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Quince Street hotel project to break ground



Equipment and an office trailer have been accumulating across from the Florence Events Center, and construction is expected to begin soon. Tony Reed photo.

FROM THE FLORENCE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

FURA is pleased to announce that the property transaction for the Quince Street Hotel Project closed on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, with Braun Hospitality. The FURA Board has been working under a Development and Disposition Agreement (DDA) with Braun Hospitality, which

formed the public-private partnership that included the transfer of the 3.12-acre portion of the Quince Street property across from the Florence Events Center. The hotel development will result in a four-story, 86-room Wyndham Microtel-branded hotel located on Quince Street. Construction on the project will begin in

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(HOTEL NW) A prospective drawing of how the hotel will look.

Council approves Emergency Warming Shelter location

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

After lengthy discussion, the Florence City Council approved a request from Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee (FECWSC) to operate an overnight shelter in winter months when temperatures are forecast below 34 degrees or 38 degrees during windy, rainy nights.

City Manager Erin Reynolds said that in October, the committee had found two churches willing to host the shelter. One was inside the city limits and the other outside the city limits, just off Heceta Beach Road.

"Since that time, they have let us know that

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Florence Holiday events continue

FROM FLORENCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Residents and visitors are invited to kick off the holiday season with a full slate of festive, family-friendly events designed to entertain visitors, support local businesses, and celebrate community spirit throughout Florence. Events like "Shop Local Saturday," "Santa's Coastal Playground," and a citywide treasure hunt, this year's lineup offers something for every age.

Santa's Workshop – On Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., children can enjoy Santa's Workshop at Cross Road Church, 1380 10th Street (corner of 9th & Maple). This free event includes cocoa and cookies, letters to Santa, hands-on make-and-take crafts, and a special visit from Santa himself between noon and 1 p.m. Santa's Workshop is presented by Lofy Construction, Coastal Home Services, and Beach Bum Doggie Resort.



Santa's Coastal Playground – Dec. 6
Later that day, Bay Street transforms into Santa's Coastal Playground, Florence's signature holiday street festival. Activities include:
• Lighted Balloons Giveaway: 3 to 5 p.m.

• Stroll With Santa Walk & Bike Parade:
3:30 p.m.
• Florence Community Choir Performance: 4:30 p.m.
• Santa & Mrs. Claus Arrival: 4 p.m.
• Free Hayrides

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Plywood covered the damage left after a stolen car reportedly hit the side of Big Dog Donuts & Deli in Florence. Tony Reed photo.

Three arrested with stolen car after hit and run

FROM FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Nov. 23, at 2:41 am the Florence Police Dept. received a report of a hit and run into a building at 1136 Hwy 101. Officers responded and found the building to have significant damage. A witness was able to provide a description of the vehicle to the officers but they were unable to locate it.

Later that day at 11:06 a.m., a vehicle matching

the description of the hit and run suspect vehicle was reported stolen from the 3700 block area of Highway 101. Investigating officers believed that the vehicle had been stolen as reported.

Florence officers used the Flock camera system and observed the reported stolen vehicle and were able to obtain a good description of the vehicle. On Nov. 24 at 11:29 p.m., a Florence

officer observed a vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle on Hwy 101 near 18th St, but the vehicle had a different license plate on it. The officer did a check on the license plate and it came back to a vehicle out of Eugene that did not match the suspect vehicle it was on. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. The

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WLFEA prepares for Winter rescues

By BOB HORNEY and WLFEA
DEPUTY CHIEF ROB CHANCE

Last week we took a look at making wise traveling decisions during the winter months and the inclement weather that comes with them. We were encouraged to make such decisions in the hope of preventing vehicular incidents forcing the emergency crews at

WLFEA TO RESPOND.

This week we look at the preparations that are going on at the WLFEA simply because they have no choice but to respond to calls.

As Deputy Chief Rob Chance said in his response to the information I had asked for, "The biggest challenges are the dangerous road conditions

and decreased visibility. We don't get to delay or replan trips when it gets nasty outside. These factors, of course, are out of our control." That is THE ONE big difference I was talking about last week. We residents can make the decision to stay home and off the roads when the weather turns nasty - maybe with a few exceptions - and even those will differ from person to person, whereas our WLFEA Responders MUST GO!

Now, back to everything that is going on at WLFEA as they make sure personnel are prepared to respond safely and without unnecessary delay. In Deputy Chief Rob's own words, "The first few heavy rains of the year wash up fuels and oils that build up over the

summer. Standing water, moss and ice also make the roads more dangerous. Rain, wind, ice and snow contribute to fallen tree limbs and landslides that have blocked access or egress to our ambulances. Trees have even fallen on our ambulances! To prepare for some of these dilemmas, the crews do refresher training on the use of chainsaws and tire chain applications every fall along with additional driver training."

This sure makes me have an even greater appreciation of all those who are committing their lives to answering our calls for, "HELP!"

How about this next part that Deputy Chief Rob shares: "We study our map books and visit areas that we anticipate will be difficult to access during heavy

weather and determine alternate routes." That knowledge must be extremely comforting to our residents living in those areas, and you certainly know who you are. Wow!

And now, how about this: "Another weather consideration we face is the availability of air medical services. We would normally transport critical patients to a designated landing zone and stick them in a helicopter; however, they are rarely able to fly during the fall and winter months due to safety. We are forced to transport these critical patients by ground to Sacred Heart Riverbend in Springfield."

Here's one that hadn't even crossed my mind: "The emergencies also change a bit in nature. We do see increased

motor vehicle accidents due to the same road conditions we encounter. Hypothermia can always be a factor with entrapped patients or any other outdoor period of exposure. We are used to turning the back of the ambulances into saunas to warm patients up, which is essential but can be quite uncomfortable to work in."

I want to thank Deputy Chief Rob Chance (with support from Chief Michael Schick) for filling us in on what is going on "behind the scenes" at our Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority as you prepare for winter rescues.

You have given us every reason to be THANKFUL for your presence in our community. Amazing information! Thank you, again.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from November 19 to November 25.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

At 9:12 a.m., a caller reported theft from a high school locker. Officers investigated and one student was charged with theft.

At 10:46 a.m., a caller reported a subject walking in the sand dunes who had kicked his dog which appeared to be pregnant. Officers arrived in the area and interviewed witnesses who said they had not seen any such activity.

At 11:02 a.m., a caller reported having lost a pers in in the Florence area, described as having a zipper and "doxies" on it. Caller said she had canceled all cards in the purse.

At 1:39 p.m., a caller reported having found a wallet in the area of interstate 5 near Highway 34. Wallet contained a school ID, and officers are trying to contact the owner.

At 4:27 p.m., a caller reported a subject yelling and making threats in the 2600 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and recognized the subject

immediately who ran from them. After catching and restraining the subject, officers had to carry him back to the patrol car. After finding the subject had warrants for his arrest, officers arrested him for them, along with Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Mischief 1, a felony.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

At 2:03 a.m., officers made contact with a subject in the area of Highway 101 and 12th St. who was riding a bicycle with no lights. Upon checking, officers found the subject had several warrants for his arrest from Florence Municipal Court. Subject was taken into custody.

