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Assisted Living project still moving forward

By TONY REED
Siuslaw News

Locals who regularly drive the length of Highway 101 through Florence have likely noticed heavy equipment moving sand across from Fred Meyer shopping center and have created what looks like an entry road onto the highway. The work is part of the Cannery Station project, which developers hope will become a large assisted living facility that may integrate multi-family housing into its plans.

During a Planning Commission hearing in

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Workers and equipment are moving a lot of sand to create streets around a planned development of an assisted living facility.

Investigation finds no evidence supporting allegations against CROW

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

A third-party investigative firm says it has found “no substantial evidence of criminal activity or systemic mistreatment within CROW (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops, Inc.) The investigation summary by Gunderson Services of Portland, noted that it was hired to conduct a limited and targeted investigation into specific allegations made against CROW, its staff and volunteers. The company investigated “any claim for which criminal or civil action could be brought.” When asked,

Florence Police Chief John Pitcher said his department had not conducted any investigation of CROW.

BACKGROUND

CROW Director Melanie Heard explained that five individuals came to the Dec. 11 board meeting to express concerns and complaints. She said they also provided a packet they’d titled, Stand for Justice, which contained a mix of personal and anonymous allegations.

“They asked the board not to share that packet of testimonials,” Heard said. “About five days later, they began emailing it out themselves and it went far and wide into the community.”

Heard said the individuals were informed that the board needed 30 days to respond in writing and did so within the timeframe.

“By then, it was too late because the members had made comments on many public comments, verbally and in writing,” she said. “I need to tell you that one of the individuals was suspended in June 2024 for inappropriate behavior. They were suspended for one year, their whole family, and we think they were unhappy with that decision.”

On Feb. 10, the CROW’s legal consultant (not CROW) hired Gunderson Services, LLC, of Portland, which specializes in a wide range of investigation and security services.

Asked how much it has cost CROW to deal with the allegations, Heard said the financial damage has not been tallied, but will likely exceed \$80,000. She said the dialog that occurred on social media following dissemination of the event also negatively affected the organization. She said one particular Facebook page allows commenters to do so anonymously and without accountability.

She explained that CROW is a private nonprofit 501(C)3 organization, created so children and families could participate at a low cost.

“In the Siuslaw region, that is critical. The families we serve are not capable of paying the high amounts like children’s theaters in other cities,” she said, explaining that the organization was structured to be able to accept grants, fundraisers, program income and charitable donations. “We charge about a third of what you would see in any other

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Los Compadres no more

Last week, another building was brought down in the 300 block of Highway 101, completing demolition that started in January. According to City reports, the property owner, Raycen Raines, was granted permission Jan. 6 to demolish the former Hoberg’s Muffler Shop building and the neighboring Los Compadres building. The last in the series to be taken down was this garage building which used to be the Saxon’s gas station. As for any future use of the properties, staff said in January that none have been officially proposed or submitted. Tony Reed photo.

Elks donate to Food Share



Tom Hornback (Treasurer, Chairman of Board), Colin Morgan, Executive Director of Food Share Pantry, George Bandy (Exalted Ruler, PER)

The Florence Elks #1858 used part of their Beacon Grant to donate \$3000 to the Florence Food Share Program. The Food Share provides nutritional food to be distributed to the home-bound elderly, disabled and low income families in need. The Lodge partners with Mapleton Food Share to cover more areas of need. Many Elk members volunteer at the Florence Food Share to help distribute and help stocking and restocking of food that is delivered to the Food Pantry.

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NATHAN LEE WILSON
Nathan Lee Wilson, a beloved father, son, brother, and friend, passed away on March 13, 2025, at the age of 47. He was born on June 6, 1977, in Eugene, OR. He lived in Florence until the family relocated to Junction City in 1986. He graduated from Junction City High School in 1995 and continued to live in the area until his death.

Nathan brought joy and laughter to everyone around him with his infectious smile and big bear hugs. He was known for his intense and unwavering love for his family and friends. Nathan had a passion for all things outdoors. He was an avid fisherman who had recently purchased a boat and dreamed of teaching his grandson to fish. Whether spending time with family, hanging out with friends, or working hard at his job, Nathan positively impacted everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his Grandparents Mitchell and Lucille Wilson of Florence and Emil and Edna Dietrich of Junction City. He is survived by his parents, Randy and Robin Wilson of Florence; Sister Tracy(Mike)Deneen of

Billings, MT; Brother Tim(Kay) Wilson of Junction City; Daughters Rebecca Wilson and Brandi(Kyle)Smyth; Grandson Cayson Smyth; and nieces and nephews Kennedy, Brenna, Anthony, and Carter.

A private family service took place at Burns’s Riverside Chapel on March 20, 2025, followed by burial at Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence. A celebration of life for all family and friends will be scheduled at a later date.

Rest in peace, Nathan. You will be deeply missed, always loved, and never forgotten.

DONALD MURRAY HARVEY
July 1, 1930 - February 27, 2025



Don Harvey took his last breath the evening of February 27 with his wife Nan, daughter Pam, son, Donald M. Harvey, Jr (Duke) and son-in-law Neal Standard with him. His life was as a well written book, with a beginning, middle and end, a life of challenges, opportunities, achievements and the endless people who entered his life and meant so much to him.the latest of which were his Memory Care group. No job was too big nor too small for his curious mind. His life

was written in the key of C Major, characterized by innocence and happiness. He was a gift.

Don was born in Wyoming, OH, a suburb of Cincinnati, son of Maxwell and Beatrice Harvey. He came from a family of builders and explorers. He is survived by his wife Nan, son Duke and wife Robin Harvey of Illinois, daughter Pam and husband Neal Standard of Black Hawk CO, and daughter Linda and husband Tim Cook of Castle Rock CO. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren Travis Harvey of Montgomery Al, Morgan Haas of Lyle Il, Anthony Standard of Black Hawk CO ad Troy Standard of Fort Collins and 4 great grandchildren He had two sisters, Beatrice and Charlotte who pre-deceased him. His mother wanted a 4th of July baby but “he could not wait to explore and make his impact on the world “ was his mother’s words. That he did. As a youngster he built tanks, jitneys, and other WWII machines to enact battles with his friends. He delivered milk and papers before school, built a dark room in the basement so he could develop pictures for the school paper and year book. He earned his pilot license at 18 so he could take friends to out of state events, and as an aerial photographer, sold his pictures to the Cincinnati newspaper. At Ohio University where he received his degree in architectural/structural engineering, he was dorm monitor, student council representative and, being a dedicated chess player, organized the university chess society. His parents received an unsolicited letter from the Dean of Students saying how pleased they were to have

their son as a student in their university. Before graduating, he married Helen Meyer, with whom he had 3 children, Linda, Pam and Duke. At graduation, as part of his ROTC contract he entered the USAF and that ended the 1st period of a robust life.

The middle period 1952 to 1972 Don was quickly recognized for his ingenuity as nuclear weapons officer, and raised to 1st lieutenant following a training mission that would have been scrubbed had Don not devised a way to land a fleet of nuclear weapons bearing planes in ground fog conditions. His was a fast and eventful 3 years in active duty before he joined the reserves for another 10 years. He corrected a faulty design of the underground silo release mechanism at the MinuteMan missile silo site. He was responsible for designing earthquake resistant structures working at the Nevada Test Site where underground nuclear detonations took place. He did small things like build specialized furniture for a young dentist starting his practice, all the while being a father to his 3 children and the projects they brought to him. Among the many achievements Don was most proud of was his role in the development of North American Aviation, Atomic International’s sodium reactor experiment, designing the structure and portions of the fuel handling operation. The nuclear power plant, built near Simi Valley CA., operated from 1957 to 1964.

The remaining period of his life 1970 to 2025 offered new opportunities and challenges, community involvement, promoting solar energy,

OBITUARIES

and travel with Nan. He moved to the Colorado Rockies in 1970 planning on making a career change. He bought a KOA and turned it into the neighborhood grocery store, laundramat, and gathering place in the game room. The gas station he built for his campers to this day is the only one in the county and sves the community.

In 1976 he was a pioneer in environmental protection. With his company, Solarcraft, he desiged solar systems for homes and commercial structures. He transformed Nan’s modest 1200 sq.ft. house into a showcase of energy conservation, designing the solar panels, the 65 ft wind generator tower and a solar greenhouse. Those who knew him in Florence know that you could not escape a conversation about solar energy and electric cars. True to the end, his last purchase, a Ford C-Max Energi, has not seen a gas station in 2 years. and electric bills are subsidized by solar panels. He was most pleased that the family who bought their olorado home turned the space over the 2-1/2 car garage into a music room for their son and his musical ensemble. He still hoped that someone would take advantage of the astronomy observatory he built, complete with rotating roof, which opened to the heavens, where he spent evenings lookin at the stars. Dr. Robert Zubrin made him an honorary member of the Mars Society.

