



Tony Reed photo

Run brings a ton of color to town

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The most colorful spot in Florence on April 25 was not the blossoming trees at Miller Park or the flowers near the Siuslaw River Bridge, but the west side of Siuslaw Middle School. There, dozens of kids,

parents, runners, along with police and fire personnel, watched and took part in the annual Color A Thon.

Color A Thon is the most colorful family fun filled event of the year this family fun run/walk starts at the and stretches just over two miles.

Participants went from the school parking lot down 27th to Kingwood Kingwood to 20th, up to Oak, back to the school.

“Our Color Run is more than just a fun, high-energy event; it’s a way to directly support meaningful experiences

for our students. The funds raised will go towards special teacher-led projects that enrich classroom learning and exciting field trips that bring lessons to life,” said organizer Crystal Osburn. “Every splash of color

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City submits two grant applications

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At its regular meeting on April 20, the Florence City Council voted to approve two grant applications, the first of which, if approved, will provide \$200,248 for the replacement of the beacon and wind cone at the Florence Municipal Airport.

According to Public Works Director August Murphy, the beacon and sock were replaced in 2011, but have reached the end of their useful life.

“The Airport Improvement Plan (AIP) handbook indicates the useful life of NAVAIDS (Navigational Aids) is 15 years, and the airfield lighting and signage is 10 years,” staff reports state. “Since both the beacon and wind cone are considered NAVAIDS, they are eligible for replacement in 2026. Additionally, due to the proximity of the Airport to the ocean, electrical equipment deteriorates at a faster rate than airports not exposed to our harsh coastal conditions.”

According to staff reports, the City has been working with the Federal Aviation

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Celebrating the official change of ownership (not in this order) were Kay King, Board President, Chuck Trent, Board Treasurer, Donna Heinen, Board Secretary, Heather Hammon, Board Vice-President, Lindsay Holcroft, Larry Martindale, Jennifer Waggoner, Executive Director and Angelina McKinsey, Instructional Principal, Whitmore Classical Academy

Siuslaw Valley Charter School takes possession of former Rite-Aid

FROM SVCS

“Siuslaw Valley Charter School is excited to announce that it is officially the owner of the former Rite-Aid Building and

plans to open the doors of Whitmore Classical Academy as planned this Fall for grades Kindergarten through third grade.”

“Thanks to the generous support and

donations of private individuals, we celebrate this monumental event for our school and community. Whitmore Classical Academy is a public,

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Siuslaw alum represents at the Boston Marathon

WILL LOHRE
Siuslaw News

From Florence to Boston, distance running has taken Brian Schofield a lot of places.

While he started out running cross-country in Florence in middle school and at Siuslaw High School, his talent, fortitude, and feet have now taken him to one of the most prestigious distance-running events in the world: the Boston Marathon.

He finished it in 2:45:34, a new personal record, and at a pace of 6:18 per mile. Completing the Boston Marathon was about so much more than just an individual achievement. It wasn’t just about making a new record; it was about keeping a promise.

When he crossed the finish line, it all hit him. “Crossing the finish line was emotionally

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“It’s not just a race; it feels like a shared experience between the runners and everyone out there cheering,” Schofield said. “That energy is something I’ll remember and carry with me moving forward!” Courtesy photo from Brian Schofield

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Rodger Lee Bennett

January 25, 1939 - April 26, 2026

Rodger Lee Bennett, 87, died in Florence, Oregon on April 26, Rodger was born on January 25, 1939 in Flint, Michigan to Earl and Edith Bennett. Rodger graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1956. Like many young men of the time, he enlisted in the U.S. Army just three days after graduating from the Pontiac Business Institute in 1961. He served on active duty for two years as part of the U.S. Army 12th Security Agency Field Station (USASAFS) Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan.



Arizona, and was awarded the council's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award. As a Rotarian for 50 years, he was active in several communities. In Florence, Rodger's Rotary service included being a member of the Rotary Foundation committee, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. And though his own service to the community was a point of pride, no service endeavor meant more to him than supporting Carol's work

with the local Soroptimist International chapter's annual Community Christmas Basket project.

Rodger married Carol (né Fitch), his wife of 62 years, just one week after being discharged from active duty. Together they began a family, welcoming their first two children in Michigan before moving west to Arizona in 1975, and welcoming two more children. No one knows for sure what prompted Rodger to want to move to a small desert community in southeast Arizona, but he marveled at the wide open spaces and the big sky of the West so the family traded snow and the Great Lakes for rattlesnakes and the Grand Canyon.

While Rodger loved the size and grandeur of the west, he believed that small things can make a big difference. For him, the best way to create positive change for other people was to serve locally, and he spent the majority of his career working to build strong communities and healthy economies. After serving as director of the Ludington (MI) Chamber of Commerce, he served as a City Manager in Scottville, Michigan; Willcox, Arizona; Baker, Oregon; Casa Grande, Arizona; Brawley, California; Clovis, New Mexico; and Florence, Oregon. He also worked for Arizona Public Service, the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians; and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. His belief in strong communities extended to a volunteer consultancy in Zanzibar, Tanzania as part of the International City Managers Association after retirement.

Outside of everyday work, serving the community meant being actively involved in civic organizations, local governing boards, and professional organizations. In his life Rodger was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America Catalina Council of southern

Rodger's hobbies were varied and numerous. He was a talented photographer, and often started a conversation with "have I shown you my picture of . . ." "You could often find his photography on display at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the Florence Home and Garden Show, or up for auction at community fundraising events. He loved the outdoors, enjoying bicycling, backpacking, fishing, hunting, motorcycling, and hiking. While he loved taking trips to far away places, from multiple countries in Africa to Scotland & Ireland to Machu Picchu, to the Arctic Circle, there was no place he loved more than the Oregon Coast. He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, long walks on the beach with his dogs, and playing cribbage with his wife, kids, grandkids, and anyone who'd play. He enjoyed Willamette Valley Pinot Noir and taking a wee dram as long as it also included good conversation.

Rodger was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife Carol, his children: Martha (Jeff Allen), Andy (Heidi), Sarah Weaver (Ben), and Cora; his grandchildren, Madison, Ryan, Sam, Edie, Lily, Finn, Charlotte, Cole, and Hannah; and his brother, David (Karen).

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family asks that you continue Rodger's dedication to community by donating to a local scholarship fund or library foundation, support local bond measures that improve your community's infrastructure and public schools, and find something small to take part in that will make a big difference for other people. Details about a Celebration of Life to follow.

Anne F. Tammen

1934-2026

Anne F. Tammen, best known as a former caretaker at the historic Heceta House north of Florence, died March 27 at Sacred Heart Medical Center RiverBend one month shy of her 92nd birthday.

Born in England in 1934, to Neville and Lily Frances David, she lived an exciting life, most of it in the United States with her husband, an American named Harry A. Tammen, who she encountered while he was serving with an Air Force film crew in England. They met when she and a group of girlfriends ventured onto an Air Force base to learn the game of softball from some accommodating GIs.

The pretty curly-haired girl caught Harry's eye and on their second date he asked her to marry him. The wedding took place Dec. 2, 1953. Anne was just 19. A good student, she finished her secondary education at age 16 at a girls school and went to work as a pharmacy assistant.

Two years after their marriage, Harry was discharged from the Air Force after which he and Anne to the United States. They lived for a time in Harry's home state of New Jersey and eventually landed in California where Harry used his Air Force film training to hire on with Technicolor, Inc. The young couple sometimes found themselves rubbing shoulders with Hollywood stars and stars-to-be at various theater productions and social events.

Life was good until suddenly it wasn't. After 11 years of marriage and no children, they had adopted a beautiful little blond boy they named David Sean. Tragically, he died at age six in a car wreck in 1970.

Life wasn't the same after that. So, in 1972 they moved to Florence, OR. There they found work in



Anne, age 19



Harry and Anne

the production department of a weekly newspaper, the Siuslaw News. Anne also put her cooking skills to work at the Florence Senior Center. It wasn't long before they found their dream job, being caretakers at Heceta House, a former keeper's residence for the Heceta Head Lighthouse, first lit in 1894. Now a bed and breakfast, during the time the Tammens were there Heceta House was leased by Lane Community College as a venue for student retreats involving a wide variety of studies.

Before long the Tammens became well-versed in lighthouse lore and the history of Heceta Head, the famous beacon, and the keepers and families who lived there so long ago.

Anne and Harry relished the world-class view, marveled at the house-shaking winds and crashing waves during winter storms, welcomed visitors and generally worked to keep the old place shipshape in its harsh coastal environment. And if the LCC students got a little rowdy, Anne and Harry were there to quiet things down. When Anne, still with her cultured English accent, spoke, people listened.

