA submission being chosen for publication.

On Sunday, March 29th, Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be presenting a free workshop on PR and PSA writing. Hosted by retired Siuslaw News editor and local author Ned Hickson, the workshop will cover the five key elements of a great press release, how to develop a "hook" to get people to read your

PR, what and what not to include, the difference between a PR and a PSA, and the formatting guidelines preferred by media outlets.

The free workshop will be from 10-11 a.m. at the new FRAA Creative Center, 1458 Maple Street (behind Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tea Room).

In addition, learn how to create interesting graphics and images to

include with your PR or PSA submission, or for posting on social media. This free FRAA workshop will be taught by local artist Kristin Anderson, who will teach the basics of using Canva, including: How to build a template, adding text and changing fonts, uploading photos, arranging elements for the biggest impact, and how to download for printing or online sharing.

Participants should bring a laptop or tablet.

The Canva workshop will follow the PR writing class, from 11:30-12:30, at the Creative Center.

Class sizes for both free workshops is limited, so pre-registration is recommended.

Come for both free workshops and learn how to use press releases and graphics to engage the community about your

event through print, radio, and social media.

For more information or to register for either of these free workshops, visit the FRAA Art Gallery, 120 Maple Street, call 541-997-4435, or email fraaoregon@gmail.

See a full schedule of upcoming classes and workshops offered by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance by visiting the website at fraaoregon.org.

Pelican Brewing Company to open location in Yachats

Pelican Brewing Company, the award-winning Oregon Coast brewery known for its coastal hospitality and innovative craft beers, has purchased a property in the small town of Yachats, the "gem of the Oregon coast." This will be Pelican's sixth coastal

location.

"We are delighted to expand our footprint and bring the Pelican experience to more of our coastal neighbors," said Mary Jones, Pelican president and co-founder. "We look forward to sharing our next chapter with the community in Yachats."

The future home of the brewpub, located along U.S. Highway 101, operated for the past year as the Whale's Tail Diner, and for the prior 45 years as LeRoy's Blue Whale.

For the next few months, the space will be closed and under renovation. Pelican co-founder

Jeff Schons, who will lead the construction process, has a personal connection with the property: "We are truly excited to locate a Pelican in Yachats, where my mom lived for about 15 years. LeRoy's was our go-to place for lunch whenever my wife, Mary, and I would visit,

and I think mom would be really pleased to know that we will be the new owners and that we'll be remembering her and those great times in that special place."

The expansion to Yachats reflects Pelican's commitment to investing in Oregon's small

towns, supporting vibrant communities and creating gathering places that celebrate the spirit of the Northwest.

Pelican plans to open the new location in the second half of 2026. More information will be available as renovation plans are finalized.

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attended specialized training in DUI enforcement, and actively tries to detect and limit the impacts to the Florence community from DUI drivers," Burns read. "In the last year, Couture has arrested 29 violators for DUII, taking those people off the road and protecting our community."

Couture also arrested 60 vehicle operators for driving while suspended, Pitcher's statement reads.

The Oregon State Police officer of the year was Benjamin Holmes.

State Police Sgt. Justin Linquist wrote that Holmes, through his

relentless work ethic, has been a driving force in combating fentanyl trafficking.

"Combining his experience with a proactive approach has yielded significant results for the safety of our community," the statement read, adding that he shares his experience as a training officer.

Western Lane Fire Department firefighter of the year Ruben Navarro. Incoming WLFEA Chief Rob Chance recommended him, saying he's been serving as a volunteer firefighter since 2018.

"At a time when volunteer firefighters are scarce across the nation, we are grateful to Reuben's commitment to serve," he wrote. "He is currently one of our most

competent and dependable apparatus engineers, working regular duty shifts and responding from home during busy times." Chance said Navarro is also an effective trainer of new personnel and is a quiet leader.

Western Lane EMS Authority Paramedic of the Year was Jack Freel. He started with the Oregon Department of Forestry as a wildland firefighter, and later, as a part-time EMT, excelled in the career testing process and later achieved a paramedic license while working full-time.

"He has achieved every goal set for him over the last few years and has become a strong, independent and critically-thinking paramedic," Burns read, noting that he's also been awarded multiple citations for his service.

Most of the first responders from the hallway joined Freel when his photo was taken with the commanders and council.



OSP Officer Benjamin Holmes stands with his family, the council and VFW Commanders after being named OSP Officer of the Year. Chantelle Meyer photo.



Firefighter Ruben Navarro stands with the council and VFW Commanders after being named WLFEA Firefighter of the Year. Tony Reed photo.

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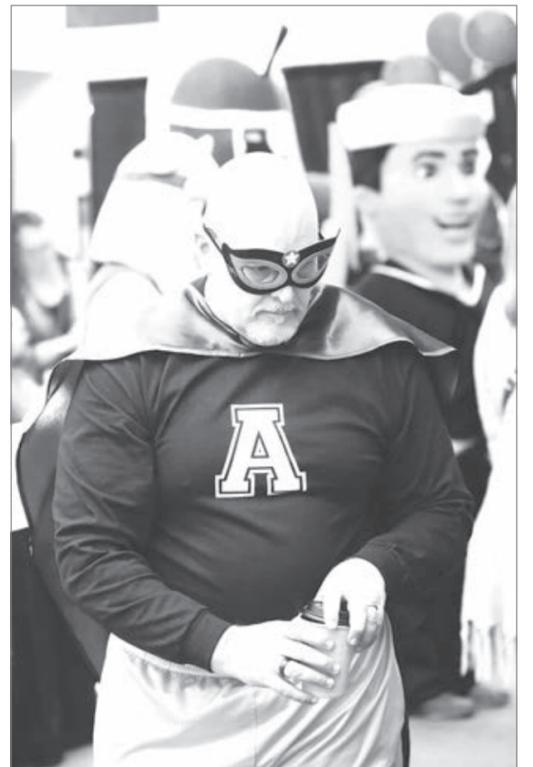
Asked where Rotary funds go, Robertson said, "Most of the funds go to provide scholarships for the local high schools, Siuslaw, Mapleton and even Lane Community College."