He was a ready and willing partner to Nan’s activities, installing an elevator in the Gilpin County Arts Assocn venue in Central City, replacing the old jail. He made the KOA available to the many foreign

exchange students on their way to placement: he stepped up to be the dishwasher at the Boulder County lunch program and the bookkeeper for the Gilpin County Arts Association until replacements could be hired, And he loved dishing out the deserts at their many folk festival and county fair food booths. He loved to schmooze.

His last engineering venture was the secret Stealth Fighter Base at the Nevada Test Site. The project was completed before schedule with Don’s keen review of architectural drawings. He would say “show me any drawaing and I will show you mistakes.” But he could not find the jelly jar in the refrigerator.

For 10 years he served as a Gilpin County planning commissioner, representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments, and vacation stand-in building inspector. As warden of St. Paul’s episcopal church, he added a kitchen to make the annual diocesan lunch more convenient and he added a handicap ramp so one of the members could attend service. He was captain to his first mate Nan of The Aquarious, a 44 foot sailboat they lived on for 5 years in San Francisco Bay while she attended school.

He came from his 9000 ft. roost to Florence following an aortic replacement. For those who did not have a chance to know him: pilot, photographer, nuclear weapons specialist, environmentalist, sailor, camper, kyaker, builder, travel companion: he will be missed most for his gentle nature and willingness to be part of whatever would make an improvement. He was the perfect mate.

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Prostate Cancer Survivor

Following my own advice, I got on Prostatepedia and went searching for informational articles that addressed me at my stage in life. Of course, I’m also looking for one that is meaningful for the prostate cancer support group. Boy, did I find one of interest and importance

for my ZERO/Us TOO Group plus everyone else going through health problems.

The headline stood out and grabbed my attention...it was talking about many men with advanced (Metastatic) prostate cancer not receiving the latest recommended treatment. This is more likely in other parts of the country for one simple reason - Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff at Oregon Urology

Institute. Dr. Mehlhaff is THE prostate cancer expert at OUI and makes sure all other members of his team are up-to-date on everything prostate related.

As an example, years ago when a new treatment was under review for men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer, Dr. Mehlhaff was attending our meetings and treating Tim, who he thought would benefit from it. The nearest facility that could provide that treatment was in Washington State. Well, Dr. Mehlhaff had everything in place, so the

moment the procedure was approved, Tim was on his way.

Now back to the article in Prostatepedia titled, Many Men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer Are Not Getting the Recommended Treatments, Study Finds. As the article states, guidelines in the United States now recommend giving a combination of two different drugs to block hormones in two different ways. And, for those who are at the highest risk of their cancer getting worse, guidelines recommend adding

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A moral hazard

TONY REED, EDITOR
Siuslaw News

In the real estate and investment world, the term Moral Hazard is used to describe a situation where someone makes a choice that could risk causing harm or loss to others but poses no risk or accountability to themselves. For example, if a property owner or landlord has comprehensive fire insurance, they may be less likely to make the building as fire safe as possible, since the insurance would cover the cost of replacing it. While that increases risk to the tenants, neighbors and firefighters, the property owner would remain insulated from consequence.

For probably obvious reasons, it's the same term I use to describe many comments made on social media.

We've all read hostile messages on social media

and wondered if that commenter would not have said that to the person's face, or even in a mixed company setting.

They make accusations, generalizations and rude, all-caps remarks from the safety of their keyboard, like a tiny dog barking at a larger dog from behind a screen door. However, when the door opens, most will likely retreat into the back room and hide under the bed.

While not specifically defined, commenting on social media under a made-up name is another example of such behavior. If you have the courage of your commentary, you should have the courage to sign your name to it, just like we do here at the Siuslaw News every week. In our



recent online poll (which is less than conclusive, I admit), over 57 percent of respondents said they wouldn't believe an allegation made by an anonymous source.

Using a fake name is about as accountable as going into a store restroom, locking the door and scratching hateful messages on the wall.

I often remark that nobody has ever won an episode of Jeopardy by insulting Alex Trebek. To win at Jeopardy, you must must have knowledge about the subject matter and deliver your answer succinctly. Wouldn't that be a great way to approach civil discourse? If you think you know the answer, hit your buzzer. If you're wrong, the game will

continue with no hard feelings. "I'll take, 'Mutual Respect' for \$500, Alex."

Mayor Rob Ward recently shared an insight that will stick with me for a long time. He said that if you get a bunch of people who hold a diverse set of positions and opinions together to work on a problem, they will come up with surprising solutions.

Those solutions, he said, will be better than anything any one of those people could have come up with alone.

If we're actually looking for solutions, being respectful goes long way toward finding them. Stand by what you say, know your subject matter and be prepared to have someone counter you.

It takes knowledge and work to find mutually-agreeable solutions, but it takes none to engage in logical fallacies.

HEADLINES

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chemotherapy as well.

So, what's the problem? The results of a new study indicate that these guidelines largely have not trickled down and been put into practice. In a survey of U.S. doctors who care for patients with prostate cancer, almost 70% reported not using this combination therapy up front as recommended. Does that bother you as much as it does me? To have the results of clinical trials showing this as the way to go and then to simply disregard it is not putting the patient first. In fact, it is showing great disregard for patients and for all who

participated in those clinical trials.

Then there was this... Almost 60% of those doctors who did not prescribe combination treatments for most of their patients expressed concerns that giving more than one drug at a time would have too many side effects. However, in those clinical trials, researchers saw the opposite effect. Dr. Fatima Karzai, M.D. who studies new treatments but was not involved in this study found, as did the researchers, that when someone has a lot of disease in his/her body, if you administer these drugs together people actually feel better because their symptoms diminish. That is exactly what we patients want!

As Dr. Karzai explains, patients may have to

advocate for themselves to get the highest level of treatment for now. That simply means exploring your situation with your doctor...know your disease...know your treatment options and even taking someone along with you to help by taking notes and asking questions. It is within your rights as the patient to learn all you can about the stage of the disease and the potential treatments. This is information you need to help you work with your doctor in determining your course of treatment.

Another hinderance to multidrug treatment is the belief that if I use those drugs now, what will I have left for future use if/when the disease progresses? A number of studies have shown that

this is the reason doctors are found reserving drugs for treatment intensification. However, as multiple clinical trials have shown, in the case of hormone sensitive prostate cancer, the men who receive combination (multidrug) therapy when their disease is still hormone sensitive, live longer than those who get it later.

I think you can see why, even though this was written specifically for men with metastatic prostate cancer a lot of it can apply to other diseases. And, Finally: Don't let this research and good advice go to waste, please. So, Patients: Know your disease; Advocate for yourself; Take someone with you if possible. Doctors: Don't save combination therapy for later.

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POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from March 19 to March 24

MARCH 19
At 5:47 a.m. officers responded to the 1400 block of Highway 101 for a report of a stolen bicycle. One suspect was identified and arrested.
At 7:25 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of Kingwood Street or a report of a barking dog.
At 8:35 a.m., a juvenile was arrested on school property by the school resource officer for an active warrant.
At 11:59 a.m., officers responded to the area of 7th Street and Laurel for a report of a subject not leaving a property. Subject was arrested on a

probation detainee.
At 12:11 p.m., officers responded to an area of Highway 126 or a report of an injured deer. The deer was no longer in the area when officers arrived.
MARCH 20
At 8:43 a.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Quince Street or a report of burglary. Officers located evidence at the scene and later located a suspect who was placed under arrest.
At 12:48 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Rhododendron Drive to issue a trespass warning.
At 6:41 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of 17th Street to issue a trespass warning.
At 7:23 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in

the 2100 block of Spruce Street. Officers made contact with the subject and arrested him for a warrant from Lincoln County.
8:16 p.m., a repossession agency notified dispatch that they would be repossessing a vehicle in the 4300 block of Highway 101.
At 7:40 p.m., a caller reported illegal camping in an area along Quince Street.
MARCH 21
At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Highway 101 or a report of a stolen bicycle. Officers observed security video from the area and determined the suspect to be the same subject who was currently lodged in jail for theft of another bicycle on March 19th. A second

charge was added.
At 10:54 a.m., a subject came into the police department to surrender a firearm has a condition of a court order.
At 12:54 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 1500 Block of 12th Street observed a subject known to have a warrant for his arrest. Subject was taken into custody for a Lane County Circuit Court warrant.
At 6:48 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Highway 101 to issue a trespass warning.

MARCH 22
At 5:41 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Highway 126 for a report of a found bicycle. Officers determine the bicycle had not been reported stolen and could not find the owner. Bicycle was left at the location.
At 9:14 a.m. a caller in Florence reported that a sexual assault had occurred. Case remains under investigation, no further information has been released.
At 2:45 p.m., a caller in the Woahink area reported that two French poodles were missing and wanted to notify Florence Police.
At 8:15 p.m., officers

attempted to locate a reported DUI driver Southbound on Highway 101 from Yachats. Officers are unable to locate the described vehicle.
At 9:22 p.m., a caller reported a possible juvenile runaway in Florence. Juvenile was later located safe and sound.
MARCH 23
At 9:13 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of 20th Street for a report of a possible scam attempt.
At 11:07 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of Highway 101 for a reported domestic dispute. Officers made contact with, and counseled the subjects.
At 4:48 p.m., officers responded to a report of theft from a travel trailer located in the 4000 block of Highway 101. Upon investigating, it was found that another vehicle in the area may have also been burglarized.
At 7:14 p.m., officers responded to the path between Hemlock and Kingwood for a report of illegal camping.
At 11:34 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report of vandalism.

