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# Well, Hello Sailors

Photo by Tony Reed.

While many social media users along the Oregon Coast were posting photos of By the Wind Sailors washing up on beaches, Florence beaches didn't seem to accumulate very many. Seen here, in front of the Cape Creek Bridge below the Heceta Head Lighthouse, just a few of the little blue critters could be found on the sand on March 12. However, a strong south wind may have been

moving them north, rather than pushing them to the beach.

The little jellyfish-like creatures, Velella Velella, are actually in the polyp phase of their lifecycle and have a little "sail" that sticks up as they float on the ocean's surface. According to the National Parks Service, the name "by-the-wind-sailor" is really a misnomer.

"Velella don't actively navigate using their sail, although

they are at the mercy of the winds as to where they go. When the sail catches the wind, the Velella will be blown downwind at an angle to the wind. This sets Velella apart from many other jellyfish, which drift with the ocean currents," the NPS website states. "Some sails on Velella angle to the left and propel the animal left of downwind; others angle to the right and propel the animal

right of downwind. Due to the prevailing winds in different parts of the world, left-handed Velella are usually found in the Northern Hemisphere, while right-handed ones are usually found in the Southern Hemisphere. When the prevailing winds shift, such as during a storm, the Velella are driven towards the coast, where they often are stranded on beaches in great numbers."

## Florence woman seeks help after crabbing accident



By TONY REED  
The Siuslaw News

Kate Price of Florence, was working on a commercial crabbing boat Jan. 1 when an accident onboard resulted in two of her fingertips being severed. For legal reasons, she could not go into the details of the accident but said she now needs help to just get by until legal matters can be settled.

Price was transported to the hospital in Corvallis after the accident.

She will need surgery to make her left hand usable again, but said it's still uncertain how long that will take.

"I'm currently in physical therapy, and they really haven't given me a timeline on when they think my fingers will be back to where I can

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# Upcoming School bond measure information

### SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

A \$139 million bond measure is headed to the ballot for the May 19 election and will appear on the ballot as Measure #20-379.

If the ballot measure is approved by the voters of the Siuslaw School District, the sale of General Obligation Bonds will pay for the replacement of Siuslaw High School, as well as safety improvements to the district campus and improvements to Siuslaw Elementary School.

Those bonds will result in tax increases for real property

owners of land, buildings, manufactured homes, and businesses owning property.

To most property owners, a primary consideration will be the direct tax cost increase.

At last report, if passed by voters, the bond will levy \$2.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bond will remain in place for 30 years. The school district currently has no construction debt. A \$6.126 million grant will be awarded from Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM), only if the bond passes.

Actual levy rate may differ

due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

It's been stressed that market value and assessed value may be vastly different, but that market value is almost always higher.

The actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value (not market value).

For example, the following used some local addresses (not included) for comparison.

If the assessed value of your property is \$784,000, your estimated annual cost increase will be \$2,156.

If its value is \$1,786,588,

the estimated annual cost increase will be \$4,913.

To find your property's assessed value, go online to <https://lcmaps.lanecounty.org/propertysearchnew/>

You can also use this calculator to determine your tax increase using your address <https://siuslawschoolbond.com/cost-calculator.html>

### BOND OR NOTHING

Last November, during an FAC presentation, Vice-Chair Mike Harklerode said a bond is the only option for funding a new school.

At the time, several people expressed online that they don't feel property owners should have to bear the cost.

"In Oregon, the only mechanism for projects of this scale is local construction bonds," he said, noting that \$6 million will be deferred by a grant if the bond passes.

According to the Oregon School Boards Association, Oregon school districts, education service districts and community colleges can issue general obligation bonds only if they have voter approval of

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# Coos County Commissioner Taylor admits to courting ICE as the board comments on detention facility rumors

NATE SCHWARTZ  
Country Media Inc.

After the recent rumors of a potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility came to the fore in recent weeks, the three members of the Coos County Board of Commissioners clarified their positions during their public session on March 3, 2026.

The rumors first gained

traction when Commissioner Drew Farmer addressed what he'd been hearing during a Facebook livestream, as covered in last week's World.