At 9:58 a.m., a caller reported finding a firearm under the mattress left by a recently vacated roommate. Officers arrived and inspected the gun, which they determined was a BB gun. Caller opted to keep the BB gun.

At 11:08 a.m., a caller reported construction

occurring on 35th St. near Royal St. George which they felt required a flagger. Officers arrived in the area and found no construction activity encroaching on the travel lanes.

At 11:28 a.m., officers on patrol observed a large moving truck blocking traffic in the area of Rhododendron south of 35th St. Officers advised the driver, who promised to move the vehicle.

At 1:45 p.m., a caller reported being locked out of her car in the 100 block of Laurel Street. Officers referred the subject to the local tow company.

At 8:07 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Maple Street for a report of subjects downstairs making banging noises. Officers found the apartment was built over a restaurant where people were working in the kitchen. Kitchen workers said they had been trying to keep it down. No further action was taken.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

At 4:26 a.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Oak Street for a report that a subject in a care facility was missing. Officers found the subject shortly afterward.

At 11:30 a.m., caller reported hitting a deer

with a car in the area of Rhododendron north of 35th St. which was suffering and unable to move its back legs. Officers arrived and dispatched the deer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

At 12:23 p.m., officers responded to the 2900 block of Oak Street for a report of a bear seen in the area.

At 1:10 p.m., a caller reported a subject had gone missing in the 900 block of 8th Street. Officers were in route when the caller recontacted dispatch to say the subject had returned.

At 2:15 p.m., a caller reported subject putting dog food and other food items outside their fence which was attracting rats. Officers arrived and contacted the subject who said they had been trying to help a hurt crow. Officers advise the subject that it is illegal to do so.

At 5:57 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle in the area of Highway 126, one mile from Florence that was unable to maintain its lane. Officers located and stopped the vehicle. Officers found the driver was not impaired or under the influence. Driver was counseled about staying in his lane.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

At 2:41 a.m., it was reported that a vehicle had collided with a building in the 1100 block of Highway 101 and left the area. Officers arrived to investigate.

At 11:06 a.m., dispatch received a report that a vehicle similar to the one in the previous incident had been reported as stolen.

At 2 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Highway 101 for a report of a vehicle versus bicycle accident. Officers found no injuries were sustained in the accident.

At 10:29 p.m., call reported a reckless vehicle in the 1100 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and found a few vehicles nearby matching the description of the one given. Officers staked out the area for some time but the vehicles did not move.

At 11:20 p.m., officers located the stolen vehicle believed to have crashed into the business at 2:41 a.m. (see story Page 1A)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

At 7:50 a.m., Public Works personnel reported finding a wallet in the trash on Bay Street.

Officers were able to contact the owner who said he would come pick it up.

At 1:12 p.m., a business in the 800 block of Highway 101 reported that subjects ate food and left without paying for it. Case remains under investigation.

At 1:46 p.m., a caller reported finding a drone on their front porch in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive. Drone was turned over to police department.

At 1:49 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver in the 900 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and contacted the driver who was reportedly uncooperative. Officers arrested Shaun Nutcher for DUII. Dogs in the vehicle were taken to the humane society for the

time being.

At 2:25 p.m., a caller reported that her neighbor had stolen items from her. Caller recontacted the dispatch to cancel the request for law-enforcement, saying the person returned the items.

At 5:25 p.m., a caller reported that her sister stole her wallet. Officers were responding when the caller contacted dispatch to say the wallet had been returned.

At 5:52 p.m., a caller reported that her purse had been stolen in a business in the 700 block of Highway 101. Officers reviewed video and case remains under investigation.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

At 8:53 a.m., jail personnel reported that an inmate had trashed his cell. Inmate cleaned the cell afterward.

At 12:58 p.m., a subject came into the police department to say he had missed a court date and asked for a new one.

Officers found the subject had warrants from Eugene Municipal Court. Subject was arrested for the Eugene warrants and given a new court date in Florence.

At 2:52 p.m., a caller reported that he had ridden his E- bike to work and parked it but it was gone when he returned. Case remains under investigation.

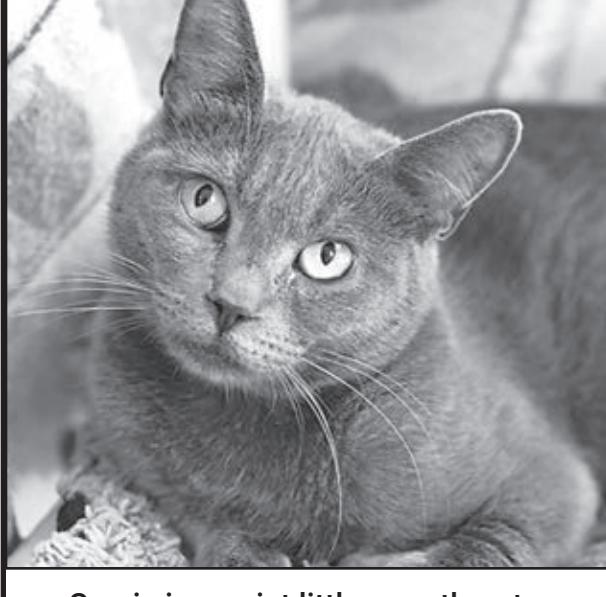
At 4:41 p.m., a caller reported that a storage locker had been broken into and that a bike and tools had been taken.

Officers tried to recontact the reporting party with no luck.

At 5:15 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving in circles in the 2500 block of Oak Street.

Officers arrived to find a vehicle still there driving in circles. Officers contacted the driver who said he had just had some work done to the car and the mechanic recommended that he drive in circles for a half hour. No further action was taken.