Seventeen years Anne and Harry stayed at Heceta House. After retirement they bought a truck and travel trailer and spent four years touring the country, allowing Anne to get well-acquainted with America. They eventually bought a

small place in a Kissimmee, FL, retirement community but eventually grew tired of hurricanes and returned to Oregon in 2006, settling in Eugene.

They spent their final years at Kingsley Court Retirement Center where they were a popular couple and made many good friends. Anne especially relished competing in frequent Mexican Train domino games. A talented painter, she left many of her paintings to be hung in the hallways for residents to enjoy after her death.

When Harry died in 2019, Anne stayed on in the apartment they had shared for so many years. Shortly after her death, residents and other friends gathered in the Kingsley Court community room to share memories of the Tammens and talk about how the couple had enriched their lives.

Anne's niece from England, Jane Anne Ellson, and her husband Brian hosted the gathering. They and other friends of the Tammens scattered the co-mingled ashes of Anne and Harry along with some locks of young David's hair in the ocean below the Heceta Head lighthouse. As they had desired, the Tammens were home again.

Besides the Ellsons, other survivors of Anne, all living in England, include two sisters, Jennifer Moore and Janet Elizabeth Walton, and three nephews.

There is life after prostate cancer

By BOB HORNEY

So guys, don't let prostate cancer take all that away from you! You have the means by which to stop that theft from occurring. Use them!

Hey Bob, you are not a doctor so stop talking like one. Oops you are right, BUT I can share how being my own strong advocate has made me a 25+ year prostate cancer SURVIVOR. (Dr.: DRE doesn't feel quite perfect, but i don't think it is cancer; Me: How do we know

for sure; Dr.: Do a biopsy; Me: Do It!) Dr. called with results - You have prostate cancer. Found later - it's out of the prostate already!!!

You can take this 87 year-old man's article to your PCP and see what they say, OR better yet, make an appt with a urologist at Oregon Urology Institute (OUI) in Springfield. For our convenience, a number of them visit the OUI clinic in Florence on a regular basis. See what they say.

Anyway, first know your risk level. Has anyone else in your family had prostate cancer? If so, it helps to know its aggressiveness and the patient's outcome. If your Family Tree is untouched by prostate cancer your road ahead should be a smoother ride - "should be" two key words there.

Next, based on your age and risk level, hopefully a screening schedule will

be established for you. One more contributing factor to your screening schedule will be a baseline PSA blood test. We need, whenever possible, to establish a healthy PSA number (no infection, etc.). We need that number to base our future PSA numbers on. Honestly, some guys hit it lucky and just having that baseline test catches a higher than normal, quiet/aggressive prostate cancer before it is too late. As I hope you are aware, prostate cancer loves to work secretly and without any noticeable symptoms until, WHAM! I GOT YOU!!

Ok, all is set and time for your first exam. Blood work done, PSA right where it belongs.

Now comes the part men love to hate. Drop your pants and lean over the examining table. I'm going to insert a finger

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DEATH NOTICES

GARY PHYLNN BOWERS

Gary Phylnn Bowers, 72, of Reedsport, Oregon passed away on April 14th, 2026. Arrangements are under the care of Dunes Memorial Chapel in Reedsport.

Angel Lopez

12/26/59 - 04/24/26

Angel Lopez born Clarissa Amelia Lopez now rests with the Ancestors. Angel, of Native American and Mexican descent, was born in Los Angeles, CA on December 26, 1959.



Ground Zero in New York. This experience was an inflection point, helping her integrate parts of herself and find a path to healing from past trauma. She later shared this as a guest lecturer at the University of Oregon. Angel and her partner, Karen, had an epic tour of the United States on a two-and-a-half-year road trip before settling in Florence, OR.

She graduated high school in Sacramento in 1977 and lived in Tucson, AZ for nearly two decades. She graduated from Pima College in 1991 as a Registered Nurse, and the most meaningful part of her career was serving as a hospice nurse. She believed dying was a spiritual experience and she was honored to be part of many people's journey home. Angel served as a rescue nurse after 9/11, where a photo of her is part of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum at

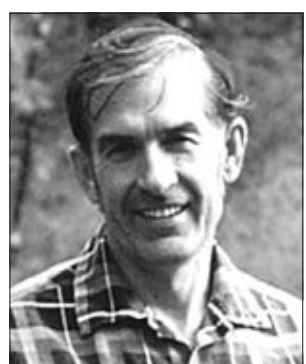
Angel is survived by Karen; her two sons, Kevin & Bryan; her daughter-in-law, Frannie; her beloved grandchild Kevin, IV; Y su nuera querida, Sulma.

Funeral Arrangements - Musgrove Family Mortuary. Friday, May 8, 2026, at 2pm

Leonard Brumley

11/09/1938 - 04/17/2026

Leonard Leroy Brumley, 87, of Florence, OR, passed away on April 17, 2026, from leukemia.



(O'Neill) in 1997, Medford OR. He formed a close and loving bond with her sons Cory and Tim. Leonard and Marsha have lived a life of devotion as well as adventure, sailing down both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in the early 2000's. In 2008 the couple settled in Florence OR, where he passed surrounded by loving family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Marsha, daughter Kelley Brumley of Estes Park, CO Son Cole Brumley and wife Terri Son Cory O'Neill and wife Julie Son Tim O'Neill and wife Sharon and grandchildren Caleb Brumley, Micah Brumley, Cade O'Neill, Rebekah O'Neill, Helen Olander, Nathan O'Neill and Evelyn O'Neill. Memorial service will be held May 8th at 2:00 PM. First Baptist Church Florence, 1935 25th Street Florence, Oregon.

Born on November 9, 1938, in Madill OK, Leonard lived a life marked by integrity, faith and an unwavering commitment to reason and purpose. Leonard served his country with distinction in Japan 1959-1961. Following his military service, he married Annette (Marshall) in 1962, and built a family grounded on love and devotion. They settled in Yuma, Arizona where children Kelley and Cole were born. A brilliant and versatile mind, he worked as an electrical engineer for both railroad and natural gas companies and contributed to the nation's space program by working telemetry and data imaging for NASA's Mariner and Surveyor missions. Never one to be complacent, he moved his family to North Idaho to start a sawmill and logging business. After the death of his first wife, he married Marsha

Memorial service will be held May 8th at 2:00 PM. First Baptist Church Florence, 1935 25th Street Florence, Oregon.

Ardel Mast

December 17, 1944 - April 10, 2026

Ardel Jeannine Mast, age 81, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2026. She was born on December 17, 1944, in Aberdeen, South Dakota to Walter and Florence Hinz, who preceded her in death.



genuinely cared for. After moving to Florence, Oregon, she continued her dedication to others as the Activity Director at Elderberry Senior Assisted Living. There, she took great pride in bringing the community together and enriching the lives of residents through music, creativity, and the arts.

Ardel moved from South Dakota in 1964 with first husband, David Weyer, who preceded her in death in 1984. They have a daughter, Julie, together. Ardel later married Rodger Mast in 1985 in Reedsport, Oregon.

Ardel was a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, and a friend to many. She is survived by her husband, Rodger Mast; her daughter, Julie Godarzi; her cherished granddaughters, Tatem Willoughby, Emma Mast, Camelia Godarzi, and Keamia Godarzi; and her stepchildren, Dannielle Smith and Kip Mast.

Ardel devoted many years of her life to serving others as a dental assistant in Reedsport, Oregon, where she worked alongside Dr. Dave Morgan and formed lasting relationships with patients she

She found great joy in traveling to Hawaii with her family, creating memories that will be treasured forever. Ardel had a true green thumb and loved tending to her plants and flowers. Above all, she adored being a grandmother and a devoted wife. She was a constant presence at her grandchildren's events, always showing her love and support.

Ardel will be remembered for her warmth, her dedication to family, and the love she gave so freely. She will be deeply missed and forever held in the hearts of those who knew her.

A celebration of life details will be shared later this year.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR

As a retired educator, I wholeheartedly endorse the passage of Measure 379 to build a new High School and make much needed renovations at the elementary school in Florence. The current high school facility, over 50 years old, can not keep pace with the changing tides of the 21st century.

A new school will provide safe, modern classrooms with updated technology and expanded opportunities in academics, arts and career training. Students will no longer need to bring blankets to school on cold winter days because the HVAC is not working; there will be an auditorium where they can have school rallies, theater arts and other gatherings. There will be much improved safety conditions, adequate classroom space and upgraded facilities for the school's eight career-technical classes: auto, welding, construction, health services, culinary, natural resources, entrepreneur/small business and information technology. The facility becomes a strong resource for the community with up to code earthquake standards that allows it to be a centralized shelter location in case of emergency. Students will feel a renewed sense of pride and just as importantly, feel that they are valued by the community.