Officer spoke with a subject who said a tire had been slashed at a local store. The case remains under investigation.
MARCH 24
At 1:48 a.m., officers responded to the area of North Fork Road and Highway 126 to move a bear carcass off the highway.
At 2:30 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Highway 101 for a report of a domestic dispute occurring. Officers spoke to the couple who denied any physical contact had occurred. Male subject was arrested for disorderly conduct.
11:05 a.m., officers responded to the area of 35th Street and Siano Loop for a report of a non-injury traffic accident.
At 11:48 a.m., officers observed a subject near the area of the Florence Business Center and made contact. Subject was arrested for a warrant from Clackamas County.
At 4:50 p.m., an officer in the 2000 block of Highway 101 observed a subject known for having warrants. Subject was taken into custody for a warrant from Municipal Court.

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Killer whales spotted off Lincoln, Douglas coasts

By **TONY REED**
Siuslaw News

A group of nine critically endangered killer whales got a lot of attention off the coast near Depoe Bay, but it’s uncertain if they’re the same pod reported two days later near the Umpqua River near Winchester.

Josh McInnes, director of The Transient Killer Whale Research Project, is widely regarded as the go-to expert when it comes to West Coast killer whales. McInnes said the pod sighted near Depoe Bay March 24 contained nine killer whales which belong to a larger pod.

“We know them as L-pod, The family that was there was L4, so they are a mother and her associated offspring. The matriarch is L55 and she was born in 1977.

“We got reports from fishermen and a few whale watchers early on that there were killer whales and right away, everyone said there were 10 to 20 of them. About 2 weeks earlier the L pod was leaving the Strait of Juan Defuca (northwest Washington coast) and we haven’t seen them since, so we knew they were somewhere off the outer coast.”

McKinnes said that when he was texted a photo of the whales near

Depoe Bay, he was able to identify them as southern resident killer whales by the shape of their saddle patch and dorsal fins.

“Based on those sightings up here of the other two pods, J and K pod, I knew right away it was L pod,” he said.

A LONG RECORD

Asked when the identities of killer whales were originally determined, McInnes said Identifying and naming them started in 1976.

In 1976, Ken Balcomb at the Center for Whale Research, started doing research on killer whales in the coastal waters off Washington with the primary focus on resident killer whales.

McInnes said they started cataloging a lot of them and following killer whales ever since. Each was given a letter designation for the pods that they were in because of the association between whales and then there is a consecutive number, every animal that’s born gets a new number.

McInnes said that as studies progressed, researchers thought killer whales were specific to the coast of Washington state and nearby areas.

“More effort was given to other areas of the coast as we started to find that, even today, we’re seeing Southern resident

whales as far as Central California in Monterey,” he said. “What’s super interesting is that about a week prior, we had Southern residents in Monterey Bay California. The K pod was down there The southern residents are composed of three pods, J pod, k pod, and L pod. Each pod is the family of a family so it’s an extended group of relative whales. In that case, it’s a small population, as of right now there are only 73 whales. They are not doing well, they are critically endangered, based on The Endangered Species Act. In Oregon they were actually designated as endangered two years ago under the state laws, by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.”

Asked what direction the killer whales were headed from Depoe bay, McInnes said they seemed to be heading south. Asked if the pod was the same reported near Winchester Bay two days later, McInnes said, “We have no idea. Our research program didn’t get any photos. It could likely be a transient group, especially if they’re up near the river mouth or along the fields close to the shore. Off the Columbia River, we get resident killer whales hanging out near the Columbia River looking for salmon, so it could

have been them as well, but typically, resident killer whales move very quickly. So for example, they were seen off Central California a couple weeks ago and within 11 days, they were back in the Salish Sea (Washington/ Canada border). They can move long distances quite quickly.”

McInnes also noted that there has been some confusion online with commenters saying the whales were after sea lions.

“Those killer whales aren’t going to compete for seals, they’re after salmon,” he said. “One key thing is that they’re after fish, not seals.”

Male killer whales can live up to 60 years and females have been known to reach the 80 to 90 age range, he said in a prior interview.

Despite their name, killer whales are not whales, but are instead the largest member of the dolphin family.

Sightings of L Pod tapered off in the following days as the weather got stormy, but watchers may get lucky and see them again soon.

In 2023, a Bigg’s killer whale, T049C, swam up the Yaquina River about three miles before returning to the ocean. In December, 2024, killer whales were seen in the Siuslaw River in Florence and were filmed by

several residents.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

After a sighting in Newport in 2023, Courtney Klug, a communication and marketing specialist with the Marine Mammal Institute, said viewers need to be considerate of marine mammals when they see them.

If you see one from the shore, enjoy the view but do not attempt to fly a drone near it, as it may alter its behavior. Should an official determine that drone filming of a whale has bothered it in any way or disrupted its migration, breathing, nursing or feeding, charges of marine mammal harassment, a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act may apply.

“If prosecuted for harassing marine mammals, violators of the MMPA could face civil penalties up to \$11,000 [and] up to 1

year in prison, plus criminal fines, forfeiture of the vessel involved, including penalties for that vessel up to \$25,000.”

Federal law requires vessels to remain 100 yards away from humpback whales in Hawaii and Alaska waters, 200 yards from killer whales in Washington State inland waters, and 500 yards away from North Atlantic right whales anywhere in U.S. waters.

Klug said that sometimes the whales will approach boats, making closer contact unavoidable.

“If that happens just cut your engine and move when it’s safe to do so,” Klug said.

However, if you see a whale that appears injured or struggling, it’s best to call the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network first, she said.

That number is 866 767 6114.

Siuslaw River Slope Stabilization Project

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The City of Florence will be building a Secant wall along the Siuslaw River next to the Coast Guard Station.

Winter storms and ongoing groundwater and river action have been causing a landslide along the river edge that is threatening homes and the Coast Guard Station in Florence, Oregon. The slide was first noticed after a period of heavy rain in January 2022, a steep section of the bank of the Siuslaw River adjacent to Coast Guard Road began to fail, resulting in cracking of the Coast Guard station parking lot, disconnection of a City stormwater main, and deformation of a wooden deck on private property. The landslide was progressing at a rate of several inches per month however, it could catastrophically fail at any time.

Realizing the magnitude of potential damage, the

City took immediate action of repairing the disconnected storm sewer, then contracted with a team of engineers to develop a solution. The monitoring and engineering plan has continued from 2022 and is still on going. Even though we didn’t get the icy during the 2024 storm we did receive a significant amount of rain. With that rain, the slippage has become more acute, slipping more than 25 inches in less than four weeks! From the City’s evaluation the slope movement resulted in the formation of a scarp (a long steep slope or cliff at the edge of a plateau or ridge that is formed by erosion. The City is looking into long-term solutions to stabilize the river bank. Since the longterm solution will be many years in the making, the City is will be installing a short-term solution of a secant pile wall retaining system to immediately stabilize the shallow slide.

A secant pile wall

consists of overlapping (secant) piles to form structural or cutoff walls and achieve the required water tightness. The design can incorporate steel bar or beams for reinforcement and anchors can provide additional lateral support, if needed. Secant pile walls consist of reinforced and non-reinforced piles. The reinforcement can be provided by installing reinforcement cages, steel channel sections, I-beams or Hbeams. Secant pile

walls retained by anchors or strutting system are often supported by a waler beam to distribute the loads (prevent punching of anchor/strut through the pile) and as a mitigation measure for the unlikely event of an anchor/strut not carrying the load. This waler beam can be constructed as a reinforced concrete beam casted towards the pile wall, or by using steel profiles to be fixed to the piles and anchors/strutting systems.