He said Rotary also participates in other community projects and takes applications from organizations needing financial help.

"We appreciate all the participation. Many of the businesses have participated in our Rotary auction every year. We had over 300 donations from businesses and individuals," he said, adding that while the Rotary auction is their biggest fundraising event of the year, donations can be made to Rotary year-round.

"That's the function of Rotary," he said. "We're always trying to raise money to help the community."

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Everywhere you looked in the Florence Event Center, something was going on during the Rotary Auction March 14. Tony Reed photos





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MAYOR

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what they would do as a mayor.

Mayor Rob Ward has chosen the following 6 winners:

Connor Sarles took first place among 8th grade entries. Ward told Sorrels that as a condition of the 1st place award, he had to promise to be mayor someday.

High School winners were 1st Place- Jacob Mann, 2nd Place- Danin Lacouture, 3rd Place- Camden Linton, 4th Place- Nyx Harklerode, and 5th Place- Jacob



Rose. Spencer Lake, Government and College US History teacher, was assigned the "If I Were Mayor" project and appeared with the students at the meeting.

Ward noted that the

high school students each made a two-minute video explaining what they would do if they were mayor. Staff said the videos will be posted on the City website.

Sarles and Mann will

go on to the state competition. To find out more about this state competition, you can visit this link: <https://www.oregonmayors.org/special-programs/page/student-contest>

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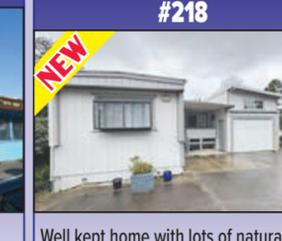
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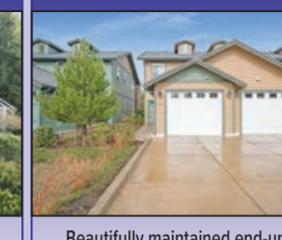
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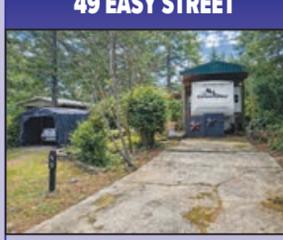
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Siuslaw baseball gets first win



Jordan Pitcher keeps his eye on the ball during the March 17 game against Harrisburg. Tony Reed photo.

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw opened the spring season with a 5-3 win over Harrisburg, getting the non-league portion of the schedule started with a bang.

The Eagles started hot, scoring three runs in the first two frames to grab a 3-0 lead going into the bottom of the second. While Harrisburg scored early, Siuslaw pitcher Zak Nilles was bringing the heat from the jump, striking out four batters in the first two frames.

Siuslaw got on the board in the top of the second, setting up the run with a lead-off double from Michael Fitzsimmons for Siuslaw's second hit of the game. Fitzsimmons advanced to third on a groundout and managed to make it home off another groundout, with Leighton Wieboldt collecting the RBI on the sacrifice.

In the top of the third, it was three up, three down for the Eagles, bringing the Vikings back up to the plate trailing 1-3. Micah Blankenship notched his second hit of the day, following up his single in his first plate appearance with a lead-off double. After advancing to third off a passed ball, he remained there until he scored on a wild pitch with two outs, bringing the Vikings to 2-3.

The top of the fourth saw Nilles see off all three batters again, forcing two groundouts and adding another strikeout to his tally. He would add two more in the fifth, keeping the game in balance, 3-2, going into the bottom of the fifth.

The bottom of the fifth started with Eddie Osorio being hit by a pitch, with two balls and two strikes on the count. A Blankenship sacrifice

See **BASEBALL**, Page B3

Tide Table

Siuslaw River Entrance saltwatertides.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

High.....5:07 a.m.....7.7
Low 12:42 p.m..... 0.1
High..... 7:39 p.m..... 5.2

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Low12:08 a.m.....3.9
High.....6:20 a.m.....7.2
Low 2:00 p.m..... 0.2
High..... 9:09 p.m..... 5.4

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Low1:51 a.m.....3.9
High.....7:47 a.m.....6.9
Low 3:11 p.m..... 0.1
High..... 10:14 p.m..... 5.9

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Low3:23 a.m.....3.4
High.....9:12 a.m.....6.8
Low 4:10 p.m..... 0.0
High..... 10:59 p.m..... 6.4

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Low4:32 a.m.....2.6
High.....10:21 a.m.....6.8
Low 4:58 p.m..... 0.0
High..... 11:35 p.m..... 6.8

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Low5:26 a.m.....1.8
High.....11:18 a.m.....6.9
Low 5:40 p.m..... 0.1

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

High.....12:07 a.m.....7.2
Low6:12 a.m.....1.1
High..... 12:07 p.m..... 6.8
Low 6:17 p.m..... 0.3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

High.....12:36 a.m.....7.5
Low6:52 a.m.....0.5
High..... 12:52 p.m..... 6.7
Low 6:51 p.m..... 0.7

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

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High.....1:30 a.m.....7.6
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5

High.....2:24 a.m.....7.4
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Low 8:56 p.m..... 2.8

MONDAY, APRIL 6

High.....2:53 a.m.....7.2
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High..... 4:30 p.m..... 5.5
Low 9:26 p.m..... 3.3

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

High.....3:26 a.m.....7.0
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High..... 5:24 p.m..... 5.2
Low 10:00 p.m..... 3.6

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

High.....4:05 a.m.....6.7
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Low 10:45 p.m..... 3.9

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Siuslaw softball leads off

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw's lead-off softball game is in the books, and though it didn't end in victory for the Vikings, the Florence girls set the tone with their energy and effort.