I do not have children or grandchildren but I will vote yes because I value education and recognize that the youth are the future. And while I know it is a difficult ask for households on limited incomes, the price tag will never go down in the future. This Bond is an investment in our students and in the strong future of our community. Please join me in voting yes on Measure 379.

*Becky Goehring
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR

My name is Sammy Johnson, and I'm the Head Football Coach at Siuslaw High School. I was born in 1996 at PeaceHealth Hospital right here in Florence, grew up in this community, and graduated from Siuslaw High School. I've been coaching football here since 2019, and this isn't just a job to me. I plan to be here for the next 40 years, coaching, mentoring, and giving back to the same community that helped raise me.

This community shaped who I am. As a former teacher and now a coach, I've had the opportunity to work closely with our students every day. I see their potential, their work ethic, and the pride they take in representing Siuslaw. But I also see the challenges they face in

Editor's note:

May 7 will be the last day I can accept letters for print regarding the school bond. Those will appear in the May 13 issue, and the next paper won't come out until May 20, the day after the election. The remaining letters will be posted online until May 14. I'll post the results of the election online as soon as possible after they are announced.

Between May 14 and May 19, we should all just take a break from thinking about it and enjoy the Florence Rhododendron Festival.

facilities that don't reflect the level of effort they bring or the standard they deserve.

Measure 20-379 is about giving our students the academic environment they deserve. As a former teacher, I've seen firsthand what it's like to try to deliver a quality education in a building that's falling short. My very first classroom at Siuslaw was a modified storage closet, a space never designed for teaching or learning. Yet our students show up ready to work every day while our teachers continue to give everything they have, but they are doing it in spaces that limit what is possible. That is not a reflection of our people, it is a reflection of the building. And our kids deserve better.

This is also about the future of Florence. The quality of our schools plays a major role in who chooses to live and build their lives here. If we want to attract doctors and medical staff, young families, educators, and other professionals to our community, we have to offer schools that reflect that standard. At the same time, we owe it to our own students to create a place worth coming back to. Investing in our schools strengthens the entire community, not just for today, but for the long term. It is about raising the standard back to what it once was and making sure we are moving forward, not falling behind.

I believe in this community because it shaped who I am. I am proud to call this home and I plan to raise a family here in the future. No matter the outcome of this bond, I will continue showing up and doing my part for our school and our community, but I also believe we owe it to this community to keep moving forward. Supporting Measure 20-379 is about giving the next generations something better, something that reflects who we are and what we are capable of as a community.

*Sam Johnson,
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR:

We have lived in Florence for over 25 years. Having relocated to Florence from large metropolitan areas, we both have an abiding appreciation for the benefits of small-town living. The slower pace, the quality of life, the strong sense of community in our adopted town are enormously appealing to us. Florence is a wonderful place to live because of these qualities.

There is, however, the critical need for a replacement of our woefully inadequate local high school if Florence is to continue to be a viable community. A community's educational system is a direct reflection of the values that its citizens hold dear. Quite frankly, the condition of our high school is an embarrassment that should trouble all of us.

We are not solely a retirement community as some who have

commented on this important measure have come to believe. Our community includes families whose children attend our community schools. The condition of our community high school is a community problem and responsibility.

On May 19, Florence has an opportunity to correct this deficiency in our community. We urge all of Florence to vote in favor of Measure 20-379. The future of Florence depends on it.

Thank you to all who have tirelessly worked on the Facilities Advisory Committee and on this and previous bond measures. Your dedication and commitment to ensure our schools will continue to remain a viable part of our community is much appreciated.

*Lynda Green
Stephen Skidmore
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR,

I just finished reading the Voter Pamphlet. One item buried in the minutiae of "facts", made me realize how corrupted/tainted/perverted state government has become.

The 2001-2003 Oregon budget was 34 Billion, 63.39B inflation adjusted. The current budget is 140B -- double.

Administration cost went from 12% to 14%, superficially a 2% increase isn't unreasonable. At a 140 Billion the cost of governing has doubled. Population growth does not explain the increase.

It is apparent that we have to many Chefs in the Kitchen.

On the surface inflation adjusted school funding has stayed the same.

Now the "KICKER" (Pun intended). "human services", went from 25% to 45% that's 8.5 to 63 Billion. It's seems That the Chefs in the kitchen are committed to feeding the masses Fish, instead of teaching them to Fish...

People need to be accountable for their choices not enabled.

I read candidate words like "fighting for", "Affordable", "Fair", "defending" and "access". The disappointment is that there is a fine line between governing and enabling.

Taxing the Rich, Evil corporations, Climate Change, discrimination are cliches used to create envy and hide misguided priorities and lousy policies.

When voting, I am going to try and AVOID Candidates that are enablers.

*Rory Hammond
Westlake*

DEAR EDITOR

As a Siuslaw alumna and a mother of two graduates, I've seen firsthand how much this beautiful area has to offer. Throughout my 15 years in local Human Resources and recruitment, I have seen a consistent reality: to retain the essential professionals our town depends on—particularly in healthcare—we must demonstrate

a commitment to our students. High-quality schools are a primary factor for families relocating here; strong educational infrastructure attracts the very people who provide our community's most vital services.

Right now, our facilities are at their limit. From administrators in modular units to kindergarteners in aging buildings, our infrastructure no longer matches the excellence of our people. Investing in a modern, safe, and adequate high school and updates to our elementary school isn't just about buildings—it's about securing the healthcare, services, and taking care of our neighbors today... and into the future.

It's time to invest in our students. It's time to put Florence first! Please join me in voting YES!

*Pam Hickson
Florence,*

DEAR EDITOR

Claire Lynn for State Representative "The word "Authentic" best describes Claire. Recently visiting with a blind couple in their home. Intelligent, and knowledgeable they began asking questions about ballot propositions only someone with intimate knowledge of the legislative system would have answers to. At our request Claire came by, and sat with us in the living room. (A true baptism by fire in a one-on-one setting). They could not see her, only ask questions, and listen intently to her response. At the end satisfied, they reached out to Claire with a blind hand, and offered to donate to her campaign.

Rarely today a sharp young professional is willing to run for office. Obviously, Claire could have a successful career in any path she chose. Here is someone with integrity that truly understands what it's like to live in Oregon today. Discover her the things she stands for on her website www.clairefororegon.com. The website doesn't tell you who the person is behind the pretty face. She will represent us exceedingly well in Salem for many years to come. Claire will open doors everywhere she goes because with Claire, what you see is what you get.

*Alan and Denise
Knoblock
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR

Starting in February 2024, the Siuslaw School District Facilities Advisory Committee ("FAC") spent nearly two years crafting a final recommendation to the School Board. The FAC discussed heavy topics, made tough decisions, and faced harsh realities in carrying out its charge to review all district facilities and to make recommendations to remedy identified issues.

Transparency and open communications were prioritized throughout the entire process.

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Exploding Whale film receiving praise, awards

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A short film about the one event that the Florence area is most know for has been getting a lot of attention from as far away as Miami Florida. Oh Whale, a documentary that includes much footage from Florence, recently won Best short film documentary in Miami, but is also a favorite of the Oregon coast film festival, according to local freelance marketer Terry Hankins. It features interviews with some of the people involved in and witnesses of, the now well known definition of a 40 foot sperm whale that washed ashore near Florence in 1970. Of those interviewed is former KATU reporter Paul Linnman,



At the 2024 Exploding Whale Fest, Paul Linnman, right, stands with Kelly Umenhofer, whose father owned the car that was flattened by the large chunk of falling whale blubber. He was 14 at the time. Tony Reed file photo.

whose face and life have been connected to the incident ever since. "This short film is precious. It is positive, humorous, delightful, deep (in some parts and in every sense of the word) and has put Florence in a remarkably good light," Hankins shared in an email to

area news outlets. "They made stickers, t-shirts, all kinds of swag featuring Florence, Oregon. In the midst of films covering heavy topics, Oh Whale, gets the audience laughing adding much levity to the theater atmosphere." The film will screen locally on Exploding Whale Day, November 12th at City Lights theater in Florence. The trailer is online at ohwhalemovie.com

100-Hole Golf Marathon to benefit OCHS

Sandpines Golf Links will host a 100 Hole Golf Marathon on May 12, 2026, bringing together endurance, community spirit, and a deep commitment to supporting animals in need.