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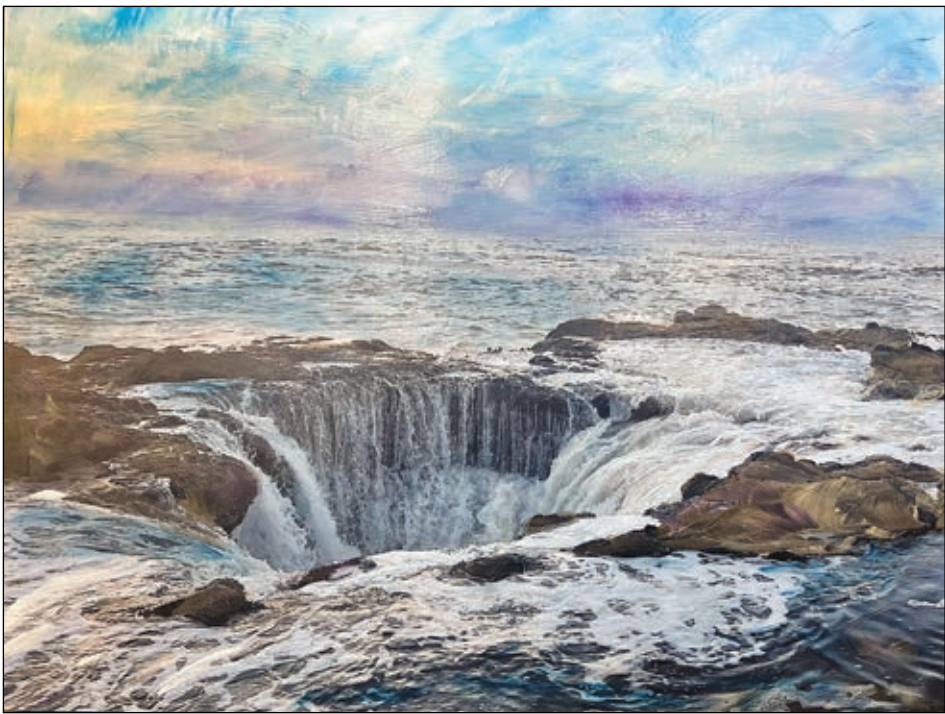
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Beaudreau, local artists, business owner and City Councilor art exhibit

Throughout March 2025, Jo Beaudreau, local artist and business owner at BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery, and a city councilor for the City of Florence, Oregon, is showcasing her mixed media work at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Gallery, 290 Highway 101.

Each year she creates a new body of work featuring the Florence, Oregon, Coast in her expLORE series. This year's theme is "Dune", featuring scenic views of the Siuslaw area in mixed media that stand out spectacularly in Beaudreau's exhibit. The show is available to view Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through March 31.

"This year's work features some of the themes I've been working on for several years and am still expanding on. It is so exciting to be invited to share some of my work at the Visitors Center again this year," said



Beaudreau. "It's an honor to have the Chamber's gallery host my work and travel trinkets that celebrate the Central Coast."

"We are thrilled to have Jo's work on display again this year. She's so multitalented in various media and themes in her art. Visitors are going to love this

exhibit," said Bettina Hannigan, president/CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. "Her expansion of her expLORE theme is wonderfully fanciful and pairs well with Florence as Oregon's Coastal Playground."

Beaudreau's work has been displayed in shows and galleries across America. She currently spearheads the collaborative Florence Arts,

Culture & Entertainment and Florence Events Center (FEC) Gallery Committee at the FEC and is a member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, among her many supportive community activities. Beaudreau earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts (cum laude) at San Jose State University. She uses art as a way and means of exploring the plethora of emotions, objects, wonder, and

scenery of the Coast. Her works have been displayed at numerous shows and locations across America. She also does commission, commercial, and portrait work. Learn more at BeauxArtsFineArt.com, by calling 541-991-8213, or visiting her shop at 2285 Highway 101, Suite H, (Coastal Fitness Plaza) in Florence.

"The arts have always been my interest, specifically, the visual arts. I've always been involved with creating my own art or helping others create theirs. I love all types of expression. Every day I am thrilled I can help people create through my shop's materials, my materials knowledge, and other resources," said Beaudreau.

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Crow

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major city.”

Asked if deferred programs will resume, Heard said CROW will “excitedly offer services for our community again.”

“We took every step we could because it was the right thing to do and we’ve received a tremendous mount of positive support from the community at the conclusion of this investigation,” she said, noting that some donors have expressed gratitude that CROW went through the steps of the investigation.

KEY FINDINGS

The final report by Gunderson went through allegations, noting the process of investigation and findings.

“Several complaints were found to be non-criminal, based on personal opinions or on anonymous sources, limiting further investigation. Allegations of misconduct by staff, including inappropriate comments and favoritism, were investigated but lacked sufficient evidence or credible witnesses to substantiate the claims,” the report reads. “Complaints regarding treatment of genderqueer and transgender students highlighted perceived inadequacies in facilities and inclusivity and CROW has taken steps to improve those areas, including better dressing room options and inclusive policies.” The report said similar measures were taken regarding safety and guidelines.

“Numerous complaints cited negative experience related to body

image, harassment and inappropriate conduct. While some claims were addressed with policy changes and staff training, others lacked sufficient detail for conclusive findings. CROW has created an online reporting form and has adopted a whistleblower policy to enhance transparency and accountability.”

Overall, the investigation found no evidence of criminal activity or systemic mistreatment within CROW,” the report reads. Other complaints asserting children’s costumes may have been inappropriate, and that alleged statements tokenizing children of color, were not made as alleged, it states.

“It [CROW] has, in fact, earned an award from the LAUSD for its work with students of color,” the report states.

“No information located a reference where the director appeared to make decisions solely on race, and, as the complainant states, did not exclude anyone due to race.”

One anonymous source claimed inappropriate comments were made about a student’s personal appearance.

“There is a possibility that the statement was made by someone other than CROW staff, but further investigation is not possible, due to the anonymous nature of the complaint.

Another complaint alleged CROW’s background checks were inadequate but the investigator said, “I did not locate any criminal activity in the background checks that I reviewed of the staff involved. Furthermore, no family, even the most difficult families

to work with, have been blacklisted, according to CROW. CROW tries to support children, even with the most difficult parents, and do not want the children to suffer as a result of their difficult parents.”

Regarding allegations about bathrooms, the investigator said CROW has many options for restrooms and signs on site say students may use the restrooms of their choice. Casting is at the discretion of CROW and follows a model of high-quality arts, the report said.

“CROW denies any body-shaming or other statements,” the report states. The report also states no witnesses were found to confirm or deny that the word “broken” was used to describe a student.

Other allegations

were investigated and dismissed earlier, including an email which was negated by CROW’s existing rule to have two adults with kids at all times.

The report was signed by Wayne Gunderson, owner of Gunderson Services LLC.

Information about Gunderson Services LLC can be found at <https://portlandprivateinvestigator.net/>

The full release from CROW regarding the investigation can be found at <https://www.crowkids.com/public-statements>

Editor’s note- While the investigator’s findings were consistent throughout the allegations, details about particular instances were left out of this report, so as not to expose the identities of children involved.

Project

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November 2023, Planner Roxanne Johnson said the project will provide a 64-bed assisted living facility with 10 related cottage units, and a 42-unit apartment building and two single-story commercial structures.

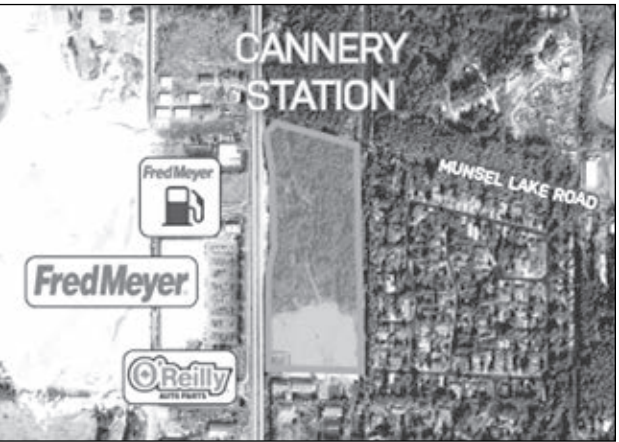
“None of those can be constructed until the streets are in with power and utilities,” Johnson said at the time.

Project representative Peter Englander explained by phone last week that after several extensions from the City and Planning Commission, it was decided to move ahead with putting streets, drains and some infrastructure in place.

“What we had to do was to solidify our land use approval by moving ahead with the public Improvement part of the project,” he said. “We had gotten the first phase approved and for the Planning Commission and the staff at the city were very accommodating and helping us through the extensions that we kept having to have. We’ve been trying to build a assisted living project there and that’s been a pretty difficult thing to do ever since the approval originally came through, to the last approval, in 2019.”

Englander said the owner has had control of the property since 2007 and that the latest extension was about to expire.

“It has had multiple iterations of land use approvals with the city,” he said. “In 2017, my group became involved with the landowner at the time, whose name is Chuck McGlade. At the time, the land use approval had expired again, so, we had to spend the next two years getting it back up to snuff and that approval was in 2019. From there, there were a number of steps that we had to take, we also wanted to have our first project financed. That was an assisted living project. To finance a commercial project like this, in Florence, is tough, so we worked all of 2019 to do that. [Then] you know what happened in 2020 (COVID), that just made it impossible for quite some time.”



A TOUGH TIME TO BUILD

Englander said National Investment Center, a major trade group of assisted living facilities, is showing a demand, but not a market for such projects right now.

“if you look at their statistics, nobody’s building new assisted living projects still, to this day,” he said. “Very, very few assisted living projects are getting built. You would think that there is a lot of pent-up demand, and the answer is, there is a lot, it’s just not at that point where you have that perfect storm of high demand, good interest rates, and good cost to build and an ability to obtain the right rents once you have built it.” He said all those things need to come together for the project to work out as a whole.