Siuslaw opened its season hosting Harrisburg on March 17, and the atmosphere matched the opening day occasion, with both the fans' and team's cheers ringing out around the field.

The game started in a deadlock, with neither team getting a run until the third inning. It was Harrisburg who struck first, scoring three runs in the third inning to get off the mark. Siuslaw was unable to respond in the bottom of the inning, and the Eagles extended the lead in the top of the fourth, tacking on an additional five runs.

In the bottom of the fourth, Siuslaw sprang into action. Freshman Talia Gray knocked a single to get on base and advance Chloe Clark,

who was walked, to second. Then stepped up senior Elizabeth Redelfs, who recorded the first double and RBI of the Vikings' season. She sent the ball into center field and sent Clark home in the process.

Siuslaw would score four more runs in the inning, bringing the score to 5-8 heading into the fifth.

While the excitement mounted as it looked like the Vikings were on the comeback trail, the Eagles once again soared ahead. Harrisburg exploded in the top of the fifth, scoring seven more runs to extend the lead to double digits, going up 15-5.

Siuslaw would end up scoring four more runs, one in the fifth, and three in the sixth, but the game was beyond reach, and the Eagles glided to a 19-9 win.

Despite the defeat, there were plenty of silver linings for the Vikings. They managed

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Pitcher Che Bruce winds up for a pitch during the March 17 game. Tony Reed photo. See more photos at thesiuslawnews.com

Bring on the hurdles! Siuslaw ready for track season

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Last season was one for the history books at Siuslaw, as the boys captured the state championship, the girls won districts and placed top 10 in the state, and the blue and gold had a state champion. Now it's time

to do it all over again, and in the fledgling stages of the season, Siuslaw is figuring out how to put the pieces of the puzzle together.

Head Coach Chris Johnson knows that last year will be a "tough act to follow," but he and his group are going to set out with the same goals they

do every season.

"Those of us who are still here, who were part of last year, will never forget that. That's going to hold a special place in our hearts, in school history, and even state history for a long time. But we start every season with the same expectation: that we're

trying to do that again, to build something worthy of admiration, and that we're proud of," Johnson said.

"It's a whole different group of people, but we've got to start on day one and try to build. We have high expectations for sure, but it's a long season and we have so many weeks to get

prepared, and that's what we're doing."

Johnson said the early weeks of the season are spent getting back into the flow of competing, getting people into new positions, and helping folks become accustomed to a new sport if it's their

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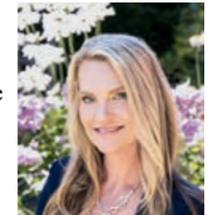
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Community Briefs

Spring Equinox Open Mic at Serene Abundance Studio

Serene Abundance Studio Space at 148 Maple Street in Old Town Florence will host the "Thundering Daffodils Spring Equinox" Poetry Open Mic this Friday, March 20th between 3 and 5pm. The event will feature a variety of local writers reading their works. There will also be room for aspiring poets who'd like to sign up to read. For more information, call 541-590-3877.

Master Gardeners to hold public Compost Specialist Training

Lane County Master Gardeners are offering spring 2026 classes for those who wish to become a Compost Specialist. You do not need to be a Master Gardener to apply. Class participants will learn about Compost Chemistry; Composting methods, including hot, cold, sheet, trench, Bokashi and worm bin

composting; Organisms in the Compost; The Environmental Impact of Solid Waste; Trends and Issues of commercial compost; and Love Food not Waste. Participants will also have hands-on experience of various types of aerobic composting.

Pre-Registration is required. For more details and pre-registration information visit: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/2026-compost-specialist-training>

For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service – Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

Paying Attention Takes Many Forms

Paying attention internally can take many forms, from quiet reflection to simple, intentional practices that reconnect you with your body. This Sunday, March 29th, Rosemary Alden introduces a gentle Jin Shin self-help skill that

highlights the often-overlooked, nonphysical power within your hands. Through guided awareness, you'll explore how touch and presence can become tools for restoring balance. At the heart of the Art of Jin Shin are a few core concepts: noticing the subtle "energy frequency" expressed through your feelings and values, deepening your connection to the breath, and tuning into the natural pulsing rhythm of your energy body. As you begin to sense these patterns, you may find that your hands become a bridge—helping to harmonize tension, calm the mind, and support emotional clarity. With practice, this simple awareness can open the door to a greater sense of peace within yourself, while naturally extending compassion and ease to those around you. When you join us this Sunday, you'll also be delighted with the music by Florence favorite, Jeff Lovejoy.

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Scotch Broom Removal at the North Jetty of the Siuslaw River County Park

Volunteers are needed to join the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative and Lane County Parks to remove invasive Scotch broom at the North Jetty of the Siuslaw River County Park on Saturday, March 28 from 10 AM to Noon. We will be working close to the parking area on flat, sandy slopes and/or along the road near the parking area.

