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Climate petition presented to City Council

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Every seat in City Hall was filled during the regular meeting Monday night, when over 40 people, holding signs urging action on climate change, waited for speaker Michael Allen to address the council under public comment.

Michael and his wife Patricia presented a petition signed by 2,733 people over seven years, saying they are from Florence residents, as well as visitors from around the world.

“The signatures come from the young and old, students, teachers, business and religious leaders, politicians, and environmentalists who share a vital common goal,” Patricia said, “[that] the City Council develop, adopt and implement a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Florence.”

According to the submitted



Mayor makes 9-11 proclamation

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Starting the regular City Council meeting Aug. 17, Mayor Rob Ward read the proclamation which stated that on September 11, 2001, our nation suffered an unprecedented and devastating terrorist attack, forever altering the course of our history and a quarter century later we continue to mourn the innocent lives lost at the world trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia, and the fields of Shanksville Pennsylvania, as well as the brave first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The proclamation further honored the tens of thousands of rescues, recovery, and relief workers, and community

members who have sent succumbed to 9/11 related illnesses and in the darkest hours of that faithful day, the world witnessed extraordinary acts of courage, selflessness, and compassion, reminding us of the unwavering resilience of the American spirit. According to the proclamation, Congress has designated September 11 as national day of service and remembrance, calling upon all Americans to transform this day of tragedy into a day of unity, charitable action, and goodwill.

“whereas, a quarter century after these attacks, we solemnly renew our vows to never forget, ensuring that the legacy of those we lost endures through our dedication to one another and to the ideals

of freedom, democracy, and peace,” Ward read.

“Receiving this document is a vital reminder that while September 11, 2001, changed our world forever, it also revealed the depth of our shared human grace,” said Jacquie Beveridge, of Oregon Dunes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

“This proclamation ensures that we continue to honor the innocent lives taken from us, the bravery of the first responders who gave everything, and the extraordinary solidarity our community showed.”

The proclamation was accepted on behalf of all who carry the memory of that day.

“May it stand as our collective promise that we will never forget,” she said.

No injuries in home fire

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Residents of a Florence home destroyed by fire on August 12 told fire officials the cause was likely an R/C car battery that was charging inside.

At about 11:23 a.m., Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority was dispatched to the 2000 block of 44th St. for a burning single-family residence.

WLFEA Chief Rob Chance was first on scene, followed by Fire Marshal Michael Schick, a fire engine, and the department’s ladder truck.

Chance said that after assessing the situation, he ordered an offensive interior strike, since no other structures were exposed.

Firefighters were able to knock down the interior fire

and cut a hole in the roof to ventilate the heavy interior smoke.

“That’s not something we do often, but it helped a lot ... because there was so much smoke throughout the house,” he said, noting that mutual aid was requested from Reedsport, and personnel and equipment from Gardiner also arrived.

Chance said the house will likely be a total loss due to smoke damage, and that firefighters had to pull the entire interior ceiling down to make sure all hotspots had been snuffed.

Chance said a nearby hydrant malfunctioned, but firefighters were able to connect to another one and keep water flowing to

Fire Chief reports on statewide fires

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

Even as personnel from Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority (WLFEA) remained out of the area assisting with wildland fires, Chief Rob Chance updated the Florence City Council on the status of fires burning across the state.

At the August 17 meeting, Chief Chance opened by noting that, since this has been a historic fire season for Oregon, he felt it was appropriate to make the presentation.



WLFEA Chief Rob Chance updates the City Council on statewide fires and resources. Tony Reed photos.



A late night fire in December 2023 burned several acres of beach grass and brush near the north jetty parking lot only a few days after a local rainstorm.

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THE SKY IS FALLING-THE SKY IS FALLING

By BOB HORNEY

That is a cry I hear and feel day-in-and-day-out! That is my stomach crying out as it watches my diaphragm sink lower and lower. Actually, that cry is now getting muffled because the diaphragm is now enveloping it. My diaphragm has an opening for the esophagus to descend as it carries food and drink to the stomach. Well, my diaphragm has sunk so low that it is trying to force my stomach up through that same opening. Sorry, that doesn't work and there is no way for me to stop it.

For those who are interested, you can look this up under Hiatal Hernia. This is the result of my 02/22/2022 visit to our local ER with lower back pain caused by improperly lifting a towel warmer and being sent on my way with only oxycodone to cover the pain. Sorry (again), but six months later they realized there was more to it than the assumed slipped disc and did an MRI - Compression Fractures L2 and L3 vertebra, ReNew Institute did all they could do to stabilize my back, but after 6 months both vertebra had

collapsed, only salvaging about one-third of one vertebra. So, there went the support for my spinal column and consequently, my entire upper body. Now, don't think of it as the stomach's fault in creating the problem with the esophagus. The stomach simply has no place to run and hide. What does that mean for me? In basic terms it means small meals, slow eating and drinking, no late-night snacks, elevated head at night. As I told Dr. Ale at a recent visit, I am the perfect fit for the Hiatal Hernia. I grew up on a 360-acre farm in Indiana with 3

brothers and mom and dad. I was always the last one to leave the table - breakfast, dinner and supper. It didn't matter what we were eating, I was simply destined to be the last one to leave the table. Even now, I don't think I know anyone who is a slower eater. Dr. Ale agreed that I was well prepared for the Hiatal Hernia. If you are wondering if this is all I've dealt with due to those two vertebra compression fractures the answer is a resounding NO!! I have been seeing Dr. Mzombwe at Pacific Sports and Spine for

about a year and he has dealt quite aggressively with those pain-transmitting nerves. For instance, instead of trying to cover the pain associated with the compression fractures and damage to my back with pain meds, we decided to go with nerve ablation. Never heard of it? That is burning the nerve so it can no longer send signals to the brain that I hurt down there. And now, with my upper body so much lower, my lower ribs are hitting my hips. In medical terms that is Rib/Hip Impingement. They don't just "touch" each other, they can "collide" with

each other. That is why I have several cracked ribs. Then there is this situation that aggravates the entire picture: the lower ribs slant downward on everyone, making mine more susceptible to those collisions. Ouch! Now I want you to understand... I am writing this with one purpose in mind - that YOU don't make the same mistake I made while in the ER. Since you will likely be hurting, for whatever reason, take your Support Person with you and GO IN WITH A PLAN. Next week I will have some questions to help you develop your plan.

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from August 11 to August 17

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

At 12:15 a.m., a caller in the 3900 block of Highway 101 reported neighboring music so loud that it was shaking their walls. Officers arrived to speak to the responsible party, who agreed to turn it down.

At 3:39 p.m., a caller in the 4300 block of Highway 101 said they saw a vehicle exiting a blue parking spot and said the driver left a mobility device on the ground. Officers arrived and took information about the vehicle and were attempting to locate the owner at last report.

At 6:47 p.m., a local pharmacist called to report a possibly forged prescription. Officers arrived and waited for the prescription to be picked up, but no one showed up. The case remains under investigation.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

2:09 a.m., Florence officers assisted Eugene police officers in serving a warrant in the 3900 block of Highway 101.

At 6:13 a.m., Public Works personnel needed a car to move in the 1200 block of Bay Street to

allow paving but could not find the owner. Officers arrived to assist in locating the owner.

At 9:16 a.m., an inmate at the city jail was granted a medical pass to see a doctor, but did not do so and did not return to the jail. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

At 10:03 a.m., a caller reported a subject in a blanket screaming at people in the 3100 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived to contact the subject, who said he was sorry for his outburst. Officers calmed the situation and helped the subject obtain a bus pass.

At 12:47 p.m., a caller reported finding a purse and a bag of clothes in the area of 15th and Redwood. Officers arrived to examine the items and determined it was part of an abandoned transient camp nearby.

At 2:13 p.m., a caller reported a couple in the 700 block of 101, one of whom threatened to hit someone with a baseball bat. Officers contacted the two subjects and found one carrying a bat, but denied ever threatening anyone. The caller did not wish to press charges, and the subjects were advised.

At 4:06 p.m., a caller

reported a dispute between a male and female in the area of Kingwood and Airport roads. Officers arrived to speak to the parties and found the male had a warrant from Florence Municipal Court, as well as an active court order not to contact the female subject. The subject was taken into custody.

At 5:58 p.m., sheriff's deputies requested assistance in the 88,900 block of Highway 101, but canceled the request as officers were responding.

At 7:48 p.m., a caller in the 2100 block of 11th St. reported that someone used a pry bar to try to open their car door. A report was taken.

At 7:54 p.m., he called and reported that someone had abandoned three dogs in the 2800 block of Rhododendron Drive. Officers arrived to transport the dogs to the Humane Society, and one officer was bitten by one of the dogs. Officers located the last owner of the dogs, and charges were filed.

At 9:01 p.m., a caller in Florence reported that they were raped. The case remains under investigation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

At 6:30 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle crossing the center line near

the Siuslaw River Bridge. Officers arrived in the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 10:09 a.m., a caller alleged that a male adult was having illegal relations with an underage female. Officers took the information and were following up.

At 10:30 a.m., a motorist reported that a road rage incident started outside the city limits, and that the other vehicle was following her. The motorist reported that the other vehicle drove away when she pulled into the police department.

At 3:31 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Pine for a reported dispute. Officers arrived to find a conflict between sisters, but no crime taking place. Officers advised both parties.

At 3:36 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of 18th St. for a reported dispute between a male and female. Officers arrived to find no crime, but the male had a warrant for his arrest from Florence Municipal Court. The male subject was taken into custody.