In a sunrise-to-sunset effort, three Sandpines team members will take on the challenge of playing 100 holes of golf in a single day, all to raise funds for the Oregon Coast Humane Society. The marathon, dubbed "golf for a cause - golf for the paws," is designed to shine a spotlight on the organization's vital work serving animals across the Oregon Coast.

For the team at Sandpines, the cause is personal. As a locally rooted business, Sandpines Golf Links believes strongly in using its platform to give back to the Florence community in meaningful ways.

"We're fortunate to have a platform that brings people together," said Head Golf Professional, Michael Cattani. "Events like this allow us to channel that energy into something bigger than golf. Supporting OCHS felt like a natural choice—they do incredible, often unseen work to protect and care for animals who don't have a voice."

OCHS provides shelter, medical care, and adoption services for hundreds of animals each year, relying heavily on community support to continue its mission. For many at Sandpines, the connection goes beyond the course.

"A lot of us are pet owners ourselves," said Sandpines owner Andrew Arredondo. "We know firsthand the joy and companionship animals bring."

"Playing 100 holes in a day is no small feat," Cattani said. "There will be moments of fatigue, but that's part of what makes it meaningful."

In addition to the marathon, the OCHS will be on site at Sandpines on the day of the event with one or two adoptable dogs. Community members are encouraged to stop by to meet the dogs, cheer on the players, and support the cause through donations.

Community members are encouraged to follow along, cheer on the players, and contribute to the cause. Donations raised through the event will go directly to OCHS to support its ongoing programs and services.

For more information, donation details, and event updates, please contact Sandpines Golf Links at 541-997-1940 or visit sandpinesgolf.com.



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LETTERS

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Beginning in August 2025, FAC representatives presented preliminary findings in nearly 30 public meetings throughout the community,

including before the Florence City Council on October 20th. The purpose was to gather feedback from constituents that would shape final recommendations. This is exactly what happened. Public input informed both the location and the scope of the projects ultimately presented to the School Board.

Transparent proceedings remained a priority as the FAC converted to the Political Action Committee, Citizens for Schools and Community ("PAC"). Our website, siuslaw-schoolbond.com, has FAQs answering the most common questions raised during community outreach meetings, school tours, and meeting deliberations, as well as addressing new questions as they arise.

Throughout, we have strived to avoid the political thicket so common with voter initiatives. In fact, the PAC recognized early on that we may very well be dealing with the sole cross-cutting issue in the Siuslaw region in years: an issue that is not defined by political allegiance. Our committee members have no unified political stance. To maintain this position, we have eschewed endorsements from any political affiliations.

PAC members are pleased that the Florence City Council recognizes the importance of supporting local education. However, we were chagrined by the dissenting vote and explanation from one Councilmember that the resolution being considered by the Council

was politically motivated. Education is a community responsibility. We view the Council's support as good public policy, not a political statement.

We were also disappointed that historical concerns were expressed at the open council meeting, as it would have been prudent for an elected official to seek the readily-available answers to these questions as part of the deliberative process. While we feel there was a missed opportunity for a unanimous vote by the City Council, we are proud of the Council's support for education in our community.

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MARATHON

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overwhelming. It was a mix of excitement, happiness, and a deep sense of joy, knowing I had fulfilled a promise I made to my late father-in-law," Schofield said. "After putting so much time and effort into training, it was incredibly powerful to finally cross that line. I also felt a strong sense of gratitude—for the opportunity to be there, for the support I've received, and for the chance to compete in a race with such a rich history. It's a feeling that still weighs deeply on my heart."

Running in Boston was Schofield's fourth marathon, and he qualified by finishing the Light at the End of the Tunnel Marathon in Washington

last June. Of the 33,267 applicants to the Boston Marathon, only 24,362 were accepted, and 29,025 ultimately finished, according to the Boston Athletic Association (BAA).

The estimated spectator attendance dwarfed the number of participants. The BAA said around half a million people turned out to cheer on athletes along the course, and for Schofield, the atmosphere and energy helped him levitate throughout the 26-mile route.

As the miles passed by, the energy and focus ebbed and flowed.

"It came in waves. Early on, it was about staying controlled and not getting carried away by the energy of the race. As the miles went on, I focused on staying consistent, checking in with how I felt, and adjusting when

needed. Around mile 10, I was right on pace for what I had trained for, but I made the decision to relax a bit over the remaining miles so I could fully take in the atmosphere and experience of the Boston Marathon," Schofield said. "There were moments where I became so absorbed in the cheering and excitement that I almost forgot I was running a marathon. Making that final left turn onto Boylston Street and heading toward the finish line filled me with overwhelming excitement and joy."

While the 26-mile trek was the culmination of thousands of hours of prep, the journey there began in his hometown.

Schofield still lives in Florence, and he's still involved with Siuslaw athletics. He's a running coach at the school, and as much as he helps the athletes, training with them has helped him too.

"I'm fortunate to be on the distance-running coaching staff at Siuslaw High School, which allowed me to incorporate many of the athletes' workouts into my own training and to spend time running alongside them," Schofield said.

His preparation for Boston required a "structured and consistent training cycle." Over the past months and years, he's focused on building mileage, incorporating long runs, and adding workouts



Brian Schofield finished the Boston Marathon with a new personal best time of 2:45:34. More photos at thesiuslawnews.com (Courtesy photo from Brian Schofield)

to improve endurance and speed. After pushing his limits physically, he emphasized that recovery and keeping his body in tip-top shape were as important as the workouts themselves.

Many of the skills and characteristics Schofield has carried into his running pursuits were instilled in him at a young age as part of Siuslaw's cross-country and track and field teams.

"At Siuslaw High School, I was fortunate to be part of a program

that emphasized consistency, discipline, and gradual improvement. The coaching and team environment helped me build a strong foundation, not just physically but mentally as well," Schofield said. "Learning how to train smart, stay patient, and trust the process were some of the biggest factors in developing my abilities over time."

With this milestone achievement now in the rearview mirror, Schofield said it's a little too early to know what major target

he'll set his sights on next.

In the meantime, he plans to continue racing across a variety of distances, from 5Ks to half marathons throughout Oregon. The next big run on his calendar is the local Rhody Run 10K in Florence on May 16. He's also contemplating getting out and taking part in some races hosted by Daybreak Racing. Beyond his own running exploits, Schofield is looking forward to coaching and training alongside the Siuslaw High School athletes, as well as accompanying some of them to Steens Mountain Running Camp this summer.

For Schofield, there's plenty of miles ahead; now he's just got to see where his Nikes will take him.

Wherever he ends up, the indescribable feeling of running along the Boston streets among tens of thousands of the best marathon runners in the world, while being cheered on by hundreds of thousands of supporters, will resonate with him for the rest of his life. That synergy will be with him whenever he puts on his sneakers and heads out for a run.

"It's not just a race; it feels like a shared experience between the runners and everyone out there cheering," Schofield said. "That energy is something I'll remember and carry with me moving forward."

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COLOR

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represents an investment in creativity, connection, and memories that will last a lifetime."

Osburn herself was generous with the color,

emptying buckets of bright powder onto anyone passing near the start/finish line.

"Our Color Run is more than just a fun, high-energy event; it's a way to directly support meaningful experiences for our students. The funds raised will go towards special

teacher-led projects that enrich classroom learning and exciting field trips that bring lessons to life."

She said the event's origins can be traced back to a local runner who used to work at the Siuslaw Elementary School. She enjoyed running and wanted to raise funds

for the school while also engaging the kids in a colorful and healthy community event.

"The event is managed by a fundraising company, and each child has the opportunity to raise funds online or in person," Osburn explained. "The more funds they raise, the more gear and color they earn to wear during the race."

She said local sponsors were offered the chance to sponsor children who may not be able to participate due to financial constraints or a lack of fundraising opportunities.

"Every year, we have a large group of local businesses that eagerly participate in the event," she said. "We couldn't do it without them!"

She said that even though this year featured a smaller group, it managed to have 179 participants and almost reached the goal of raising \$10,000.

Seen crossing the finish line in law enforcement attire, School Resource Officer Chris Snyder ran the course and somehow stayed mostly uncolored.

"Seeing the kids running through the clouds of color with huge smiles on their faces is what makes it all worthwhile," Osburn said. "It proves that staying active doesn't have to be a chore; it can be a total blast! When the community shows up like this, it sends a powerful message to all our students that their health and education matter"

The annual event is most commonly organized by the Siuslaw Elementary School and the Florence community PTA.

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SCHOOL

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tuition free charter school open to all students in our region. We are excited to offer a school of choice to families where we will emphasize virtuous living, traditional learning and civic responsibility," Kay King, SVCS Board President said.

The release said SVCS has been working since June 2025 to purchase the building, after months of searching for commercial property. The building was zoned appropriately for a school and therefore a change of use permit was approved by the city. Now all building permits have also been approved for the construction project.