Meanwhile, the requirement that the developer create the streets, sidewalks and infrastructure around the project area still stands.

“In order to get the plat in place, we had to commit to building the public improvements on Phase

1, which is about 6 Acres out of the 17 acres,” he said. “We did that. We have also put the entire property up for sale while we still look for someone to help us build the Assisted Living project.”

Englander said the city required that those public improvements be done, but allowed the organization to deposit all the money for the improvements, And for the developer to work with Public Works director Mike Miller for the release of funds to make those improvements.

“So that’s what we’re doing,” he said. “We are

building streets and utilities and the all-important fence along the Eastern side... which I think is pretty much complete now.”

BEST CASE SCENARIO

When asked for the best case scenario regarding construction of the project, Englander said it would be that someone comes in to build the entire project, with 10 cottages and 40 units of multi-family housing, assisted living, the two commercial spaces in front, and the two units in back which would be part of the assisted living project.

“I thought the land use plan was very creative, not only in Phase 1 but the components of phase 2 with the townhouses in the back and the commercial in front. The best case scenario for us right now is to build something, and at this point we are still trying to do the assisted living but we’re also very open to a multi-family housing

project- everybody needs housing everywhere, and that’s something we’re trying to do. The best case scenario would be that we have something closed and under construction this year, that’s absolutely our best case scenario.

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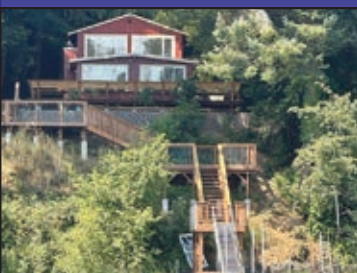
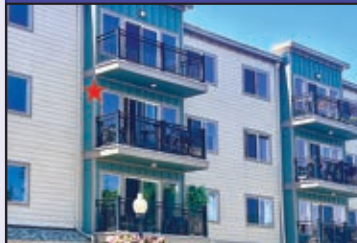
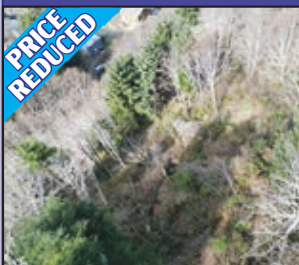


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NEW PROPERTIES AND UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2025

10873 E. MAPLETON RD. NEW  Siuslaw Riverfront. Historic charm & modern updates. 2.1 ac. w/ 300 FT of riverfront property. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2353 SF. \$859,000	83126 SILTCOOS STATION RD. NEW  Beautifully maintained cabin on Siltcoos Lake. Wood accents and cedar siding. Expansive deck. Accessible only by boat. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 960 SF \$525,000	42 PARK VILLAGE DR. NEW  Town center location. Vaulted ceilings, covered back patio and fenced yard. \$20K+ roof included. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1342 SF \$399,900	3 WATERFORD DOWNS CT. NEW  Charming single story cottage on the 9th fairway at Ocean Dunes Golf Course. Wind protected patio. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1534 SF. \$499,950		
5412 BUCKSKIN BOB  Custom built Carter Brothers home is an architectural masterpiece. Direct access to Siltcoos Lake. 3 BD/2.5 BA 2296 SF. \$1,099,000	89492 SUTTON PLACE  Stick-built cottage with great views and privacy on .75 acre. Lots of potential for future projects. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 864 SF \$264,000	4773 STONEFIELD CT.  Newly constructed. Quality finishes throughout. Large primary suite. Enjoy the outdoors under covered patio. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2046 SF. \$675,000	1566 20TH ST. SALE PENDING  Peaceful neighborhood. Fully fenced backyard. Near Miller Park and schools. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1008 SF. \$341,000	5938 VIEW LOOP  2 level home w/ Mercer Lake access plus oversized garage & workshop. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2110 sq. ft. \$549,000	
5360 BUCKSKIN BOB  Siltcoos Lakefront cabin with boat dock! 3 Bed/2 Baths, 1560 SF \$789,000	1301 20TH ST.  Bright open floor plan, modern kitchen. 2 fireplaces. Quiet dead-end street. Garage + workshop. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1797 SF \$485,000	10742 HWY 126. MAPLETON  Cozy riverfront home. 1950's charm with modern updates. Hardwood floors. 2022 roof. 2 Bed/2 Bath 1548 SF each. \$549,997	6010 LITTLE WOAHINK DRIVE  Newly built home nestled on spacious .45 acre lot in Cedar Ridge. Deeded access to Little Woahink Lake. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1706 SF. \$659,000	51 SHORELINE DR.  Breathtaking Ocean & River Views in Gated Shelter Cove. Private, beautifully landscaped. Expansive wrap around deck. 3 Bed/3.5 Bath, 2396 SF. \$1,198,000	
1680/84 22ND ST.  Duplex/investment opportunity. Units are well maintained w/ long term tenants. 2 Bed/1.5 Bath 1040 SF each. \$475,000	1868 TAMARACK ST  Cozy home with RV garage, loft & additional square footage. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1211 SF \$469,000	211 HARBOR ST. #32  Enjoy river views from this 3rd floor east facing condo. Secured parking garage. 1 Bed/1.5 Bath, 960 SF \$405,000	648 JUNIPER ST.  Cottage style home that blends vintage charm with modern comforts. Newer forced air heat pump system. 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 1305 SF \$368,000	1521 RANCH RD. REEDSPORT  Bring your imagination, goals and dreams to this unique creative home. Two distinct living areas. 4 Bed/3 Bath, 2076 SF. \$449,500	
TL3900 ELK MOUNTAIN RD. PRICE REDUCED  Ocean view lot w/city services available. .44 acre. Yachats. \$95,000	TL4200 ELK MOUNTAIN RD. PRICE REDUCED  Ocean view lot w/city services available. .26 acre. Yachats. \$65,000	TL5600 LEVAGE DRIVE PRICE REDUCED  .26 acre. Lake access is walking distance. Very little traffic. \$29,000	BOOTH ISLAND LOTS  #01700, 02200, 00300. 0.71 acre. \$64,900	TL200 UMPQUA RIVER  14.5 acres timber property on Umpqua River. \$39,900	LOT #7. CEDAR RIDGE  1 acre in new South Lakes subdivision \$60,000



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	
High.....	3:14 a.m.....8.5
Low.....	10:19 a.m.....1.0
High.....	4:54 p.m.....5.9
Low.....	9:53 p.m.....3.0
THURSDAY, APRIL 3	
High.....	4:01 a.m.....8.1
Low.....	11:18 a.m.....0.5
High.....	6:04 p.m.....5.5
Low.....	10:47 p.m.....3.5
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	
High.....	4:57 a.m.....7.5
Low.....	12:26 p.m.....0.0
High.....	7:28 p.m.....5.3
SATURDAY, APRIL 5	
Low 12:03 a.m.....	3.9 6:50
High.....	6:07 a.m.....6.9
Low.....	1:41 p.m.....0.3
High.....	8:54 p.m.....5.4
SUNDAY, APRIL 6	
Low.....	1:44 a.m.....3.9
High.....	7:31 a.m.....6.4
Low.....	2:52 p.m.....0.4
High.....	10:00 p.m.....5.8
MONDAY, APRIL 7	
Low.....	3:14 a.m.....3.5
High.....	8:54 a.m.....6.2
Low.....	3:51 p.m.....0.4
High.....	10:44 p.m.....6.1
TUESDAY, APRIL 8	
Low.....	4:21 a.m.....2.8
High.....	10:03 a.m.....6.2
Low.....	4:39 p.m.....0.4
High.....	11:18 p.m.....6.5
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9	
Low.....	5:11 a.m.....2.0
High.....	10:59 a.m.....6.3
Low.....	5:18 p.m.....0.5
High.....	11:47 p.m.....6.8
THURSDAY, APRIL 10	
Low.....	5:52 a.m.....1.3
High.....	11:46 a.m.....6.3
Low.....	5:53 p.m.....0.7
FRIDAY, APRIL 11	
High.....	12:12 a.m.....7.0
Low.....	6:28 a.m.....0.8
High.....	2:28 p.m.....6.3
Low.....	6:25 p.m.....1.0
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	
High 12:36 a.m.....	7.1
Low.....	7:02 a.m.....0.3
High.....	1:08 p.m.....6.3
Low.....	6:55 p.m.....1.5
SUNDAY, APRIL 13	
High 12:59 a.m.....	7.2
Low.....	7:34 a.m.....0.03
High.....	1:48 p.m.....6.2
Low.....	7:24 p.m.....1.9
MONDAY, APRIL 14	
High.....	1:23 a.m.....7.3
Low.....	8:07 a.m.....0.2
High.....	2:27 p.m.....6.1
Low.....	7:53 p.m.....2.3
TUESDAY, APRIL 15	
High.....	1:47 a.m.....7.3
Low.....	8:40 a.m.....0.2
High.....	3:07 p.m.....5.9
Low.....	8:22 p.m.....2.7
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16	
High.....	2:14 a.m.....7.2
Low.....	9:16 a.m.....0.1
High.....	3:50 p.m.....5.6
Low.....	8:52 p.m.....3.1
THURSDAY, APRIL 17	
High.....	2:44 a.m.....7.1
Low.....	9:56 a.m.....0.1
High.....	4:38 p.m.....5.4
Low.....	9:24 p.m.....3.4
FRIDAY, APRIL 18	
High.....	3:20 a.m.....6.9
Low.....	10:43 a.m.....0.3
High.....	5:33 p.m.....5.1
Low.....	10:05 p.m.....3.7

Siuslaw softball and baseball in early season

Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

Spring is a time when baseballs and softballs start flying, and as long as the weather is nice, Siuslaw's squads have been swinging into action in the early season.

