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Congresswoman visits, tours new housing complex

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Congresswoman Val Hoyle, along with Lane County, and Florence city officials, toured of the newly completed Elm Park Apartments in Florence on June 29.

In June 2024, the City Council authorized the sale of the 1.48- acre property northeast of the Justice Center, which was mostly trees and shrubs. Work progressed quickly, and as of the last week in July, all but a couple of the apartments were occupied.

Layne Morrill, president of Our Coastal Village, Inc., a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, began the tour by explaining what's been built.

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Touring the new Elm Park Apartments were Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Florence City Councilor Sally Wantz, Our Coastal Village President Layne Morrill, 4th District Congresswoman Val Hoyle, Florence Mayor Rob Ward, Lane County Commissioner Ryan Ceniga, Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds and Florence Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer. Tony Reed photos.



Council election filing deadline approaches

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Several prospective candidates have filed for the November city council and mayor election, and this will be the final week to submit the necessary paperwork and signatures.

Filing opened on June 3 and continues through August 11, with the City Website noting that its deadline is two weeks early to allow time for signature verification.

Four positions are open this November. They are currently held by Mayor Rob Ward, Councilor Jo Beaudreau, Councilor Robert Carp, and Councilor Mike Webb. Carp and Beaudreau



have served four-year terms, while Mayor Ward served a two-year term. Councilor Mike Webb was appointed to the seat in March 2025, after then-councilor Bill Meyer resigned, shortly after being re-elected the previous November. While Webb was appointed by the council, his reelection will be decided by the voters. Ward has announced

that after over 30 years in public service, he will not seek reelection. Councilor Sally Wantz has filed to run in the mayor's race. As of press time, 11 candidates have filed.

FOR MAYOR

- Shannon Warren, Status: Candidate Collecting Signatures
- Sally Wantz, Status: Candidate will be listed on the Ballot
- Daniel Lofy, Status: Candidate will be listed on the Ballot

FOR COUNCILOR (2-YEAR TERM)

- Renee LoPilato, Status:

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Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority (WLFEA) continues to help with fires in eastern Oregon and recently sent a Type 3 engine with three crew members to the Shingle fire.

According to centraloregon fire.org, the fire had reached 65,000 acres with 6% containment as of press time July 30. The fire is burning 14 miles southeast of Mitchell, a small historic town on the Highway 126 corridor east of Salem/Corvallis.

WLFEA Chief Rob Chance said the crew left July 23, consisting of an engine boss, an operator, and a firefighter. The crew is assigned mostly



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Are your prescriptions killing you?

By BOB HORNEY

My comments this week come from a Behind the Headlines I wrote in May 2018 under the Us TOO FLORENCE banner. For those who were not here at that time, that was a monthly Prostate Cancer article I wrote which included personal stories of men in our Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support/ Education Group along with other information such as the above.

As you can see by the title, this one dealt with our prescriptions and our aging process. The problem being that as we age, our bodies are changing in how they handle

prescription drugs (totally unbeknown to most of us) and what used to be helpful is now harmful - to a very sad endpoint.

How did I discover that? I purchased a book, “Are Your Prescriptions Killing You” The author, Armon Neel, is a board-certified geriatric pharmacist who details the effects our aging may have on the prescription drugs we take. The book’s cover lays out his message: How to Prevent Dangerous Interactions, Avoid Deadly Side Effects, and Be Healthier with Fewer Drugs.

Now before I go any further, I want to give credit where credit is due - to a great friend, Lisa, who is responsible for

steering me back to this topic. You see, she read it back in 2018 and credits it with changing her life! She was having balance problems and got continuous runarounds here at PeaceHealth until she changed providers and came under the care of a Nurse Practitioner, who identified the problem immediately - Lisa had outgrown a medication that was helpful but now harmful. Lisa has passed the word on to others who also found that information helpful. Thank you, Lisa!

Author Armon Neel points out that if you study geriatrics, at some point you’ll hear about the “basic rule”: namely, that by age seventy, the

body’s organ functions will have diminished to about half their peak levels.” He points to kidneys as being the most important filters in our body and that we start losing, on average, about 1 percent of their efficiency per year starting at age 30.

As to the liver, Neel states that our blood supply to it starts dropping around age 20 for women and 25 for men, declining 0.3 to 1.5 percent per year. Additionally, as we grow older, some of the chemicals and enzymes that are essential for breaking down medications also start to gradually disappear, further impairing liver function. These age-related changes in our bodies

affect our drug therapy in two ways: first, in the choice of age-appropriate medications and, second, in the determination of age-appropriate doses. In addressing a group of physicians on the topic of drug therapy in the older patient, he used nitrofurantoin (Macrobid) as an example of a drug that should not be prescribed to older people. The reason was because their kidneys lack the ability to excrete it in a timely manner and the consequent drug buildup can lead to many serious adverse events. Yes, this means some patients need to be unsubscribed from a prescription. One local physician told me (8 years ago) that some of

the most difficult patients are those who have successfully used these drugs for years and strongly resist giving them up, even though they may now cause great harm.

Finally, following author/pharmacist Armon Neel’s advice, patients should:

a. Review all medications regularly with healthcare providers as to which are still necessary.

b. Ask clear questions about dosage, side effects and interactions when taking multiple drugs.

c. Monitor personal symptoms and report any adverse effects promptly.

His takeaway: Being informed and proactive about prescriptions can prevent serious harm.

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from July 21 to July 27.

TUESDAY, JULY 21.

At 8:12 a.m., a caller reported losing a wallet somewhere in Old Town.

At 1:59 p.m., officers responded to the area of 18th St. and Spruce for a report that a subject was refusing to get off the city bus. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who then complied.

At 2:41 p.m., officers responded to the Port of Siuslaw for a report that a subject had been seen kicking a dog. Officers arrived and contacted a subject matching the description, who was uncooperative. Officers observed no evidence of abuse.

At 3 p.m., officers responded to the area of

9th Street and Jasper for a report from a bicyclist that a motorist attempted to force them off the road. Officers were following up.

At 3:34 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 34th St. for a reported dispute. Officers determined that a family dispute had occurred and that one subject had left. Officers determined no crime occurred, and parties were counseled.

At 3:43 p.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject in a parking lot was yelling and had thrown a rock through the window of an RV. Officers arrived to speak to the subject, who said that

he was upset over a business asking him to leave while he was shopping there. Officers also determined the RV belonged to the subject, who had thrown a backpack at it, but had not broken a window.

At 8:48 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that subjects had taken “a lot of stuff” from a store. Officers were unable to locate the described subjects and are following up with the investigation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

At 8:38 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Myeena Loop to investigate a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers searched the area and found the vehicle nearby and concluded that the owner had forgotten where it was parked.

At 1:30 p.m., a subject came into the police department with a wallet they had found. Officers contacted the owner of the wallet based on its contents and were told that items were missing from inside. The person who turned the wallet in denied knowing about the missing cards.

At 4:33 p.m., officers investigated a report of sexual abuse of a child, alleged to have happened years ago. The case remains under investigation.

At 2:45 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of stolen cash. Officers were following up with the investigation.

At 5:04 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle northbound on Highway 101 near mile marker 187 that was unable to maintain its lane and was swerving. Officers responded to the area, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 5:40 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of Bay Street for a report of a subject urinating in the area. Officers contacted a subject matching the description, who denied doing anything.

At 7:46 p.m., a caller reported that their neighbor had left in the vehicle, possibly intoxicated. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 8:33 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Nopal Street for a death investigation.

Officers found no signs of foul play, and the medical examiner was notified.

At 11:46 p.m., officers in the 2200 block of 12th Street observed a subject known to have warrants. The subject was arrested on a warrant from the probation department.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

At 7:20 a.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of 25th St. for a report of a subject who had been screaming sporadically for a few days. Officers contacted the subject, who said he had permission from the property owner to be there. The property owner was contacted and said no permission was given. The subject agreed to leave. No further action was taken.

At 9:24 a.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of 11th St. for a report that a vehicle’s windows had been broken out the night before.

At 3:22 p.m., a caller reported juveniles on a minibike in the 3600 block of Pine St. Officers were unable to locate the described juveniles, but were following up with surveillance footage from the area.

At 5:01 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving southbound on Highway 101 into Florence making unsafe passes. Officers were on the lookout for the vehicle, but did not observe it in Florence.

At 5:04 p.m., a city bus driver informed officers that a particular subject is always yelling ambiguous and hostile statements at

him.

At 5:34 p.m., a caller reported a juvenile female subject speeding in a vehicle in the 1400 block of Zebrawood. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle, but went to the registered address. Officers spoke with the father of the juvenile female, who said he would speak to her about it.

At 8:37 p.m., a caller said they had been camping in their car, and that a female subject had been following them around. Officers arrived and checked the area but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given.

At 10:09 p.m., a caller reported loud music in the area of 38th and Oak. Officers arrived in the area and patrolled, but were unable to hear any music.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

At 9:57 a.m., a caller reported that he’s been sleeping under an awning in the 3300 block of Highway 101 when the owner came out and threatened him with a gun. The officer spoke to the property owner, who said that while he had a firearm, he did not brandish it or make threats.

At 11:11 a.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in old ammo for destruction.