The expectation was that there would be a large turnout for the 9:30 a.m. meeting. While there were a large handful of folks who showed up to give impassioned public comment, you could hardly call it packed room.

Still, the commissioners themselves felt it pertinent

to address their positions on potential ICE presence in the area. After regular business was conducted, they spoke on the subject.

"Unfortunately, the whole topic is shrouded and clouded with misinformation and emotionalism that I don't think is appropriate in a republic based on the rule of law," said Commissioner Rod Taylor, who went on to tow the MAGA line about terrorists and criminals pouring

across the border. He was more than in support of the idea.

"This county is in dire need of any kind of economic activity that we can generate. I personally believe that the construction, development, and operation of such a facility in Coos County is actually something that sits well with the majority of voters, despite the propensity of comments that we receive," continued Taylor. "About two or three

weeks ago, I actually sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) asking them to look at Coos County as a possible location for building such a facility, and I hope that they do."

The revelation that Taylor had personally reached out to the administration offering Coos County as a destination for ICE seemed to come as a surprise to his

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## What Does Strong, Effective Healthcare Advocacy Look Like

BY BOB HORNEY

Now we are getting down to the nuts and bolts of Patient Advocacy whether we are Self-Advocating for ourselves or needing to find a Patient-Advocate to speak for us when needed. In both cases we are advocating for a patient, but we will use the different titles to spell out who is advocating for the patient. And remember, advocating for the patient's health care when meeting with healthcare providers is crucial to our health and well-being. And don't sell yourself short- even when checking, double-checking and researching information to better inform yourself, you are Self-Advocating. Keep it up.

So, with that short introduction, let's see if we can identify the differences between a strong advocate and a go-with-the-flow advocate. To paint a very vivid picture of what I am talking about, here are two actual hospital visits with extremely different

results. Both involve Self-Advocating. These examples are very important for patients who are looking for a Patient Advocate because they need to find an Advocate who matches their expectations.

First, I visited the ER on February 22, 2022, after injuring my back by simply improperly lifting a towel warmer. After a brief examination, the diagnosis was that I may have experienced a herniated disc. There was also a note added that there was low suspicion for other dangerous pathology. While in the ER, I was given a Percocet 5-325 tablet. I felt uneasy with that diagnosis since no imaging was involved, but kept my mouth shut, took the prescription for Percocet and left. Missing from my Self-Advocacy while there was this: What might be the long-term effects if I somehow fractured a vertebra or other like damage. Looking back, I'm thinking the added note was meant to answer any question like

that.

Now, I honestly doubt that my insurance would have authorized the necessary imaging at that point but even questioning how my examiner arrived at that diagnosis would have set the groundwork for later questioning.

My follow-up care was to have regular visits with my PCP checking on my pain level and any other issues arising with my back. It all kept progressing into stronger pain medications since nothing was eliminating the pain. Six months later, I went back to the ER with the same excruciating pain that sent me to the ER in the first place.

As I walked into the ER on August 9, 2022, I was given the same medication I had been taking at home. (I didn't fall for it). After an hour or so, they asked me how I felt. I responded in the gruffest voice I could muster: "It's still a TEN-PLUS!" Oh, then try these was the response. When they

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## Kara Ann Alford

May 31, 1962 - January 25, 2026

Kara Ann Alford, 63, of Florence, Oregon, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026, surrounded by love in the town she called home.

Born on May 31, 1962, Kara's life became deeply rooted in Florence, where her bright spirit, generous heart, and unmistakable energy touched everyone she met. She had a rare gift for making people feel welcome and important.

For 17 years, Kara dedicated herself to her career as a surgery technician, a role she truly loved. Her commitment, skill, and camaraderie left a lasting impression on the doctors, nurses, and fellow technicians she worked alongside. She also volunteered as part of a traveling surgical team to Guatemala, where they performed several surgeries per day over week-long and extended missions, bringing care and compassion to communities in need.

Back home at Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence, Kara was honored with the Respect Award, honoring her extraordinary focus on the emotional well-being of patients and their families undergoing complicated procedures. This distinction ensures her name will remain permanently in the halls of Peace Harbor, a lasting tribute within the community she loved to serve. In her final days, her colleagues came to her home to express their gratitude, appreciation, and friendship—a testament to the deep respect and affection she earned throughout her career.