We have made a lot of progress removing the Scotch broom at this location, but there is more to do. We get a lot done when a number of people can volunteer. Bring closed-toe shoes, work gloves, water, and snacks. Please bring shovels, hand saws, or loppers if you have them. If you don't, ODRC will have tools you can borrow.

As you know, the

weather on the Oregon coast can be quite varied. One day it can be nice and sunny, which we are hoping for on the 28th, the next day it can be stormy. Dress for the weather! If it is sunny or misting, we will be working, if it is a storm, we will cancel. We will make the best call that we can Friday afternoon, the 27th. Check our Facebook page, Save the Oregon Dunes or our website, <http://www.SaveOregonDunes.org/events/> for updates.

Directions: From the intersection of Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 126 in Florence, OR, go west on 9th Street 0.9 miles, turn right on Rhododendron Dr. and go 2.9 miles, turn left on North Jetty Rd. and go 1.0 mile to the North Jetty Beach parking lot. Watch out for potholes near the end of the road!

The Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative's mission is to collaboratively support, guide and promote Oregon dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand, unique habitats, and dunes processes that benefit the plants, animals and people who live and play in this special place.

TRACK

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first time. Siuslaw hosted the Siuslaw Icebreaker on Mar. 19, with teams from Douglas, Cottage Grove, Coquille, and Myrtle Point competing. The results from that meet are unknown at the time of press, but Johnson said the mindset of all the teams going into it was the same: get an early

read on where they stack up and establish a baseline in the new year.

One athlete who won't be competing with the Vikings this season is one of the stars from last season, Kale Jensen. Jensen was a multi-event point-scoring machine for the Vikings last season, but his family recently moved, and he will not be at Siuslaw for the remainder of the season.

With Jensen being gone, Johnson has a number of athletes he's

excited to see step up.

Will Johnson headlines the returners, one of the key pieces of last year's championship, and is coming off a regional placement at a meet in Spokane earlier this winter. Coach Johnson is excited to see what he can bring this spring.

"He's always been great, he's a gifted, competitive human being who works really, really hard. But I kind of feel like right now he's in a really good place," Chris

Johnson said. "Will's definitely the straw that stirs the drink for our boys team."

Another big addition is Tom Morgan, who transferred in from Reedsport, and who Johnson is excited to see in the blue and gold.

"He's a speedster. He potentially could be the best sprinter in school history," Johnson said. "Nobody can replace Kale, but Thomas definitely is someone who can score some points to mitigate that loss."

Henry Stone is coming back for his sophomore year, one of the best distance runners in the program, and a two-time first-team all-state runner in cross country. Other notables included Caleb Gray, Jacob Mann, Blu Boehlje, Davian Frazier, Ezra King, Randy Thrall, and Bentley Nelson.

"The boys have pieces, it's just a matter of can we get those pieces to be good enough to score points at the state meet," Johnson said.

For the girls, Johnson noted that the team is young, but the Vikings are looking to build off a solid season that saw them win districts last season. While that group will feel the loss of Pearl Jensen, Johnson said there are some top talents among the group.

Chief among them are Aidell Cadet, Danin Lacouture, Maren Hughes, and Adylin Holbrook.

Cadet is one of the big hitters and leaders for the program, and she competes in several events, including high jump, triple jump, and hurdles. Now in her junior year, this will be her second year competing for the Vikings after transferring in prior to last season.

"She placed in four events at the state meet. She's one of the best track athletes I've ever coached, no question. We kind of felt like last year, she was just starting to figure out some of her more technical events,

because everything she's doing is technical, and technically different," Johnson said. "She's our leader for sure."

Another athlete the Vikings will be relying on is senior Danin Lacouture, who is the reigning 3A state champion in the shot put. Coming off a second-place finish at the Oregon State Wrestling Championship, she'll be seeking to defend her title in the field.

Hughes is a freshman who Johnson characterized as a competitor with a lot of potential. Hughes will be taking on the pole vault and a variety of other events, depending on where she best shines. Holbrook will be leading the charge for the Vikings in the distance events, having competed at the state cross-country championships this fall.

"On the girls side, we have a lot of newcomers, and we're just kind of looking for people to step in and fill some holes, and try to come up with a complete lineup so we can have a chance to compete for the district again, which we were able to do last year, which was really exciting," Johnson said.

As the season kicks into full gear, Johnson and the Vikings are ready to meet the challenges head on.

"The challenges in track and field are always the same. It's trying to get 70 people to understand that in order for us to be good as a team, individuals have to do things that aren't always comfortable," Johnson said. "Everyone wants to win, but it takes people to get into events and score points to do that. We're always trying to work on creating multiple event athletes who can score across different disciplines, and understand that the Siuslaw track team is a team."

Siuslaw track and field are in the "point building phase" right now, and it's time to see where they stack up at the dawn of this new journey.



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Florence Farmers Market Appoints First Director to Lead Strategic Growth

The Florence Farmers Market Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Linea Andersen as the organization's first-ever Market Director. This new leadership role marks a significant milestone in the market's evolution as it expands its footprint and impact at the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk.

Linea, who served as the Market Manager during the 2025 season, will now oversee the organization's strategic growth and long-term sustainability. Her new appointment comes at a pivotal time; in 2025, the market welcomed over 13,000 visitors, signaling a rising demand for reliable access to locally produced food in the Siuslaw region.