At 2:17 p.m., a caller reported cyber-stalking from a subject outside the United States. The caller was advised of ways to protect themselves online.

At 2:38 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a reported verbal dispute occurring in a bus stop. Officers spoke to subjects who had differences of opinion regarding where they could sit. Subjects told officers that everything was fine. No further action was taken.

At 4:06 p.m., officers responded to the 3400 block of Lilac Street for a report that residents had moved out of the house and left animals behind. Officers went to the address and contacted a family member who was still living there full-time and was looking after the animals.

At 6:38 p.m., a caller reported a subject in the 1900 block of Seabrook Lane who appeared upset and was crying. An officer spoke to the subject, who said they are going through a breakup. No further action was taken.

At 8:01 p.m., callers reported hearing fireworks in various locations over Florence. Officers arrived

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Jerry Medler



Jerry Medler, a longtime resident of Florence, passed away recently.

He was born in Alton, Illinois, on the Mississippi River. Jerry and his lifelong friend, Tim, built sailboats as kids to sail the Mississippi. Sailing became one of his life’s pleasures.

Upon graduation from Northwestern University, he moved to Eugene, with his wife, Mary Beth, whose family lived in Salem. He often said that the first time he visited Oregon, he knew he had found his place. He was accepted into the University of Oregon’s doctorate program in Political Science. Upon completion, Jerry and Mary Beth began their adventures. By this time they had three children, Michael, Becky, and Alex. Their travels took their young family to Columbia and Brazil, where Jerry taught.

Following those travels, Jerry became an assistant professor at the U of O in the Political Science Department. During his sabbaticals, the family would again travel to other countries such as New Zealand where he would teach and their children would go to school. Once their children were grown, Jerry and Mary Beth continued their travels to China and Japan where he taught as well.

Jerry retired from the U of O in the early 2000’s, and he and Mary Beth moved to Florence. Shortly thereafter, Mary Beth was diagnosed with a serious illness, and with Jerry’s loving care, survived for three years, passing in 2005.

In 2006, Jerry and Micki met and became close friends and then partners. They married in Florence with Micki’s child, Lisa, and Jerry’s children in attendance. Jerry and Micki were travelers and made many trips to European countries.

In their later years, Jerry and Micki spent the winter months in Venice, Florida, enjoying bicycling and swimming. One of their shared joys was belonging to and volunteering with a nonprofit jazz club in Venice. They both were jazz enthusiasts, and Jerry was a self-taught musician, playing guitar, bass, and piano. Micki and many others enjoyed listening to Jerry play.

Jerry and Micki felt very fortunate to be with each other for 20 years. Jerry is survived by Micki, his children, many grandchildren, a great grandson, and numerous longtime friends and colleagues. His family is planning a celebration of Jerry’s life in Florence, to be announced at a later time.

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LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

Anti-This and That

Economics in life is the balance of three ism’s; capitalism, communism, and socialism. Capitalism seeks to maximizing owner/shareholder value/profit and influence. Communism seeks to maximizing worker/labor value/compensation and influence. Socialism seeks to maximizing consumer/customer value/needs and influence. Pure-ism of any always leads to violence and destruction. The economic quality is how well these three competing forces are balanced; owners, workers, and consumers.

Take an Oregon tax district. The elected Board of Directors hires a general contractor defining the products and services to be produced and hands over taxes and fees to fund it. Public agencies are businesses run by one hired district managers taking profit out in labor compensation and influence. The manager hires staff and conducts the contracted functions within the confines of expectations, regulations, and funding. In broad terms; the tax payer is capitalistic, the labor union is communistic, and the general public is socialistic. Each is fighting to maximize its value and influence.

What keeps this interaction civilized is morality. America’s is decaying starting with parenting, moving into schooling, and ending in adulthood where consequences become visual. Fixing parenting and schooling will lead to a better future; but, we have to deal today with the failing adulthood epidemic.

Expecting public agencies to provide solutions is contrary to what motivates that business form. The solutions will need to come from us individually working together and accepting all three ism’s will always be involved.

*Keith Stanton, CCP
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR,

The narrative has always been false!!! That Oregon Republicans “haven’t won a governors election since vote by mail”, it’s actually been much longer...

Since 1959, there have only been three Republican governors of Oregon. Mark Hatfield, who established a state-backed birth control system and increased workers’ compensation benefits. Tom McCall, a political maverick whose legacy includes Oregons landmark beach access and bottle bills. Also land use regulations, protecting farm and forest lands. Victor Atiyeh, pushed for some of the nation’s earliest hate crime legislation. In retrospect all three bear more resemblance to modern day Democrats than today’s maga Republicans.

The three Republicans were followed by Democrats Neil Goldschmidt, Barbara Roberts and John Kitzhaber (1st term), all elected by “in-person voting”. Democrat Bob Straub was also elected in 1975 by “in-person voting”.

“Vote by Mail” likely made no difference in the direction that

Oregon has taken in becoming blue state... she was heading that way, for nearly seventy years. But if by chance Oregon Republicans suddenly experienced a reversal of fortune? Who’s to knows, it’s politics, anything can happen. Today’s Oregon Republican Party would be called upon to do something they have never done, govern.

*Frank Armendariz
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR,

I’m voting for Sally Wantz for Mayor. I have been a Florence resident for 7 years now and I love this jewel of a city, and I want to see it flourish. Sally is the right women for the job. She cares about what the residents need and want for our city. She has been listening to us at her once a month meet and greet at 10:00 at Bridge Port Market on the fist Wednesday for some time now. She loves to serve and work to get good ideas done. I’m a board member in our fellowship and she is the President, so we work together on ideas. She always listens to all sides of an issue and deeply considers the ramifications of a plan. She holds love and justice in high regard and empowers the people. She is a pleasure to work with. She is a hard worker too, she is always doing what needs to be done. I know she has what it takes to be the Mayor of this city. A vote for her is a vote for all of us.

*Nicholette Pavlevsky
Florence*

Public Explanation for the Cancellation of the 2026 Florence Air Academy

There has been much interest, concern, and disappointment over the recent cancellation of the 9th annual Florence Air Academy. As the owner of AeroLegends LLC, who has sponsored this event for the last 8 years, this article will explain why it was cancelled.

The 2026 Florence Air Academy was scheduled for August 3-14 in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County after the highest attended event last year. We had received both a grant from the Western Lane County Foundation and received several generous donations – and were in the process of purchasing needed supplies, scheduling activities, and coordinating the ever popular airplane rides before graduation.

However, we were made aware in mid-June that the Florence City Council had approved new restrictive security measures at the airport for all events that would require City employees to monitor the entry gates and that the sponsors of the events would be required to pay new fees. This was a new big surprise to all tenants on the airport who have safely had events at their private hangars for over 75 years with no incidents.

It should be noted that the reason for the new security requirements was “FAA rules.” In reality, there are no FAA (or TSA) rules or requirements for security at small public general aviation airports. Anyone can fly in here (and we want them to) and the FAA requires that the public has access to the airport. Now there are security recommendations that are supposed to be based on a risk analysis. Needless to say, any security risk analysis done on the Florence Airport shows an extremely low risk – yet even before these new procedures, we have the most restrictive general aviation airport in Oregon. This keeps visitors and the public and airport tenants from using our airport. Historically we have safely held numerous public events – several Wings & Wheels events where the gates are open to the public for a car show with vendors and flight operations – 8 Florence Air Academies with parents dropping off their kids and airplane rides, numerous holiday parties, non-profit fundraisers, barbecues, etc – all without incident. So there really isn’t either a federal requirement or historical risk for a significant increase in security.

After conferring with the Mayor and the President of the City Council and confirming that these new procedures were intended and voted in by the City Council, only then did we inform the Boys & Girls Club that we would not be able to have the Air Academy with these new restrictions – and it was announced on social media.

So we are very disappointed and sorry that this has happened as this has been such a fun and motivational event for local kids. It’s too late now and we are discouraged with the increasingly restrictive direction that the City is taking with the airport and the tenants on the airport. The Florence Hangar Owners Association is working with the City to arrive at mutually agreeable safe and realistic security procedures so that future events like this can proceed.

Sincerely
Terry E. Tomeny
President
AeroLegends LLC

City of Florence Message Regarding the Boys & Girls Club 2026 Air Academy

The City of Florence did not cancel the 2026 Air Academy. The event was approved in March, and that approval remained in place.

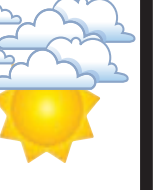
Questions have been raised about a new Special Events fee. This fee applies only to certain private non-aeronautical events at non-staffed City facilities. The Air Academy is an aeronautical educational program held during business hours and would not have been subject to this fee. In addition, the fee is not yet being charged. The City has not issued the notice to hangar owners explaining how the fee will be evaluated and implemented, and we do not apply new fees to pre-approved events without that communication.

When the City became aware through public inquiries that the Air Academy was not moving forward, staff attempted to reach the event organizer using the contact information provided in the application. After not reaching him, staff contacted the Boys & Girls Club to understand what they had been told, as the program introduces youth to aviation and careers in the field.