Kara's greatest joy was her children. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Tessa Hagle, and her son, Ethan Hagle, who were the center of her world and the pride of



her life. She is also survived by her beloved partner and companion, Adam Johnston; her brother, Arnie Alford; his wife, Mindy; and their daughter, Katelin.

Beyond her work and family, Kara embraced life with a unique and authentic style that was unmistakably her own. Whether driving her lime green convertible bug through town with her hair in the wind or under a carefully chosen bold hat, gifting someone a handmade piece of art, Kara carried herself with a confidence and originality that made people smile and feel inspired simply by being around her.

She had a special love for flowers and was in the early stages of starting a dahlia farm, eager to share their beauty with others.

A gifted and self-taught artist, Kara created stunning, one-of-a-kind crafts for people near and far. She designed elegant flower bouquets and later taught herself the art of burning intricate designs onto hats, shoes, and handbags, which she sold across the country. Her creativity was as boundless as her generosity.

Kara was known for her thoughtful spirit—often finding the perfect gift and sending it to friends "just because," a small gesture that carried her big heart. She made friends easily with anyone and had an outgoing nature that made you feel you were never alone in her presence.

A community celebration of life honoring Kara Ann Alford will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, 1-4PM at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St, Florence, Oregon. Her one wish is for everyone to wear bright colors.

## Richard W. Michna

April 28, 1941 - November 29, 2025

Richard W. Michna was born April 28, 1941 in Racine, Wisconsin to the late Marlin and Doris Michna. Richard passed away surrounded by his children and granddaughter on November 29, 2025.

Richard's family moved to Southern California where he grew up, graduated high school and met the love of his life. He and Marlene Miller were married in the summer of 1962.

Richard started his military career enlisting in the Navy in 1959. In 1964 he changed branches enlisting in the Army. Richard then felt called by God to share his faith and teach others about Him. In 1972 he moved his family to Dubuque, Iowa to study in the Lutheran ministry. This then led him to Phoenix, Arizona where he became a youth pastor.

By this time he was a father of three and felt the need to re-enlist in the US Military. He re-joined the Army in 1976 and served till his retirement in 1986. A few highlights from his 22 years of service were working aboard a Naval stores ship, K9 patrol of a Nike missile base, and as the SSG of the Yreka CA National Guard Combat Engineer Unit.



Upon his retirement the family moved to Florence Oregon to operate a Sears catalog store, until its closing in 1993. He then worked for the stores Coast to Coast and Old School Furniture, until his final retirement at the age of 72.

Known best for his signature overalls and story telling.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Michna.

He is survived by his sister, Diana Michna Howard, brother, Jeffrey Michna I, daughter, Dawnella Michna, daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and Christopher Wilson, son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Diana Michna, granddaughters Kaitlin Hagle, Gwendolyn Michna, Laurel Michna and great grandson Dean Wells.

A service to celebrate and honor Richard AKA Papa, will be held on March 27, 2026 at 3 PM at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR.

All who knew and loved him are welcome to join us as we pay our respects and say our goodbyes.

Papa you will be forever in our hearts.

## Audrey Sylvia Nation

January 9, 1936 - March 7, 2026

Audrey Sylvia Nation aka Cleawox Audrey and the Glenada Hill Power Walker passed away peacefully at home March 7th. She was born to Harry and Liana Posey on January 9, 1936, in Beacon Hill, MI. Audrey was preceded in death her daughter Michelle Malloy, nephew Erich Adams and brother Harry Posey Jr. Sister Rita Adams and the true love of her life her husband Doyle Nation. She is survived by her son Mike and Vesta Malloy of Florence; daughter Andrea and Steve Moore of Scio, OR and grandchildren Jessica Moore of Brownsville, OR; Zane



Malloy of Swisshome, OR; Three greats and two great great, plus countless neighborhood strays. Also her sister Armeda Bullard and brother Roger Posey and three nieces and four nephews. The family member mentioned above are but a small fraction of the people lives she touched. Please join us in celebrating

The Life of Audrey Nation on March 28th At 1PM at the New Life Lutheran Church at 2011 Spruce Street here in Florence a Reception will be following after the celebration Burns's Riverside Chapel

## Rhea Forum

November 23, 1942 - March 7, 2026

Dr. Rhea Ellen Forum (born Stone), age 83, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2026, in Eugene, Oregon.