In the early stages of the season, development is the name of the game, and preparation for the league schedule is at the top of the list of priorities. Though neither team registered a win in their games through Mar. 27, there have been some tight margins, and some of the early season losses came down to a few key moments.

BASEBALL

Siuslaw opened the season at home with a tight 1-0 loss to Pleasant Hill that didn't see a lot of action at the plate. After a couple of games were

canceled, the Vikings were back in action against Bandon.

The Vikings' baseball team almost came away with a road win against Bandon on Mar. 24, but the Tigers eked out a win in the bottom of the seventh inning. It was a tight game throughout, scoreless through the first two innings before both teams found some success in the third.

The Vikings put up three runs in the top of the third inning, breaking the dead-lock. Bandon would answer right away, however, getting two back in the bottom of the inning.

Hits were hard to come by, with Siuslaw registering

two during the game, according to MaxPreps.com, and much of getting on base was about patience. Siuslaw got on base through walks eight times while only striking out three times.

Junior Jacob Mann was walked three times in four at-bats.

Once on base, he proved to be tough to contain, stealing two bases and scoring one of Siuslaw's runs. Sophomore Zak Nilles pitched well for the Vikings in relief, striking out eight batters while only walking one.

The pivotal sequence in the game would come down to the final inning. In the top of the seventh, Siuslaw added a run to the scoreboard, bringing the

lead to 4-2. With victory in sight, the Tigers came roaring back, scoring one to get the game within reach. Ultimately, Bandon would take the win on an unfortunate error that allowed two runs to cross the plate, ending the match in a walk-off.

While it was a heart-breaking way to lose, the Vikings were ever so close to securing the win, and it could have easily gone the other way.

SOFTBALL

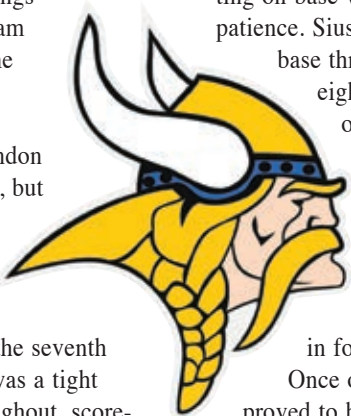
Siuslaw's softball team is 0-3 to start the season but has shown the ability to pop off in the scoring and hitting department. After their Mar. 18 home opener against Pleasant Hill was canceled, they faced off against Creswell in their first game of the season. They ended up on the wrong side of an 11-1

loss, but in their second game, things started to kick into gear offensively.

In the first of back-to-back games against Bandon on Mar. 24, Siuslaw had a firecracker of a game against the Tigers. The final score was 18-19, with Siuslaw narrowly taking the loss. Despite losing, putting up 18 shows the potency the group can muster.

Unfortunately, the Vikings weren't able to recreate the same offensive display in the second game of the back-to-back. Perhaps still recovering from the tight loss in the first game, the hits just wouldn't come for Siuslaw in the second contest, and they fell 12-1 to the Tigers.

The Vikings will hope to see the bats spring back to life as they continue their preseason into April.



Perry is New Athletic Director

The Siuslaw High School is pleased to announce Max Perry as the new Athletic Director/Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA) for the 2025-2026 school year.

A 2007 graduate of Siuslaw High School, Max excelled as a four-time All-American at Southern Oregon University in Track and Field before pursuing a career in education. From 2015 to 2022, he taught English, fostering a love for learning in his students. Before Siuslaw, he coached basketball, wrestling, and cross country in Pilot Station, Alaska, working to develop young athletes. His leadership skills and passion for student success



led him to the role of Dean of Students at Siuslaw High School, where he continues to make a meaningful impact. In addition to his administrative role, Max serves as a track and field coach. He looks forward to continuing a tradition of success for Siuslaw High School in his new role.



Estuary cleanup day

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL

Spring is in the air, and trash is in the estuary! Join the Siuslaw Watershed Council and McKenzie River Trust for the third annual Siuslaw Estuary Cleanup.

Spring is an ideal time to take to the water and remove debris from estuary islands and low-lying wetlands, pushed up on the downriver side by the winter's tides. Keeping these important ecosystems trash-free is critical not only for their wellbeing, but also for the wellbeing of neighboring communities who depend on all the ocean and river estuary have to offer.

Join us for a day in the beautiful Siuslaw River

estuary as we remove garbage to keep our river clean and healthy.

April 19, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Event start, introductions and gathering from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Load boats, travel to cleanup sites from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Trash cleanup from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

After that, we return to Port, deposit the trash, and do a closing circle.

This year we are excited to partner with artist Elizabeth Roberts. As part of our cleanup we will be separating suitable plastics for use in her art. Elizabeth's work can be found on her Instagram here: <https://www.instagram.com/marinedebris911/>

Voices heard at American Pie Day



Submitted by DARLENE NORWOOD and FLORENCE INDIVISIBLE

Florence Indivisible and our partners in Florence had a very successful American Pie Day meet-up, Friday, March 14, with a full-house, lots of pie, a rousing sing-along, and a bit of how it feels to take a grassroots action. Way better than doom scrolling! We completed 100 postcards to the White House, which were mailed immediately after the event. We could feel the energy of the moment in which the people are standing up and saying loudly: We will not quietly hand over our social security, public schools, medicaid and medicare, national parks, clean air and water, and so

much more that is on the chopping block under this new administration. Our ranks are swelling everywhere we look. We know the tax cuts being sought will be handed over to millionaires and billionaires. This is wrong and we will continue to stand up against it until our voices are heard. Indivisible has announced that we will be joining grassroots activists across the nation in a mass protest on April 5. We are in the early stages of planning a peaceful and safe protest which will be listed soon on Indivisible Mobilize.

With the theme It's Easy As Pie about eighty people wrote postcards, discussed how to approach the political situation we see unfolding

across the nation, welcomed the burgeoning grass roots resistance we are helping to build, and sang along as Katie and Adrien, two local music therapists in town led us in Don McLean's classic, Bye Bye Miss American Pie. The brain child of Susan Williams, a local publicist and yoga instructor, Easy as Pie came together with effort and collaboration from Florence Indivisible, River Roasters, and our local Safeway which features Willamette Valley apples in their pies. If you want to get involved in nonpartisan efforts to support democracy, contact Florence Indivisible through their Facebook page. Please be prepared to answer some questions when you join.

Oasis Ensemble to perform at Starlight Cabaret

Starlight Cabaret is delighted to welcome the Oasis Ensemble, the award-winning, seasoned musicians for an encore evening of their chamber music series at FUUF on Friday, April 4th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Doors open 6:30 pm at Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 87738 US 101.

The program will feature Brent Weaver: Northwest Sketches (world premiere), Maurice Ravel: Ma mere



l'oye (Mother Goose) and Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel: Trio in D minor.

For more information

about the 'Oasis Ensemble' please visit their website at: <http://www.oasisensemble.com>



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Community Briefs

Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert Series

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra presents our spring concert series. The concert features works by Sibelius, Mendelssohn, Robin DeVour, and more. Plus a premiere by Robbie Dee Smith.

Two concerts remain in the series: The first is April 6, at 3 p.m. Presbyterian Community Church, 3996 Highway 101, in Florence.

The other: Friday, April 4, 7 p.m., at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, 360 W 7th Street.

This concert features guest conductor Ernie Hills, director of the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble.

All concerts are free and open to the public. To learn more, visit ocorchestra.org.

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra is an all-volunteer community orchestra that has been playing and performing together since 2001. Under the direction of conductor Steve Posegate, the group includes musicians of all

ages and abilities, from high school students to seniors, amateur musicians to retired professionals, and everyone in between. Members live on the central coast or travel from other coastal communities or the valley to participate.

HELP! Call 911. Then what?!

Rob Chance, Deputy Chief for Fire and EMS, and line personnel, will provide the answers to that and many other questions when he speaks to City Club in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 1:30 pm. For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1NWpRcLsgU/>

Learn about Ada Grange

Ada Grange is holding an Open House Saturday, April 5, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Come learn about the Grange and how we help the community.

Refreshments provided.

Ada Grange is located 10 miles east on Canary Road at 82457 S. Canary Road, Westlake, Oregon.