"I'm excited for the season ahead, not only growing the market but strengthening the organization that makes it all possible," said Linea, Market Director. "We are laying the foundation for the future, ensuring the Florence Farmers Market remains a thriving local marketplace and a vital community gathering

space." The transition to a Director-led model allows the non-profit to better address food security and climate-related shifts in the local food landscape. As part of this expansion, the market is currently seeking to fill two key positions for the 2026 season: Market Manager and Market Associate.

The Florence Farmers Market remains committed to its Education, and our Food Equity Access Programs, ensuring that fresh, healthy food is accessible to all members

of the community regardless of income. Interested job applicants and prospective vendors can find more information at <http://www.florencefarmersmarket.org>

2026 Market Details:

Season: May 19th through October 12th
When: Every Tuesday, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Where: Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk, Old Town Florence
Offerings: Fresh produce, meats, eggs, seafood, jams, pickles, baked goods, and more from over 10 weekly regional vendors.

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers and park rangers will be stationed at 15 sites along the Oregon Coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily March 21-29. The sites are among the best places to watch whales on the Oregon Coast.

"Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whale migration can be a bit closer on their return trip north, usually within a few miles from shore. As we get later into the spring, we can sometimes see the mothers with calves in tow," said Park

Ranger Peter McBride. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates 13,000 gray whales are expected to migrate past Oregon's shores from late winter through June as they travel back toward Alaska, far fewer than earlier projections suggested. Although NOAA declared the Unusual Mortality Event over in 2023 and initially believed the population might be rebounding, new winter 2025 estimates instead show the lowest numbers since the 1970s. NOAA's models, which combine visual surveys with migration pattern

assumptions, indicate that the 2025 population most likely falls between 11,700 and 14,500 whales. A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online on the official event webpage: https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching

Visitors are encouraged to share their photos and videos from Spring Whale Watch on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch.

BASEBALL

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advanced Osario to second, and another Viking, Coleman Weidman, gained first base when he too was hit by a pitch. Both would advance on a wild pitch with Jacob Mann at the plate, and then Mann drove Osario with a single. While they were fielding the single, the Eagles made an error that allowed Weidman to make it across home plate as well, giving Siuslaw a 4-3 lead. Siuslaw would score their final run in the bottom of the sixth, with Jordan Wheeler scoring thanks to a fielder's choice, giving the Vikings the decisive 5-3 lead.

In the top of the 7th, Zak Nilles put the game to bed, forcing a flyout on the first Eagles' batter, and then striking out

the final two to earn the win. Nilles pitched all seven innings, giving up just one earned run while striking out 12 batters. His accuracy was on point, and he walked just one batter, throwing 70 strikes in his 96 pitches. It was a low-hit affair, and the Vikings registered just five, with Micah Blankenship leading the way at the plate with a double, single, and base on balls. Jacob Mann, Torelan Desantis, and Leighton Wieboldt each notched RBIs on their three hits. It was a solid start to the spring for Siuslaw, and the schedule is about to pick up ahead of league play, which commences on April 14. Siuslaw will play 10 more non-league matchups before they face off with South Umpqua/Days Creek to get started in the Far West League.

SOFTBALL

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10 hits against the Eagles, and the nine runs they totalled show they can put up numbers.

Freshman Che Bruce and junior Charley Johnson had the highest hit totals on the squad in the opener, each connecting twice. They both also notched RBIs. Also getting hits for the Vikings were Avey Hulet, Clark, Melody

Lumadue, Gray, Redelfs, and Paige Bottensek. Chloe Clark and Che Bruce pitched for the Vikings. Between the two of them, they struck out nine batters while giving up 15 earned runs. It's a young Siuslaw squad this season, with just one senior and nine freshmen in the ranks. With so many players taking on their first varsity season, there's plenty of room to grow, and each game will be an opportunity to improve.

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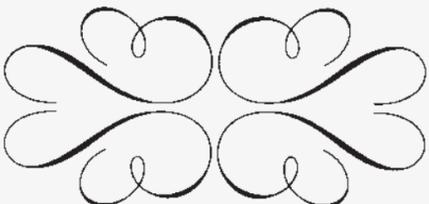
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Answer: Child reading book

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

WORDS

- ACCOUNT
- ACCRUAL
- ALLOCATION
- AMORTIZATION
- APPRAISAL
- ASSETS
- BALANCE
- BOND
- BUDGET
- DEPRECIATION
- DIVERSIFY
- EQUITY
- GROSS
- INCOME
- INTEREST
- INVEST
- LIABILITIES
- MARGINS
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- NET
- PERCENTAGE
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



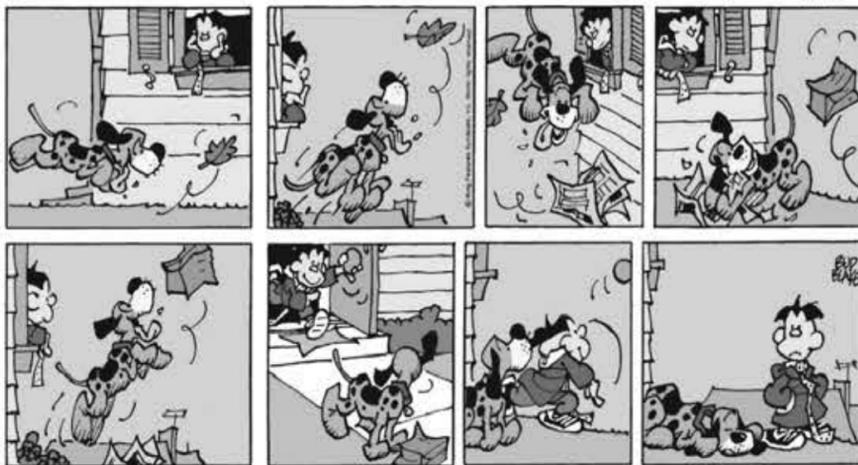
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals T

KR ROY GMHHTLXL' LKHMMC,
 MCY MD ROY GMLR FMFTHKE
 BMBXRKNHL ROYU MDDYE NL
 K ETLRU LCKNH.