At 4:50 p.m., a caller reported finding a wallet in the 100 block of Maple. Officers were able to email the owner of the wallet, who came in and claimed it.

At 9:56 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Redwood for a report that a dispute occurred and parties had separated, but one continued to drive by the location and yell at the other. Officers were on scene when the subject drove by as described. Officers escalated the situation and determined that no crime had occurred. All parties were advised.

At 10:18 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of 12th St. for a report of loud music. Officers banged on the door where the music was coming from, to no answer. Officers then called the apartment, and an intoxicated subject came to the door. The subject was advised to

turn the music down, but instead turned it off.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

At 11:12 a.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of 10th St. for a report of harassment. Officers found a disagreement between a landlord and tenant and determined the issue was civil in nature.

At 11:59 a.m., a caller reported hitting and killing a deer on Rhododendron Drive. Public Works was notified.

At 12:29 p.m., officers returned to the 1500 block of Pine Street for a report that the sisters were arguing again. Officers contacted the sisters, who denied the report. Officers were able to calm the situation before leaving.

At 7:18 p.m., a caller reported finding a loose dog in the 2300 block of Bruce Street. The dog's owner was later located, and the dog was picked up.

At 8:40 p.m., officers responded to a report of fireworks in the 600 block of Rhododendron Drive. Officers found the fireworks were legal and being used safely. No further action was taken.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

At 3:42 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 18th St. for a report of a large black box in the road which was causing a traffic hazard.

At 10 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was driving northbound on Highway 101 swerving and hitting its brakes. The vehicle stopped at a store, where officers located the vehicle. Officers were waiting for a driver to return to the vehicle, but had to respond to another call. When officers returned, the vehicle was no longer at the location.

At 11:46 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Highway 101 for a report that a vehicle had hit an awning and left the area. Officers arrived and found the awning had been hit by a tall tractor on a trailer which was

parked nearby. Officers stood by while parties exchanged information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

At 12:22 a.m., officers assisted sheriff's deputies with a juvenile in custody, who was being taken to juvenile hall in Eugene.

At 2:16 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 9th Street for a reported water break inside a house. Officers were able to locate the main valve and shut off the water.

At 5:53 a.m., a caller reported that an aggravated driver was following her, but drove away upon reaching the police department.

At 10:35 a.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 500 block of Kingwood. Officers determined it was natural causes, and the medical examiner was notified.

At 2:06 p.m., a caller in the 1500 block of 19th St. reported that a customer regularly steals beer. The caller provided details about the subject and asked that he be warned not to return.

At 6:22 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 8th Street for a report that two people were slumped over in a vehicle. Officers arrived to find both subjects were OK, but one had a warrant from Coos County Court. The subject was taken into custody.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

At 8:49 a.m., officers investigated a report of kidnapping and sexual abuse in Florence. Case remains under investigation.

At 12:01 p.m., a caller reported an encounter with a motorcycle the previous day that ended with the rider damaging her vehicle and leaving. A report was taken.

At 12:33 a.m. p.m., a caller reported the smell of butane or propane in the area of 101 and Kingwood. Officers and fire personnel arrived but could not detect the described odor.

At 1:22 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Highway 101 for a report that a vehicle had hit a building. Officers were able to contact the vehicle owner, based on video surveillance, and parties exchanged insurance information.

At 6:30 p.m., a caller reported a disabled vehicle in the 4800 block of Highway 101 with flowers around it. Officers arrived to direct the occupants to move the vehicle to a nearby lot where it could be fixed or towed.

Kathy Lynn Murphy

April 24, 1959 — August 5, 2026

In loving memory of Kathy Lynn Murphy, who passed away peacefully on August 5, 2026, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Kathy was 67 years old.

Born on April 24, 1959, in Springfield, Oregon, Kathy was the beloved daughter of Larry Schrenk and Shirley Davis. She grew up on a ranch in Pleasant Hill, Oregon. She learned about hard work and discovered her passion for horses. Always full of life and zeal, as a child she exuded the kindness and positivity she would bring to the world throughout her life. After being a stay-at-home Mom for 12 years and home schooling her children for four years, Kathy went back to school. In 1994 she graduated from Central Oregon Community College, where she discovered her calling in nursing. She began her career as a registered nurse, dedicating herself to various fields of medicine, with a special focus on home health and hospice care. Her role as an RN was not just a profession, but a testament to her boundless compassion and generosity. In her spare time, Kathy found time to teach music: Piano, guitar and even voice lessons. As an accomplished pianist herself, she cherished being able to share and pass her gift on to her students. After retiring from full-time nursing in 2021, Kathy continued her generosity of spirit as a handler for her black labrador Reilly who she trained and certified at as a pet therapy dog. Kathy and Reilly spent countless hours visiting hospitals and other care facilities bringing comfort and joy to patients, families and hospital staff.

In 1980, Kathy married Lance Haberly, and together they raised three wonderful sons: Joshua, Daniel, and Gabriel. Her nurturing



spirit extended beyond her own children, as she became a grandmother to three cherished grandchildren: Ezra, Luke, and Elora. Later in life, Kathy found love once more and married David Murphy in 2014, becoming a devoted part of his family. Kathy also has a half-brother: Joe Dewey, step siblings, two stepchildren and five step grandchildren.

Kathy was known for her high energy and unwavering positivity, qualities that inspired those around her. Her spirit was infectious, and she touched the lives of everyone she met with her warmth and kindness. Kathy's father, Larry Schrenk, her mother, Shirley Dewey, her sister, Kara Litwiller, her three sons, husband David Murphy, and her grandchildren carry forward her legacy of love and compassion.

A memorial service for Kathy will be held on August 22, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Cross Road Church, located at 1380 10th St. Family and friends are invited to gather and honor the remarkable life of a woman who gave so much of herself to others.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Peace Harbor Hospital for their exceptional care and kindness during Kathy's final days. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathy's memory may be made to organizations supporting cancer research, hospice care or pet therapy, causes close to her heart.

Kathy Lynn Murphy's light will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Her life was a testament to her faith in Jesus Christ and the impact of a generous spirit. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



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LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

(Re: Letter 08-12-26)
It is clear to us that Mr.Talbot/Gemutiche is suffering from a seri-ous case of TDS(Trump Derangement Syndrome. To set Mr.Talbot/ Gemutiche and the record straight here are just a few Of President Trump’s recent successes:

Eliminated Iran’s ability to construct and deploy nuclear weapons’

Achieved negative net migration into our coun-try for the first time in 50 years...reached a new monthly immigration law for illegal crossings at the southern border — includ-ing multiple months in a row with ZERO illegal immigrants released into the country’s interior. Border wall construction has resumed, with new border barrier projects underway

Secured unprecedented trade deals and locked in massive investments to unleash American energy dominance and ended woke culture. reached eight historic trade deals with major U.S. trad-ing partners covering more than half of global GDP and tariff revenues have totaled \$150+ bil-lion — keeping promise to liberate the country from decades of failed, anti-American trade policy.

Created America First economic policy resulting in a windfall in the stock market, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq reaching new record highs several times over the course of the second hundred days — while inflation has moder-ated, business is booming, the economy is growing, and egg prices fell 67% from their peak.

Secured an agreement from NATO member nations to raise their defense spending to 5% of their GDP — a remark-able foreign policy feat long thought impossible.

Encouraged Stanford Medicine to end sex-change surgeries for minors. Children’s Hospital Los Angeles closed its “Center for Transyouth Health and Development and Gender-Affirming Care.” UChicago suspended so-called “gender-affirm-ing care” for minors, Rush Medical Center halted so-called “gender-affirm-ing care” for new patients under 18, the University

of Pennsylvania Health System all stopped so-called “gender-af-firming care” for patients under 19, Kaiser Permanente paused sex-change surgeries for patients under 19 across all its hospitals and sur-gical centers, and Yale New Haven Health and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center announced they are ending their so-called “gender-affirm-ing care services.

Encouraged the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to ban men from competing in wom-en’s sports.

And particularly encour-aging is “The Best is Yet to Come and Won’t it Be Fine!”.

Ron & Pamela Duzy
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Florence Showed Up At the City Council meeting on August 17th our community made history. We packed the Florence City Council chambers beyond capacity to formally hand over our petition signed by 2,700 people from Florence and around the world demand-ing a Florence Climate Action Plan.

Our presentation during public input was preceded by the new fire chief Rob Chance, who declared, “This is a historical fire season. We will be in in this for a while.”

Our need for a climate action plan was further amplified by two speakers that followed us. Linda Poppenheimer, who serves on the Transit Mobility Hub Ad-Hoc Committee, said “effecztive public transportation systems reduce pollution.” Ivy Medow, a lonfg time cli-mate activist, reviewed several local climate impacts and summed up her primary concern, “It’s kind of stunning that there’s such a resistance to taking action and recog-nizing the issue for what it is.”

We are most grateful to the 40 climate signers who stepped up their level of advocacy by showing their faces at the Council meeting and displayed shirts and signs that declared “Climate can’t Wait,” and “I signed the Climate Petition.” Many of them came from grass-roots organizations that have supported the cause

over the past seven years - Florence Indivisible, Florence ORGANizes (FOR), Florence Area Democratic Club (FADC), Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF), Elders Climate Action (ECA), and our own Florence Climate Emergency Campaign (FCEC).

The results of this gath-ering will be shared with our congresswoman Val Hoyle to demonstrate the high level of support for climate action from her constituents in Florence..