For more information contact Megan Schofield at 541-991-2313 or Heather Elliott at 541-590-2635.

A peaceful protest

Are you concerned about what’s going on in our country? Come join us at Florence City Hall on Saturday, April 5th from 1pm to 3pm to stand up, push back and protest against corrupt government actions. Florence ORganizes is joining with grassroots organizations across the nation to sponsor this family friendly event. Please bring your signs and musical instruments, as well as your voices for chanting. Make a joyful noise– being joyful is part of resisting!

For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/FlorenceORganizes>.

Planting and selling class at LCC

Join us for an introduction to the types of products you might be able to harvest and sell from the resources on your land, including: Value-added and agricultural products allowed under Oregon’s Farm Direct Marketing Law, such as jams and sauces. Small-scale meat and egg production. Non-timber forest products such as greenery, foraged berries, firewood, and maple syrup.

For more information, contact Carrie Mack at 541-237-6808 or carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu OSU Extension Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities and materials. This publication will be made available in an accessible alternative format upon request. Please contact Carrie Mack at (541) 237-6808 or carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu.

Come to the Florence LCC Florence Campus April 16, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

St. Vinnie's stores taking old mattresses

Just in time for spring cleaning, residents in Lane County, including its coastal communities, now have access to a growing network of mattress recycling options that include free drop off for residents. It’s all thanks to a new Oregon state law, the bedding industry and the efforts of local solid waste facilities, businesses and nonprofits, including Eugene-based St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), a longtime global leader in mattress recycling.

Recycled mattress materials can be used instead of raw ones to make new products, conserving water and energy. A mattress recycled through MRC’s Bye Bye Mattress program is separated into steel, foam, fibers and wood that are incorporated into carpet padding, insulation, mulch and other products.

In Florence, mattresses can be dropped off at St. Vinnie’s, 2315 HWY 101, all days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. There is no end date

Note: It’s important for mattresses to be dry. This helps recyclers do their work and helps ensure your mattress can be recycled.

Coast with wine, snacks, and easy-listening music with singer/keyboardist/bassist Jeff Lovejoy.

Prepare to be captivated by the amazing Gallery filled with unique artistic work in a multitude of subjects and media. You’ll find something to pique every interest.

Painterly artists create masterful, dynamic, tranquil, and inspired pieces in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and ink. Photographers capture breath-taking moments of serenity, drama, and strong effects of light on unique subjects and nature. Distinctive textural weaving, quilting, and paper painting collages provide a three-dimensional impact along with the decorated gourds and one-of-a-kind ceramic works varying from decorative to practical. Lustrous glass pieces, stained- glass lamps, beautiful jewelry and extraordinary beads will capture your attention. Throughout the show, appreciate the attention to detail, composition, and color from vibrant to subtle, and enjoy a bit of whimsy here and there.

The Backstreet authors present a diverse book collection that spans suspenseful novels, to local attractions (like our bridges,) and historic events, from exciting memoirs to humor, and poetry—a variety to interest every literary taste.

Also, don’t miss the opportunity to explore the popular collection of one-of-a-kind, or and bookmarks. Find just the perfect one to express your most personal sentiments.

Meet the artists and learn about their techniques, processes and motivations at the up-coming reception. The Gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists interested in membership can pick up an application at the Gallery or online at www.backstreetgallery.org.

Backstreet Gallery Dives into AI

AI springs into the season with the April Exhibition—an all-member Backstreet show of over 20 artists entitled “AI—Artistic Intelligence.” Attend the 2nd Saturday reception on Saturday, April 12, from 3-5 p.m. and enjoy the best art on the Oregon

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Caution - Rough Roads Ahead ODOT states in new report

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Oregon’s highway system is facing ongoing challenges as the condition of many roads continues to decline, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation’s 2024 Pavement Condition Report. The report highlights that while 87% of Oregon’s 18,000 lane miles of pavement are still in fair or better condition, the quality of roads is slipping, with the percentage of “good” pavement reaching its lowest point since 2001.

The report points to a significant decline in the number of roads classified as in “good” condition. Over the past decade, the amount of pavement rated as good has decreased, and without adequate maintenance, many roads in fair condition are at risk of deteriorating into poor condition within the next few years.

ODOT’s goal is to preserve the condition of Oregon’s highways through

regular maintenance. “As roads age, maintenance needs become more complex and costly,” ODOT states in a release. “Timely maintenance, such as resurfacing and crack sealing, are the most effective way to prevent roads from further deterioration and to extend their service life.”

BACKGROUND

Pavements are load-carrying structures that degrade over time due to the cumulative effects of traffic, weather, and material aging. To keep them properly maintained and out of poor condition, they must be resurfaced or rehabilitated at periodic intervals.

Typical ranges of service life are 10 to 30 years for asphalt-surfaced pavements and 40 to 60 years for concrete pavements. When pavements are resurfaced at or before the end of their service life, degradation is typically confined to the surfacing only and the pavement’s foundation

and base layers remain protected.

However, if resurfacing is delayed for too long, the pavement structure and underlying base materials can become excessively damaged and complete replacement (e.g. reconstruction) becomes necessary and can cost six to ten times higher, or even more. Timely maintenance and preservation are by far the most efficient way to preserve our investment.

In the past 20 years, ODOT has managed to maintain a paving cycle of about 25 years. However, this is set to dramatically increase to a 500-year cycle by 2030. This will limit the ability to repair and preserve many roads, particularly non-interstate routes, which will see fewer repairs moving forward.

Over the last 20+ years, Pavement funding has been relatively flat at around \$100 million per year, with supplemental funds adding another \$20 to \$40 million per year., according to the

ODOT report’s executive summary.

“With this investment, ODOT accomplished an average paving cycle of 25 years with pavement conditions holding steady, although we still weren’t able to get to the worst roads or the most expensive projects,” ODOT officials state in the executive summary.

Pavement funding was significantly reduced in the 21-24 STIP cycle and going forward, approved pavement funding levels for the 27-30 STIP have been reduced even more and are only \$33 million per year.

“Even before considering inflationary effects, this funding level is about one-third of where it has historically been and translates to roughly one paving project per year. With funding through 2030, the equivalent paving cycle time is 160 years and after 2030 it is on a 500 year cycle, which is unsustainable,” the executive summary states.

“ODOT’s structural

revenue issue is forcing the agency to dramatically pull back on our pavement maintenance and preservation efforts,” ODOT Delivery and Operations Administrator Amy Ramsdale said. “Without additional revenue or revenue reform, the quality of Oregon’s highways will significantly decline in just a few years.”

OTHER KEY FINDINGS

- The number of roads in poor condition has been increasing, with more expected to deteriorate in the coming years.
- Asphalt roads typically last between 10 and 30 years, while concrete roads last 40 to 60 years, depending on weather and maintenance.
- After 2027, non-interstate routes will receive little to no paving, affecting overall road quality.

The ODOT report emphasizes the importance of proactive maintenance to slow the deterioration of the state’s roads and prevent

more costly repairs down the road.

While ODOT officials said the agency has managed to meet key performance goals for pavement condition in the past, the growing backlog of maintenance needs and the increasing age of the state’s roads present significant challenges in maintaining these standards in the future.

The outlook for state highway pavement is “caution - rough roads ahead,” the executive summary states. “Without a change of course, there will be rapid declines in pavement condition, resulting in diminished safety and higher vehicle repair costs for Oregonians traveling on rutted and potholed roads. Also, Oregonians will pay more to repair failing pavement than it would have cost to preserve and maintain them in a state of good repair.”

For more detailed information, visit the 2024 Pavement Condition Report on ODOT’s website.

Developing Empathy Through Writing the Persona Poem

How can we develop empathy toward others? Join Willamette Writers Coast Chapter on April 19 at the Newport Public Library from 2-4 p.m., as we explore the answer with our guest poet Willa Schneberg, who was invited to celebrate National Poetry Month. She will conduct a generative writing workshop entitled: Developing Empathy Through Writing the Persona Poem.

The Persona Poem written in the voice of another

person, real or imagined can bring empathy and compassion into the fore. Participants are encouraged to come with ideas for poems, essays, or character sketches of individuals they have a special interest in knowing. There will be time to share writing and discuss process.

Prior to the workshop, Schneberg will read from her latest collection, The Naked Room, which is her sixth poetry collection.

As a poet, ceramic

sculptor, interdisciplinary artist and curator, her honors include: the Oregon Book Award in Poetry, the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Award, Second Place in the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, and numerous residencies. Her poetry has been translated into multiple languages. Currently, Schneberg is working on a poetry/photography project, What We Hold & Leave Behind, with photographer Jim Lommasson.

This program is co-hosted

by the Newport Public Library.

The WW Coast Chapter hosts presentations from September through June. Programs are free and open to all writers 18 and older. There are Young Willamette Writer chapters for those under 18. Willamette Writers is the largest writer’s association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Join Willamette Writers at their website, <https://willamettewriters.org>.

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Animal FACT:

Many animals give birth during this season when the weather is warm and there is more food available.