Born on November 23, 1942, in Miami, Arizona, Rhea lived a life filled with love, learning, and devotion to her family and faith.

Rhea graduated from North Phoenix High School in 1959 and pursued higher education with passion and determination. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University before continuing her academic journey at the University of Oregon, where she received a Master's in Education. She furthered her studies with a Master's in Christian Family Counseling from Bushnell University (formerly Northwest Christian) and ultimately achieved her PhD in Education.

Rhea began her teaching career in Phoenix, Arizona, before spending three years teaching in Southern California. She then settled in Eugene, Oregon, where she completed her career as an elementary school teacher. A passionate advocate for nurturing young minds, Rhea especially cherished the opportunity to teach the Talented and Gifted program. Her enthusiasm for education left an indelible mark on her students and colleagues alike.

Faith was central to Rhea's life. Raised as a Christian at North Congregational Church in Phoenix, she later married the love of her life, Donald E. Forum Sr., in the same church. Throughout her life, she remained deeply committed to her faith, attending Worldwide Church of God and the Church of Christ in Florence, Oregon. Her spiritual foundation guided her actions and relationships, reflecting her unwavering belief in kindness and service.

Rhea shared 57 wonderful years of marriage with Donald before his passing. Together, they built a life rich with love and family traditions. She is survived by three stepchildren: sons Donald Forum Jr., John Forum and his wife Connie, and daughter Jan Acorn; two



sisters Jeanne Olson and Alice Rotchtstein; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald E. Forum Sr., brother Joel Stone Jr., and parents Eleanor and Joel Fay Stone.

A lifelong learner with an insatiable curiosity, Rhea had a deep love for reading and studying the Bible. Her family fondly remembers her as the family photographer who created cherished photo albums for everyone to treasure. She was also known for her culinary talents—her homemade cinnamon rolls were legendary among family gatherings—and she delighted in preparing sweet tea for Don after getting married.

Rhea's hobbies reflected her vibrant personality and creative spirit. She enjoyed playing the piano, ukulele, and accordion, singing in choirs, and attending musicals and plays. Volunteering was another passion of hers; after retiring from teaching, she dedicated time to serving at an elementary school, church, and hospital in Florence. Her gift for listening deeply and being fully present made everyone around her feel valued and loved.

Family was at the heart of Rhea's life. She never missed an opportunity to celebrate milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries, or new births. Christmas was particularly special to her—she took great joy in wrapping presents for the entire family with care and creativity.

Memorial Service: Monday, March 23, 12 noon - Central Lutheran Church, 1875 Potter St, Eugene, OR

Viewing: 11 am-12pm ; Celebration of Life Reception immediately following memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Food for Lane County

## Vance "Rick" Cox

March 8, 2026

Vance "Rick" Cox passed away peacefully at his home in Florence, Oregon, on March 8, surrounded by his daughter Kirstin Logsdon and his partner Clare Brien.

He is survived by his daughter Kirstin, son-in-law John Logsdon, and grandchildren Amber and Jack of Los Angeles; his sister Nicki Didlake; and nieces, a nephew, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews in Wichita, Kansas and surrounding communities.

Rick was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas. From an early age he showed an entrepreneurial spirit. As a boy delivering newspapers on his paper route, he saved enough money to purchase a house while still in high school — an early sign of the business instincts that would shape his career. In high school, he was also an accomplished gymnast and swimmer.

He attended Wichita State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Business Administration. He suffered a motorcycle accident his first year of college. After college he set out on a yearlong adventure traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He spent time in Chicago before heading west.