Construction is ready to commence in May with the plan of school starting on Tuesday, September 8.

"As the Treasurer it has been just awesome to see the outpouring of support and the donations flow into this project. We take our responsibility seriously as good stewards of these private

funds and taxpayer dollars beginning in July 2026. We have not received a single dollar of taxpayer money to date. We will

get real academic results and help our students reach grade level and beyond to ensure that our students are prepared for successful futures, no matter what career they decide to pursue," according to Board Treasurer, Chuck Trent.

Whitmore Classical Academy is a Classical Education School and will begin K-3 grades and expand each year by a grade until they are complete as a K-8 school. Classical means traditional. Classical draws from a rich tradition in learning, rooted in history, literature, philosophy and language. The politics of the day are left out of the classroom and instead, the focus is on

developing thoughtful, capable students who can think for themselves, communicate clearly and approach the world with curiosity and confidence.

"We can't wait to open our doors and hear the voices of children in our classrooms. We are still enrolling for grades K-3 for the Fall until all seats are filled. Families can go to whitmoreacademy.com to complete the enrollment form. We would love to welcome students into the Whitmore family," concluded Dr. Angelina McKinsey, Instructional Principal.

SVCS agrees to Max Bid

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At a special meeting April 29, the Siuslaw Valley Charter School Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept guaranteed maximum bid for upcoming construction to convert the building.

Director Chuck Trent gave the background, noting that the original estimate received from Gerding builders in Corvallis was \$2,334,787.

Over the last several months we have been working with the builders and with the architects as well, to come up with, and this is part of the overall process through the purchasing contracts that we have with the state, all this has been working toward a guaranteed maximum price. As part of the process for the state, once they give us this guaranteed maximum price, then that's, it doesn't mean specifically that you can never increase or have additional bills."

Trent explained that additional request to the builder outside the scope of work

would require a change order, and the cost would be borne by SVCS.

"We're going to have to replace the roof, the roof is in really bad shape. Once they start tearing the roof off, if they get down to all the insulation and everything and find a problem and there was no way to really figure out and determined that was going to be an additional cost, we would incur that cost. Then, with the loan agreement, [it] says that anytime we change the cost of the construction effort, then we have to give the bank notice and we have 10 days to put that money into the bank. Even though the guaranteed maximum price says guaranteed maximum, it's conditional. Those are the two things that could affect that."

Chief Operations Officer Jennifer Waggoner said the details and the scope of work have been investigated and thought through.

"We validated with the lender that everything that we

had in the new scope, we did have to take a bunch of stuff out," he said, "So what we have in the new scope is what we need, there are some nice things, carpet in some places for example, that would have been nice to do, but we don't need that. The floor is in good condition."

He said other things were taken out in order to get the price down to where it was affordable.

"At the end of the day, the new guaranteed maximum price is \$2,580,685," he said. "That's a big increase, so that means we have to increase the down payment to the lending institution, because the way our loan is structured, it's actually a line of credit."

He said that as work gets completed and signed off, and the bank will inspect it to be sure it's been done properly.

"Then they will reimburse us and that makes the loan go up," he said. "So it's cumulative for the four or five months we have construction going on."

CITY

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Administration (FAA) regarding the next project at the airport.

"As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the AIG program provides \$14.5 billion in funding over five years starting in FY 2022," staff reports state.

"This includes up to \$2.39 billion for primary airports and up to \$500 million for non-primary airports. These funds can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport transit connections, and roadway projects."

Staff reports say the airport beacon and win cone replacement project fits the criteria for the program.

Murphy said a contractor has been chosen and, if approved, work will begin this summer and conclude by Spring

2027. According to staff reports, the apparent low bidder came in with a project construction cost of \$120,895. In total, considering engineering services, administrative costs, construction, and other matches, the project price tag came to \$210,788.

The council unanimously approved the grant application.

SPEED SIGNS

The council also authorized the Police Chief to submit an application for a \$35,000 grant from the Three Rivers Foundation to purchase and install solar flashing stop signs and radar speed feedback signs.

"The Florence Police Department has been encouraged to apply and therefore has identified the need for additional solar-powered flashing stop signs and radar speed feedback signs to improve roadway safety and enhance driver awareness throughout the community," Staff reports state.

"These safety tools are proven to reduce speeds, improve compliance at stop-controlled intersections, and provide early warning to drivers in areas with higher crash risk or citizen-reported safety concerns. Currently, the City of Florence utilizes solar-powered flashing stop signs and radar speed feedback signs at various locations throughout the city, and community members frequently request additional installations in high-traffic areas and locations with ongoing safety concerns."

Police Chief John Pitcher said the existing signs in the city are very effective at slowing traffic the moment they become visible to drivers.

Pitcher noted a previous conversation, where the subject was how drivers also slow down

immediately coming into Yachats when they see the signs along Highway 101.

"They work very well. The ones on Spruce Street have worked very well. We had some money left over from last year's Three Rivers Foundation grant, and they authorized us to use what was left over, and then we used the other to buy one they were putting out on Munsel Lake Road. We just got it, and Public Works will be putting it together and putting it out there pretty soon."

Asked by Councilor Sally Wantz where the Munsel Lake sign will be located, Pitcher said a permit was needed to install it on the county road.

"There is a current speed sign at the north end of Munsel Lake Road near the golf course. We're going to replace

that sign with the radar speed sign," he said.

Mayor Rob Ward concurred about increased safety, saying the flashing stop signs also work well since they are so hard to miss.

"On Kingwood, not that we haven't had any accidents there, but it's reduced the number of accidents there quite a bit," Pitcher said. "It was a problem place, and when those signs went up, it helped a lot."

According to staff reports, the Three Rivers Foundation funds initiatives that enhance Oregon's social and economic well-being, including public safety, education, health, the environment, and cultural activities.

If approved, it is expected that five to six signs could be purchased with the \$35,000 grant, and no city match is required, staff reports state.

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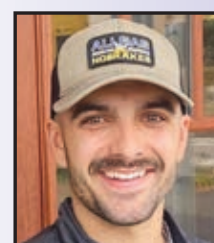
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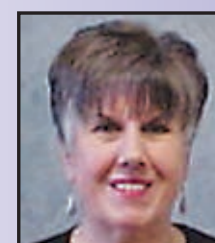
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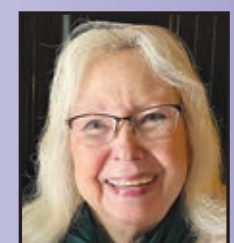
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

High.....2:52 a.m.....6.7
Low.....10:00 a.m.....-0.1
High.....5:01 p.m.....5.2
Low.....9:38 p.m.....3.6

THURSDAY, MAY 7

High.....3:32 a.m.....6.4
Low.....10:46 a.m.....0.2
High.....5:54 p.m.....5.1
Low.....10:33 p.m.....3.7

FRIDAY, MAY 8

High.....4:21 a.m.....6.0
Low.....11:38 a.m.....0.5
High.....6:50 p.m.....5.2
Low.....11:48 p.m.....3.7

SATURDAY, MAY 9

High.....5:22 a.m.....5.7
Low.....12:33 p.m.....0.7
High.....7:44 p.m.....5.4

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Low.....1:10 a.m.....3.4
High.....6:38 a.m.....5.4
Low.....1:28 p.m.....1.0
High.....8:30 p.m.....5.8

MONDAY, MAY 11

Low.....2:21 a.m.....2.8
High.....8:00 a.m.....5.3
Low.....2:20 p.m.....1.2
High.....9:10 p.m.....6.2

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Low.....3:20 a.m.....1.8
High.....9:16 a.m.....5.4
Low.....3:10 p.m.....1.3
High.....9:46 p.m.....6.8

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Low.....4:12 a.m.....0.9
High.....10:22 a.m.....5.6
Low.....3:57 p.m.....1.5
High.....10:22 p.m.....7.4

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Low.....5:01 a.m.....-0.2
High.....11:22 a.m.....5.9
Low.....4:44 p.m.....1.8
High.....11:00 p.m.....7.9

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Low.....5:47 a.m.....-1.1
High.....12:19 p.m.....6.0
Low.....5:30 p.m.....2.1
High.....11:40 p.m.....8.3

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Low.....6:34 a.m.....-1.8
High.....1:13 p.m.....6.1
Low.....6:17 p.m.....2.3

SUNDAY, MAY 17

High.....12:22 a.m.....8.4
Low.....7:21 a.m.....-2.2
High.....2:07 p.m.....6.2
Low.....7:05 p.m.....2.5

MONDAY, MAY 18

High.....1:07 a.m.....8.5
Low.....8:09 a.m.....-2.4
High.....3:01 p.m.....6.2
Low.....7:54 p.m.....2.7

TUESDAY, MAY 19

High.....1:56 a.m.....8.4
Low.....8:59 a.m.....-2.2
High.....3:54 p.m.....6.1
Low.....8:48 p.m.....2.9

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

High.....2:49 a.m.....8.0
Low.....9:51 a.m.....-1.7
High.....4:49 p.m.....6.0
Low.....9:48 p.m.....3.0

THURSDAY, MAY 21

High.....3:46 a.m.....7.4
Low.....10:46 a.m.....-1.2
High.....5:46 p.m.....6.0
Low.....10:59 p.m.....3.0

FRIDAY, MAY 22

High.....4:49 a.m.....6.6
Low.....11:43 a.m.....-0.5
High.....6:43 p.m.....6.1



Siuslaw baseball win big against Sutherlin

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Vikings put up their highest single-game run total this season in a win against Sutherlin on Apr. 28, a victory that marked Siuslaw's third league win of the season.