The City has supported the Air Academy each year it has been offered, and nothing in City policy prevented it from occurring this year. The City remains committed to clear communication, fair business practices, and ongoing collaboration with airport tenants. We look forward to continued discussions through established channels, including the annual hangar-owner meeting, and hope this valuable youth program returns in the future.

Thank you,
Megan Messmer
Assistant City Manager

Editor’s Note: Both sides of this issue were presented verbatim from unsolicited letters by Mr. Tomeny and the City of Florence. Letters by Mr. Tomeny (above) and the City of Florence.

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SMS students to share short stories at FRAA Gallery

In July, students in the Siuslaw Middle School’s summer school program completed a week-long creative writing project to learn basic tools for writing a short story as part of Florence Regional Arts Alliance’s (FRAA) community outreach. FRAA board member and retired Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson, now a mystery novelist and book editor, worked with students for an hour each day introducing fundamentals of storytelling. In addition to identifying different types of stories — from fairytales to mythology and contemporary fiction — the class discussed different genres, narrative styles such as first- and third-person storytelling,

and ways to brainstorm ideas into a basic outline. Students also learned how to use the five senses in writing description, the importance of understanding the motivation of both their protagonist (hero) and antagonist (villain), and the roll of secondary characters. At the end of the week, students used a basic, 5-point worksheet to create an outline for their one-paged stories based on: The Hook (grab the reader in the first paragraph), Pinch Point (cliffhanger moment), False Ending (protagonist seems to win but... no!), Actual Ending (protagonist overcomes foe), and The Conclusion (wrap-up and happy/sad ending).



Photo from left: Charles Holcomb, Quentin Heady, Christopher Juarez, Guillermo Esquivel-Avalos, Calvin Herring, Aislynn Heady, Zoey Jensen, and Salvador Chinn. (Not pictured: Forrest Wood)

FRAA then had each story matted and framed, and will have them on display at the FRAA

Gallery throughout the month of August. They student-written stories will also be a part of

the Florence Festival of Books in September as part of the youth writers’ display.

“I’m really proud of these young writers and appreciate all the support from FRAA and the middle school teachers for helping make this happen,” Hickson said. “I was so impressed with the kids know they gained a lot of confidence in writing and communication skills they’ll benefit from in school as well as life.” On Aug. 22, a special reception will be held for the students at the FRAA Gallery from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The Florence Regional Arts Alliance is located in Old Town at 120 Maple Street. For more information, call 541-997-4435 or visit fraaoregon.com.

Oregon Dunes Chapter NSDAR Honors Cindy Wobbe with Community Service Award

The Oregon Dunes Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution proudly announces Cindy Wobbe as a recipient of the prestigious DAR Community Service Award. The award recognizes Wobbe’s outstanding local leadership, volunteerism, and a lasting positive impact on the Florence community. The official honor underscores her dedication to local needs through impactful grassroots initiatives. Cindy is a prominent local businesswoman who

has built an enduring legacy of civic duty in Florence. Her major contributions to the community include: Pounding for Food Share: Wobbe is the original founder and long-term executive director of this vital drive-through holiday food donation event. Last year, the event celebrated its 25th annual drive at the Florence Grocery Outlet. The initiative has collected more than 220,000 pounds of food for Florence Food Share. The Good Deed Project: Wobbe created

and serves as the executive director for this local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The group directly assists local residents facing extraordinary medical expenses and needs. Durable Medical Equipment: Many people in our community need short-term use of durable medical equipment, such as walkers, knee scooters, wheelchairs, potty chairs, and shower chairs. The person who had been meeting this need, when the Elks Lodge had to stop doing it for liability reasons, developed health

issues that prevented him from continuing. Cindy stepped up to meet this need. Soup Brigade: Cindy wanted to “feed” people, healthy, nutritious soups, who were on palliative care or had life-changing health issues that required a helping hand. Cindy is one of those rare individuals who sees a need in her community and thinks...”there has to be a way to help”... and then she makes it happen. Thanks to the time and effort of volunteers who make the soup, others who bake homemade

bread, and volunteers who deliver, no matter the weather, many locals have had nourishment and even companionship during their time of need. “Cindy Wobbe embodies the precise values of community building and selfless patriotism that the DAR strives to champion,” said Cate Underbrink, the chapter Community Service Award Chair. “Her vision and tireless organization have ensured that hundreds of local families receive food, medical support, and neighborly care when they need it

most. Our chapter is honored to present Cindy with this award.” The Oregon Dunes Chapter is a local branch of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) based in Florence, Oregon. The non-profit women’s service organization focuses on historic preservation, promoting education, and fostering patriotism. The Community Service Award is given to individuals who have made significant, voluntary contributions to their local area.



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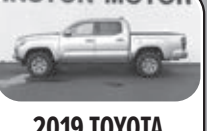
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POLICE

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in the area but could not hear or see any fireworks. At 9:23 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Harbor Street for a report of a subject banging on walls and attempting to kick a cat. Officers contacted the described subject, who was uncooperative, yelling and attempting to kick a vehicle. Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

At 8:30 a.m., officers

responded to the area of 35th St. in Highway 101 for a report of a male and female yelling at each other. Officers determined the dispute had been verbal only, and no further action was taken. At 3:13 p.m., a caller reported leaving a wallet on a gas pump in the 4700 block of Highway 101, which was gone when he returned for it. Officers were following up. At 5:11 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle had hit her vehicle’s trailer hitch and left the area. Officers determined no damage was caused to the caller’s vehicle.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

At 12:12 a.m., a business in the 1400 block of Highway 101 reported a subject was intoxicated and refusing to return to his room. Officers arrived to contact the subject, who then complied. At 11:53 a.m., a business in the 1300 block of Highway 101 reported that a possible grenade was found among donated items. Officers inspected the device and found it was a replica, and no further action was taken. At 12:08 p.m., Reedsport Police requested assistance locating a vehicle from their area. Dispatch checked Flock cameras,

but was unable to locate the described vehicle plate. At 3:43 p.m., caller reported possible theft of a flag from a business in the 5000 block of Highway 126. At 4:25 p.m., staff at the animal shelter reported a subject refusing to pay in order to get their dog back. The situation was resolved. At 8:46 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Oak Street for a report of a female subject yelling at kids. Officers arrived to speak to all parties, who agreed to go inside and stop yelling.

MONDAY, JULY 27

At 1:12 a.m., a caller

reported hearing drumming and a harmonica in the 2400 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived to contact the drummer and advised him not to do so at that time of night. At 4:39 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving very slowly and unable to stay in its lane in the area of Highway 101 and Heceta Beach Road. Officers responded, but were unable to locate the described vehicle. At 6:39 p.m., a caller reported to juveniles on scooters riding in the roadway on Highway 101. Officers arrived but were unable to locate the described juveniles.

At 7:56 p.m., officers stood by during an eviction in progress in the 1500 block of 12th St. when one of the subjects became hostile; officers determined she had a warrant for her arrest from Lane County Circuit Court. The subject was taken into custody. At 11:05 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject in a parking lot throwing rocks. Officers contacted the subject and determined he had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was reportedly uncooperative as he was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

COUNCIL

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Candidate will be listed on the Ballot

- Mike Webb, Status-Candidate will be listed on the Ballot
- Elijah Yager, Status-Candidate Collecting Signatures
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COUNCIL ROLES

The council is responsible for overseeing decisions that guide how the city operates and grows, which includes adopting city laws, fees, policies, and the annual budget.

MAYOR ROLES

While the mayor is elected to serve on the council, the position also requires presiding over the City Council, performing ceremonial functions, and maintaining order during meetings and discussions. Under the Council-Manager form of government, the mayor does not have additional executive authority beyond the role as a council member. Power is shared equally with the rest of the council, with a focus on leadership, coordination, and representation, rather than administration, according to staff reports.

WHAT YOU NEED

Two main requirements apply for anyone wanting to run for a council seat. You must be registered to vote in the City of Florence, and must have

lived within the city limits for at least one year prior to the election for this cycle (from Nov. 3, 2025). The city operates under a Council- Manager form of government, meaning the voters elect the city Council, and the mayor presides over council meetings. “The council also plays a critical leadership role through its authority to appoint and provide oversight over the city manager and a municipal court judge. While they do not manage day-to-day operations, they ensure accountability to these key appointments,” she said. “Most importantly, the City Council represents the voice of the community, and is elected to listen to residents, weigh competing needs, and make decisions that reflect the values of the City of Florence as a whole.”

REQUIRED SERVICE

To serve as a city council member, one must commit to at least two regular council meetings per month, two regular council work sessions per month, and must read all meeting materials in advance. Regular meetings are typically around two hours long, and material review takes 2 to 5 hours. In addition, councilors have other time commitments, including meetings with the city manager, city committee meetings, special council meetings as needed, budget committee meetings, and meetings with outside agencies as a representative of the city.

State law requires that council members must follow the Oregon Government Ethics Law, and each spring, all are required to file information regarding their business relationships, sources of income, real property transactions, and other information. Those filings are necessary to ensure transparency and accountability. The position is entirely voluntary, and councilors are not paid by the City for their service. Those interested in serving on the City Council may go to the City’s website, which includes all instructions and deadlines.