Eventually Rick made his way to Oregon, drawn by the natural beauty of the coast. When he first arrived in Florence, he took on a variety of jobs, including work on the railroad, crabbing, and operating a small printing press. He quickly fell in love with Oregon — especially the Oregon Coast, with its towering trees and constant ocean breeze — and knew he had found home.

Rick later built a successful career in real estate, becoming deeply connected



to the Florence community through Coast Real Estate which became Coldwell Banker, owning the company in the mid-1980s. Over the years he helped generations of families relocate to the Oregon coast, sharing his enthusiasm for the region and welcoming many newcomers to the area he loved so much.

Always an adventurer, Rick remained active throughout his life. He sailed extensively in both the Pacific and Atlantic with Polly Cox and his daughter. He enjoyed biking and kayaking across the country. In one of his many memorable journeys, he rode a recumbent bicycle across the country between Wichita and Florence, combining his love of travel with his spirit of endurance and exploration.

Rick also devoted time to community service. He was involved in the early establishment of Peace Harbor Hospital and later served for many years on the hospital board, helping support healthcare access for Florence and surrounding coastal communities. A longtime member of Rotary, he also participated in a service mission to Guatemala helping build clean-burning stoves for families in need.

Rick was known for his humor, generosity, and adventurous spirit. He made lifelong friends wherever he went and quietly touched many lives through kindness, encouragement, and community involvement.

He will be deeply missed by family, friends, and the Florence community he loved so much. Instead of flowers, contribution to Rotary Scholarship Program would be appreciated. Burns's Riverside Chapel



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# Keep a light on democracy

We are asking Gov. Tina Kotek to veto HB 4177, an ill-advised measure approved by the Oregon Legislature that undermines Oregon's long-revered Public Meetings Law.

A work group that proposed HB 4177 excluded media organizations that were deeply embedded in the creation of our Public Meetings Law in 1973 and in subsequent amendments. Coming late to that table, representatives of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association were shocked to find this warning from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission:

"This exception would allow governing body members to meet in private and/or communicate privately with each other, outside of any public meeting, in order to gather information. Much of the information gathering that normally occurs in public meetings (work sessions or executive sessions) could instead be done privately ... with no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

Here are additional notes

of caution from OGE, obtained through a public records request:

"It should be noted at the outset that whenever a quorum of a governing body gathers together, whether in public or private, that quorum has the power to exercise government authority and bind the government to any decision. Even if that decision occurs in private and in violation of the Public Meetings Law, the action still binds the government."

"It (HB 4177) is effectively rewriting the Public Meetings Law in ways that create much more ambiguity and inhibit enforcement, and doing so in a short session without any public involvement."

HB 4177 contains significant legal and political complications, and there is no emergency needing immediate legislative action without adequate attention to those problems.

Some portray HB 4177 as a measure simply to clarify issues related to "serial communications," which are 'daisy-chain' discussions among members of a

governing body allowing deliberation without a meeting.

Instead, as testified by citizens, ONPA and OGE, HB 4177 actually expands permissions for serial communications while allowing full-quorum gatherings of governing bodies with "no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

And of course, no citizen observers.

Enactment of HB 4177 would result in loss of government transparency, and new confusion for OGE in its role of enforcing the Public Meetings Law.

Ironically, it required a public records request to uncover the depth of public harm that would be imposed by enactment of HB 4177. Oregon's two joined laws – Public Records and Public Meetings – provide the core rights of Oregon citizens to open government.

The Public Meetings Law in ORS 192.620 states state policy unchanged since 1973: "The Oregon form of government

requires an informed public aware of the deliberations and decisions of governing bodies and the information upon which such decisions were made. It is the intent of ORS 192.610 to 192.690 that decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly."

HB 4177 is a violation of that 56-year-old open government policy.

We believe, in passing HB 4177 during a short session, that the Oregon Legislature did not have full access to legal analysis about its consequences. This is precisely the time – particularly by a governor who has championed open government through decades of Oregon public service – for a balancing veto.

Gov. Kotek, we offer our full support on behalf of the Oregon public for your consideration of a veto on HB 4177.