The 16-6 win over the Bulldogs marked Siuslaw's second consecutive win after they beat Douglas 10-3 on Apr. 24. With the win against Sutherlin in hand, the Vikings' record in the Far West improved to 3-4, with a 9-8 tally overall.

The game against Sutherlin was played on home turf for the Vikings, and they gave the Bulldogs a full

Florence welcome, taking control in the first inning and never looking back.

In the top of the first, it was Sutherlin who took the initiative. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the opening inning, capitalizing on a couple of early hits and a walk to score three quick runs.

Despite the deficit, Siuslaw answered the bell right away, not just matching Sutherlin's run total, but doubling it. Micah Blankenship was the lead-off hitter for the Vikings, getting on base with a single. The next four at-bats saw Siuslaw alternate between walks and hits. Coleman Weidman drove

in Blankenship with a single, and Jordan Pitcher tied the game up with a single shortly thereafter, sending two runners home to tie it up 3-3.

After two quick outs, Colin Barnett walked to load the bases for Siuslaw. With Cam Lyda batting for Siuslaw, the Vikings grabbed the lead on a wild pitch, and then Lyda connected to send the other two baserunners home with a single. While Siuslaw did notch two more singles in the inning, they ended up being stranded, as a two-out fly ball stopped the bleed for Sutherlin with the score at 6-3.

See **BASEBALL**, Page B4



Siuslaw golfers swinging for the fairway

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

Last week, the Siuslaw golf teams were back on the greens and fairways, and with all the growth the team has shown, Head Coach Nik Remer is excited about the back nine of the season.

The boys played at the McNary Golf Club in Keizer on Apr. 27, under an overcast sky. Remer said his team "battled

through a challenging round" on a difficult course, one that "demands precision" on every hole.

"Though not especially long, the tight fairways—lined with homes, out-of-bounds, and towering trees—along with fast, sloped greens, tested the team's accuracy and course management," Remer said.

The varsity squad showed grit during their round, finishing tied for

7th out of 14 teams with a team score of 382 over 18 holes.

Senior Micah Blankenship paced the Vikings squad with an impressive score of 85, which was underscored by a great showing on the back nine and a birdie to close out. The junior varsity team also shot well, taking 4th out of 8 teams with a 199 over 9 holes. The JV boys were led by Chase Linn and Thomas

Gentry, who both carded 46s. With that experience in hand, the team will now be prepping for the district preview rounds at Salishan on May 7.

Just a day after the boys were shooting out at the McNary Golf Club, the Siuslaw High School girls varsity golf team took to the course at the "scenic and demanding" Tokatee Golf Club on Tuesday, April 28, facing a course as "beautiful as it

is challenging."

"Nestled about an hour east of Springfield, Tokatee features long fairways framed by towering trees, along with streams and ponds that require thoughtful shot selection and strong course management," Remer said. "With fast greens and tricky slopes, sharp chipping and confident putting were essential throughout

See **GOLF**, Page B4



Siuslaw softball still seeking first league win

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The Vikings have found it hard to come by wins in the Far West League this season. After grabbing two wins in non-league play, they've started league play with a 0-7 record.

The first two series of Far West play came against tough competition in South Umpqua and Douglas. Both of those programs are vying for the top of the league this season, and for a young Vikings squad, those opponents proved a tall task to

beat.

Both South Umpqua and Douglas went 3-0 against Siuslaw, and the next three-game series for the Vikings was against Sutherlin. At the time of press, the Vikings had only just played their first game against the Bulldogs, at

home on Apr. 28.

Sutherlin ended up with the win against the Vikings, beating them 11-1 in the game. Despite the wide margin on the scoreboard, Siuslaw still had some solid offensive moments, managing three hits in the game. Avey Hulet led the way

for Siuslaw with two hits in three at-bats, both of which were singles; she also had a steal on the day. The third hit came courtesy of Paige Bottensek, who also scored the lone run for the Vikings in the fifth

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BY BETTINA HANNIGAN,
 PRESIDENT AND CEO
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supporting jobs and sustaining the businesses that keep Florence vibrant year-round. We're proud to help lead this effort and create experiences that bring people to Oregon's Coastal Playground.

This is also the time to "toot the horns" for the businesses and organizations that make Florence stand out. Recognition matters. Take a moment to nominate a business, nonprofit, or emerging leader for this year's "License to Lead" Siuslaw Awards. It's a simple way to celebrate those making a difference in our community.

Your Chamber continues to focus on workforce and economic priorities,

including childcare. In May, we're hosting Senator Dick Anderson for a face-to-face discussion with local childcare providers - an important step in addressing one of the most critical challenges impacting our workforce and business community. Thank you to the City of Florence for their partnership in making this conversation happen.

Chamber members make all the difference. If you're not yet investing in the Chamber, now is the time to get connected, build your business, and be part of the momentum: FlorenceChamber.com/chamber-community/join-us/.

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Community Briefs

This will only be a test

Lane County Emergency Management will conduct a test of the subscriber-based local emergency alert system – Lane Alerts – on Thursday, May 14, at 12 p.m. noon. This test will include emails, recorded voice calls, and text messages, depending on each subscriber’s provided contact information.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.LaneAlerts.org to create a free Lane Alerts account and choose their preferred methods of receiving emergency alerts.

Lane Alerts – backed by Everbridge – allows subscribers to opt-in for notifications via phone call, text message, and email, based on the locations they care about. At minimum, subscribers must provide their name and one method of contact. Multiple addresses can be added to receive notifications about emergency events that may affect their home, workplace, child’s school, and more. Types of emergencies covered include evacuations, severe weather, flooding, police activity, and other critical events.

Residents who already have a Lane Alerts account, but who haven’t logged in recently, will need to update their account to Everbridge Community the next time they log in. Visit <https://bit.ly/4whVBMm> for details.

Stay informed and ensure your safety by signing up for Lane Alerts today.

PFLAG Meets May 11

PFLAG will meet Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at Florence United Methodist Church to share plans for upcoming events, especially the Rhody Festival Parade May 17. A member of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, PFLAG has marched in the Chamber-sponsored parade since 2012, which was during its first year as a chartered chapter of the national organization. All are invited to bring ideas for decorating the vehicle or volunteering to carry flags and banners.

PFLAG will continue to participate in special events, sponsor guest speakers, and provide support groups throughout the year, so consider getting involved and making new friends.

The meeting should wrap up by 7:30 p.m. As with all PFLAG events, the meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

PFLAG Florence is one of more than 400 chapters in the largest national organization serving the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them.

The Beauty of Nurturing Diversity

On Sunday, May 10th, the Florence Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship will host a special Flower Ceremony as part of this well-loved FUUF tradition, taking us on a new journey this year. With a ceremony meant to nurture you, we will offer a meditation on the beauty we experience when we honor and nurture our diversity. As unique as each flower is, so too are we. As this gathering falls on Mother’s Day, we will also honor our ancestors and every person in our lives who have nurtured us in one way or another. We will honor Mother Earth as the Grand Nurturer of us all. There will be an opportunity to share a few words, as you feel led, speaking from the heart. And if you are able to do so, bring a flower to exchange with another. Finally, you’ll enjoy the lovely music provided by Christine Frances.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road

Doors open at 9:30; Service starts at 10

Everyone is welcome to join us

For more information, please contact: Sally Wantz ~ Florence.Unitarian@gmail.com

First Step Florence “Hard Hats & Heels” Gala

First Step Florence, transitional housing for families, is hosting a “Hard Hats & Heels” fundraising gala on Saturday, June 13, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Florence Event Center. The gala theme is in conjunction with our ongoing “Building With Compassion” campaign to help build four permanent housing units on the property owned by First Step in north Florence. Help us, help more unsheltered families with kids!