Our final ask was for the Council to add a Climate Action Plan to its next work session

A massive thank you to everyone who signed, held a sign, spoke, wrote, stood or sat in a seat. This is what grassroots power looks like.

Mike and Pat Allen
Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

DEAR EDITOR,

In a time when it is especially important to have effective, compas-sionate and open minded leadership I fully support Renee Lo Pilato for a seat on the City of Florence’s City Council. During her tenure on the Florence Planning Commission Renee has demonstrated that she is a proven advo-cate for environmental protection and economic opportunity. Renee has consistently, during her tenure on the Planning Commission, spent many hours reading through lengthy staff reports on projects that vary from single family residential, affordable housing, and a variety of commercial ventures. She has consis-tently asked the difficult questions to ensure that the City of Florence embraces projects that not only benefit all our resi-dents but are also mindful of the beautiful environ-ment that defines our City. I believe her background as a college administrator and a dean of admissions for a college in northern California demonstrate that she has the necessary leadership skills to advo-cate for all the residents of Florence as a member of the City Council. She has demonstrated the ability to work well with all the other members on the Planning Commission and to embrace all ideas when rendering thought-ful decisions on projects, ordinance revisions and new policy documents in assisting city staff with their work. She is respectful of the other Planning Commissions, staff and the public. She has demonstrated a strong ability to balance the needs of our residents, our community and the devel-opment community. As the chair of the Planning Commission it has been an honor and a privilege to work with Renee and I believe she would be a valuable asset to our com-munity as a member of the Florence City Council.

Vote for Renee Lo Pilato.

Debbie Ubnoske
Florence Planning Commission Chair

DEAR EDITOR,

Rhody Drive - Road rage and Deer.

I was reading the police blotter of the SN news (08/12), Police logged on 7/27 at 4:51 someone reported unsafe driving on Rhody, someone slow-ing down for Deers and putting their hazard light on, causing a traffic haz-ard. Maybe, a little road rage being delayed for 60 seconds?

There has been a sig-nificant increase of Deer activity between 35th street and the Dump road ever since the City did improvements in that area. I drive that section 6-8 times a day - many deer grazing close to the road. We generally slow down, and sometimes put our flashers on. Many times we have had impatient drivers switch lanes and pass fast, making a point to honk, speed by, and swerve in cutting us off - not seeing the issue. We did not realize that this was happening to other people until I read it in the SN the police reports. Anger on both sides, I get it. Last thing we need is road rage on Rhoidy between 35th street and the Dump road, also a dead deer or fawn would be a bummer if it could be avoided.

I’d offer this. I’ll con-tact the City and ask if I can self fund a deer warn-ing sign(s) for that area. For people in a hurry on Rhody in that area, maybe consider slowing, or if not the damage hitting a deer can cost your vehicle.

Please, last thing we need is a vehicular accident.

Hope some will con-sider - Sincerely

Steve Willams
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Lost wedding ring found!! On 8/17 I lost my wedding ring in the Peace Health Hospital parking lot. It means the world to me as my wife passed 1.5 years ago. The thought of not having it on my finger broke my heart all over again. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the person that found it and turned it into the emer-gency room. Thanks also to the young lady in the emergency room for keep-ing it safe. Peace,

Mitch Sloan

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Celebration of Life

Jerry Medler

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Please join us as we celebrate the life of Jerry Medler. This will be an informal gathering where family and friends can come together to share stories and remem-ber Jerry in one of his favorite place’s, Heceta Beach. Following the gathering, there will be a get together at Jerry’s home in Kla-Ha-Nee, 88794 Shoreline Loop.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate Jerry’s memory and a life well lived.

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Pavement coming to north Jetty parking lots

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County Parks officials gave a quick update on progress at the North Jetty parking lots and say paving equipment will arrive soon.

Lane County Parks Superintendent Steve Rafuse said new restrooms have been installed and crews have been finishing the concrete work at the site.

“Pretty much, after this week, all of the prep work is done, we

just need to open up the schedule to get the pavers out there for a couple days or two, and the last thing will be to install the signs and stripe the parking spaces and plant the plants in the stormwater planter, so I would say as soon as we get paving done and striping done, I’ll be happy to reopen the parking lot.”

Rafuse estimated the lot could reopen in September, and that some landscaping also needs to be finished before a



ribbon-cutting ceremony can happen.

Rafuse noted that the county completed work on Harbor Vista’s hiker/biker spots.

“Those just opened up about two weeks ago, and we had our first bikers riding from across the country,” he said. “ They were from Switzerland and were the first to get in there.”

Once work is done at the north jetty, county personnel will replace the restrooms at Heceta Beach.

New Website Connects Lane County Families to Driver Education Resources

Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), in partnership with the Lane County Driver Education Alliance and the Oregon Department of Transportation, has launched LaneTeenDriver.org.

This free online resource is designed to help Lane

County teens and their families navigate Oregon’s driver education and licensing process.

Its launch comes at a critical time, as Lane County schools no longer offer driver education, leaving families to navigate Oregon’s licensing requirements and

behind-the-wheel training on their own.

“Learning to drive safely is one of the most crucial skills young people need to develop,” said Heidi Shayla, Driver Education Coordinator at Lane Council of Governments. “In 2024, drivers ages 14 to 20 represented just

6.6% of Oregon’s licensed drivers, yet they were involved in more than 10% of fatal crashes and more than 12% of severe injury crashes. By giving teens and families a hub to find reliable driver education information, LaneTeenDriver.org can help teens access the

knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to become safer drivers.”

LaneTeenDriver.org is part of a broader Lane County initiative led by the Lane County Driver Education Alliance, a partnership of organizations, agencies, and school districts working to expand access to affordable, high-quality driver education. The website helps address the geographic and financial barriers many families face by providing teen drivers and their parents or guardians with educational resources,

information about Oregon’s permitting and licensing process, and a directory of local driver education providers. It also represents an important step toward the Alliance’s long-term goal of establishing a county-wide driver education program that emphasizes risk management, courtesy behind the wheel, and safe driving skills.

For more information about the new website or the Lane County driver education initiative, please visit LaneTeenDriver.org or email Heidi Shayla at hshayla@lcog-or.gov.



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LETTERS

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DEAR EDITOR,

The more I look at local politics, the more I think the end of the Fairness Doctrine in 1987 helped shape what we see today. It did not create political extremism by itself, but it removed pressure on broadcasters to present competing viewpoints. Over time, media became easier to divide into left and right audiences.

I can see how that reaches Florence. City Council and mayoral races should mostly be about practical issues: housing, policing, development, homelessness, taxes, infrastructure, and city spending. Instead, those questions can quickly get pulled into national political arguments.

That changes how we judge candidates. Someone can have a reasonable position on development or public safety, yet voters may label that person left or right before looking closely at the actual proposal.

I do see the tradeoff. I am not comfortable with government deciding what viewpoints broadcasters must present. At the same time, I think we underestimated what happens when people can spend years hearing only one political perspective.

That leaves me asking whether we are still choosing local leaders based on what works for Florence, or simply carrying national political divisions into City Hall

*Steve & Karen Earnshaw
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR,

Since coming to Florence in 2001, we have been active on many non-profit boards, professional associations, and City committees. Our community volunteers have made Florence a great place to live.

The upcoming November election is important for all of us. Federal and state positions are becoming highly politized. Please remember our local election for Florence City Council is non-partisan. The mayor and councilors are volunteers and to serve is a labor of love.

We highly support Renee Lo Pilato for Florence City Council. She brings a lifetime of professional experience with diverse groups working to solve challenging problems. Her service on the Florence Planning Commission has given her great insight into how the city works. She will be a collaborative problem solver. She will listen to all points of view and not assume she has all the answers.

There are no simple solutions to the issues facing our community. A Council that works together and listens to its’ citizens is what helps Florence be a great place to live.

*Edgar Ted Rodriguez
Florence*

The Sky’s The Limit For Local Dancers

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Five young dancers from C.R.O.W. (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops) recently had the exciting opportunity to attend the Eugene Ballet Academy Summer Intensive. Chloe Bilbrey, Hazel Grijalva, Sabrina Heard, Savanna Scully, and Mia Anderson spent two weeks training with Eugene Ballet’s professional faculty alongside other dedicated young

dancers from across the state. On Saturday, August 15, the dancers participated in a special showcase at Eugene Ballet Academy, where they had the opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned during the intensive. Throughout the two-week program, the C.R.O.W. dancers participated in rigorous seven- to eight-hour training days, with focused classes designed to strengthen technique,

artistry, musicality, and performance skills. Summer intensives like this provide aspiring pre-professional dancers with the valuable opportunity to step outside their regular training environment, experience new instructors and styles, and challenge themselves through immersive study. C.R.O.W. is incredibly proud of Chloe, Hazel, Sabrina, Savanna, and Mia for their dedication to continued growth and

their commitment to dance. Experiences like these reflect C.R.O.W.’s ongoing mission to encourage local youth to pursue meaningful opportunities in the performing arts and bring what they learn back to their home community. To enroll in C.R.O.W.’s Fall Dance classes, visit www.crowkids.com/ classes. For questions, please contact Artistic Director Melanie Heard at artisticdirector@crowkids.com.