Albany Democrat-Herald BakerCityHerald.com Bandon Western World Beaverton Valley Times Tigard-Tualatin Times Bend Bulletin

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## LETTERS

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Thanks Tony**

Congratulations to Tony Reed for two fine pieces and one excellent editorial on homelessness in Florence in the February 25 edition of the Siuslaw News. Thanks for keeping the subject in focus.

*George Durant  
Florence*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Our new school**

I have lived in Florence for twenty-five years. One feature that has always impressed me about our community is the fact that we invest in improving public services for our citizens. I am pleased to learn that the new charter school, Whitmore Classical Academy is going to join our Florence education offerings. I believe choice is a healthy platform to expand opportunity for growth for young families. Please join me in supporting our new school alongside the existing educational system of the Siuslaw Public Schools. Whitmore Classical Academy is also a public charter school free to the families who enroll their children to attend. I understand the school will open with kindergarten through third grade

in the fall of 2026 with plans to expand going forward. As a retired teacher, I will be cheering for this new addition in Florence and the surrounding area. How about you?

*Ada Fowler  
Florence*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Dune City Ordinance 275**

As you may be aware, the Dunes City Planning Commission recently completed a revision of the city's development code Chapter 155. The revision, Ordinance 275, has been sent to the Council for possible adoption. This is problematic.

Citizens have voiced legal concerns regarding the ordinance that are still in the process of being reviewed. Furthermore, Ordinance 275 poses a threat to the environment and abandons the city's long held commitment to the

community's trees.

The current Dunes City comprehensive plan acknowledges that the city has not always been successful in its attempt to preserve trees and stresses the importance of doing so. The plan states that the city's forests are:

- Important buffers between conflicting uses
- Wind breakers
- Wildlife, fishery, and livestock habitat
- Scenic corridors
- Recreation settings

Ordinance 275 deletes several sections of Chapter 155 that were intentionally included to protect trees and associated environments. This is the case regarding 155.4.3 and 155.4.5. These sections required that building plans include the size and number of trees in a tree coverage map and that partition and subdivision plans maximize the preservation of conifers. Ordinance 275 merely asks that

developers provide plans that "display an efficient use of natural and development resources." Prospective developers could purchase such "resources" at a nursery or department store.

A recent city meeting featured reports from citizens in attendance regarding erosion from permitted building endangering neighbors' properties. Trees play a crucial role in preventing soil erosion.

Trees are important but only one of many vital issues affecting the community included in Ordinance 275. I encourage citizens to review it. It's worth the time.

Those with concerns regarding Ordinance 275's effects on the community's trees or any other matters related to its adoption, should share them with the city through an email or letter and/or attend the City Council meeting at 6:00 on March 18.

*Geneva Jackson*

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# POLICE LOG

*The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from March 3 through March 9*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

At 3:13 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a reported dispute. Upon arriving, officers could hear broken glass. Officers contacted a subject who had been drinking and admitted to punching a window. Subject promised the officers that he would go to sleep for the night. No further action was taken, and no further calls were received.

At 5:32 a.m., officers and emergency personnel responded to the 500 block of Ivy for a reported unresponsive subject, possibly due to an overdose. Narcan was administered, and the subject came to. The subject did not want further medical attention.

At 4:18 p.m., a caller reported that an election sign in their yard in the 1500 block of 2nd Street had been damaged.

At 5:08 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle northbound on Highway 101 that had hit a curb and was driving recklessly. Officers found a vehicle and contacted the driver, to find he was having medical issues and was not intoxicated. Officers contacted the subject's family to come get him and the car.

At 11:59 p.m., Oregon State Police reported that a vehicle was coming into Florence from the area of Highway 101 and Highway 194. Officers waited at the city limits, but the vehicle did not pass their location.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

At 10:53 a.m., a caller reported finding damage to the bumper of their vehicle after returning from shopping. Officers contacted the store, but could find no video evidence of a hit-and-run accident.

At 10:21 a.m., a subject reported possibly losing a wallet in the 1500 block of 9th Street.

At 5:05 p.m., an officer observed a subject writing on a power box

in the Highway 101/126 intersection. The subject was advised to clean the writing off or be cited for vandalism.