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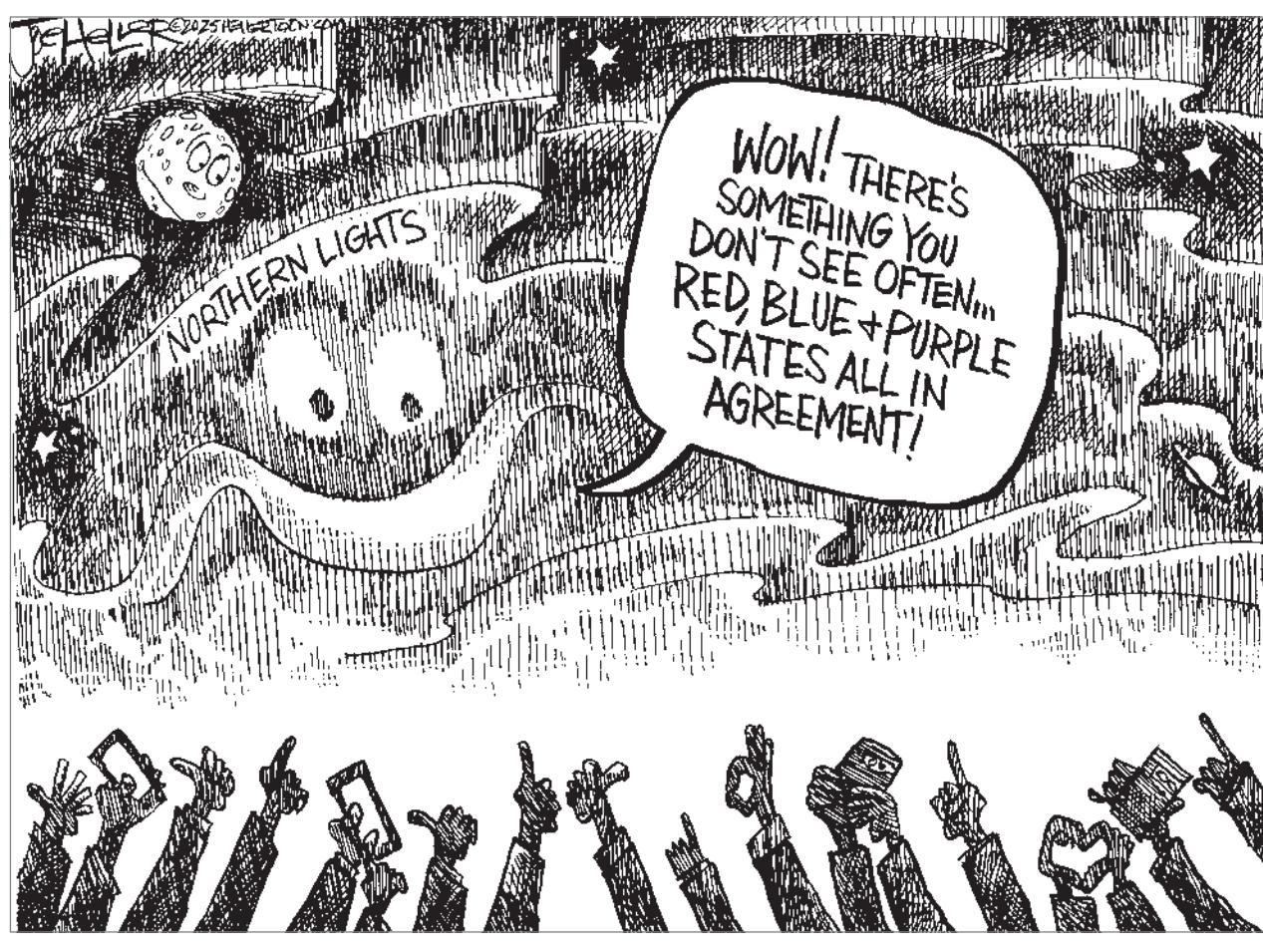
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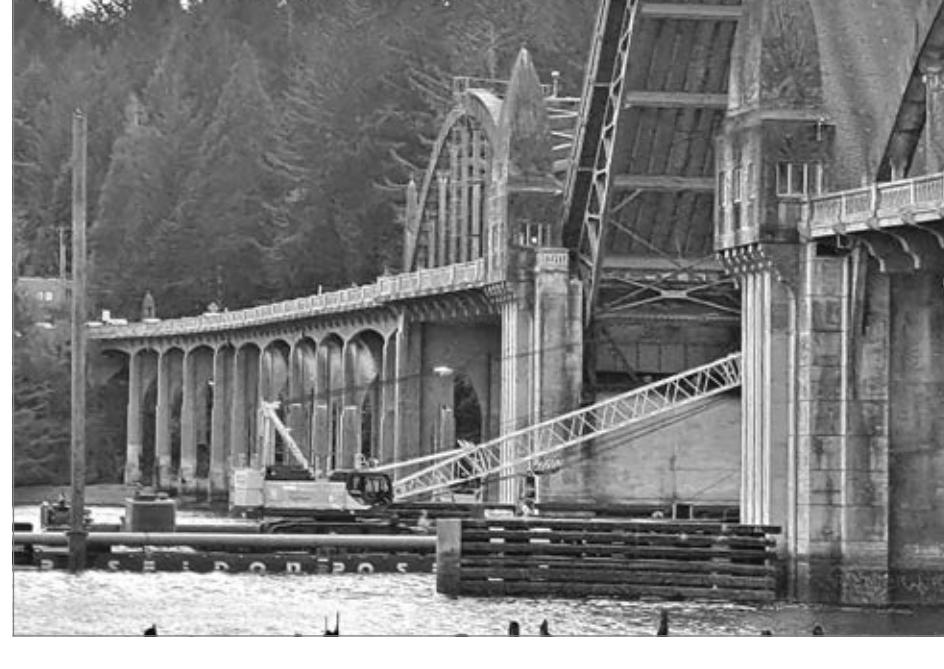


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Crane barge transits the river

Bank stabilization work next to the Siuslaw River Coast Guard station is continuing but some residents have reported seeing the crane barge moving up the river. According to Coast Guard personnel, the crane is being used for "in water" work, which is mostly piling replacement. The crane boat has been transiting up and down the river to reload pilings. However, due to the height of the barge, the Siuslaw River Bridge needed to be opened to allow it to pass under. Photo provided by Cathy Fenstermaker



Oregon's lawsuits against Trump cost a fraction of what state has saved

Despite lawsuits, the state has only paid a fragment of that in legal costs

BY: MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

In early October, a multi-state lawsuit kept \$15 million in the hands of Oregon nonprofits that help survivors of sexual assault and abuse.

Oregon joined 21 other Democratic-led states in August to sue the federal government for threatening to withhold \$1.4 billion in federal Victims of Crime Act funding unless the states agreed to help with immigration enforcement. The lawsuit never went to trial because the Trump administration abandoned its plan after the suit was filed, allowing states to retain federal grants without any new immigration enforcement rules.

It's one of 46 lawsuits the state has filed against the Trump administration, often teaming up with other Democratic states to prevent federal funding cuts. The state of Oregon doesn't have to pay anything out of pocket by signing onto another

state's lawsuit, according to Oregon Department of Justice spokesperson Jenny Hansson.

The Oregon Department of Justice has spent at least \$19,000 in legal fees and travel expenses this year to send employees to attend court hearings in Washington D.C. and New York, according to public records obtained by the Capital Chronicle. Meanwhile, by filing the lawsuits the state has kept about \$4.5 billion meant for Oregon Health and Science University research, electric vehicle infrastructure, sexual health education programs and education programs supporting low-income and unhoused students.

The lawsuits are to ensure Oregonians aren't left paying the price when the federal government oversteps or breaks the law, Hansson said.

"The Oregon Department of Justice is committed to protecting Oregonians — not wasting their money," Hansson told the Capital Chronicle. "The resources we've invested in defending Oregon's rights in court are a fraction of what's at stake."