The gala includes dinner, drinks, silent & live auctions, program highlights, success stories, and plans for Phase I of our building project. For more information call Sandy Craft at 541-590-2325 or sandy@firststep-florence.org

Arts, Crafts, & Miniatures Marketplace

Join the Central Coast Miniatures Club for our annual Arts, Crafts and Miniatures Marketplace where you can find new treasures, original art pieces, hand-made crafts, slightly used tools, supplies and building materials, and a variety of kits and projects to enjoy, all at great prices!

The Arts, Crafts, and Miniatures Marketplace is open to the public at the Old School Furniture store, at Hwy 101 and 6th St. in Florence, during the Rhody Day Festival weekend on Friday, May 15th 10:00am to 4pm and Saturday, May 16th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is free.

Florence pet grief support group

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The Florence Pet Grief Support Group takes place on the Second Thursdays of every month, from 4:00pm to 5:15pm at the Siuslaw Library.

Cost is free and open to the public.

The group is sponsored by the FUUF Animal Ministry and is facilitated by Licensed Professionals who are animal lovers with training in grief work.

For more information, Contact:

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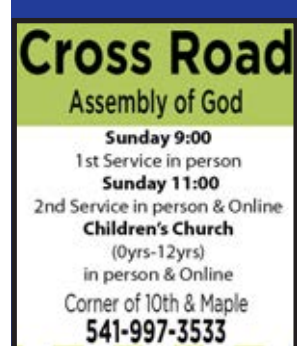
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BASEBALL

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Sutherlin added another run in the top of the second, but again, the Vikings extended the lead when it was their turn to bat. Jacob Mann earned his second walk of the day to lead off, and was joined on base by Jordan Pitcher, who was hit by a pitch. After a strikeout gave Siuslaw one out, Leighton

Wieboldt smacked a single to load the bases for the Vikings. Colin Barnett sent two more home with a single, giving Siuslaw an 8-4 lead. The Vikings added three more runs to take an 11-4 lead, headlined by another base hit from Blankenship that sent home another run. Blankenship led the Vikings in hits for the day with three singles in three at-bats. Coleman Weidman and Cam Lyda led Siuslaw in the RBI department, with each totaling three on the day. On the mound, Blankenship and Weidman split pitching duties, each notching three strikeouts in the game while giving

up just six total hits. The finishing touches on the win were applied in the bottom of the fourth. Siuslaw added five runs in the inning, all scored on singles from Weidman, Mann, and Zak Nilles. With the lead sitting at 16-5 heading into the top of the fifth, Siuslaw gave up one run but closed the game out with a fielder's choice doubleplay to end with a 16-6 win. It was the first double-digit win for the Vikings since April of 2024. The results from Siuslaw's May 1 and May 5 games against Sutherlin and Coquille are unknown at the time of press.

GOLF

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the day." The course wasn't the only challenge; the squad faced additional adversity when senior leader Jozy Hulet was forced to withdraw on the 17th hole due to a lingering back injury. With her unable to finish, Siuslaw relied on four freshmen to carry the team. Even without their senior leader, the prodigious squad showed determination and perseverance, finishing 10th out of 12 teams with a score of 555. One of the highlights of the day was Bella

Maldonado's first-ever birdy on the second hole, which helped her lead the way for the Vikings with a 126. Violet Ory-Remer followed with a 132, showcasing excellent play off the tee box as well as strong iron play. Lily Lewis also battled hard all afternoon to post a 136. Finally, Hope Smith demonstrated determination and concentration in just her second 18-hole round, finishing with a 161. "The future is bright for this resilient group as they look ahead to their district preview at Emerald Valley," Remer said ahead of the team's penultimate tournament.

SOFTBALL

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inning. The run was set up with a nifty steal by Bottensek, and a single from Hulet allowed her to round the bases. After the loss to Sutherlin on Apr. 28, the Vikings still had eight chances to grab that elusive first win. Results of the doubleheader against Stuehrin on May 1 and

the first game against Coquille on May 5 are unavailable at the time of press. The three-game series against Coquille between May 5 and May 8 should offer the Vikings their best chance to grab a win yet. The Red Devils also started Far West play with a 0-7 record. Follow results for the Vikings at osaa.org or in the Wednesday print editions of the Siuslaw News.



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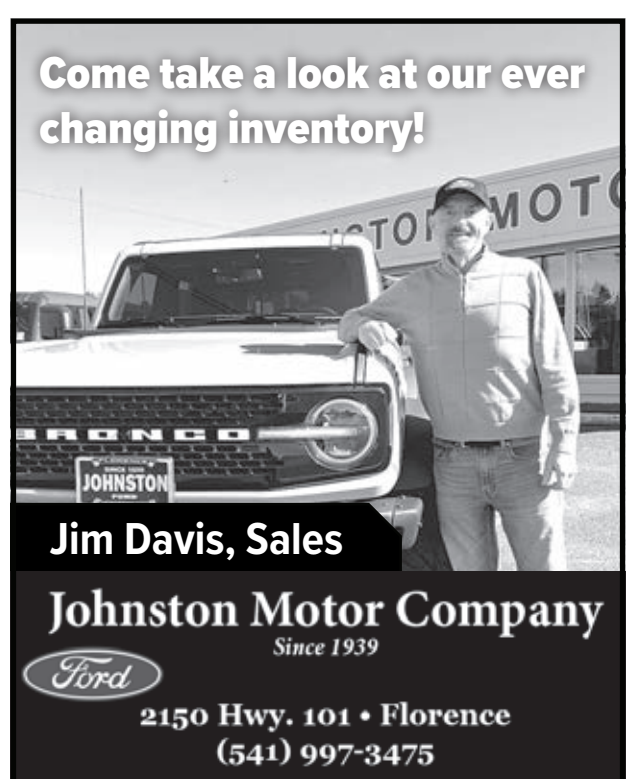
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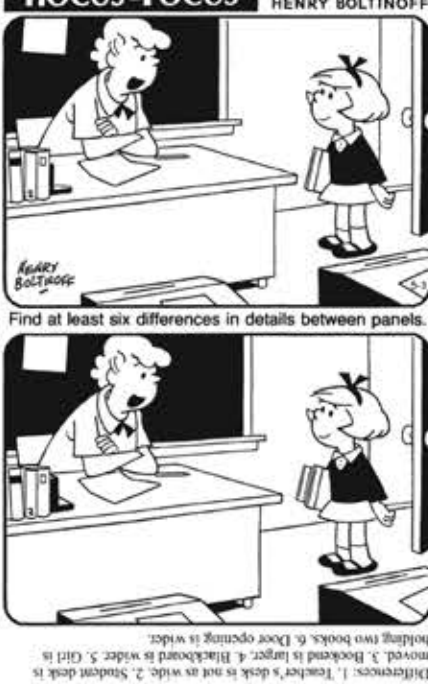
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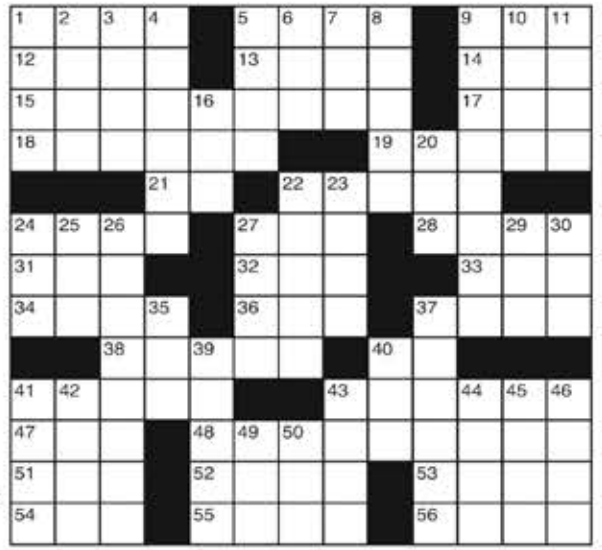
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- 15 Citrus producer
- 17 Avril follower
- 18 At hand
- 19 Unmanned plane
- 21 Apt. cooler
- 22 Rid of wool
- 24 Coconut juice
- 27 "Nova" subj.
- 28 Feed the piggy bank
- 31 Hearty quaff
- 32 Klutz
- 33 Actor Patel
- 34 Mater lead-in
- 36 Roman 1051
- 37 Big party
- 38 Chose
- 40 Undergrad deg.
- 41 Ford or Hudson
- 43 Parlor piece
- 47 PC key
- 48 Tangy, custard-like spread
- 51 Employ