Prospective candidates must file a petition with the city recorder, collect the minimum 25 necessary signatures to qualify for the ballot, submit the completed petition, and follow all campaign finance reporting requirements. Processes are overseen by the state of Oregon, not the local election office. Questions regarding campaign financing can be submitted to the State of Oregon Elections Division at 503-986-1518, or 866-673-VOTE and information is available at elections.sos@state.or.us. Candidate data from https://www.ci.florence.or.us/213/Elections

WLFEA

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to structure protection in the area and is making defensible space around houses and buildings. He said some backburning and mop-up is also underway. Asked how long the crew would remain, Chance could not say, but added that the maximum is 14 days, which would end Aug. 6. The department’s Type 3 fire engine is primarily used in wildland fire situations and recently returned from a previous deployment at the Evans Creek Fire. Chance said the department also deployed two personnel with Coos Bay personnel as a Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) team. The REMS team is a specially-equipped group designed to go into active suppression areas and transport injured fire personnel to safe areas for treatment or additional transport. Chance said it’s the first time WLFEA has taken part in a REMS team. He said the department is also considering ways to send ambulance personnel to provide mutual aid. Noting that Oregon fires have surpassed the 1.7 million-acre mark this summer, Chance said there’s a need for more personnel and REMS teams in Oregon. The 1.7 million-acre figure is worth comparing to 2025, when 338,000 acres burned throughout the entire fire season.



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Housing

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Elm Park Apartments offers 32 affordable units. A tour of one three-bedroom apartment showed a basic layout similar in design to Oak Manor’s apartments, with basic amenities including a dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer, and storage spaces. Some rooms featured a small balcony, wrapped in ornate railing. Morrill said the design was chosen over a typical straight-bar design.

He said the rent amounts vary depending on income and other factors.

A small “meditation area” was also incorporated into the design, and Morrill said one of his favorite spaces is the raised garden bed area. The site features a long row of raised garden beds, similar to those installed at Oak Manor Apartments, another of Morrill’s projects.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Hoyle asked if the development was specifically workforce housing.

“It is workforce housing because we established in the documentation that we have a local preference for people already residing or employed in the area, so under fair housing, you have to go in the order that people apply,” he said. “With a preference, anyone who meets the preference gets to go to the top of the list. “So, of the 32 total units, we have about 24 that are preference because people, if at least one family member is employed in the zip code or families with children, which usually overlap, so we were able to get about 75% or more through our preference arrangement, to be people who are actually working in the community.”

“For state purposes and for the child care, we went with ... 16 two-bedroom [units], 6 one-bedroom[units], and 10 three-bedroom [units],” he said. “Surprisingly, we had over 350 interested

parties who asked for applications. That’s unheard of...”

“That doesn’t surprise me at all,” Hoyle responded.

“We had at least 100 applications for the 32 units,” Morrill continued, “but the three-bedroom units were the last to fill up.”

Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds added that there was a local fear that the city had saturated the local rental market with affordable units, since 90 units have been added in the past couple of years. She said market studies and long-range planning research do not confirm that fear.

“The actual numbers and data showed the opposite of that,” she said, adding that out of all the interested parties and applicants, the apartment complex was filled immediately after construction.

Ward said that when it came to planning other affordable housing projects in Florence, community members expressed concern that the appeal of affordable housing might draw low-income residents in from other areas.

“As it turns out, they’re already here,” Ward said. “Seventy-five percent of the people who will occupy this building are people from within this area. This is the third unit that’s been built, and that happened in all three of them.”

NO VACANCY

Asked by Hoyle about the vacancy rate in Florence, Reynolds said the market study showed close to zero percent vacancies.

“There is no place on the coast that has more than a half percent vacancy rate,” Hoyle said. “Roseburg is a half percent vacancy rate. When I tell that to people in D.C. that there is no place in my entire district that has a 2 percent or above vacancy rate and no place on the coast.. I don’t think people quite get the need.”

“And it’s not just at one income level,” Reynolds said, “It’s across the entire income [range], all professions, all income levels,



Officials viewed the yet unfinished street on the west side of the new Elm Park Apartments. Tony Reed photo

all states of life, everyone is struggling.”

“There isn’t enough housing,” Hoyle said, noting that a Bay Area hospital has had trouble recruiting doctors because they cannot find houses to buy or rent.

“We should have affordable housing,” she said. “We need mid-level housing and workforce housing. There are a number of programs, federal programs, because we can’t tell localities how to build their housing, but we need to build more housing.”

“Which is why the housing bill that just passed, where do you get something of that consequence these days that actually passes in a bipartisan way?” Hoyle said. “90 of 100 senators voted for it, right? It’s what everyone in every place, red, blue, rural, urban, is suffering from: this lack of housing. In Oregon, our issue is how do we build it? How do we build it affordably? How do we give incentives, And still work within our land use laws and not pave over farmland? And not just say ‘no?’”

“A key point is that it’s impossible to build it affordably,” Morrill said. “It costs the same, whether it’s low rent or high rent. You’ve got to get the money from somewhere that’s going to fund the low rents. State subsidies are where we get that.”

Hoyle said it’s also finding ways to streamline the planning process when it comes to permitting costs and finding places to build housing. Morrill added that on his other projects in Florence, he has had no problem when it came to zoning, permitting and response time.

Lane Commissioner Ryan Ceniga noted that one housing project in north Florence was done through a rezone that allowed high-density housing in a formerly medium-density zone.

“We just need to do more of that,” he said. “There were concerns if all those would sell, or if people wanted places with smaller yards, and the answer is that people just

want front doors.”

Florence Mayor Rob Ward said the addition of necessary infrastructure was also very helpful to the project’s success.

Reynolds noted that \$1.9 million was provided through Senate Bill 1530 and was awarded to the city during the 2024 short legislative session. The city was deemed qualified for SB1530 infrastructure project funding to incentivize Housing Development by giving \$1.9 million to the city to create the infrastructure necessary to stimulate Housing Development.

CHILDCARE ADDITION

The 5,000-square-foot center will have four 862-square-foot classrooms with attached child and adult restrooms, a kitchen, administrative and storage space, and a 2,250-square-foot outdoor play area.

Morrill said a crucial part of the project was the childcare center, made possible through important partnerships

“Head Start of Lane County became our partner from Day 1,” he said, “and the City was also there from Day 1. That enabled us to get more of the State grants than we would have been able to get otherwise, and that’s what funded most of this project.”

Two rooms are dedicated to Head Start, while another two are to be used by a community provider that will serve kids ineligible for Head Start or other programs, Morrill said.

“The rates, even though it’s compared to statewide rates, are higher than our local low-wage people can pay,” he said. “It’s \$1,400 a month for an infant, \$1,400 a month for a toddler, \$1,220 a month for preschool, so Siuslaw Childcare Friends is a local organization that was formed and has an unbelievable board of directors, including City Councilor Sally Wantz. One of their jobs is to provide childcare financial aid for low-income families who couldn’t otherwise have access to this facility.”

Morril explained that while some are receiving ERDC (Employment Related Day Care) and help from Stepping Stones, the community provider, some will apply for aid from Siuslaw Childcare. He said those parents were told if they could contribute 7 to 8 percent of their income toward the childcare, the rest would be covered.

“That’s what studies say people should be able to afford to pay and not more,” he said.

When asked, he said the facility will serve 76 children. While Elm Park has families with kids, the facility will be used by parents around the region.

“Most of them will be from out in the community,” he said. “There will only be about six kids from the apartment complex.”

Asked if Florence still qualifies as a “childcare desert” with the addition of the facility, Reynolds said yes.

“We have 144 childcare slots,” she said. “It has gone up significantly since we began this work in 2020. Lane County is out of the childcare desert range in infants, but not for the preschool age, so Florence continues to be a desert in both of those areas.” She noted that PeaceHealth donated to a childcare scholarship fund to help start kids at the new facility.

“And with Stepping Stones being able to expand into a childcare center, they’re going to be able to take on more kids,” she said.

Each of the large classroom areas has its own bathroom, sinks and storage areas.

Safety and security are enhanced by the fact that the center is located less than a block from the Florence Police Department.

WATER EVERYWHERE

Reynolds explained that water in and on the ground creates special challenges when it comes to meeting state regulations.

“People like to talk about things they can get their hands on, but it’s

the things that you can’t see underground like the water, wastewater, sewer,” she said. “It’s one of those little-known things that while the rest of the state focuses on not having enough water, we have too much water in Florence. So how do you manage the stormwater and what do you do with all the groundwater? ... And we’re on sand, so when it rains, and the river rises, and the tidal influences come in, the sand is a sponge, and gets too full... Then it becomes localized flooding, and you have to figure out how to manage it. Our code requires the developer handle it on site, so all of this beautiful landscaping is done in such a way to naturally manage that groundwater and stormwater.”

Noting that the system was required to address a 500-year flood concept, Morrill said the City’s stormwater system would handle any overflow from the complex, but predicted it would never actually happen.

Out back, two unfinished streets, 11th and Fir, will merge into a 90-degree corner to meet mandates for fire and emergency access, but a low-lying wetland area (containing no visible water) will need to be relocated once permitting is secured. She explained that the area has no connection to the river, and that state staff now understand it’s not a stream or a fish-bearing waterway.

She said it’s important to merge the streets for safety reasons, but also to allow other development to occur in the future.