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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!

Display **EARPAD**

Process **RAMENN**

Crazy **LAMENT**

Divine **SCARED**

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sticks (out)
- 5 Govt. loan agcy.
- 8 Answer an invite
- 12 Canyon comeback
- 13 Chest muscle
- 14 Andy's boy
- 15 Israeli airline
- 16 Dumpster explorer
- 17 Spoken
- 18 Costa Rica neighbor
- 20 "Good as new," for one
- 22 Crow's greeting
- 23 French diarist Anais
- 24 Pedestal
- 27 Nevada gambling city
- 32 Recipe abbr.
- 33 "Sixth sense"
- 34 U.K. recording label
- 35 Document destroyer
- 38 Love god
- 39 Numerical prefix
- 40 Discoverer's call
- 42 Aid
- 45 More serene
- 49 La Scala melody
- 50 Genesis vessel
- 52 "Othello" villain
- 53 Taxpayer IDs
- 54 Fish eggs
- 55 Streetcar
- 56 Wise one
- 57 Summer hrs. in D.C.
- 58 Robust

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49					50	51			52		
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56							57			58	

- 5 Really spread out
- 6 Actress Arthur
- 7 Performs
- 8 Rent sharer
- 9 Spaniel type
- 10 Test tube
- 11 Soccer legend
- 19 Bell or Barker (Abbr.)
- 21 Bill of sale
- 24 "Dynamite" band
- 25 Blond shade
- 26 Tidying (up)
- 28 Enzyme suffix
- 29 Toothed wheel
- 30 "I love," to Ovid
- 31 Bro's sib
- 36 Sheathe
- 37 God, to Galileo
- 38 Crude stone artifact
- 41 "That's a laugh!"
- 42 Lip
- 43 - Major
- 44 Exceptional
- 46 Kate of "The Martian"
- 47 Alike (Fr.)
- 48 Apple variety
- 51 Scepter

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Weekly SUDOKU

4		9	6				8
3			4	8	6		1
		2	1		3	4	
9	8		4	5	2		6
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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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which Canadian province lies to the north of Washington state?
- MOVIES: In the "Star Wars" movies, which character wields a purple lightsaber?
- GAMES: In Monopoly, how much money do players get when they pass "Go"?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain's 1970s jingle began, "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us"?
- TELEVISION: What holiday did George's dad invent in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
- ANATOMY: How many skin cells does the average human being shed in a minute?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
- ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl in the novel series?
- SCIENCE: What is the boiling point of water in Celsius?

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SEPARATE Today's Word

1. Parade; 2. Manner
 3. Mental; 4. Sacred

SCRAMBLERS

K	N	I	F	E
F	I	N	E	R
F	I	R	E	S
S	A	F	E	R
S	P	E	A	R
S	H	A	R	P

Solution

Weekly SUDOKU

6	1	3	7	2	9	4	8	5
7	4	8	6	1	5	9	2	3
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9	8	7	4	5	2	3	1	6
8	6	9	2	7	1	5	3	4
3	7	2	5	4	8	6	9	1
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Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

J	U	T	S	S	B	A	R	S	V	P	
E	C	H	O	P	E	C	O	P	I	E	
E	L	A	L	R	A	T	O	R	A	L	
P	A	N	A	M	A	S	I	M	I	L	
C	A	W	N	I	N	I	N	I	N	I	
B	A	S	E	L	A	S	V	E	G	A	S
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S	H	R	E	D	D	E	R	E	R	O	S
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S	N	S	R	O	E	T	R	A	M		
S	A	G	E	E	D	I	T	H	A	L	E

CryptoQuip

At the mollusks' saloon, one of the most popular cocktails they offer is a rusty snail.

Answer

1. British Columbia
 2. Mace Windu
 3. \$200
 4. Burger King
 5. Festivals
 6. 30,000 to 40,000
 7. Four: Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama
 8. Two: Phobos and Deimos
 9. Hedwig
 10. 100 degrees C

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4 + 5	÷ 1	= 9
÷	x	x
3 + 8	- 6	= 5
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TSN26-131 NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ORDINANCE PASSAGE
On April 6, 2026, the City of Florence City Council will review and consider the following ordinances: Ordinance No. 1, Series 2026 - An Ordinance annexing property within the Florence Urban Growth Boundary, identified as Assessor's Map 18-12-04-44, Tax Lots 03000 and 03101, located at 88179 3rd Avenue, to the City of Florence. Ordinance No. 2, Series 2026 - An Ordinance approving a zoning map amendment to apply medium density residential (MDR) zoning to property proposed for annexation, identified as Assessor's Map 18-12-04-44, Tax Lots 03000 and 03101, located at 88179 3rd Avenue. This notice serves as official publication of the availability of the ordinance. The full text of

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these Ordinances will be available on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us, on or before Monday, March 30, 2026, or may be inspected at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101), Persons wishing to address the City Council may submit comments in writing or may provide verbal comments. Written testimony may be submitted by: 1. Email to the City Recorder at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us; 2. Mail to Florence City Hall; Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439 3. Drop off at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the City of Florence office located at Florence City Hall to the right of the main entrance. ** NOTE: Written comments must be received at least 2 hours prior to the start of the meeting (April 6, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.) to be distributed to the City Council and made part of the record. Citizens may provide verbal comments / testimony at the meeting either in person or virtually. In order to participate verbally at the meeting, citizens are required to complete a speaker's card at least 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting (April 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.). Speaker's cards are available online at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/316/Request-to-Address-City-Council-Speakers> or by contacting the City Recorder via email at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us or by phone at 541-997-3437.