Oregon's federal litigation team isn't funded with direct taxpayer

dollars

Some states set aside millions for potential lawsuits against the Trump administration. In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom in late 2024 convened a special session to set aside \$25 million to pay for anticipated legal costs against the Trump administration. In Maryland, Attorney General Anthony Brown received \$1 million from the governor to fund a federal litigation team, Maryland Matters reported.

The state of Oregon did something similar, allocating \$8.2 million in its 2025-27 Department of Justice's budget to fund 20 full-time positions to support civil litigation and for the "defense of state interests."

What's unique about Oregon is that the money going toward defending state interests isn't coming from the state general fund — or money collected from personal or corporate income taxes — but rather it's coming from proceeds from civil litigation when the state is awarded damages, according to legislative fiscal analyst Steve Robbins.

With this designated funding, the department

created a federal litigation team to respond to national legal issues. An agency webpage tracks all the lawsuits Oregon is a part of tied to immigration, human rights, LGBTQ+ issues, federal employment and other Trump administration policies.

In total, Oregon's Department of Justice's budget increased by 4% from the previous two-year cycle, raising its budget to \$1 billion.

Some of that new funding also includes \$17 million to support child advocacy centers and support services for domestic and sexual violence victims, \$13 million to replace some of its legal software, \$8.8 million to upgrade its child support software system and \$10.8 million to add 33 full-time attorneys in its trial division to reduce the state's need to contract with more expensive, private firms.

"We haven't taken our eyes off the day-to-day work that matters to Oregonians," Hansson said. "We continue to deliver on core services and priorities — protecting working families, seniors and consumers and keeping communities safe and defending Oregon's values."



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SHELTER

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they have found a new location that could be consolidated into one site for all seven days of the week," she said. The location, 4480 Highway 101, is next to the Muffler Works building.

FECWSC Chair Taylor Kohn noted that the shelter would be for nights when cold weather could actually threaten a human life, and that the shelter would use drivers to pick guests up from various locations around the city.

"This year, we have a good, solid team of paid staff and backup, [and] unpaid staff, she said. We feel pretty comfortable with our security and oversight." She noted that guests would not be able to come and go during overnight hours and all guests must be out of the shelter by 8 a.m.

She said the location would be ideal because some equipment and furnishings could be left inside so that during periods of extended cold weather, staff would not have to set up and take them down every day.

"This opportunity came up, not only to help us cover the two nights that we didn't have covered, but to have some stability and have people know where we are," Kohn said. "It makes it a lot easier for volunteers to do the work, we can leave our materials there. We also wanted to assure you that people would not be coming and going during the day, but only when the conditions are met. It's not a permanent shelter, it's meant to be for the cold weather season. We would like to rent it for four months, December through March."

COUNCIL FAQ

Mayor Rob Ward asked how many days the committee provided shelter last year.

Kohn recalled that it was around 20 days through the winter months, serving 20 to 25 people.

She said that while some were concerned last year that people would come from outside the area to use the shelter, it simply wasn't the case.

Councilor Sally Wantz asked about the committee's paid staff, specifically regarding when they would arrive and leave the building.

"Actually we have different shifts," Kohn replied. "We have volunteers and people from the committee that are there providing oversight and doing the intake. We have two different shifts from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for paid staff, and 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. They overlap and support each other. Throughout the night, they make sure things are well under supervision."

Kohn noted that the building would utilize a smoke break area which is not visible from the street or the front.

"There would not be the appearance of people standing around," she said.

When Wantz asked about deescalation training, Kohn said the paid staff are very experienced.

"We have a therapist, and we have people that have done alcohol and drug treatment, and people who have worked in shelters," she said. "Other volunteers get that orientation, but they are not going to have as much direct contact. They come in to serve food, or stay to help with different things, like cleanup. We are more concerned about the people who have direct contact with the guests."

Councilor Mike Webb asked if the previously-requested locations would not be used. Kohn said the requested building was not being used, but if it were to be rented to another party, staff may ask to move to one of the other locations, if allowed.

**A COUNCILOR
OPPOSED**

Councilor Robert Carp said staff had not reached out to neighboring businesses and tenants.

"I have talked to all the neighbors in the vicinity of this proposed warming center," he said. "None of them had any knowledge of this plan, or have received any outreach from you. During my contacts with every business within 300 feet of the ... building where the proposed warming center will be, I received reports of property damage, theft, vandalism, loitering, foul language, sleeping on private property, due to the proximity of the Community Baptist Church which serves the homeless transient population."

Carp said that in walking the area, he found several camping/sleeping spots, garbage and "an unbelievable amount of feces."

He said those areas are hidden by shrubbery and called it a "disgusting example of how folks try to trash, damage, and pollute our area."

"This is no reflection on the Baptist Church, but if you serve the homeless, you should inspect your neighborhood to see the effect and the impact," he said.

"There is a staircase between the church and the closed medical clinic, and it would be very easy to see the damage."

Carp said the lack of communication between the shelter and proposed neighbors "isn't very positive."

He said the distance between the facility and the monastery school across the street is 220 feet and asked staff if that would be a violation of city codes.

Reynolds later answered that the distance requirement was something she considered when the proposal came up, but referred to a temporary sheltering program, different from what was proposed.

"What we are talking about here tonight is the emergency shelter siting, event-based," she said after explaining that the event would be a weather emergency.

When asked by Mayor Ward, Reynolds said an event-based emergency shelter would not be

subject to the distance requirement.

Former FECWSC board president Pastor Greg Wood said the building owner promised to ask others in the building about the concept, leaving them with the impression that it was the appropriate approach.

"I'm sorry that didn't happen," he said.

Carp said others in the area have had to spend money on fencing, security cameras and locks, due to a significant amount of problems they have had for years.

"I think it would be extremely beneficial for you to talk with these people, to see what they have lived with," Carp said.

"I don't know how that reflects on the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter because we haven't been there," Wood said.

"It does not reflect on you," Carp said. "It does not reflect on the Baptist Church. It reflects on the impact to the community, the impact these businesses have incurred."

"I commend you for what you do. I have to go with what my constituents, the tenants, the businesses have told me," Carp told Wood.

"The experiences they've had because of the Community Baptist Church serving these folks- they do serve lunches and whatever and they're supposed to leave

but now they are going behind closed buildings, camping, waiting for the next time to get the services. That is not being addressed or monitored."

Wood said guests must leave the building at 8 a.m., and must also leave the property, a point which was important to the building owner and FECWSC staff.

"There are folks, as you know, living in that area," Wood said. "Until there is some kind of program to get them out of that area or a shelter program that can house them, that's not going to change, whether the warming center is there or not."

When asked by Mayor Ward, Carp said previous centers have been well-run, and he could not recall a time when police responded to an incident there.

IN SUPPORT

Saying her church is part of the organization and has opened its own doors to those needing shelter, Wantz said she could recall only one guest who had to stay at the church after 8 a.m., simply because he could not get into the transport vehicle.

"Everyone else who came to visit and stayed with us North of Florence, were transported by automobile," she said.