Answer: Spring

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

2		3	10
	12		19
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Solution		

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

APRIL3

1865: Union forces capture Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederate States of America.

1933: The first flight over Mount Everest is led by the Marquis of Clydesdale.

1981: The Osborne 1, the first successful portable computer, is unveiled.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LPIAR HWESROS

Answer: April showers

NEW WORD

BLOOM

a flower cultivated for its beauty

How they say that in...

English: Cloud
Spanish: Nube
Italian: Nuvola
French: Nuage
German: Wolke

Did You Know?

During spring, the Earth's axis is tilted toward the sun. That leads to longer hours of daylight, which helps flowers to grow.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Rain boots

DISTRACTED WORD SEARCH

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

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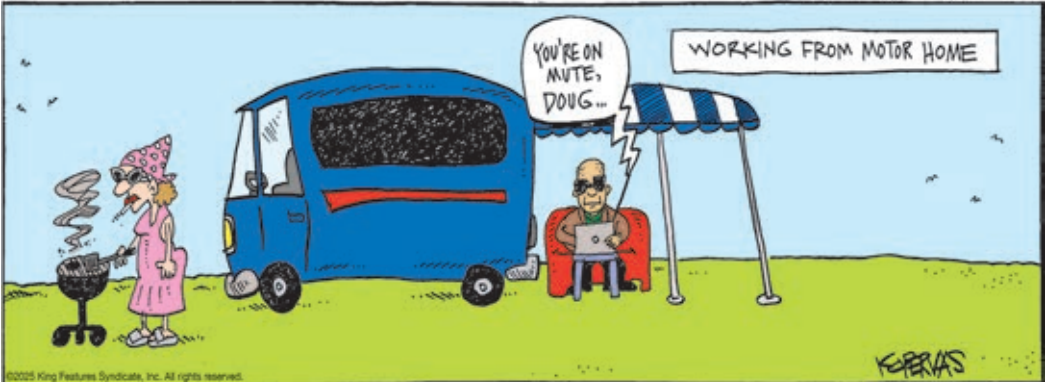
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Z equals G

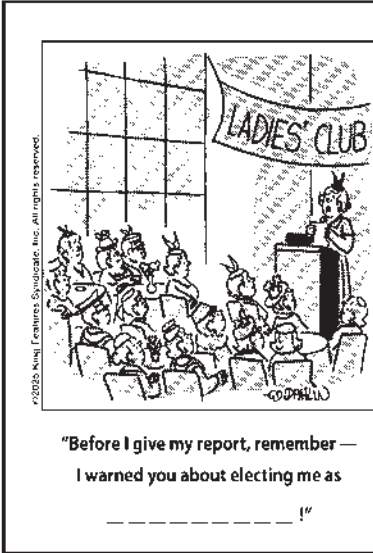
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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Soothe

SUSARE

Blend

GEMER

End

SOCRUEL

Cute

TRYPET

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

March 31, 2025 Posting Date

ACROSS

- 1 "Li'l Abner" creator

5 Yellowstone grazer

8 Cymbal's kin

12 Petri dish gel

13 Sturgeon product

14 Ancient Dead Sea land

15 Fierceness

17 Milan money, once

18 PC alternative

19 Sheryl Sandberg best seller

21 Grating

24 Harangue

25 "Rhyme Pays" rapper

26 With passion

30 Monk's title

31 Piquant

32 Tic-tac-toe win

33 Hit song by ABBA

35 Friend

36 Curved lines

37 Jiggly dessert

38 Rum cocktail

41 Pear-shaped fruit

42 Spumante source

43 Agitates

48 Actor Schreiber

49 Colorful card game

50 Sleek, in car lingo

51 Salinger girl

52 Journey part

53 Must have

8 Trattoria deserts

9 Valhalla VIP

10 Sushi wrapper

11 Fed. agents

16 Low isle

20 Jealousy

21 Jazz phrase

22 Estate measure

23 Burn somewhat

24 Tears apart

26 Imaginary

27 Toy store buy

28 Lounge classic

29 Cellist Ma

31 Actress Reid

34 Indigenous

35 Sea off Greece

37 Comic Carrey

38 Like ganders

39 Unrepaired

40 Detail

41 Toad's kin

44 Away from WSW

45 Formerly called

46 Three, in Rome

47 Turf

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Weekly SUDOKU

5	9				6	8	
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1		7		4	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
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: In the sitcom "Modern Family," Gloria is from which country?

2. LITERATURE: Which author wrote "The Kite Thief" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the world?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which first lady's nickname was Lady Bird?

5. ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?

6. MOVIES: Which famous Hollywood couple played lead roles in the film version of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"?

7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of skunks called?

8. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a decagon have?

9. ART: Which American artist focused on women and children in her paintings?

10. ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?

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10. Melanin

9. Mary Cassatt

8. 10

7. A surfeit

6. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor

5. Seven

4. Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, wife

3. Lake Baikal, Russia

2. Khaleel Hossaini

1. Colombia

Answers

TREASURER

Today's Word

3. Closure; 4. Pretty

1. Assure 2. Merge

SCRAMBLERS

S	P	R	G
S	G	N	R
N	A	I	G
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G	N	O	A
N	A	L	O

Answer

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

After an opponent presented me from getting even one point, I had to give him a shout-out.

King Crossword — Answers

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SIN25-119
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SIN25-120
Notice of budget committee meeting - A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Budget Committee of the Siuslaw School District, Lane County, State of Or-

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egon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at the Siuslaw Middle School Commons, 2525 Oak St, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 9, 2025, at the school district office, 2111 Oak St, Florence, Oregon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting to hear discussion about the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Public input will be taken at the April 23, 2025, budget meeting. Please see Siuslaw School District's Website for additional information and future scheduled budget meetings. Future meetings: April 23, 2025 - Public Input; Committee Considers Approving Proposed Budget May 14, 2025 - Final Budget Meeting; Board Finalizes Budget June 11, 2025 - Board Adopts Approved Budget with Amendments. Additional notice and information will be located on the Siuslaw School District website at: www.siuslaw.k12.or.us. Publication date: 4/2/2025

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PORT OF SIUSLAW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES "The Port of Siuslaw is soliciting bids for property management services for Siuslaw Marina and RV at 6516 Hwy 101, Florence OR, 97439, shown on the Port of Siuslaw website, and also available at the Port office at 100 Harbor Street, Florence, Oregon. The qualified bidder is referred to the Port of Siuslaw website www.portofsiuslaw.com, click "Request for Proposal" - property management services and then review and/or download RFP on the link provided. Published April 2nd, 2025

SIN25-126

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Joint Budget Committees of the Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, and Western Lane Ambulance District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss each entity's budgets for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at Station 1, 2625 Highway 101, Florence. The meeting will take place on April 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget messages and to receive comment from the public on the budgets. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Commit-

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tees will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committees. A copy of the budget documents may be inspected or obtained on or after April 8, 2025, at 2625 Highway 101, Florence between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm. Published April 2nd, 2025.

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ARIES -Mar 21/Apr 20

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TAURUS -Apr 21/May 21

You are in the mood to get down to business this week, Taurus. It's a great time to focus on your career or finances. Pay attention to all of the little details as you go along.

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GEMINI -May 22/Jun 21

Curiosity takes control this week, Gemini. Opportunities for learning are all around you. You just need to look for them. It may be a new class or a trip that you take with friends.

CANCER -Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, this week you may have a lot of emotional processing going on, particularly regarding relationships or past experiences. Embrace these deeper feelings.

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LEO -Jul 23/Aug 23

Your social energy could be off the charts this week, Leo. Others will be drawn to your magnetism and self-confidence. It is a great time to network or collaborate.

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VIRGO -Aug 24/Sept 22

Efficiency and productivity are the name of the game right now, Virgo. When it comes to organizing and planning, you will be all about getting things done in a timely manner..

LIBRA -Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week is a time for self-expression. You may find yourself pulled toward hobbies or artistic endeavors that enable you to showcase your talents.

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SCORPIO -Oct 24/Nov 22

This is a time to dive deep into your home and family life, Scorpio. You want to create a sense of stability at home and address anything that might compromise that. Trust your gut with how to move forward..

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SAGITTARIUS -Nov 23/Dec 21

Communication is the key this week, Sagittarius. Initiating important conversations and speaking directly with others is a great way to clear the air and get to the root of these issues.

CAPRICORN -Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you are focused on your financial well-being this week, but other issues may fall by the wayside. You might have to bring in someone else to keep the balance

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AQUARIUS -Jan 21/Feb 18

Personal goals and ambitions are front and center this week, Aquarius. This could put you in the spotlight and showcase what you want to accomplish to those around you.

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PISCES -Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this week invites you to slow down and recharge your batteries as much as possible. You might feel pulled to spend time alone or simply get away for a few days.

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75 Harbor St #204 - \$575,000
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133 Shoreline Dr. - \$852,000
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95469 Hwy 101, Yachats - \$650,000
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4817 Laguna Ave. - \$649,000
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