Reynolds said that it’s caused struggles that the Department of State Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers are working with antiquated data when it comes to streams, wetlands and waterways.

Hoyle said that, due to a lack of satisfaction with the Army Corps of Engineers, her office just met the new Commander of the Corps.

“I feel he’s been responsive in the way that we’ve been looking for,” Hoyle said, remarking that she cannot help when it comes to the Department of State Lands.

“But they do interact,” Reynolds said.

During the tour, a man peeked his head out of one apartment to see why the small crowd of people was walking through. He later introduced himself, saying that the opportunity for him to rent the apartment and move his small family in there had been a life changer for him, as he was in a bad situation before.

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How many conflicts could we avoid if we stopped reacting long enough to get curious?

Let's be honest: we are quick to form opinions. Politics, culture, traditions, business decisions, family issues, and community priorities can put us on the defensive before a conversation even begins. We hear a few words, decide what someone means, and start preparing our response instead of listening.

The 90/10 theory offers an interesting explanation. It suggests that only about 10 percent of our reaction is connected to what is happening right now. The other 90 percent may come from previous experiences, old wounds, learned assumptions, disappointments, and expectations we carried into the room.

In other words, we are not always responding to the person in front of us. Sometimes we are responding to everyone who frustrated, dismissed, or disappointed us before them.

That is worth owning.
Let's not allow that 90 percent to ruin what could be a productive conversation, a stronger relationship, or an opportunity to learn something.
What if we took a breath and asked a question: Who is affected? What led to this decision? Why does this matter to you? How did you reach that conclusion? What information am I missing?
Curiosity does not mean surrendering our principles or pretending every opinion is equally sound. It means having enough confidence to listen before deciding - and enough humility to admit we may not have the whole story.

That can be uncomfortable. Perhaps we are afraid the answer might challenge what we believe. Maybe we would rather defend our position than examine it. It is certainly easier to sit behind a keyboard, read a headline, and fire off an opinion than to investigate the facts or have a real conversation.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

High.....5:38 a.m.....5.0
Low.....11:03 a.m.....1.9
High.....5:35 p.m.....7.3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Low.....12:46 a.m.....0.6
High.....6:58 a.m.....4.6
Low.....11:53 a.m.....2.6
High.....6:27 p.m.....7.4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Low.....1:59 a.m.....0.2
High.....8:34 a.m.....4.6
Low.....1:02 p.m.....3.2
High.....7:32 p.m.....7.5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Low.....3:12 a.m.....-0.3
High.....10:05 a.m.....4.8
Low.....2:26 p.m.....3.5
High.....8:44 p.m.....7.6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Low.....4:17 a.m.....-0.9
High.....11:12 a.m.....5.3
Low.....3:47 p.m.....3.4
High.....9:53 p.m.....7.9

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Low.....5:14 a.m.....-1.4
High.....12:02 p.m.....5.8
Low.....4:56 p.m.....3.0
High.....10:55 p.m.....8.1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Low.....6:04 a.m.....-1.7
High.....12:45 p.m.....6.2
Low.....5:56 p.m.....2.4
High.....11:51 p.m.....8.2

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Low.....6:49 a.m.....-1.8
High.....1:24 p.m.....6.6
Low.....6:50 p.m.....1.9

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

High.....12:43 a.m.....8.0
Low.....7:30 a.m.....-1.7
High.....2:01 p.m.....6.9
Low.....7:40 p.m.....1.4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

High.....1:33 a.m.....7.6
Low.....8:08 a.m.....-1.3
High.....2:37 p.m.....7.1
Low.....8:29 p.m.....1.0

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

High.....2:22 a.m.....7.1
Low.....8:44 a.m.....-0.6
High.....3:11 p.m.....7.2
Low.....9:16 p.m.....0.7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

High.....3:12 a.m.....6.5
Low.....9:19 a.m.....0.2
High.....3:45 p.m.....7.2
Low.....10:04 p.m.....0.6

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

High.....4:04 a.m.....5.8
Low.....9:53 a.m.....1.0
High.....4:19 p.m.....7.1
Low.....10:55 p.m.....0.7

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

High.....5:00 a.m.....5.2
Low.....10:28 a.m.....1.9
High.....4:55 p.m.....6.9
Low.....11:50 p.m.....0.8

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

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

Will Johnson hits the gridiron one last time

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

After putting together one of the great Siuslaw football careers, graduated senior Will Johnson got one more chance to represent Florence on the field at the Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game.

The game is hosted year after year at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium in Baker City, and it features some of the top senior talent from around the state in a contest that raises money for Shriners Children’s Portland, a non-profit pediatric hospital located in Portland.

It’s an event that has a lot of history, and this year’s game on July 25 was the 75th Shrine All-Star Game. For Johnson, there’s also a big family legacy that is intertwined with the competition.

“It was really, really fun. I’m the 10th person in my family to be picked for the Shrine game, and so there were lots of family members who played in it, so it was a real honor to get picked,” Johnson said. “The week was just amazing.”

A do-it-all type player, Johnson can line up anywhere. While his calling card was delivering bone-crunching tackles on defense for the Vikings, he made his impact on the other side of the ball for the East team in their 29-13



A photo from the 2025 Siuslaw season, Will Johnson got one more chance to get on the football field at the Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game. Courtesy photo from Will Johnson

victory over the West. That influence was reflected in the 46-yard touchdown reception he hauled in to give the East a 13-7 lead. He kicked the extra point to boot, putting it straight through the uprights to put his team up seven.

Sprinting through the defense, Johnson caught the pass with plenty of separation, and what it meant was evident from the celebration.

“That touchdown was pretty special. I was really hoping to get to score, and it just all worked out; broken coverage, and I ran right by them, and it was a really fun touchdown,” Johnson said. “I did wish that I got to play on defense a little more, but throughout the week I just never made it into the rotation, so I got a couple drives in the game and it was fine with me.”

It was a surprise that Johnson lined up in the red jersey of the East squad. Coming out of coastal Florence, he naturally would fit in with the West, but due to players being unable to make it, he ended up on the East. It was the first East win in the game since 2023. Safe to say it ended up being a pretty good pickup for the East squad.

Johnson spent the week

leading up to the game rooming with two players from Baker, a player from La Grande, and a player from Marist. He said it was “amazing” and he had a great time making new connections. Johnson was happy to get back into the flow of football, and capping the week-long training camp with a win was the perfect ending.

Watching from the stands were his dad, both his brothers and their partners, and his mom. For his brother and high school coach Sam, it was a proud moment to get to watch his younger brother take the field he once battled on when he was a senior.

“It was really neat. Coaching him was the most fun I’ve ever had, so sitting in the stands and watching him play for a few coaches that I know and trust was really neat. I was sitting next to my mom during it, and I said, ‘I hate being up here, and not being down there,’” Sam said. “But it was really neat to be able to sit back [and watch him]. Because when you’re coaching him and coaching a team, I was never really just watching him. Sitting in the stands, my older brother and I were up there, and I had no clue what was going on in the game. It was one of the first times I’d watched a football game

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Siuslaw Volleyball prepping for season start

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Summer is a good time to rest and recoup for students, but when you’re a Viking athlete, there’s still plenty of opportunities to sharpen your skills! The girls volleyball team has been doing just that, and as they hit the fall season, they’re hoping to come out swinging.

From scrimmages to weight training and conditioning, Vikings Volleyball has been hard at work around the net this summer, and Head Coach McKenzie Perry is excited to get the show on the road in August.

“We attended a varsity scrimmage at Marshfield in early June. We’ve also had open gyms and conditioning from 5-7 every

Tuesday and Thursday since school ended in June. We’re currently taking a two week break, and will pick back up to 5 days a week at the beginning of August,” Perry said. “We will have open gyms leading up to our camp, which is August 11th-13th, 3:30-5:30, and then will have our 2nd annual Alumni Scrimmage on Friday Aug. 14 from 5-7. After that, we start daily doubles and mandatory practices to start the season on Aug. 17!”

The program has encouraged the girls to try to attend at least 80% of the summer training. Every year there is a fun reward relating to the word “Dedicated” for those who are able to maintain that attendance

goal, and over half of the girls are still in the running for that prize with much of the summer already gone!

The volleyball camp is already garnering great participation, and Perry said there are already 60 volleyball players from 6th through 12th grades registered. If people are still interested in signing up, they are still welcome, and they can check in on the first day of camp at 3:00 p.m. on Aug. 11. The camp will run August 11th-13th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The camp will be hosted in the Siuslaw High School auxiliary and main gyms.

The camp will be followed by the 2nd annual Alumni scrimmage on Aug. 14, and Perry said that alumni interested in



Vikings volleyball will have a camp for youth and high schoolers Aug. 11-13. Photo Courtesy graphic from McKenzie Perry

the game should reach out to her if they still want to get involved. Spectators are also welcome to come cheer on the current and alumni squads!

Once the alumni game is out of the way, the hard work will begin in earnest.

The volleyball team will get into daily double workouts and mandatory practices to start the season on Aug. 17, and their

first game will be Aug. 31 against Reedsport.

After graduating three seniors last year, there is a large contingent of seniors who McKenzie is excited to see lead the charge. Many are players she’s helped develop for almost five years.