"They stayed the night, they got a warm meal, they got community, they play games, they slept, stayed warm, got up the next morning, had breakfast and they were transported back to where we picked them up initially. They were not on the property at all. I just offered that because I think it was the model that Pastor Wood is sharing."

Saying she very much approves of what the shelter committee does,

Councilor Jo Beaudreau called it a public health issue that the committee is trying to keep people from dying while sleeping on the streets.

"We are not directly funding this," she said.

"It's community run and supported and I appreciate that."

Beaudreau said along with other community benefits, the shelter also provides a little dignity, which may serve to help them get off the streets and be part of society again.

Recalling a time when a homeless person succumbed to the elements years ago, Beaudreau asked what the dollar amount would have been to respond and send medical personnel to the scene.

As a business owner, she said she has had people sleeping outside of her business and has had conversations with them.

She said the shelter has been successful for many years, noting that Newport opened its cold weather shelter the day of the meeting.

Saying she understands Carp's concerns about trash and human waste, she felt it helps to give people some dignity and help them regardless of their situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The council received five speaker cards and 22 letters on the issue, most of which supported the effort.

Leonora Kent said she wanted to express gratitude for the committee and volunteers.

"These are our neighbors," she said. "They are unhoused but they are

your constituents. In fact, I have registered many of them to vote." Kent noted the expression that the measure of a great society is how well it treats its most vulnerable.

New resident Justin Ludwig said it's important to provide unhoused people the safety and dignity that anyone would want if in their position.

"Safety precautions and due diligence can easily resolve any concerns brought forward by opponents of this warming center," he said.

"I understand there are enhanced provisions and security being provided by those helping to support the warming center. The city of Florence also has a police department that can respond to incidents in the unlikely event that they occur."

He said that if safety concerns and cleanliness are potential reasons for denying the center, the city should carefully look at related data and crime statistics.

"I believe members of the community would agree with me that we are willing to help clean up any trash or debris, especially if this is a reason to deny the warming center."

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The hours of this warming center are also well before and after school hours, so the safety of our school-age children, while extremely important, should not be used as a pretext to harm the safety of our unhoused population during dangerously cold weather."

Resident Mark Garry said he owns a business close to the proposed location, and that he and adjacent businesses have 15 to 20 total employees.

"We have a lot of stuff to clean up, nonstop," he said, "We've got thefts, a generator got stolen."

In this last year-and-a-half, I've filed one police report from about 20 thefts. Many things don't get [reported], we just don't bother calling in. It's not worth taking an officer off the street for \$20 or \$100 here and there. There is drug paraphernalia in our yard, there are other things very close to that. Somebody came in and tried to take my kid. These are things that don't always get mentioned to you. People don't realize what's going on in town, but it's pretty bad."

He said that while he has compassion, he feels a better way to deal with the issue would be multiple locations, rather than a single location. He said if the center opens, he will have to work extra hours to monitor his area in order to prevent theft, littering and disposal of paraphernalia. He said he would like to hear a promise from the nearby church that it will be responsible for cleaning up those areas.

Brian Hemmingson, owner of an apartment building next to the location, said he was made aware of the proposal only a few days before the meeting.

Noting that he built the apartments in 2008, Hemmingson said problems started to arise 12 to 15 years ago, due to



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people parking around the church and camping in the nearby woods.

"I have gone to some serious expense," he said. "I have had to put 16 cameras for security, I increase the lighting by almost double, I installed a fence between the church property on the adjoining property to the west and had the expense of renting a larger, lockable dumpster, with a key for each tenant, both because the homeless were sleeping in the dumpster and were sorting through the recyclables, leaving a large mess for us to clean."

He said tenants have reported people trying to open entrance doors to the building and package deliveries have been a target. Saying the apartments are not government subsidized, Hemmingson noted that all tenants are working citizens who pay taxes.

He said that in his experience, homeless people tend to stay in the area of their last handout and are opportunistic before and after they leave.

Resident John Dublin said, "those of us who pay attention learn from history and other peoples mistakes, so we can look at major cities like Portland and Eugene to see the unintended consequences of misguided compassion, offering help to homeless. More help – more homeless. More assistance brings more behavior and crime problems. It may not be happening right around the warming center, but it's coming and it's happening."

He said that a few years ago, he addressed the council about homeless shelter issues, saying overwhelming opposition was evident at the time and that much damage has occurred since.

"The best way forward, to protect law abiding, taxpaying, vulnerable residence and businesses from more of this harm is to discourage assistance to the homeless, inspiring them to pull up anchor and drift southward where the climate is more suitable for unhoused and wandering folks who have nothing to offer except problems to our community. Tough love is a phrase we're all familiar with. Sometimes

it means be tough to keep Florence still lovable."

He said making homeless people less comfortable will mean less trouble and less homeless people.

Of letters received, about 12 were in support, while 8 were opposed and one took issue with Councilor Carp's way of interviewing nearby residents.

COUNCILORS WEIGH IN

Councilor Wantz said she was replying to the letters by taking her emotion out of the equation, first noting that the shelter would only be open at night from December to March and only on evenings when weather reached dangerously cold levels. She said that only 17% of the evenings for the four month duration last winter were used.

"Do people really choose to be unhoused?" she asked, addressing two letters that read "the homeless need to help themselves, jobs are always to be found" and "we are opposed to adding more shelters for those that choose to be unhoused."

"Perhaps some, but not all," Wantz said, "and should we offer help, regardless, without judgement? If more churches than just two stepped up to help, there might not be a need to consider this alternative. This is not a burden on the taxpayers, it is being funded with private donations and tons of volunteers. If anyone at any time feels unsafe or sees something against the law, or unsavory, call 911. Offering someone a safe haven

with a cot, blankets, and a warm meal or two with human connection is not hurting or taking away anything from anyone else. While some folks may be dirty and they leave garbage behind, they may even be rude and show no respect, that is true. I've seen it all through Florence, not a lot but it happens."

Regarding the comment about jobs, Wantz said, "It's not always that easy to find jobs in Florence, even if you have a roof over your head. It's unrealistic to believe the homeless can help themselves by getting a job." She said that while Florence has three pending subsidize housing projects, it has nothing to do with the approval of a shelter specifically for extreme weather conditions.

She said that while there's an implication that such a location will bring more thefts and drugs, she would like to see specific evidence. She questioned the notion that such a project will affect the nearby muffler shop.

Wantz said a failure of the building owner and committee to reach out to neighbors does not make it a prohibited use. She added that four times as many locations would also require four times as many volunteers, locations and expenses.

"I'm trying to keep my emotions out of this, but when somebody says 'don't make it too comfortable for them, because if you do, they will stay,' I don't know if I can believe that," she said. "My compassion says, 'Let's help our

neighbors.'"

Councilor Carp said churches don't get involved because of negative impacts and the owner of the building did not reach out to any of the neighbors.

"Things are impacting the current businesses, the current tenants of this location," he stressed, "and have been affecting them for years."