Florence Food Share Invites Artists to Create Signature Piece for Empty Bowls 2026

Florence Food Share is seeking a local artist to create the featured artwork for the 30th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, taking place the first weekend of December. For more than a decade, an original work by a local artist has been the centerpiece of the Empty Bowls poster and is later raffled off during the event to help raise additional funds for Florence Food Share. This special tradition celebrates local creativity while supporting the organization’s mission of ensuring no one in our community goes hungry. Artists working in any medium are encouraged to submit a concept, provided the finished piece can be professionally

photographed for promotional materials and donated to Florence Food Share. The artwork should capture the spirit of Empty Bowls and reflect the event’s message: “Because no one should go hungry.” The selected artist will be recognized in event marketing and media coverage and will receive a tax deduction for the donated artwork. To be considered, artists should email a brief description of their concept, the intended medium, and a photo of a previous work to Kim Pickell at kpickell63@gmail.com. The submission deadline is September 4, 2026, and the completed artwork is due October 2, 2026.

The Ones We Would Protect ~ Haiti, resilience, and hope in troubled times

In response to the recent termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian immigrants, our guest (Dennis Reynolds) on Sunday, August 30, 2026 will present The Ones We Would Protect, a personal reflection on Haiti, its people, and the lessons their experience offers us today. Years ago, Dennis traveled to Haiti and witnessed firsthand

the profound challenges facing the country and its people. What he encountered was heartbreaking, but it also revealed something unexpected: extraordinary resilience, courage, and hope. The current immigration crisis has brought those memories back with renewed urgency. As Haitian families in the United States face uncertainty about their futures, the program

asks us to look beyond politics and consider the human beings affected by these decisions. The Ones We Would Protect is ultimately about more than immigration. It is an invitation to reflect on compassion, human dignity, and what Haiti can teach us about finding hope in difficult times. Dennis invites the community to join this thoughtful conversation

about Haiti, immigration, resilience, and hope. Join us on August 30th. Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road Doors open at 9:30; program starts at 10:00am Everyone is welcome to join us For more information, please contact: Sally Wantz ~ Florence. Unitarian@gmail.com

Beat the Wave to Help Families Prepare Before Disaster Strikes

Whether it’s a tsunami, wildfire, winter storm, power outage, or other emergency, being prepared can make all the difference. The Beat the Wave Disaster Expo returns to the Florence Events Center on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., offering free resources, expert advice, and hands-on preparedness information for the entire community. Presented by the West Lane Emergency Operations Group, the free event brings together local emergency responders, public safety agencies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, and preparedness experts to help residents learn how to better protect themselves, their families, and their homes before disaster strikes. The event is designed for individuals and families of all ages, whether they are just beginning to prepare or looking to strengthen their emergency plans. Attendees can also enjoy free hot dogs, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Florence, while supplies last.

support of Three Rivers Casino Resort. “Our goal is simple,” organizers said. “We want every household in our community to leave more prepared than when they arrived. Taking a few simple steps today can make a tremendous difference

during an emergency.” The Beat the Wave Disaster Expo is part of an ongoing community effort to increase disaster awareness and encourage residents to take proactive steps before an emergency occurs. For more information

about the event, call 541-590-9093.



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Florence conducts seatbelt enforcement buckle up; every trip every time

FROM THE CITY OF FLORENCE

The Florence Police Department will be participating in a focused seatbelt and child restraint enforcement campaign from August 24 through September 6, 2026. During this period, officers will conduct additional patrols aimed at increasing seatbelt use and ensuring children are properly secured in appropriate child safety seats. This enforcement effort is supported through

a federally funded traffic safety grant administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Safety Office. Grant funding provides additional overtime patrol hours dedicated specifically to occupant protection and traffic safety enforcement. While Oregon continues to have one of the highest seatbelt usage rates in the country, crashes continue to demonstrate the importance of buckling up every time. People are

encouraged to “Buckle up: every trip, every time.”

SEATBELT & CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY BY THE NUMBERS

Oregon’s statewide observed seatbelt usage rate was 95.39% in 2025, following a rate of 95.53% in 2024. • Nationally, 22,713 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in traffic crashes in 2024, and 48% of those killed with known restraint use were unrestrained. • In 2024, 677 children age 14 and

younger were killed while riding in passenger vehicles and more than 127,000 were injured. Of the children who died, 39% were unrestrained. • Properly worn lap-and-shoulder seatbelts can reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by approximately 45% and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by approximately 50%. People buckling their seatbelts is a simple step that can save a life. During the enforcement

period, officers will be watching for drivers and passengers who are not properly restrained, including violations involving child safety seats and booster seats. The Florence Police Department reminds motorists to take a few seconds before every trip to make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly buckled. Drivers should also ensure children are using the appropriate car seat, booster seat, or seatbelt for their age

and size. Oregon law requires the proper use of safety restraints and establishes specific child restraint requirements based on a child’s age, weight, and size. A seatbelt remains one of the simplest and most effective tools available to reduce serious injuries and save lives on our roadways. For more information about public safety in Florence, visit the Florence Police Department at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/> Police.

Upriver Farmers Market continues every other Friday

The Upriver Farmers Market at Mapleton Community School is more than a place to shop for fresh, locally grown food, delicious baked goods, and hand-made artisanal products. It is a place for families, neighbors, students, and community members to gather, connect, learn, and enjoy an afternoon together. The 2026 Upriver Farmers Market takes place every other

Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. between Friday, August 14th and Friday, September 25, at Mapleton High School, 10868 E Mapleton Rd, Mapleton, OR 97453. Admission is free and open to the public. Families are invited to make an afternoon of their market visit, with children’s activities taking place throughout the market - including face painting, chalk drawing, and

a market scavenger hunt. At 4:30 p.m., children and families can gather for a special librarian-led storytime followed by music and hands-on craft activities. The story and activities offer a chance for children to slow down, use their imaginations, and create together while families connect with others in the community. Along with family activities, visitors can shop for fresh fruits and

vegetables, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, and other locally produced items from area vendors. The market also provides an opportunity to learn about community resources, meet local producers, and support neighbors and small businesses. The Upriver Farmers Market is supported by Mapleton Community School’s Garden Project-Based Learning (PBL) program, which gives

students hands-on opportunities to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences. Through the school garden and market, students explore agriculture, environmental stewardship, nutrition, entrepreneurship, and community engagement while developing leadership and career-ready skills. The market is also proud to accept SNAP/ EBT benefits, helping

make healthy, locally grown food more accessible to members of the community. **What:** Upriver Farmers Market **When:** Every other Friday from 2 pm - 6 pm August, 28 and September: 11, 25 **Where:** Mapleton High School, 10868 E Mapleton Rd, Mapleton, OR 97453 Admission is free and open to the public

The Florence Police Department will be conducting Stop for pedestrians

FROM THE CITY OF FLORENCE

The Florence Police Department will be conducting a pedestrian safety enforcement operation on August 29, 2026 in the area of Spruce and 12th St. Officers will be focusing on drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians lawfully crossing the roadway at marked and unmarked crosswalks. This enforcement effort

is supported through a federally funded traffic safety grant administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Traffic Safety Office (TSO). The grant provides funding for additional patrol hours dedicated to improving pedestrian safety and reducing crashes involving people walking in our community. During the enforcement period, officers

will monitor crosswalks throughout the city to ensure drivers are yielding to pedestrians as required by Oregon law. Drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians crossing within a crosswalk may be subject to enforcement action. Recent traffic safety data highlights why pedestrian safety remains a priority: - More than 7,500 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes across the United States

in 2023, accounting for approximately 18% of all traffic fatalities. This remains one of the highest pedestrian fatality totals in decades. - Oregon law requires drivers to stop and remain stopped for pedestrians crossing within any marked or unmarked crosswalk until the pedestrian has cleared the driver’s lane and the adjacent lane. Safety Tips for Drivers and Pedestrians Drivers:

- Slow down and scan for pedestrians, especially near intersections, schools, parks, and shopping areas. - Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians in crosswalks. - Avoid distractions such as cell phones while driving. - Exercise extra caution during dawn, dusk, and nighttime hours when visibility is reduced. Pedestrians: - Cross at marked or unmarked crosswalks whenever possible. - Make eye contact

with drivers before entering the roadway. - Remain alert and avoid distractions while crossing. - Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking at night. The Florence Police Department encourages all motorists to remain alert and remember that yielding to pedestrians is not only the law—it’s one of the simplest ways to prevent serious injuries and save lives.

Scotch Broom Removal at Three Mile Prairie County Park

Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative, Lane County Parks, McKenzie River Trust, and Friends

of Three Mile Prairie are co-hosting a volunteer event on Saturday, August 29 from 10 AM to Noon at Three Mile

Prairie County Park in Florence, OR. Volunteers are needed to protect the sand dune habitat and its native plants and animals by removing invasive Scotch broom and small trees. Three Mile Prairie is located north of Florence Golf Links and west of Highway 101 at Fred Meyer. It is a 15-minute walk from the northwest corner of the Fred Meyer parking lot to the work site over some sand and fairly level ground. Bring closed-toe shoes, work gloves, water, and snacks. Please bring shovels, hand saws, or loppers if you have them. If you don’t, ODRC will have tools you can borrow. Directions: From the intersection of Highways 126 and 101 in Florence, drive north 2.3 miles and turn west into the Fred Meyer parking lot at the Fred Meyer gas station. Drive past the gas pumps and go to the northwest corner of the parking lot towards the dunes in the back. Event leaders will meet you there. The Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative works to collaboratively support, guide and promote Oregon dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand habitat that benefits the plants, animals and people who live and play in this special place.