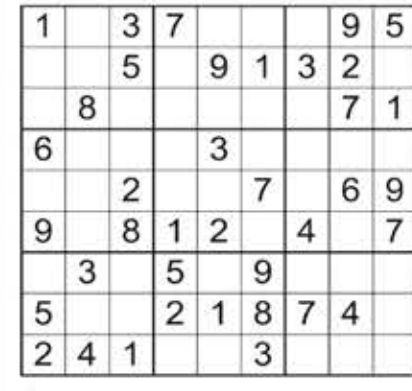
- 8 Words to live by
- 9 Picnic drink
- 10 Panache
- 11 Garfield's pal
- 16 "The Wall" network
- 20 B&O and others (Abbr.)
- 22 Burn with steam
- 23 LP player
- 24 Goat's cry
- 25 Under the weather
- 26 Throat-soothing drink
- 27 Not all
- 29 Bird doc
- 30 Cain's mom
- 35 Earth Day mo.
- 37 Nabob
- 39 10th U.S. president
- 40 "Gandhi" star
- 41 Move, as freight
- 42 Otherwise
- 43 Pop
- 44 Melody
- 45 Sea eagle
- 46 Parades
- 49 Id counterpart
- 50 Pas' mates

DOWN

- 1 Pottery oven
- 2 Suit to —
- 3 Capital of Italia
- 4 Parka
- 5 Obligation
- 6 Medit. nation
- 7 Away from NNW

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the blue diamond necklace in "Titanic"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is New Zealand's national bird?
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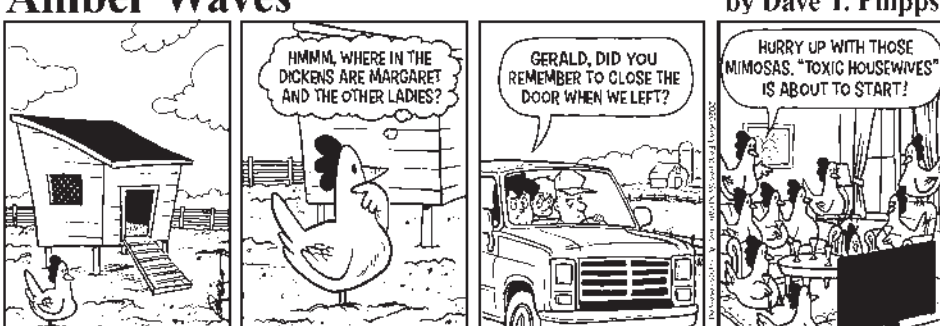
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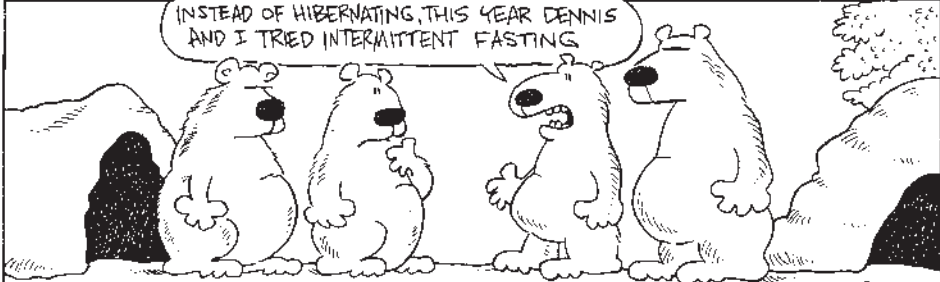
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



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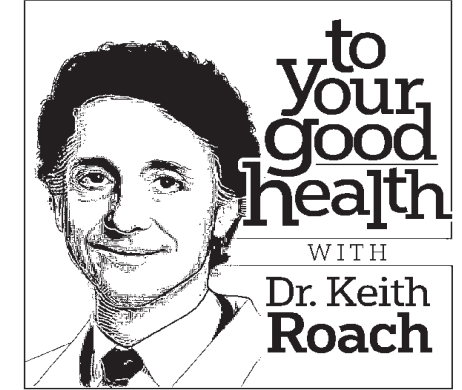
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Remove Triggers for Migraines by Leading A Healthy Lifestyle

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column about migraines and strokes. About 40 years ago, I began having occasional visual interference episodes with zigzags, blurry central vision, and more that lasted for about 30 minutes. My doctor described them as ocular migraines.

When I read about migraines, the first possible cause that was listed were preservatives, so I started reading labels. My episodes only occurred after eating food with added nitrites and sulfates. It was very consistent, so now I read labels and avoid them. And thanks to the fact that more foods are now being made without them, at 85, I haven't had an episode in many years. It has made me a more careful and healthy eater.

Would I still be more likely to have a stroke? Is this a common cause of these auras, or do causes vary in people? I would hope that others would find a sure cause and solution like I did. — D.W.

ANSWER: Food additives, especially nitrites but also sulfites and sulfates, are known triggers of migraines in people who are susceptible. Finding and eliminating the triggers for migraines can be helpful, but not everyone is able to identify their triggers.

Red wine (which contains trace amounts of sulfites, even if more aren't added) is one of the most common food triggers, but caffeine (and caffeine withdrawal) are another common cause. Poor sleep, excess stress and hormonal changes (especially in menstruating women) are also commonly reported.

Some perceived triggers may actually be an early part of a headache. Chocolate cravings can be part of the prodrome of a headache, so people may think that chocolate caused a headache when, in fact, the headache

was already on its way.

Headache with aura can be confused with a stroke. My column from this past January tried to point out that positive findings like zigzag lines make a migraine with aura very likely, while transient ischemic attacks and strokes are exceedingly unlikely.

However, there is an increased risk of stroke in people who have migraines with aura. This is particularly the case in younger women. I suspect but cannot prove that having fewer migraines after removing the triggers (as you have) probably does mitigate the small increased stroke risk.

Still, it is important for all people with migraines to do what they can to reduce their stroke risk through a healthy lifestyle. Elevated blood pressure and cholesterol might be worth treating, even if they're fairly mild. Diabetes should be as well-controlled as possible. Finally, with strong evidence showing that the shingles vaccine reduces stroke risk, I'd recommend that you make sure you've had the two-dose shingles vaccine.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 75-year-old female who's hoping to keep her hair from falling out. I currently use minoxidil, but I'm not seeing any improvement. What else would you suggest? — G.E.

ANSWER: Most women in their 70s lose some of their hair. The most typical pattern is a general thinning that is somewhat worse on the crown. I recommend seeing a doctor about this to be sure of the diagnosis. There are other patterns of hair loss, some of which are related to thyroid disease and — less frequently — serious systemic diseases.

If the diagnosis is confirmed as female pattern hair loss, then in addition to minoxidil (which can be used either topically or as a low-dose oral pill), spironolactone (or another antiandrogen) would be the other first-line treatment. Some physicians use prostate medicines like dutasteride, and ketoconazole shampoo can be helpful. These drugs are usually used in combination with each other.

Finally, laser or low-level light therapy, microneedling, and platelet-rich plasma have some benefit, although these are much more expensive options. A dermatologist is the expert when it comes to diseases of the hair and scalp.

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.

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 MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Dileo's rival	— T — — —	Keaton or Crabbe	— S — — —
2. Bonaduce or Glover	— A — — —	Marie's singing partner	— O — — —
3. Clothes stiffener	— T — — —	Seek	— E — — —
4. No longer asleep	— K — — —	Cognizant	— R — — —
5. Uplift	E — — — —	Chalkboard material	S — — — —
6. Crush to pieces	A — — — —	Socialize	I — — — —
7. Ireland's foliage	— O — — —	Ingenuous	— E — — —
8. Flat and even	— — — — L	Elevator door handle	— — — — R
9. Group of sheep	... L	Fancy dress	... R
10. Wiggle uncomfortably	— — — — M	Landowner	— — — — E

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The Garden Bug

Anaxyrus americanus like dense vegetation, so they can stay under cover as they hunt for food. They also need access to water for their early development. With these needs met, American toads can live in many places. They are commonly found in gardens and agricultural fields, and prefer dark spaces beneath porches, decks, flat stones, logs, lumber, clay pots and similar areas. When cold weather comes, toads dig backwards into their lairs and hibernate.

— Brenda Wawer
Source: animaldiversity.org

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Even Exchange ANSWERS

1. Butter, Buster	2. Danny, Donny	3. Starch, Search	4. Awake, Aware	5. Elate, Slate
6. Mangle, Mingle	7. Clover, Clever	8. Level, Lever	9. Flock, Frock	10. Squirm, Squire

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Go Figure! ANSWERS

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