“The class of seniors we have this year is very dedicated to volleyball,

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SPORTS CAMPS IN AUGUST

Siuslaw NEWS STAFF

While the first official practices of the Siuslaw sports season won’t happen until Aug. 17, there are still several options when it comes to getting kids out, involved and active this summer.

Volleyball will have a couple of fun opportunities for the team and community before practice

begins, with a volleyball camp Aug. 11-13 for incoming 6th Graders-12th Graders at the Siuslaw High School Gyms, and an alumni scrimmage on Aug. 14. All Siuslaw Volleyball Alumni of any level are invited to play or watch. The cost of the camp is \$40 and includes a t-shirt for kids who are pre-registered. Contact Volleyball Head Coach McKenzie Perry for more

info at mperry@siuslaw.k12.us.or.

Siuslaw football will also have a youth camp at the beginning of August.

The Kids Camp hosted by the Siuslaw Cheer Team is for 2nd - 6th graders and will be held at the Siuslaw High School main gym August 24-26 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. The cost is \$50, and it will be the perfect precursor

to Siuslaw Cheer’s first performance at the home opening football game on August 28th.

Also coming up is the Siuslaw Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner at the Siuslaw main gym on August 21, starting at 5:30. The next day will be the annual Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club auction and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.


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Community Briefs

Free Pressure Canner Gauge Testing

The Oregon State University Extension Service – Lane County is partnering with the Siuslaw Public Library to offer a free Pressure Canner Gauge Testing Event on Thursday, August 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library. Home canners are invited to drop in during event hours and have their pressure canner gauges tested at no cost by certified OSU Master Food Preservers. Participants should bring the lid from their pressure canner with the dial gauge attached.

Pressure canning is the only safe method for preserving low-acid foods such as vegetables, meats, seafood, and soups. An accurate pressure gauge is

essential to ensure foods reach the temperatures necessary to destroy harmful bacteria during processing.

Over time, pressure canner gauges can become inaccurate through normal use. Because even a small variation in pressure can affect food safety, the USDA and Oregon State University Extension recommend having dial gauges tested at least once each year. This free community service helps home canners preserve food with confidence while ensuring their equipment is operating accurately.

Certified OSU Master Food Preservers will be available throughout the event to test gauges, answer basic pressure canning questions, and provide guidance on maintaining safe home food preservation practices. No appointment is necessary – community members are welcome to stop by anytime during event hours.

“Annual pressure gauge testing is a simple step that can make a big difference,” said Lane County Extension staff. “By partnering with the Siuslaw Public Library, we’re able to bring this important food safety service directly to the Florence community and help home canners preserve food safely and confidently.”

For questions about the event or to request accommodations, please contact Lizzie McDougal at 541-246-7044 or elizabeth.mcdougal@oregonstate.edu. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made at least two weeks in advance.

Universal Health Care discussion at Library

The City Club of Florence welcomes guest speakers from Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) to its monthly forum, Thursday Aug. 13th, at 1:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

HCAO is a nonprofit group working to promote Oregon’s Universal Health Care Plan, which is currently being drafted with community input.

Join speakers Lou Sinniger, Hannah Bishop,

Sandra Coyner and Charlotte Maloney as they talk about Oregon’s bid to become the first state in the nation to provide residents with a Universal Health Care plan.

Learn about how the proposed plan would work, how public comment is shaping the Oregon’s Universal Health Plan Governance Board’s work, and when the plan may be enacted once it’s submitted to the Oregon Legislature this September.

The City Club is a non-partisan, civic discussion group that meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30pm in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

City Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are later broadcast on KXCR-FM 90.7 community radio.

The Siuslaw Public Library does not sponsor the City Club or endorse the views of guest speakers.

Community Forum

You are invited to join us for the Illumination Project Community Forum on Tuesday, August 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at The Playhouse in Florence, Oregon. Together, we will explore themes of freedom, belonging, and marginalization through the lens of

the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This community conversation is an opportunity to reflect, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful dialogue about our shared history and future. We welcome community members of all backgrounds to attend. We hope to see you there!

Habitat Information meetings

Informational Meetings Scheduled for Florence Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program

Have you been dreaming of owning your own home? Florence Habitat for Humanity has scheduled informational meetings for individuals and families interested in becoming future Habitat homeowners.

Attend one of our informational meetings to learn about the homeownership program, find out if you qualify, and pick up your application package.

Meetings will be held at the FRAA Creative Center, 1458 1st Street, Florence:

Tuesday, August 11 at 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 13 at 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 15 at 2 p.m.

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6. Evacuate if necessary.
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Local Earthquakes – the most dangerous of OR’s potential earthquakes, these are caused by the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ). Resulting tsunamis are commonly known as “The Big One.” They occur irregularly every 200-800 years, most recently occurring in the year 1700.

TIP – The CSZ earthquake and resulting tsunami will take minutes to arrive on the Oregon Coast, which may not be enough time to trigger onshore alert systems. **Your biggest warning will be the shaking.** Get to higher ground if you feel any shaking while near a body of water. **Tsunami warning signs: Strong ground shaking, an unusually loud ocean roar, and/or a rapidly receding and exceptionally low tide that exposes ocean floor.**

What to do during an earthquake:

- If you are **indoors**, drop, take cover, and hold onto sturdy furniture. Stay clear of items that could fall on you. Stay put until shaking stops.
- If you are **outside**, move away from any body of water to higher ground. Be aware of unstable slopes, falling rocks, and trees.
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8:00-9:30 AM; Middle
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View the Future Announces First Annual Fundraising Event: Rooted & Rising

An Inspiring Evening with Indigenous Leaders, Conservation, Music, and Community

View the Future is proud to announce its first annual fundraising event, Rooted & Rising: An Evening with Indigenous Leaders and Advocates, taking place Friday, September 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Yachats Commons.

The evening will bring together community members, conservation supporters, and Tribal leaders to celebrate the deep connection between

Indigenous stewardship, land conservation, and the future of the Yachats area. The event will raise critical support for View the Future’s work to preserve the natural and cultural landscapes that define the Yachats community.

The keynote speaker will be Amy Bowers Cordalis, a Yurok attorney, fisherwoman, and nationally recognized advocate for Indigenous

rights and Klamath River restoration. Her leadership has been instrumental in one of the largest river restoration efforts in U.S. history and has inspired conservation efforts across the country.

Joining her as a featured speaker is Robert Kentta, Tribal Council member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, respected cultural leader, and historian. Kentta has spent

decades preserving and sharing the history, culture, and traditions of Indigenous peoples on the Oregon Coast.

“This evening is about more than fundraising,” said Gretchen Dubie, Executive Director of View the Future. “It is an opportunity to honor Indigenous leadership, celebrate the partnerships that make conservation possible, and inspire our community to invest in

the future of the lands and stories that make Yachats so special.”

Guests will enjoy: Inspiring presentations from nationally respected Indigenous leaders Live music by pianist Vicki Brabham, joined by vocalist Sage Parks Complimentary small bites and hors d’oeuvres by William Webster Silent and live auctions Exciting raffle prizes An evening

of community, storytelling, and conservation Proceeds from Rooted & Rising will directly support View the Future’s mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment through collaborative conservation, education, and cultural stewardship.

For tickets and additional information, visit ViewTheFuture.org/Upcoming-Events.

VOLLEYBALL

From Page B1

and there is a large group of them that have stuck with it since I coached them as 7th graders,” Perry said.

Among the returning core, Siuslaw boasts 2nd Team All-League setter and middle blocker Stella Duman, who kept the

competitive fire burning during the offseason with a club team. The team will also benefit from a bevy of returners who played big minutes last season.

“We also return varsity starters at libero, Paige Bottensek; defensive specialist Chloe Clark; opposites Charley Johnson and Ezra Haberly, all of whom are going into their senior season; and outside hitter McKenzie Ulrich,

going into her junior season,” Perry said. “All have been very involved this offseason, providing great leadership to those entering and moving up in the program.”

To help build on the already strong leadership capabilities of the aforementioned players, Perry and Vikings girls softball and basketball coach Amanda Richards are starting a “Girls of Gold”

captains clinic this year.

“We have invited upper-classmen leaders and captains from all female sports, and will do a day of in-person discussions and training, and then will head to Corvallis to test our leadership skills at the OSU Challenge Course,” Perry said.

With the season right around the corner, the weeks will fly by, and the start of the season will

be here in a heartbeat. As with other seasons, the team will hit the dunes for some early-season conditioning, marking the beginning of their journey.

“We are looking forward to making our mark on the dunes again this year during our doubles practice at the start of the season,” Perry said.

GRIDIRON

From Page B1

and watched a single player. It was a blast to get to watch him play one last time.”

As a head coach, even when your brother is out on the field, you have to be so focused on what the offense and defense need to be doing to get the best outcome. With the coaching responsibility lifted, Sam got to watch Will go to work without worrying what the rest of the team did.

Seeing Will score and leave his imprint on the game was something special.

“I think he cemented his legacy in Siuslaw football, and then you go off to the Shrine game, which is a big honor, and getting to watch him do what he does one last time, and go out on his own terms was a blast, and I had a ton of fun watching it,” Sam said. “So, I am as proud of an older brother as I could ever be of him.”