This Oregon Wildfire Season Has Blazed Past All Records, With No End in Sight

By KHUSHBOO RATHORE Oregon Journalism Project

On recent days in Prineville, smoke from the nearby Rowe Creek Complex wildfire feels “thick enough to cut with a knife,” said Beverly Friesen, an 81-year-old grandmother. For the first time in over 40 years, she had to evacuate from the area, leaving behind her one-story, two-bedroom home, which held so many memories of her late husband and the children they raised. “My husband had just passed away two years ago, and it was god-awful,” she said. “I didn’t know what I was going

to do if I had lost my home.” Thankfully, Friesen was able to return. Some of her friends, she said, still fear they will lose their homes. The 374,000 acres of the Rowe Creek Complex conflagration, which forced Friesen and thousands in Central Oregon to flee for their safety, are only a fraction of the record-breaking wildfires raging in Oregon this summer. As of Aug. 10, more than 1,400 fires of all sizes have consumed more than 2.3 million acres across the state—an area far larger than the once-record 2024 fire

season at its completion. That is more acres than the states of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. This story was produced by the Oregon Journalism Project, a nonprofit investigative newsroom for the state of Oregon. OJP seeks to inform, engage, and empower Oregonians with investigative and watchdog reporting that makes a significant impact at the state and local levels. Its stories appear in partner newspapers across the state. The record 2.3 million acres burned have far surpassed the previous 2024 record—even before the peak season.



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Florence garden club preps for a new season

The Florence Garden Club kicks off its 77th year of growing, gardening education, friendship and scholarship fundraising, next month for the 2026-27 season! The season will begin on September 9 and conclude in June, 2027. This year, members will hear from speakers ranging in topics from herbal remedies to greenhouse construction to eradicating

noxious weeds and much more. The topics are based on member requests, made at the last meeting of last year (June, 2026). The Florence Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (September through June) at the Florence First Presbyterian Church. (3996

U.S. Hwy 101 N. 97439) Visitors are welcome, Come join us! **Social time:** 12:30pm-1pm **Meeting:** 1pm-1:30pm **Speaker:** 1:30pm-2:30pm Follow us on Facebook: Facebook/Florence Garden Club-Oregon

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Michael and Patricia Allen, left, address the City Council as audience members display signs behind them. Tony Reed photos.

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comment, “The Florence Climate Emergency Campaign completed seven years of climate strikes in front of City Hall, 361 as of last Friday, and collected 2,733 signatures.”

Michael said that 215 more signatures have been added in the past seven months. He said the petition includes 71 signatures from Florence, 95 from 40 Oregon cities, 40 from 13 states, and 9 from 5 foreign countries. A packet of 21 pages of signatures was included in the council materials.

“All the petitioners expressed their belief that the climate crisis is global, but the actions to deal with it need to be local,” Michael said, noting the previous wild-fire discussion hosted by WLFEA Chief Rob Chance. “We see the realities of wildfires, rising sea levels, floods, erosion, and changing

ocean and forest ecosystems right in our backyard.” “Signing a petition is easy, but showing up here tonight, 40 strong plus, proves that our community is deeply committed to the cause,” he said, motioning to the people seated in the chambers. “We’re asking for a forward-thinking

climate action plan that establishes clear goals for resilience and sustainability in Florence.” “We love this town, and we want to ensure it thrives for generations to come,” he said. “We urge the City Council to listen to these 2,733 voices tonight and formally put a Climate Action Plan on the upcoming workshop

agenda.” No official action was taken on the presentation, as city councilors cannot act on public comment. Allen is no stranger to City Council meetings and has submitted public comment consistently for years. Climate strikes occur weekly in front of City Hall.

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As of the meeting, Aug.17, over 1,400 fires were burning in Oregon, 37 of which were uncontained large fires, with 2.3 million acres burned and 16,124 personnel assigned to fighting them and coordinating firefighting efforts. Chance said the current numbers break a record set in 2024. “We didn’t reach 1.9 million acres until September, at the end of the [2024] season,” he said. “We broke that at the end of July. It’s been a historical season, and that number is going to keep going up.” In Southeast Oregon, the Big Grass Fire is the largest in the country, at over 500,000 acres. It was started by lightning and was moving over the border into Idaho, he said. Chance said many homes were being threatened by the three largest fires in the state,

and personnel are doing everything possible to protect them. Chance noted that the forecast did not look promising for fire control, and that the warm, dry winter, along with drought and lightning, set up conditions for maximum fire activity. Facing that danger are a limited number of fire personnel. “it’s been hard because the Pacific Northwest, along with all the other disasters going on in the country, us and Washington have been eating up all the resources for firefighting,” he said, noting that over 300 international firefighting agencies, some from as far as New Zealand and Australia, have arrived to assist. “we’ve been trading all of the California strike teams and task forces back-and-forth between the two states since June, so all departments statewide are strapped with taking care of our own hometowns and sending what resources we can.”

Chance said the Oregon State Fire Marshal has no more incident management teams, and the Oregon Department of Forestry is also tapped out, leaving no other resources available. After explaining the risks of red flag conditions, Chance noted that in Western Lane County, fire risk was determined high in early August. “For now, we are still one of the greener parts, but it doesn’t mean we’re out of risk, by any means,” he said, advising residents to follow current fire restrictions. “We are in El Niño right now, he said. We have potential, up to 90 percent, chance to get into a very strong El Niño.” He said that could bring warmer, drier weather into October and November and throughout the winter, along with the potential for strong east winds. Calling it “the biggest scare for us,” Chance said the strong offshore winds and drier conditions could increase the potential for spot fires on the coast.

“We really just need people to be compliant with Oregon Department of Forestry fire restrictions,” he said. Chance urged residents to immediately report any visible smoke and to keep defensible space around homes. He said that if WLFEA crews are not busy, they can help with creating defensible space around homes. Other online resources include the Oregon wildfire response and recovery site at wildfire.oregon.gov and the state of Oregon fires dashboard at osfm.info.org/maps. The Instaweb/NIFC website contains state and national situation reports, preparedness levels, and regional outlooks, and is at inciweb.wildfire.gov. WLFEA had a team out on the Grasshopper Fire in the Mount Hood National Forest, which, as of the meeting, was 90,130 acres and 47% contained. By press time Thursday, it had grown

to over 93,000 acres and was at 66 percent containment. Chance noted that WLFEA has sent personnel to four different incidents. “The fire season’s not over,” Chance said. “We’re going to be in this for a while, and while the conditions don’t affect us a lot moving

forward, I think with the El Niño and what that brings ... the east and offshore winds are really what scare me more than anything.” Recalling an 18-acre fire two years ago off South Jetty Road in the middle of the night, Chance said, “It can definitely happen.”

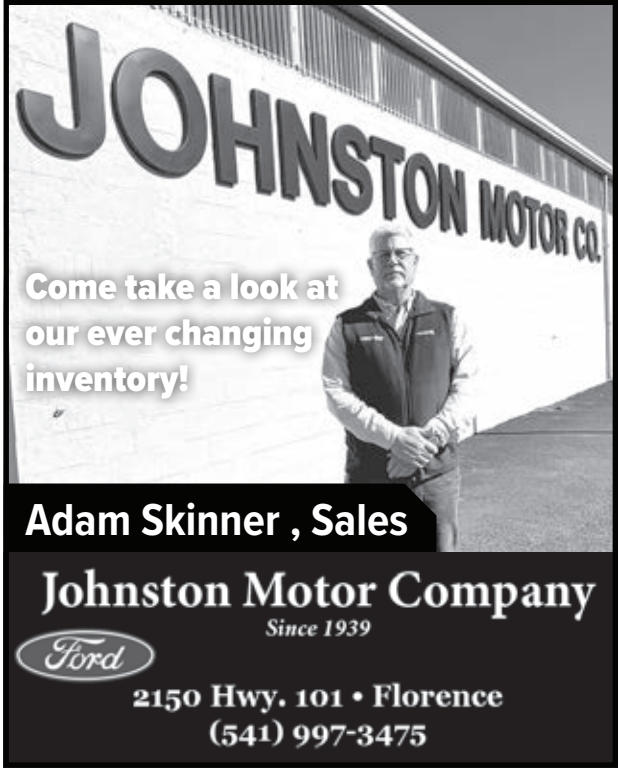
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the engines. He said firefighters were also able to salvage some belongings from the home and put them in a protected area. A car parked at the home was also severely damaged by

the heat. While the battery was a likely cause, it had not been confirmed for certain, he said. “The report from the homeowner was that he had just purchased a new lithium-ion battery... and he was charging that,” Chance said. “That’s where the point of origin appeared to be, and there

was evidence of what looked like a charger and a battery, but without witnesses or camera footage, it’s hard to say 100 percent that’s what it was- but it’s definitely a possibility.”

The department’s crisis response team also arrived to speak with the residents and refer them to area Red Cross offices. No one was inside the residence or injured by the fire.