TSN26-129 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Western Lane Ambulance 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 Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority, Station 1, 2625 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 9, 2026 at 5:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 31, 2026 at www.wflea.org or at station 1, 2625 Highway 101, Florence, OR, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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TSN26-126 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE

KELLIE S. McDANIEL, formerly known as KELLIE S. AQUILAR, Plaintiff, v. BENEFICIAL OREGON INC., a Delaware Corporation, its Successors or Assigns, LOANCARE, LLC, a Virginia company doing business in Oregon, the STATE OF OREGON, QUICK COLLECT, INC., an Oregon corporation, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint herein, Defendants, Case No. 26CV11130 PUBLISHED SUMMONS COMPLAINT (QUIET TITLE) TO: All Persons or parties unknown claiming any interest in the property described below: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the COMPLAINT

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filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded herein. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! The object of this action is to declare ownership of the property commonly known as 510 Myeena Loop, Florence, Oregon with a legal description as follows: "Lot 32, Block 7, SIUSSLAW VILLAGE, as platted and recorded in Book 69, Page 37, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. This summons is published by order of the Lane County Circuit Court on March 13, 2026. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "Motion or Answer." The Motion or Answer or Reply must be given to the Court Clerk or Administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland Metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Dated this 16th day of March, 2026. Daniel T. Garner, OSB# 912810 625 Hwy 101, PMB 350, Florence, OR 97439 Phone: (503) 820-9359

TSN26-125 NOTICE OF DECISION TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST UNDER 25

Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151. SUMMARY: The Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a determination to acquire real property in trust for CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSSLAW INDIANS. The land referred to as former Hatch II Property, herein and is described as: Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust - BIA Regional Director Decisions See "Exhibit A" for legal descriptions. DATE: This determination was made on 03/12/2026. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11TH AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231-6702. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of

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25 CFR §151.12(d)(2) (iii) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust. A copy of the determination is available [at the following web site: nfa.and/or OR from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice]. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of the Regional Director's decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. The Regional Director's decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) in accordance with the regulations in 43 C.F.R. 4.310-4.340. If you choose to appeal this decision, your notice of appeal to the IBIA must be signed by you or your attorney and must be either post-marked and mailed (if you use mail) or delivered (if you use another means of physical delivery, such as FedEx or UPS) to the IBIA within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. The regulations do not authorize filings by facsimile/fax or by electronic means. Your notice of appeal should clearly identify the decision being appealed. You must send your original notice of appeal to the IBIA at the following address: Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You must send copies of your notice of appeal to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4141-MIB, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; (2) each interested party known to you; and (3) the Regional Director. Your notice of appeal sent to the IBIA must include a statement certifying that you have sent copies to these officials and interested parties and should identify them by names or titles and addresses. If you file a notice of appeal, the IBIA will notify you of further procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal. LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A Tract ID: Tract Name: HATCH II PROPERTY Land Area: 152 Land Area Name COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, SIUSSLAW Tract Number LTRO PORTLAND, OR Region NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE Agency SILETZ AGENCY Resources Both (Mineral and Surface) Section: 26 Township: 018.00S Range: 012.00W State OREGON County LANE Meridian Willamette Acres 6.630 METES AND BOUNDS: Parcel 1: Lots 1 to 20 inclusive, Block 37, Holly

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Addition to the City of Florence, as platted and recorded in Book 4, Page 96, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. TOGETHER with those portions of vacated Streets inured by Order #2422, recorded October 20, 1961, Document No. 1961-47721, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon. (2.21 Acres) PARCEL 2: Lots 1 to 20 inclusive, Block 36, Holly Addition to the City of Florence, as platted and recorded in Book 4, Page 96, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. TOGETHER with those portions of vacated Streets inured by Order #2422, recorded October 20, 1961, Document No. 1961-47721, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon. (2.21 Acres) PARCEL 3: Lots 1 to 20 inclusive, Block 35, Holly Addition to the City of Florence, as platted and recorded in Book 4, Page 96, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. TOGETHER with those portions of vacated Streets inured by Order #2422, recorded October 20, 1961, Document No. 1961-47721, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon. (2.21 Acres) Containing 6.63 acres, more or less.