Calling it deceptive, Carp said he was surprised that the committee changed his recommendation at the last minute from five days per week to seven days per week. City Manager Erin Reynolds clarified the committee did not change its mind, but that she had made an error in submitting the request.

"When we decided to pass the public safety fee, we went to radio stations, newspapers, homeowners associations, every group in the city and explained our needs, explained the purpose, we got input, we got feedback," he said. "Zero here."

Carp took offense to communications he had received attacking his character for opposing the application.

"I'm not speaking against this," he said, "I'm speaking to protect the businesses, tenants, the neighbors of this community, the hard-working people of

this community."

Noting his 37-year career as a firefighter and law-enforcement officer, Carp said he has dealt with homeless people the entire time.

"I have given them first aid, I've given them food, I've given them money out of my own wallet," he said. "I've gotten them assistance, I've gotten them help, but I have also arrested a lot of them and processed them through the legal system, so for people to think that I don't understand this problem- you've got a shortcoming."

Councilor Mike Webb said the longstanding issues in the area need to be addressed.

"I don't see how adding a warming center 300 steps from where one is already approved will change the dynamic," he said. "Being able to offer an additional two days, or every day of the week, when it gets really cold, could make a difference. It could be life and death. While I am sympathetic to the property owners, I think that's an issue that should be addressed a little bit differently. I don't think that the warming center is the cause, or would be the cause of that."

Councilor Jo Beaudreau said she read all the input from neighbors and residents.

She said that while she cannot imagine what it must have been like for Councilor Carp, she also cannot imagine what it would be like to be homeless.

Beaudreau said she would not want the guilt of denying the shelter and having someone die of exposure.

Mayor Ward said he agreed with Councilor Wantz's previous plea that the council needs to have compassion for homelessness.

"We also have to have compassion for those affected by homelessness and we have to find whatever path it is that achieves both of those goals, not just one or the other." Ward said he was in favor of the proposal when different churches vowed to take responsibility for particular nights.

"When I heard today, or this afternoon, that all of a sudden, everything was going to be in one place, that has caused me to take a second opinion about what I think. Ultimately, I will support whatever the majority of the councilors rule on."

Ward said it will be a difficult decision to make, because either option will have an impact on someone.

In the end, the council voted 4 to 1 to approve the request.

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A Washington Senator has demanded answers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration about a \$300,000 funding cut that she feels could affect the efficiency of the Tsunami Warning System, endangering most towns on the US West Coast.

In a letter to Dr. Neil Jacobs, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and NOAA, Dr. Neil Jacobs Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue

NW Washington, DC 20230 Dear Dr. Jacobs, Se. Maria Cantwell said NOAA must work to restore the seismic information needed for tsunami alerts in Alaska and develop a concrete plan to protect data in other critical locations from going offline or being delayed.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's ("NOAA") decision to cancel grant funding for real-time data from the Alaska Earthquake Center ("AEC") and operations at nine NOAA-run seismic stations undermines the efficacy and timeliness of

NOAA's Tsunami Warning Centers' warnings and alerts and puts coastal communities at unnecessary risk," she wrote, noting that a tsunami generated by the Cascadia Subduction Zone could hit communities in 15-30 minutes

"Any potential delays in life saving information puts our communities at risk," she said. "With more than 25 years of seismic monitoring, the AEC is an important partner in NOAA's delivery of timely and accurate tsunami warnings for Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, and the entire West Coast.

NOAA informed AEC that it would discontinue funding for the grant in fiscal year 2023 because of budgetary constraints at the National Weather Service; although it appears that NOAA continued receiving real-time seismic data until recently."

She said that after being notified that the approximately \$300,000 grant would again not be renewed in fiscal year 2026, the AEC elected to cease providing real-time seismic data critical to tsunami warnings and alerts.

"Without this funding, nine NOAA-run stations

in Alaska that monitor tsunami-triggering earthquakes will go offline by the end of the month," Cantwell said, "and while it is our understanding that NOAA will continue to receive seismic data from the AEC's additional 250 stations through alternative pathways, the delivery will be delayed."

Cantwell said NOAA Tsunami Warning Centers can determine within five minutes of an earthquake whether to issue an alert, and any delay in the data could erode critical time to get people out of harm's way.

"It is imperative that NOAA ensures the

continued integrity of our nation's tsunami preparedness and public safety infrastructure," she said. "I am deeply concerned about the risks posed by the cancellation of this grant program. I urge NOAA to immediately restore funding to the AEC and nine seismic stations and to work with AEC and other seismic data providers to ensure that data is delivered to NOAA in real time to improve forecasts and protect the life and safety of our coastal communities."

No information is available on NOAA websites about the cuts or plans.

HOTEL

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December 2025 with anticipated completion in Spring 2027. Braun Hospitality, in partnership with the Florence Urban Renewal Agency and the City of Florence, will hold a ground-breaking ceremony on Tuesday, December 9,

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"Over the past several years all parties have worked together to turn the community's long-term vision—building a hotel across from the Florence Events Center—into a reality," said said FURA Chairperson Mike Webb. "The process was far from simple, but

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ARREST

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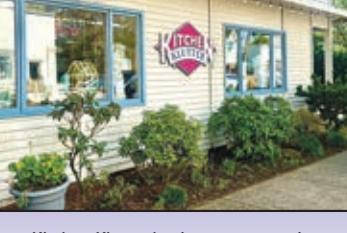
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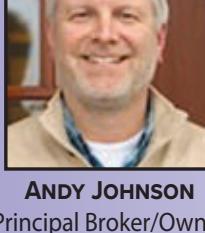
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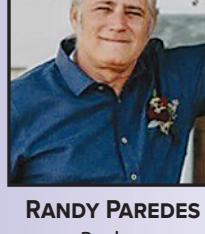
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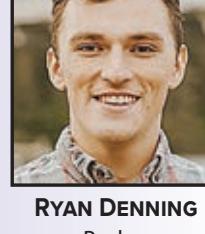
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Low 3:52 a.m. 3.2
High..... 9:54 a.m. 8.9
Low 5:07 p.m. 1.3
High..... 11:47 p.m. 6.8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Low 4:47 a.m. 3.5
High..... 10:42 a.m. 9.2
Low 5:57 p.m. 1.8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

High..... 12:42 a.m. 7.0
Low 5:40 a.m. 3.6
High..... 11:30 a.m. 9.3
Low 6:46 p.m. 1.9

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

High..... 1:34 a.m. 7.1
Low 6:33 a.m. 3.6
High..... 12:21 p.m. 9.2
Low 7:34 p.m. 1.8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

High..... 2:25 a.m. 7.1
Low 7:26 a.m. 3.6
High..... 1:13 p.m. 8.9
Low 8:22 p.m. 1.5

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

High..... 3:15 a.m. 7.1
Low 8:21 a.m. 3.6
High..... 2:07 p.m. 8.3
Low 9:09 p.m. 0.9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

High..... 4:03 a.m. 7.1
Low 9:20 a.m. 3.5
High..... 3:02 p.m. 7.6
Low 9:55 p.m. 0.3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

High..... 4:50 a.m. 7.1
Low 10:25 a.m. 3.3
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Low 10:42 p.m. 0.5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

High..... 5:36 a.m. 7.1
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Low 11:29 p.m. 1.3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

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Low 5:45 p.m. 0.1

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

High..... 12:37 a.m. 6.4
Low 5:25 a.m. 4.3
High..... 11:07 a.m. 7.9
Low 6:21 p.m. 0.2

Siuslaw winter sports season is incoming

By WILL LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

December has officially arrived, and with it, action on the basketball court and the wrestling mats. Siuslaw saw a lot of success in both areas last season and will be hoping there will be more to come this time around.