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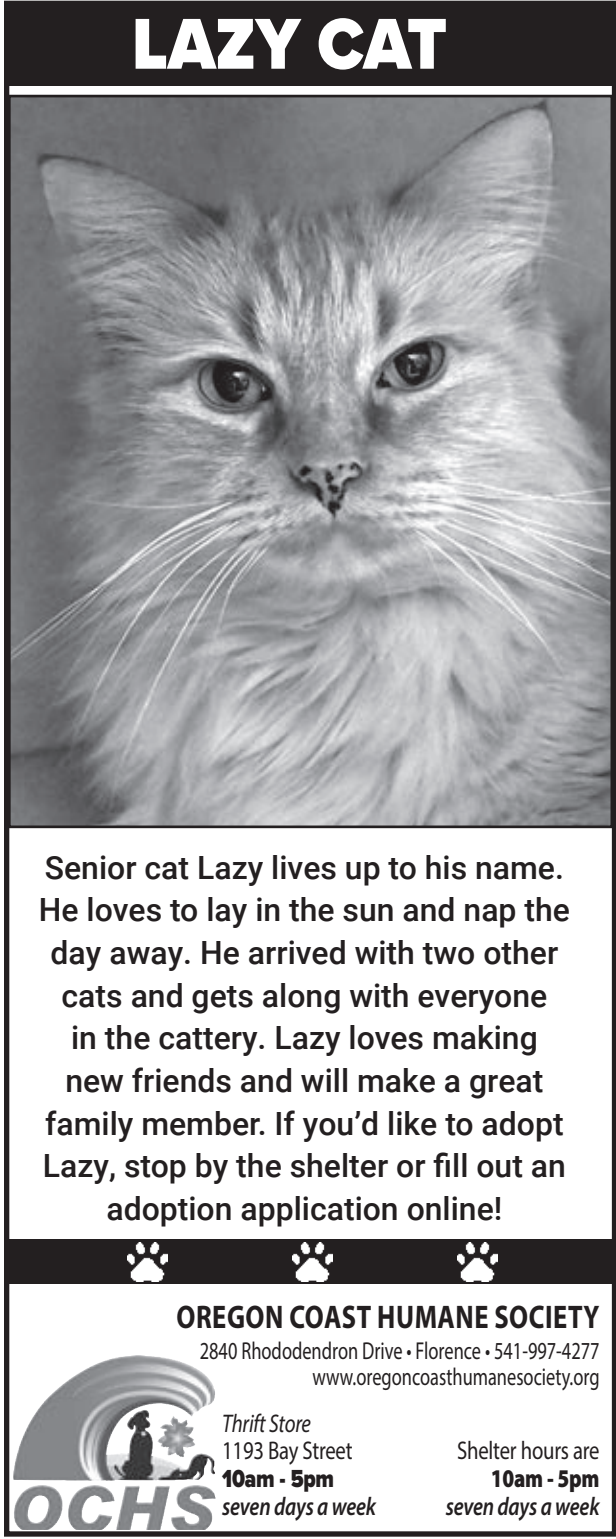
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Low6:14 a.m.....-0.4
High..... 12:46 p.m.....5.9
Low 6:08 p.m.....2.4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

High.....12:00 a.m.....7.1
Low6:45 a.m.....-0.5
High..... 1:11 p.m.....6.2
Low 6:47 p.m.....1.8

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

High.....12:39 a.m.....7.1
Low7:14 a.m.....-0.5
High..... 1:37 p.m.....6.5
Low 7:26 p.m.....1.3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

High.....1:18 a.m.....7.0
Low7:43 a.m.....-0.3
High..... 2:02 p.m.....6.8
Low 8:04 p.m.....0.9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

High.....2:00 a.m.....6.7
Low8:13 a.m.....0.1
High..... 2:29 p.m.....7.1
Low 8:45 p.m.....0.5

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

High.....2:45 a.m.....6.4
Low8:44 a.m.....0.7
High..... 2:58 p.m.....7.3
Low 9:28 p.m.....0.3

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

High.....3:34 a.m.....6.0
Low9:17 a.m.....1.3
High..... 3:31 p.m.....7.4
Low 10:17 p.m.....0.1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

High.....4:30 a.m.....5.6
Low9:54 a.m.....2.0
High..... 4:10 p.m.....7.5
Low 11:15 p.m.....0.1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

High.....5:37 a.m.....5.1
Low10:37 a.m.....2.7
High..... 4:59 p.m.....7.4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Low12:23 a.m.....0.2
High.....6:59 a.m.....4.8
Low11:36 a.m.....3.3
High..... 6:00 p.m.....7.3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Low1:41 a.m.....0.1
High.....8:35 a.m.....4.8
Low 1:00 p.m.....3.6
High..... 7:17 p.m.....7.2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Low2:55 a.m.....-0.2
High.....9:56 a.m.....5.2
Low 2:34 p.m.....3.6
High..... 8:39 p.m.....7.2

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Low4:00 a.m.....-0.5
High.....10:52 a.m.....5.7
Low 3:53 p.m.....3.1
High..... 9:52 p.m.....7.4

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Low4:54 a.m.....-0.8
High.....11:35 a.m.....6.2
Low 4:57 p.m.....2.3
High..... 10:53 p.m.....7.5

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Low5:40 a.m.....-1.0
High..... 12:12 p.m.....6.6
Low 5:52 p.m.....1.6
High..... 11:47 p.m.....7.5

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Low6:21 a.m.....-0.9
High..... 12:46 p.m.....7.0
Low 6:40 p.m.....0.9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

High.....12:37 a.m.....7.4
Low6:59 a.m.....-0.5
High..... 1:19 p.m.....7.3
Low 7:25 p.m.....0.4



The 2025 state champion Siuslaw Vikings. Courtesy photo from Becky Holbrook

Siuslaw cross country ready for the road ahead

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Vikings’ cross country programs have been pounding the pavement and trails this summer, training ahead of the fall season.

For the boys, the fall gives them a chance to defend their 2025 state title, while the girls have a young group hoping to grow and compete with the best 3A has to offer. Long-time Head Coach Chris Johnson is excited for the season to get off the starting line. With different expectations for both programs, he’s excited to see how the 2026 season unfolds.

For the boys, much of the core of the 2025 championship squad is back, and with that, the hope for a second consecutive title is not out of the question.

“The boys are the defending state champions. We have four of those guys back, and three of them were instrumental in that

victory. This group of boys, these junior boys, it’s their time to assert their identity, and try to figure out where they kind of line up historically with some pretty good boys cross country teams,” Johnson said. “We have Henry Stone leading the way. He’s had an unbelievable career for someone who’s only starting his junior year, and I think Henry has a great chance to win a state championship outright individually. Then we have Bentley Nelson and Ezra King both back, who were great. Big parts of what happened last year. So, I think it’s our time to shine; we just have to figure out what the ceiling is, how hard we want to work, and where our focus is.”

Meanwhile, the girls program is coming off a fourth straight district title. However, it’s a much-changed group since last fall. Johnson said the squad lost a lot of last year’s personnel

for a variety of reasons. Some graduated, others moved, and some runners decided not to return this season.

Despite the upheaval, Johnson is still expecting them to compete well once they find their feet.

“We really have a pretty young team for the most part. We have some experience back in, in Claire McNeill and Clover Holbrook. Then we have three freshman girls, Hosanna Stone, Gia Flosi, and Temperance Rupp, who I think are going to be really great,” Johnson said. “So, I think the girls team’s gonna surprise some people. We’re gonna probably start a little slow, but I think as the season progresses, we’re going to be pretty competitive as those younger kids get some experience and some confidence.”

In high school sports, confidence is often a product of experience, and without seniors bringing a wealth of knowledge to either

program, Johnson expects that to affect the programs differently.

The boys, despite having no seniors, still bring a lot of battle-tested experience to the table. Stone, Nelson, King, and Yair Brito Xilot were all involved last season, and Johnson said they don’t “need a senior to tell them how it should be.”

“They know in their hearts and minds what needs to take place,” Johnson said. “So it’s just a matter of making those things happen and having that daily consistency and the toughness to make it all come true.”

The girls team brings a lot of new faces onto the course, and returners McNeill and Holbrook will also be splitting time on the soccer field this fall. While the group as a whole may be a little green, Johnson expects them to “grow up fast.” With distance running, incremental improvement is always the goal, and with that in mind, Johnson knows the

Vikings just need to be at their best once the end of the season rolls around.

Their first meet will be the Marist Invite in Eugene, and the Vikings will venture inland to get underway on Sept. 5. Next up will be a large field of opponents at the Ash Creek Invitational, which is held at Western Oregon University on Sept. 11-12. You can follow along with results at athletic.net.

With the whole season ahead, Johnson wants his teams to keep their eye on the end goal in October, and everything until then is just an opportunity to improve.

“We’ll make our way through the season and just try to get ourselves ready for what matters most, which are those last two meets,” Johnson said. “We have high expectations; we always do. We feel like if we do our thing and prepare like we always do, we have a great shot at the end of the year to be, to be pretty successful.”

Opening games coming up for Vikings sports

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Is summer officially over? Well, August is almost at a close, and Siuslaw sports are just getting started, so maybe it’s time to dive into fall.

Here’s a look at when each of Siuslaw’s soccer, volleyball, and football teams get the new season underway!

FOOTBALL

Coming off a 5-0 Special District 4 season and a round-one exit, the Siuslaw football team will be kicking off the season on the gridiron in just a couple of days. The Vikings will host Coquille on Aug. 28 in a non-league game to commence the campaign.

The game will start at 7 p.m. at Hans Petersen Field and will

be the first of five non-league matchups before four Special District 4 games will decide their playoff fate.

VOLLEYBALL

Vikings Volleyball are going to be serving and smashing this fall, looking to improve their league record and build on a promising year last season. Their journey to do just that will begin with the Marshfield Jamboree on Aug. 27. Next up will be the Double Duel with Reedsport and Elmira on Aug. 29, and a non-league game against North Bend on Sept. 2.

Siuslaw’s first league game will be against Coquille on Sept. 8, marking the first of 14 Far West League battles this

year.

BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer squad was formidable last season, finishing 10-5 overall and 6-2 in Special District 3. They capped their season with a playoff win and a second consecutive trip to the second round of the state championships. The team has made some personnel changes this year, and it looks like a young squad at the start of the season.