TSN26-124 NOTICE OF ABANDONED ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE; CAR; AND MISC. PERSONAL PROPERTY

One (1) 2004 "PARO" recreational vehicle (motor home); VIN 5B4MP67G443381946, 35 feet long, located at 5010 S. Jetty Road, Space No. C21, Florence, Oregon 97439-8531 has been abandoned by the Estate of Mr. Faye Patrick Peters and the Estate of Ms. Suzanne Carol Peters, along with miscellaneous personal property, including a 2008 Volkswagon Bug; 2D; 3VWRR-W31C88M500378. ALL property is sold AS IS; bidder should do their due diligence before bidding. Sale is by private bidding with sealed bids. The minimum bid for the recreational vehicle and miscellaneous personal property is \$6,750.13. High bidder must clean up RV and space and remove RV and all personal property promptly. Community approval is required before entering into a rental or storage agreement. The minimum bid for the vehicle is \$1,410.00; high bidder must promptly remove vehicle from park at bidder's expense. Sealed bids shall be delivered to Mr. Chase Olson, Thousand Trails South Jetty, 5010 S. Jetty Road, Office, Florence, OR 97439. Bids shall be delivered no later than March 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Please contact Mr. Olson at (541) 999-5856 for more information, Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM.

mon causes of anaphylaxis, and I did find case reports of anaphylaxis with methocarbamol in a person who had been taking it previously. I found another case report of a person with prolonged anaphylaxis after methocarbamol. It is uncommon but not impossible to develop anaphylaxis to a medicine that you have been taking for years.

If your relative isn't taking any other medications and had no unusual foods on that day, I strongly suspect that methocarbamol was the cause and recommend never taking it again as it can absolutely happen again.

A candle smoke allergy is documented, and a variety of symptoms can be caused by candle smoke in sensitive individuals. I found a source saying that anaphylaxis from inhaling candle smoke is "rare" but could not find a well-documented case.

Finally, methocarbamol is a muscle relaxant and isn't always a good choice for long-term treatment. My experience is that in many people, the beneficial effects wear off as the body gets used to the medicine, which can happen within a week.

Case of Anaphylactic Shock Might Be Due To Methocarbamol

DEAR DR. ROACH: My question is about methocarbamol (Robaxin). My relative has been taking this for about two years for back pain. He then developed a sudden severe allergic reaction and went into anaphylaxis. He fought it all night, not knowing what was happening, and by morning, he had to go to the hospital. Could this be due to methocarbamol? If so, can this happen again?

He has no known allergies, and this had never happened before. The only other thing was maybe burning a lemon-scented candle in his bedroom, but he's burned candles before in his bedroom. He is 27 years old and in good health. — B.G.

ANSWER: Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to a foreign protein or carbohydrate (called an "allergen"). It is caused by a release of inflammatory chemicals from immune cells. It can be antibody-mediated (more common) or occur without antibodies (less common).

These chemicals can cause swelling of the airway and death through asphyxiation. They can also affect the heart and blood vessels, causing shock and circulatory collapse, which can also lead to death. The onset of symptoms is typically minutes to hours after exposure to the allergen.

In 95% of cases, the symptoms disappear, but there are cases of "biphasic anaphylaxis" where symptoms reappear usually within 12 hours. There are unusual cases of very delayed anaphylaxis, such as with alpha-gal syndrome — a meat allergy that is acquired after tick exposure.

Medications are one of the most com-

DEAR DR. ROACH: Are there health benefits to taking fish-oil capsules? If so, what's the proper dosage? I'm a fit, healthy 70-year-old male. — C.S.

ANSWER: The benefit of fish oil is one topic in medicine where we seem to keep changing our mind due to studies that yielded some conflicting results.

What is clear is that fish oil reduces triglyceride levels. In people with high triglyceride levels, especially people who are at a relatively high risk due to other reasons (such as diabetes and low HDL cholesterol), then fish oil is a reasonable treatment. Most experts prefer the pharmaceutical-grade icosapent ethyl (Vascepa) or EPA/DHA (Lovaza), which are highly purified and aren't oxidized.

For people who are at a lower risk, the benefit is probably modest; however, fish oil is generally safe. There may be a small increase in the risk of atrial fibrillation with high doses.

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.

Start your spring clean-up with the largest tasks first, such as clearing off the roof, cleaning gutters and clearing away any tree branch problems. Spruce up the front door, porchlights, kickplates and other entryway items, and inspect your windows for maintenance needs. Gently remove matted leaves to uncover emerging spring bulbs, but wait until after several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up all leaf litter. Some beneficial insects spend the winter in such dead material and need a few warmer days to get moving. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: awaytogarden.com, budmatthews.com/

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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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 a 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 divisions	T
3. Texas capital	A	Actor Hoffman	D
4. Tent dweller	M	Friendly ghost	S
5. Fake	H	Spring bloom	E
6. Win. ____ at show	L	Cease fire	R
7. Whiten with bleach	L	Twig	E
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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Even Exchange answers

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



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2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Excellent opportunity to bring in a new manufactured home. Call agent for buyer incentive details. #3705-730692234



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1070 Bay St #22 - \$425,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 984 SqFt. Bay Bridge condo with river and dune views, pellet stove, patio, storage shed. #3743-159787344



290 Harbor St. - \$1,599,000

5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2201 SqFt. Restored 1894 Old Town cottage with new garage, ADU, luxury upgrades, modern comfort throughout. #3724-327759244



1601-534 Rhododendron Dr. - \$390,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2280 SqFt. Manufactured home with attached garage, sun porch, workshop and covered RV/boat storage. #3729-220740617



5147 Hilltop Dr. - \$340,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1188 SqFt. Charming open floor plan home on .2 acres, fenced yard, RV parking, workshop garage. #3746-612288341



238 Horseshoe Bend - \$175,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 500 SqFt. Nice corner lot with RV hookups. Home is well cared for with bonus room and garden. #3690-524301067



11445 E Mapleton Rd. - \$775,000

3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2440 SqFt. Five-acre riverfront property offering privacy, versatility, large shop, and endless potential. #3738-363944680



87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1866 SqFt. Secluded property with mature fruit trees, custom kitchen, bonus room, shop, and river access. #3714-272688773



89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000

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