Will is attending Willamette University in the fall, where he’ll continue to compete in track and field at the next level. Coming off the track season, he came into

the Shrine game in good shape, and though it took a day of training to knock the dust off, he really enjoyed the chance to get on the gridiron again.

For all the football that the week in Baker City brought, it will be the friendships he fostered with his temporary teammates that will stick with him. Lining up beside longtime opponents brought Will closer to players he’s long competed against. When asked what he’ll remember about the game down the line, that paradigm shift was something Will

won’t forget.

“I’m really gonna just think about the boys. I go into games, you know, and they’re the enemy. I’ve never thought about how I would like a teammate. Like, I played with Caleb Scaglione from Cascade Christian. And I’ve played him two or three times in high school and not liked him once because he’s been on the other team,” Will Johnson said. “It was really nice to get there and feel like all high school rivalry and animosity was put aside, and it was just play to play, and we had a really,

really good time.”

East or West, the brotherhood ends up being bigger than the game, and for Will Johnson, it was a perfect ending to his high school football chapter.



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5	3	20
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1610: During Henry Hudson's search for the Northwest Passage, he sails into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

1776: The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence takes place.

1939: The space shuttle Atlantis is launched to deploy the TDRS-5 satellite.



This refreshing fruit is an excellent source of lycopene, which helps keep the heart healthy.

Answer: Dog

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LCESI FO MNOEL

Answer: Slice of melon

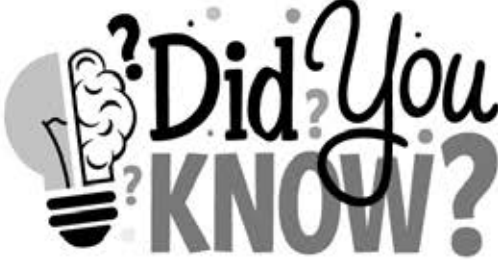


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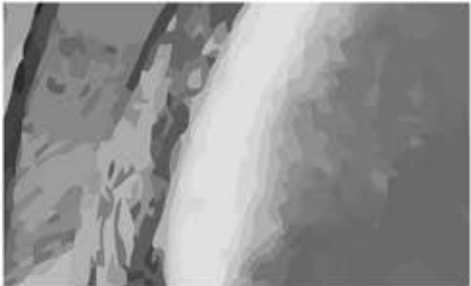
cause the body to absorb water



English: Watermelon
Spanish: Sandía
Italian: Cocomero
French: Pastèque
German: Wassermelone



Watermelon contains 92 percent water. That means that watermelon is both tasty and can help keep the body hydrated.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Watermelon

FAIR DAYS

WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- APPLES
- BLUE RIBBON
- CARNIVAL
- CAROUSEL
- CHURRO
- COASTER
- CONCERT
- CORNDOG
- COTTON CANDY
- EXHIBIT
- FERRIS WHEEL
- FRIES
- FUNNEL CAKE
- GAMES
- GRAND STAND
- JUDGES
- LEMONADE
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Amber Waves



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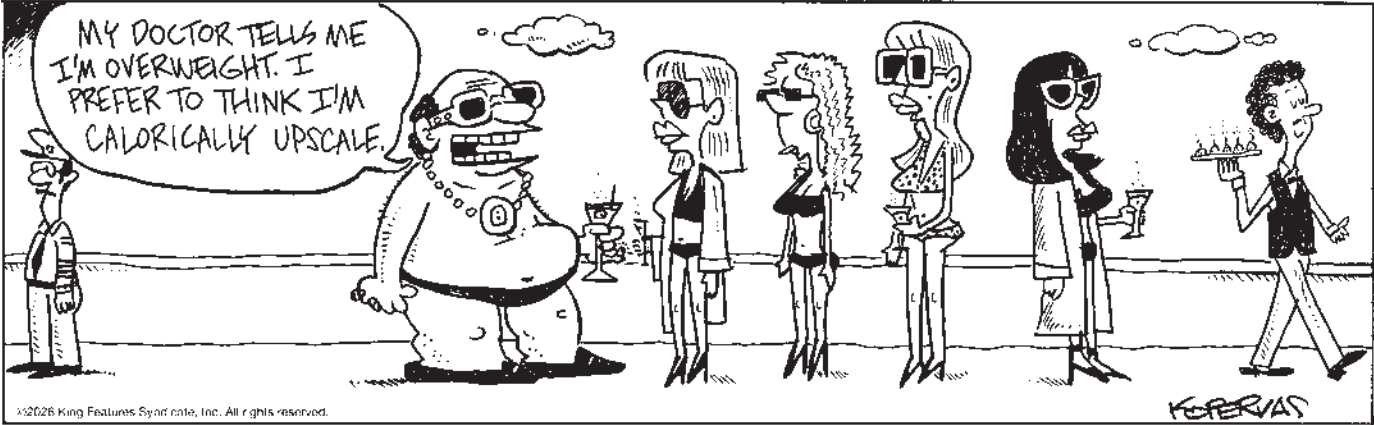
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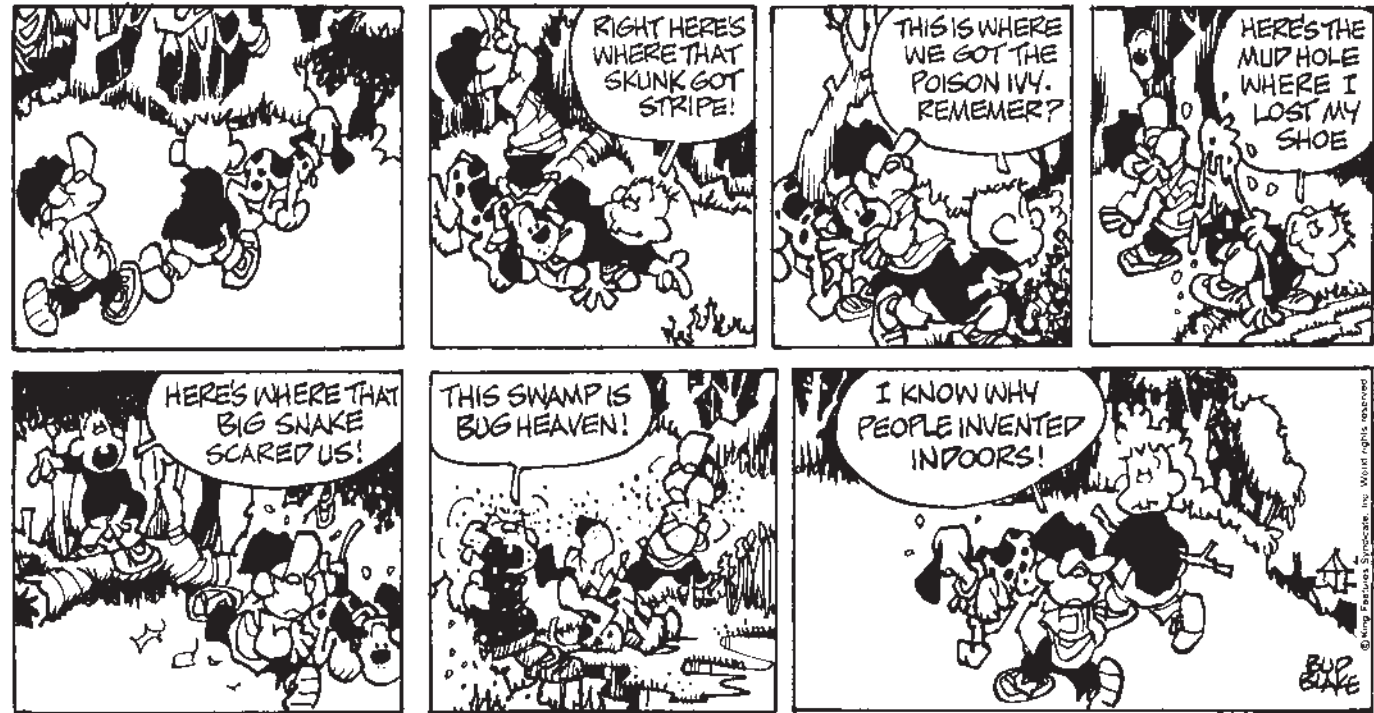
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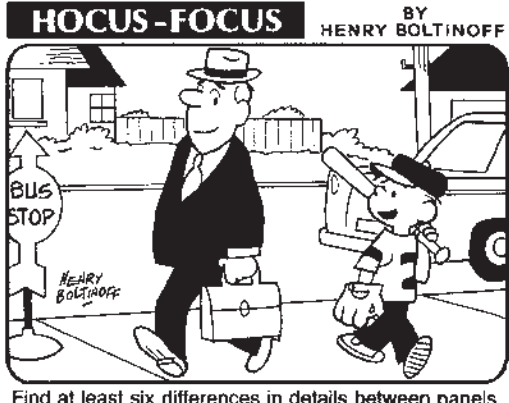
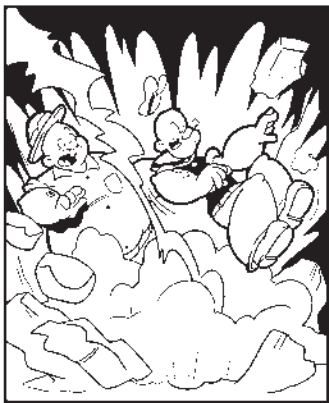


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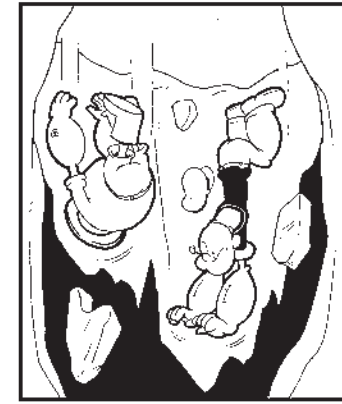
A study by Harvard Business School found that **giving** to other people lifted the giver's mood more than spending that money on themselves. Participants also expressed more happiness when they could witness the receiver's happiness.