Siuslaw soccer will also compete with Marshfield in a Jamboree on Aug. 27, and then will have a bit of a break before their first league game, which will be away against Coquille/

Myrtle Point at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 8. At the moment, the Vikings do not have any non-league games on their schedule.

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls soccer team will have a jamboree and two non-league games to prep for the league phase of the season. They will also travel to Marshfield for the jamboree on Aug. 27, then face Pleasant will in a non-league showdown on Aug. 31.

The Vikings finished 6-7-1 in Special District 3, and this season they are slated to play just 10 league games by comparison. They’ll play each league opponent once as they chase a positive record this season. Their first league matchup will be at home against Lakeview on Sept. 17.



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Community Briefs

Mushrooms of the Oregon Coast: which ones to eat, and which ones to leave be.

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Join the MidCoast Watersheds Council for our September Community Meeting Thursday, September 3rd, from 6:30 PM - 8 PM at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport,!

This event will feature a presentation by Jon Sommer from the Lincoln County Mycological Society to learn about mushrooms of the Oregon Coast.

Ever wonder which mushrooms are safe to eat, and which ones will send you to the emergency room? We will look at the important edible species in our area, and some of the poisonous ones. As we tour through some of the various coastal habitats, we will get a sense of the enormous diversity and beauty of our coastal

fungi. This talk will be engaging and informative for everyone from the novice mushroom hunter to the seasoned pro.

About the speaker

Jon Sommer is a mycologist that has led mushroom forays, given lectures on a range of mycological topics, and taught mushroom identification across the U.S. for more than 5 decades. He is a well-known speaker and presenter for mycological Societies and Forays across the country. He received a Bachelor's degree in Botany at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA and two Master's Degrees from the University of California, Davis (Botany and Plant Pathology). A resident of Colorado for 30 years, and now living on the Oregon coast, Jon has in-depth knowledge of fungi across the US and particularly northern California and Oregon. He is the immediate Past President of the Colorado Mycological Society and is the current President of the Lincoln County Mycological Society in Oregon.

This event is free and open to the public. Community members can join either in-person at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center or online via Zoom. Go to <http://www.midcoastwatersheds.org/> and click the September 3 date on the calendar to register for the zoom meeting.

Scholarships announced

Florence P.E.O. Chapter FQ is happy to announce five 2026 scholarship awards from the Paula Lee Becker P.E.O. Scholarships for Women.

Megan Alberty was awarded \$500.00 to help with tuition at University of Oregon where she is working to obtain a Business degree.

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Macy McNeill received \$1,250.00 for tuition at Oregon State University where she works toward a degree in special education.

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Labor Day Book Sale

Fall is almost upon us and the days are getting shorter. School will be back in session and it's time to think about cozy family gatherings and activities--games, puzzles, movie nights.

It is also time for the Friends of the Siuslaw Library's annual Labor Day Weekend book sale. On Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th the Friends will again be hosting our 2-day book sale in the Bromley Room at the library.

New this year is the ever popular Bag Sale--which will be ALL DAY Sunday for \$5 per bag. Also new...after many requests, this year we will be accepting credit cards in addition to cash and checks.

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New First Friday Event in Old Town Florence

Introducing a new, year round monthly event! First Friday in Historic Old Town Florence will kick off September 4th, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visit participating businesses to enjoy discounts, demos, giveaways, live performances, food and drink specials, and more. This event will also help raise funds for local charities; September will feature the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

Pick up your First Friday tour map at Serene Abundance Studio Space, 148 Maple Street in Florence, at your favorite participating business, or call 541-590-3977 for more info.

Florence Habitat Summertime Flea Market!

Saturday, September 12th from 9am-3pm in the ReStore Parking lot.

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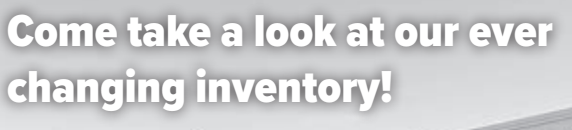
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People **FACT:**



August and September are the months when many children return here.

Answer: School

“How they say that in...”

- English: Teacher
- Spanish: Maestro
- Italian: Insegnante
- French: Professeur
- German: Lehrer

What’s the Difference?
Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Letters missing on wall 2. Drum in front 3. Recorder different color 4. Missing watch

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

AUG

24

- 1814:** British troops capture Washington, D.C., and set the Presidential Mansion and other buildings on fire.
- 1909:** Workers start pouring concrete for the Panama Canal.
- 1991:** Ukraine declares itself independent from the Soviet Union.

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Get the **PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: School bus