Here's a little bit about how each team did last year, who they'll be playing this season, and when the first games will tip off.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Last year, the boys' basketball team put together a historic season, posting the most league wins since 2006-2007 with an 8-2 record. The Vikings shared the same record as Far West League foes Douglas and Sutherlin, but sadly, it was the Trojans and Bulldogs who moved on to state.

Though the Vikings lost several key contributors from last year's winning season, Siuslaw is still stocked with veteran leadership, as seven of this year's squad are seniors.

In the Far West League, Siuslaw will take on Coquille, Sutherlin, Douglas, South Umpqua, and Glide. The Vikings begin their season tonight at home against Taft in a non-league game. Siuslaw has a loaded preseason this year and will compete in three tournaments before the start of league play on Jan. 15.

The next five games on the schedule are:

- 12/5 - Junction City - Coquille Winter Lake Classic - 4 p.m.
- 12/6 - Toledo - Coquille Winter Lake Classic - 2:30 p.m.
- 12/9 - Reddsport - Siuslaw High School - 7:00 p.m.
- 12/12 - Elmira - Mac Court, University of Oregon - 6:15 p.m.
- 12/15 - Waldport - Siuslaw High School - 7:00 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Vikings ended the season on a high note last year, winning the season

finale against Douglas 47-23 on Feb. 21. The 2-8 record they posted was the highest win total for the Vikings in league play since 2014-2015.

This year, the Vikings have a new head basketball coach, Amanda Richards, who will try to build off last season's progress. The Vikings will face the Far West League again this season, hoping to improve on their fifth-place finish last year.

Siuslaw will face Coquille, Sutherlin, Glide, South Umpqua, and Douglas in league play this winter. The girls' team will also have a stacked preseason schedule to prepare for their first Far West game against Sutherlin on Jan. 15. The first game of the season is against the Taft Tigers tonight at 5:30 p.m.

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Invitational on Dec. 6 at Cascade High School. The first dual of the season will be the Siuslaw Kickoff Duals on Dec. 10 at Siuslaw High School.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Macali Lade stole headlines for her state championship last season, but she was also joined at state with fellow senior Abby Riggs and then-junior Danin Lacouture. Now, Lacouture is returning for her senior season, and she'll be looking to build on a 40-12 individual record and a 6th-place team finish at the State Championships last season. If Lacouture qualifies this season, it will mean that she qualified for the state tournament in each of her four seasons at Siuslaw.

Mann battled through sickness during the state championship meet last season and finished second in the tournament. Mann finished last season with a 46-4 record. Mills wasn't able to win a match at states, but he finished the winter with a 36-19 total.

While Mills and Mann are the headliners coming off state tournament seasons, the Vikings have plenty of depth in the program, and they will kick off their season with the Perry Burlison

The girls' season will start on Dec. 5 when the girls will travel to Harrisburg High School for the Deven Dawson Invitational. Other teams there will be Camas Valley, Harrisburg, North Lake, Pleasant Hill, and Scio. The girls will also be wrestling at the Siuslaw Kickoff Duals on Dec. 10 at Siuslaw High School.



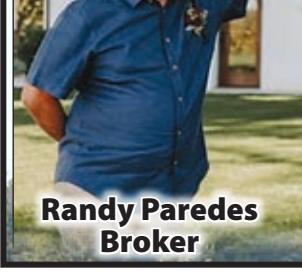
Kindergarteners hold Balloons over Siuslaw parade

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

about community, traditions, and helping others.

Saying it's one of the most joyful days of the school year, she noted that local heroes and community members like firefighters, cheerleaders, police officers, and marching band members joined in as well.

Another item of note was that the parade was watched by the entire elementary school, which decided to have some fun before the parade started. As the kids waited, about half the students started cheering and clapping every time a car drove by, making some drivers blush but left everyone smiling.



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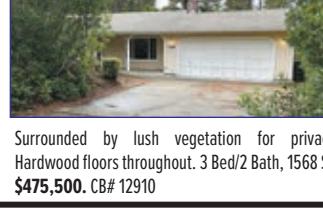


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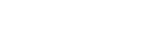
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Community Briefs



Light Up a Life ceremony slated for Dec. 13

For 29 years, Peace Harbor Hospice has remembered loved ones with gifts of light on a beautiful Christmas tree.

Community members are invited for the 30th edition of this ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. It includes reflective readings, the recitation of names and lighting the dedicated tree at the events center.

This event is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the death

of a loved one.

This is a special time to remember loved ones during the holiday season through readings, music, and the lighting of the dedicated Light Up a Life Tree.

Miller to play at library

Folksinger, storyteller, and autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller returns to the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence, Oregon, to present a free sing-along program of Traditional Folksongs of the Winter Holidays at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

An artist whose kind has dwindled to an endangered

species, Adam Miller is a renowned old-school American troubadour and a natural-born storyteller. One of the premier autoharpists in the world, he is an accomplished folklorist, song-collector, and raconteur, who has amassed a remarkable repertoire of more than 5,000 songs. Miller is a masterful entertainer who never fails to get his audience singing along.

Throughout his long career, Miller has documented and kept alive the thousands of songs and stories he has collected in his travels. Some of these forgotten are so obscure that no one else sings them anymore.

Miller's website is folksinging.org

Florence Nativity Festival music lineup

You are invited to attend the 18th Annual Florence Nativity Festival to see hundreds of special nativities shared by local citizens. It will be held on Dec 5,6, and 7th from 1-5pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' local building located at the corner of Munsel Lake Road and North Fork Road (2705 Munsel Lake Road). This is an event for the entire family. Admission is FREE and children are welcome.

Make this an annual tradition - homemade

cookies, kids' activities and music make it even better. The following lineup of musical talent will perform:

Friday 1pm - Nancy Klaussen - Piano
4pm - Ron Stanley - Guitar

Saturday 1pm - Rebecca Phillips
2:30 pm - Rhianna Sutherland

Sunday 1pm - Florence Ward Choir
2pm - Jolene Alcorn - Ocarina
3pm - Megan Maxwell
4pm - Kya Ricks
- Piano

The 2025 Holly Jolly Follies – “Meant To Be”

Get ready for Florence's favorite holiday tradition - December 5, 6, & 7 at the Florence Events Center. Variety acts, dancers, singers, live music, comedy, and of course...