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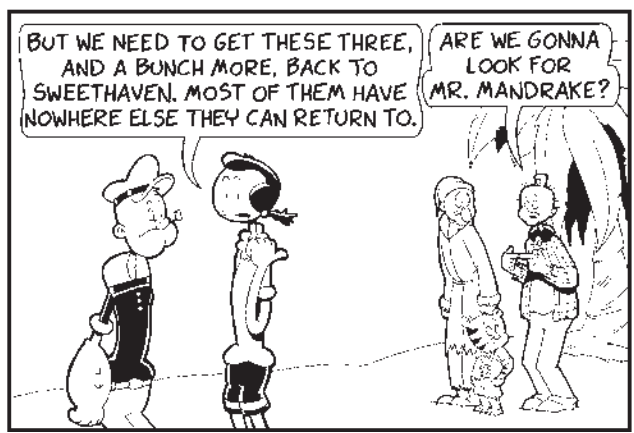
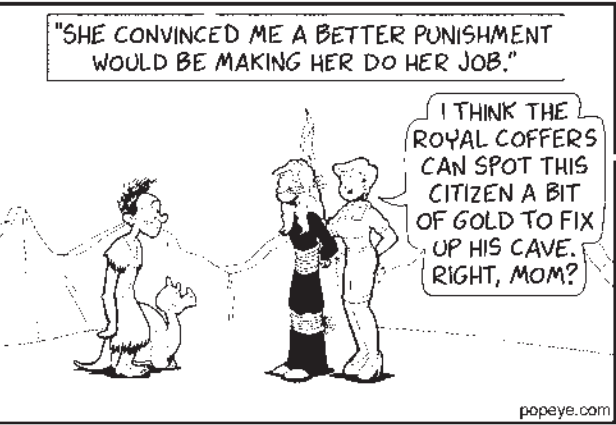
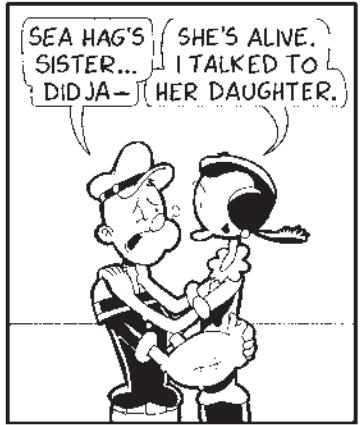
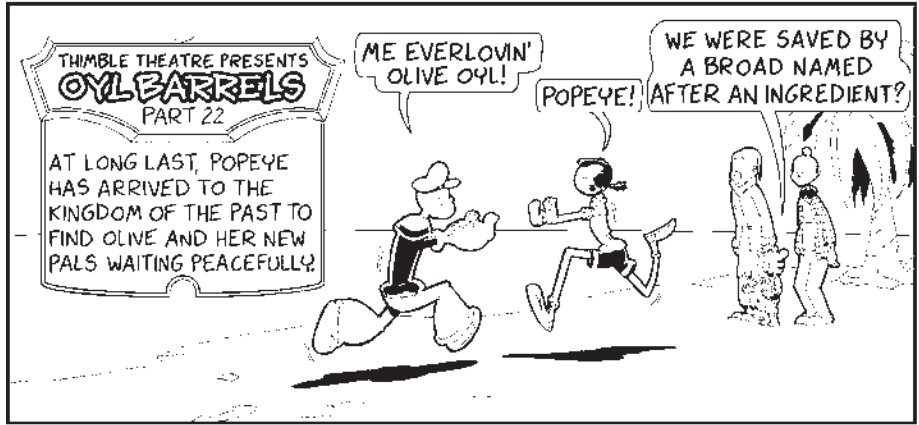
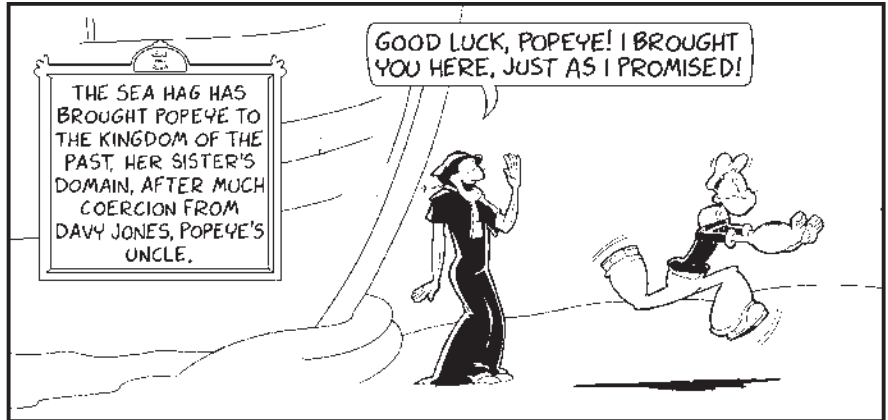
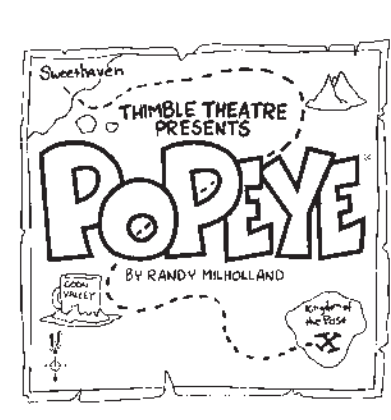
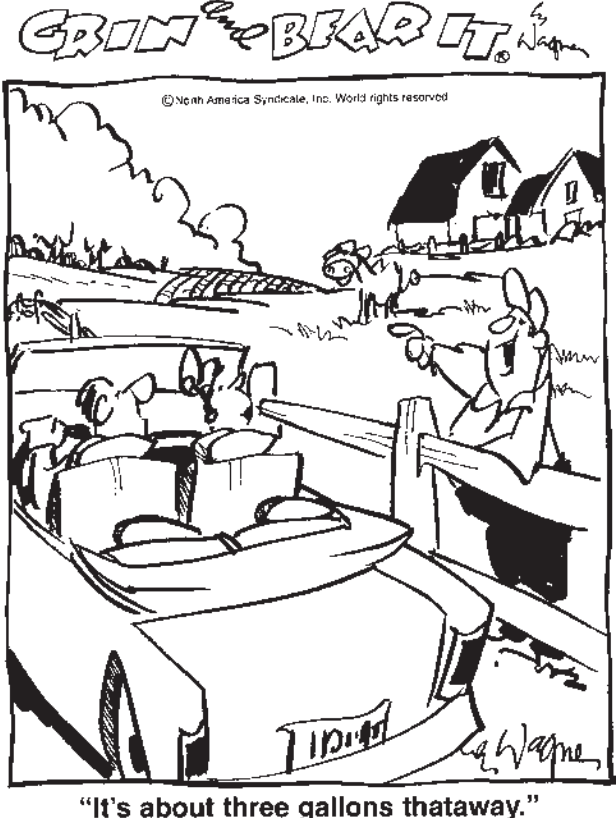
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3. Bills of fare	M	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5. Ice	N	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Horse cubicle	_____	A	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Bugs Bunny's treat	C	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Barnyard baby	_____	I	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Nanny	_____	T	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. English nobleman	_____	R	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Answers: 1. easel, 2. brandy, 3. menus, 4. hurdle, 5. anger, 6. stall, 7. carrot, 8. chick, 9. sister, 10. Baron, 11. Edsel

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CryptoQuip
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Clue: G equals R
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GPEVHVBY HGBRO LBRXCPC
AD BXP BL NZP APSNEPY,
QBREC NZPD AP EPXXBXVNPY?
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez
1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Argentina?
2. GAMES: What is a perfect score in a bowling game?
3. TELEVISION: In the animated series "Family Guy," what kind of creature is often fighting with Peter?
4. COMICS: What is the name of Batman's butler?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives the Greek liquor ouzo its distinctive taste?
6. LITERATURE: What are the names of Nancy Drew's best friends in the detective novel series?
7. MOVIES: What brand-name underwear does Marty McFly have in the movie "Back to the Future"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the Prime Meridian?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Saturn?
Answers
1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil
2. 300.
3. Ernie, the giant chicken.
4. Alfred Pennyworth.
5. Anise.
6. Bess and George.
7. Calvin Klein.
8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude.
9. New Mexico.
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REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE
Today's Word
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1. Hedge, 2. Safe
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