PAR FOR THE COURSE **WORD SEARCH**

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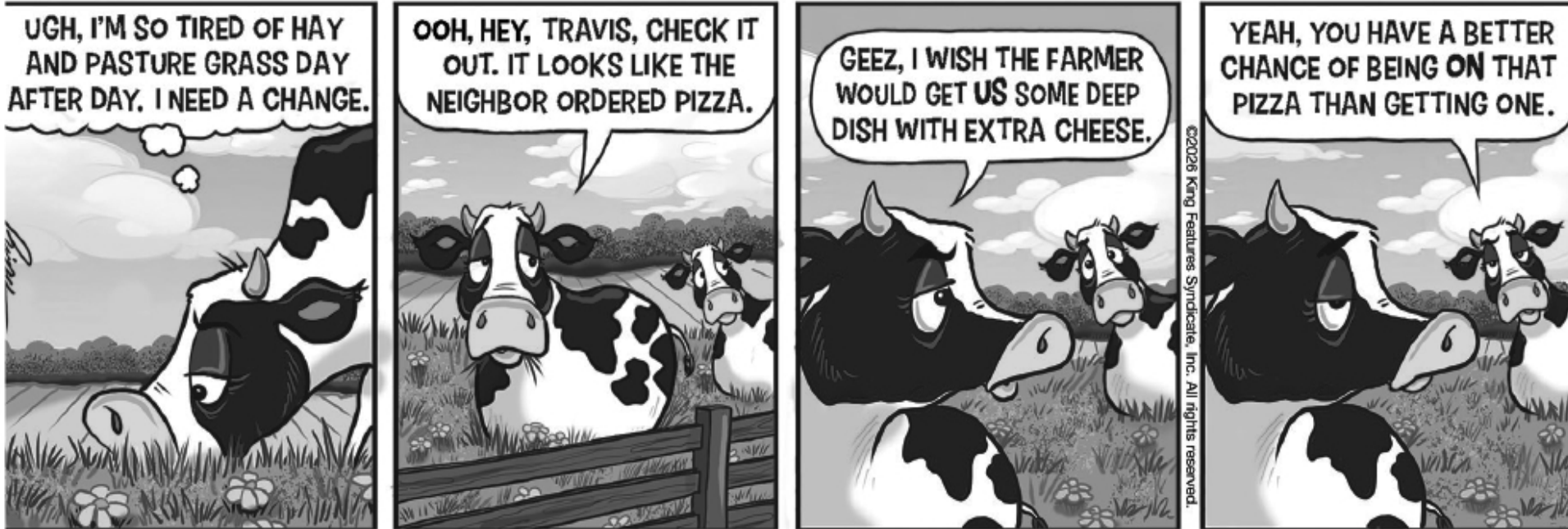
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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- BIRDIE
- BOGEY
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- CADDIE
- DIMPLE
- DIVOT
- DRIVER
- EAGLE
- FAIRWAY
- FORE
- GREEN
- HANDICAP
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- SLICE
- STROKE
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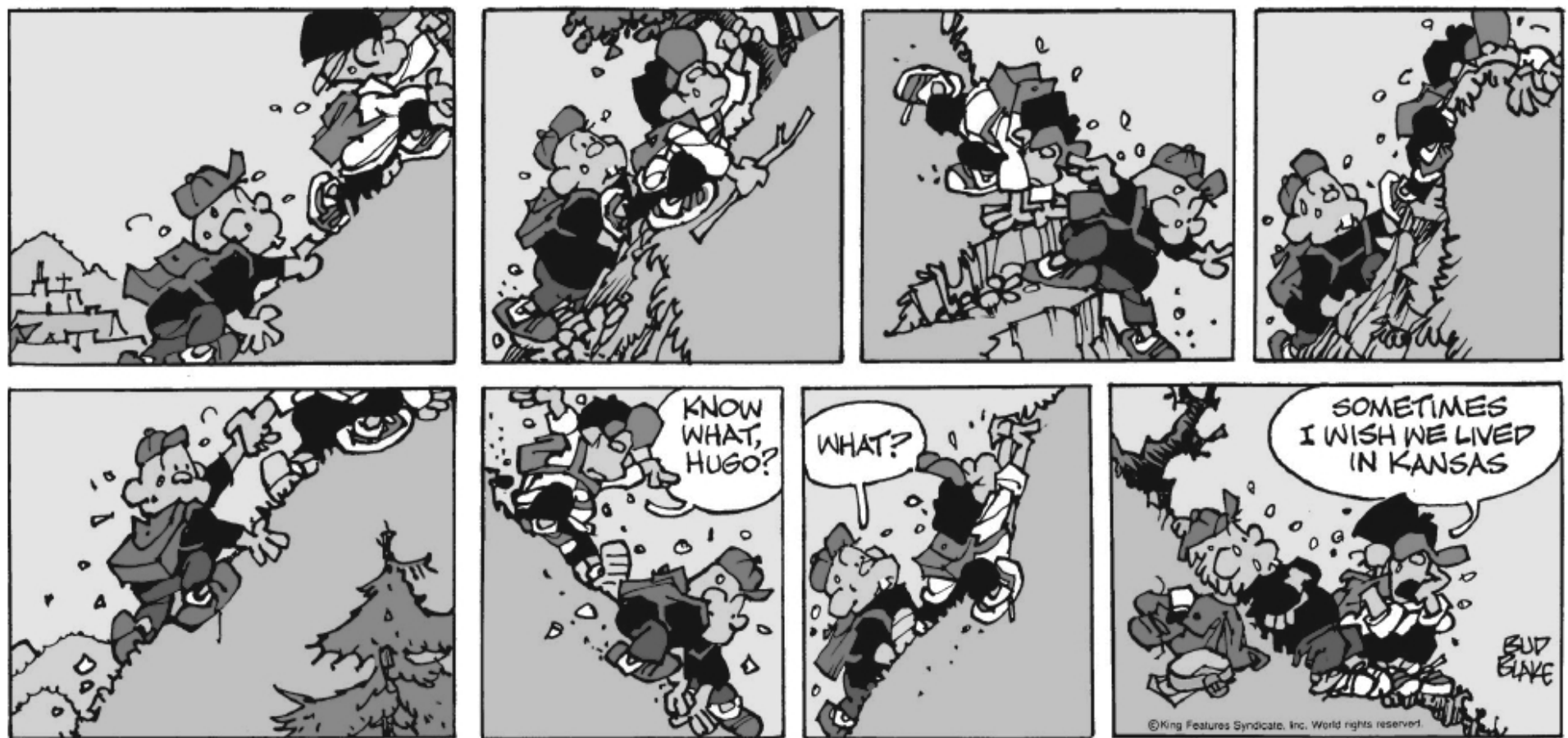
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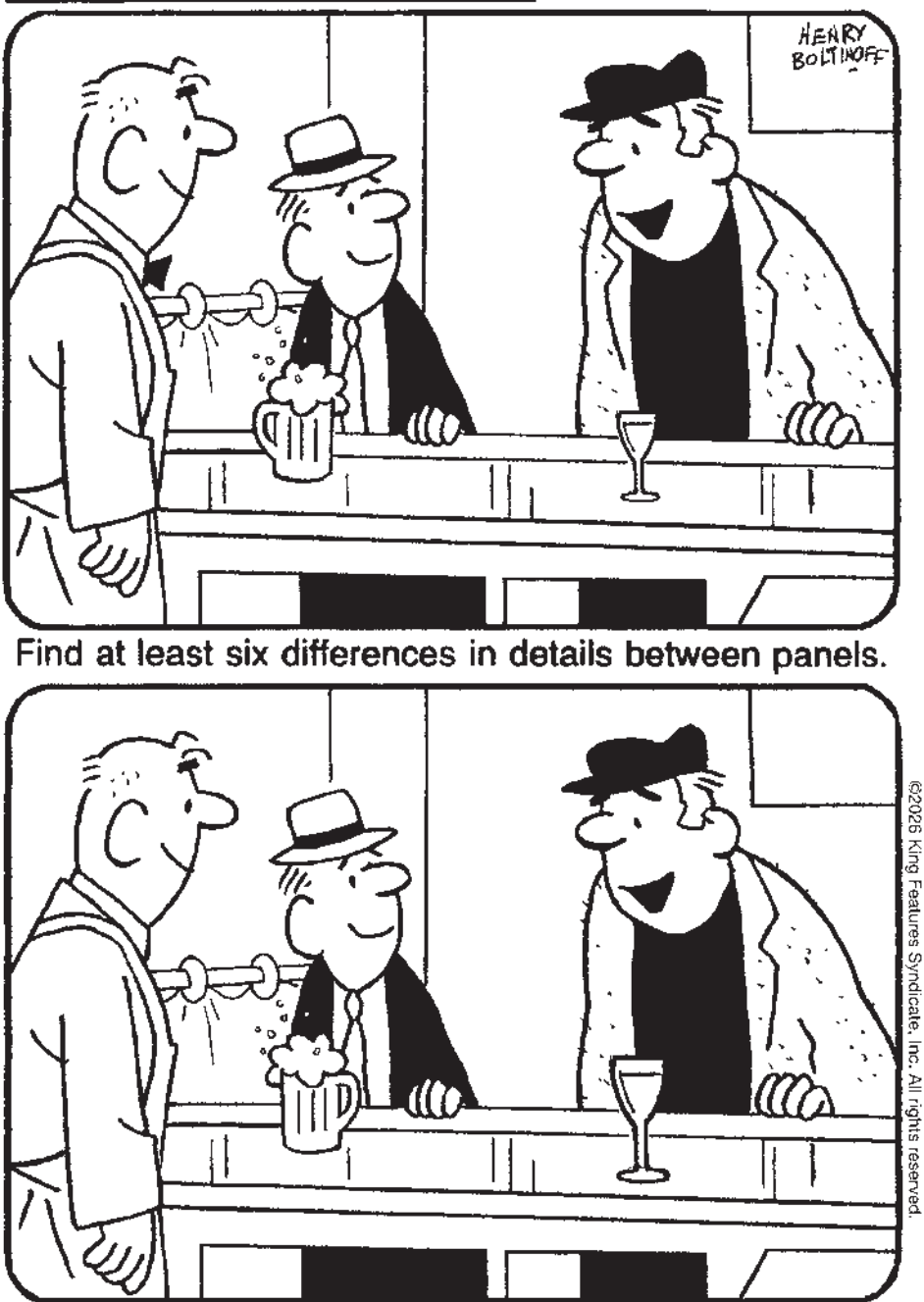
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Source: www.britannica.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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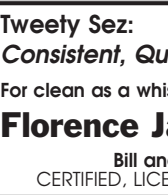
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WVQB NBHJBBQ HJM LMXQHSVBK:
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- Doves' home
- Coach Parseghian
- Beach crawler
- Pizza cooker
- Greyhound vehicle
- Martin (cognac)
- Bread sellers
- Sheltered
- Hogwash
- Thespians
- Sheriff's star
- Hold sway
- Jealousy
- Stalks for soups
- Finale
- Give it a go
- Man-mouse link
- Sets of prayer beads
- Big gulp
- Eyeglass frames
- Lake flock
- Hoi —

- Enjoy Aspen
- Mayberry young 'un
- Officials with seals
- Ivy in Philly
- Literary collection
- Corporate symbol
- Perimeter
- Actress Myrna
- Winter blanket

DOWN

- Corn core
- Eggs
- Shatner's "— War"
- Vigor
- Slightly
- Regret
- Military attacks
- Moon cavity
- Move, in Realtor lingo
- Pt. of U.S.A.
- Tournament passes
- Caviar base
- "Pinocchio" fish
- "Cheers" order
- Part of A.D.
- Film formats
- Point — Peninsula
- Record holder?
- "The Music Man" setting
- Ireland
- Droops
- Small combo
- Dahl of films
- Marble cake patterns
- Reggae relative
- Vatican leader
- Pundit's piece
- TV journalist Lisa
- Remain
- Lennon's partner
- Charged bit
- Conceit
- Plant seeds

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues, and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MASTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Tactless	L	1. Endmark	R
2. Offer evidence	V	2. Investigation	B
3. Curious George	M	3. Pack animal	D
4. Stretch	H	4. Respond	I
5. Shudder	H	5. Wood splitter	L
6. Greek capital	S	6. Goddess of wisdom	A
7. Hunky dory	W	7. Use one's nose	M
8. Commuter boat	F	8. Seinfeld or Springer	J
9. Hooping primato	B	9. Actor Mel	S
10. Out of focus	O	10. Dodecater	A

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the only mammal that can't jump?
- MOVIES:** Which movie has the tagline, "They're young, they're in love, and they kill people"?
- HISTORY:** When is Labor Day celebrated every year in the United States?
- LANGUAGE:** What's the name of a punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation point?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which country was called Kampuchea from 1975 to 1979?
- ASTRONOMY:** What are the names of the twin stars in the Gemini constellation?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What is the only thing left in Pandora's box after it was opened?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Which country is associated with the fermented cabbage dish kimchi?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who is the first president to die in office?
- TELEVISION:** What are the Halloween episodes of "The Simpsons" called?

Trivia answers

- Elephant.
- "Bonnie and Clyde," 1967.
- The first Monday in September.
- Interrobang.
- Cambodia.
- Pollux and Castor.
- Hope.
- South Korea.
- William Henry Harrison.
- "Treehouse of Horror."

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Five Spot™

Horror movie prop

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Nickname for a red head

The little ones

Piano technician

Loosen

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Word with "bread" or "butter"

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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1699 27th St #18 - \$79,000
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11445 E Mapleton Rd. - \$699,000
3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2440 SqFt. Five-acre riverfront property offering privacy, versatility, large shop, and endless potential. #3738-363944680



83269 Clear Lake Rd. - \$834,900
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1791 Willow Lp. - \$375,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1400 SqFt. Move-in ready home backing to nature with updates, privacy, and in-town location. #3764-175253689



1345 Mulberry Ln. - \$570,000
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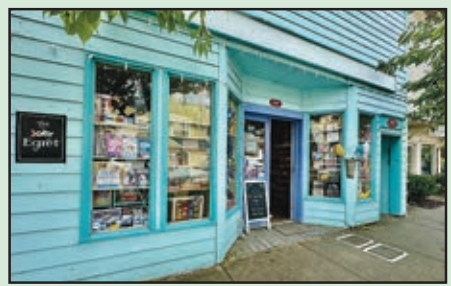
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