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This year's story follows a brave little elf who gets adopted by a loving family and discovers that a bright

future is truly "meant to be." Expect laughter, joy, singing, dancing, and plenty of hot chocolate!

Tickets: \$24 adults / \$15 kids (12 & under) / \$3 Discount for Active Military, Veterans, and Students with valid ID at box office. All ticketing fees included in purchase price. Get tickets at www.eventcenter.org or call 541-997-1994.

Proceeds support C.R.O.W.'s professional caliber youth arts programs. Please bring a canned food donation for Florence Food Share! Don't forget to vote on the incredible Gingerbread homes in the lobby and enter the raffles for high value gift baskets to support the dance teams! Free photo opportunity with a professional Santa before each production. Lots of family fun for all!

More info: <http://www.crowkids.com>

ONLINE POLL

LAST WEEK, WE ASKED: IS THE ECONOMY AFFECTING YOUR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY? RESULTS WERE

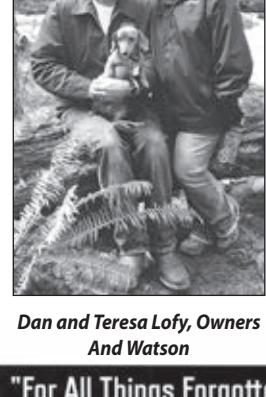
Not at all.....	45.5%
Downsizing dinner.....	27.3%
Skipping this year.....	27.3%

THIS WEEK WE'RE ASKING: WHERE DO YOU SHOP DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

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Interfaith Devotions 4th Monday 7:00 pm

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Zoom link on Facebook: Florence Baha'i Community

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7:00-8:00PM; Men's Bible Study Thursday

8:00-9:30 AM; Middle

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Church Facebook Page

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that in...”

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Spanish: Vista
Italian: Vista
French: Vue
German: Sicht

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.

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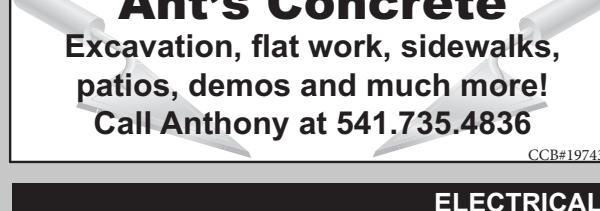
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mission will hold a public hearing on Dec 9, 2025, at 5:30PM City Council Chambers 250 Highway 101 Florence, OR 97439. Resolution PC 25 20 EXT 02 - US Market Extension. A request by Florence Petroleum LLC (Don and Mehan Sidhu) for a one-year extension to the approval of PC 24 32 DR 09 - Type 3 Design Review for the construction of a gas station, store, & coffee shop located at the NE corner of Highway 101 and 35th Street, TL 18-12-23-22 06800, within the Highway District (H).

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ments for influenza, clinicians will sometimes make decisions on whether to treat a person based on their symptoms, or they may get a lab test to look for the flu specifically. (Some tests will also check for COVID-19, a special type of coronavirus, at the same time.)

People who are at a high risk for severe flu may be recommended antiviral treatment, whereas there is not a specific antiviral treatment for colds. It's particularly important for people over 65 and those with any heart, lung or immune system issues to get the influenza vaccine. The optimum time to get it was from October through the end of November.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What do we now call what was once referred to as a "nervous breakdown" in the 20th century? — A.M.

ANSWER: I asked this question to my psychiatry professor way back in the late 20th century when I was a first-year medical student. My professor replied that the term didn't have a meaning anymore. There is no formal medical or psychiatric diagnosis of a "nervous breakdown." The term is used by laypeople to describe when a person has severe impairment of their day-to-day function as a result of a psychiatric diagnosis, especially mood disorders like generalized anxiety disorder or major depressive disorder.

An adjustment disorder may resemble a major depressive disorder, but it occurs within a few months of a traumatic life event. A severe case might also be termed a "nervous breakdown." It is not usually used to describe a person with acute psychosis (a term meaning a grossly distorted sense of reality), such as a person with schizophrenia or bipolar affective disorder in their acute and uncontrolled state.

All these conditions have effective treatments. Treatment starts by talking to someone, who might be your own regular doctor or a mental health professional. For people who are in acute distress with thoughts of hurting themselves, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is an option in the United States and Canada.

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

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10-Dec: "Merv" (PG) — Prime Video

10-Dec: "Simon Cowell: The Next Act" (Season 1) — Netflix

10-Dec: "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" (Season 2) — Disney+ and Hulu

11-Dec: "Man vs. Baby" (Season 1) — Netflix

11-Dec: "Little Disasters" (Limited Series) — Paramount+

12-Dec: "Spinal Tap II: The End Continues" (R) — HBO Max

12-Dec: "Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery" (PG-13) — Netflix

12-Dec: "F1 The Movie" (PG-13) — Apple TV

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ANSWERS

EVEN Exchange

Unfortunately, there are so many of these viruses, some of which change quickly and others that escape our immune system, so it is (so far) impossible to get immunity by an infection or a vaccine to all the cold viruses. Viruses are generally less severe than influenza. It isn't always easy to tell flu from a cold, especially in young people. Both can cause a fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat. However, the flu often causes muscle aches, which can be severe. The flu tends to cause higher fevers, more cough and worse headaches, and it often comes along suddenly. ("I got hit by the flu truck.") Runny nose and nasal congestion tends to be worse with a cold. Since there is specific antiviral treat-

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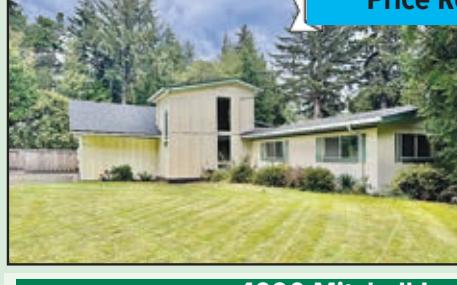
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3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2000 SqFt. Rare North Fork property. 2.3 acres, 5-bay shop, nice home and creekfront! #3687-52327590



4838 Lake Blvd. - \$925,000

3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 1884 SqFt. Large turnkey home with Siltcoos Lake views, boathouse/dock and RV Parking. #3700-717794144



1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$365,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Updated home in 55+ Greentrees Village with vaulted ceilings, skylights, covered porch, and ample parking. #3665-689410988



5218 Dunewood Dr. - \$885,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2120 sqft. New Construction Jan 2025, on 0.4 ac in the Reserve at Heceta Lake, with a 3-car garage. #3576-24348410



5500 Meadow Lake Way - \$829,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2153 SqFt. Immaculate open floor plan on 1.57 acres. Three car garage. Room for RV storage. #3681-125390651

5170 Grand Ave #19 - \$129,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1052 SqFt. Nice, clean, completely upgraded manufactured home in Big Spruce MHP is a must see! #3685-571961488



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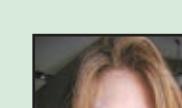
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