At 5:05 p.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the 1400 block of 10th St. for a reported overdose with CPR in progress. Narcan was administered, and the subject regained respiration. The subject was taken to the hospital.

At 7:33 p.m., an officer on patrol came upon a tub of clothes in the middle of Kingwood Drive. The clothes were moved to the side of the road.

At 10:12 p.m., officers on patrol came upon a broken-down vehicle in the 4700 block of Highway 101. Officers helped the subject move the vehicle out of the travel lane and to the side of the road.

At 11:51 p.m., officers responded to a Florence hotel for a part of a female screaming and crashing noises. Officers contacted the subject, who said she was dealing with some recent personal issues. Subject agreed to go to sleep for the night.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5

At 12:41 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 900 block of Highway 101 observed a vehicle and determined probable cause for a traffic stop. The officer administered a field sobriety test, and Austin Rainwater was arrested for DUII.

At 4:31 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of 9th Street for a reported dispute. One subject was arrested for assault for Strangulation, and Unlawful use of a weapon.

At 11:37 a.m., a subject came into the police department to turn himself in for a warrant. The warrant was confirmed, but officers were summoned to a priority call, so the subject was given a court date.

At 11:46 a.m. Officers and medical personnel responded to the 2000

block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject in a business bathroom yelling and cutting himself. Personnel were able to get the subject to calm down and come out so that he could be taken to the hospital.

At 4:40 p.m., a caller in the 2300 block of 18th St. reported that their son had not come home. Officers remained on the lookout in the Florence area, but it was reported that the sun came home later.

At 6:13 p.m., officers were investigating a report of an adult having inappropriate relations with a juvenile. The case remains under investigation.

At 8:09 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report of a subject causing trouble in the business. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was warned not to return to the business.

At 8:15 p.m., a caller in the 700 block of Highway 101 reported finding possible drug paraphernalia. Officers arrived and were shown a dented beverage can, but could find no evidence that it was being used as paraphernalia. The caller was advised to dispose of the can.

At 9:15 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 38th St. for a report of a prowler. Officers contacted the subject and arrested him for Trespassing 2, Unlawful entry into a vehicle, and later, a parole violation.

At 11:04 p.m., a charge of Criminal mischief 3 was added to the previous subject's charges after he flooded his jail cell.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6

At 8:04 a.m., a business in the 1200 block of Bay Street reported that someone tried to buy merchandise with fake movie money. The clerk reportedly caught the attempt and returned the money to the subject, who then left. The case remains under investigation.

At 5:47 p.m., Florence police assisted the Sheriff's Office with a burglary

investigation.

At 9:07 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle westbound on Highway 126 toward Florence that was unable to maintain its lane and was driving at erratic speeds. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

At 12:54 a.m., officers on patrol made a traffic stop in the area of Rhododendron and 9th Street. After the vehicle was stopped, it reportedly backed into the patrol vehicle twice. The driver, Hannelore Hagen, was arrested for DUII.

At 10:03 a.m., a juvenile subject came to the counter of the police department to report that others were making harassing statements online. The student resource officer is aware of the matter, and a report was taken.

At 11:18 a.m., officers responded to the 1200 Yew Court for a reported dispute. Officers found a verbal dispute occurring between a married couple. Parties agreed to sleep it off, and no further calls were received.

At 11:55 a.m., a caller reported that a subject had come to his house, saying it was listed for rent when it was not. The caller found the encounter suspicious. No such listing could be found. No further action was taken.

At 3:52 p.m., a caller reported two vehicles driving fast in the 2000 block of Highway 101. No license plate numbers were provided, and officers were unable to locate the described vehicles.

At 5 p.m., Oregon State Police reported pursuing a motorcycle in the area of North Fork. Florence police officers later encountered a motorcycle matching the description, which also sped away. The pursuing officer terminated the chase for safety reasons.

At 6:43 p.m., a caller reported that a subject had not returned from Douglas County as scheduled.

Officers were on the lookout until it was later reported that the subject had come home safely.

At 11:10 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver in the 5600 block of Highway 126. However, the provided plate did not match the described vehicle. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

At 1:16 a.m., a caller reported hearing a gunshot in the 4600 block of Heceta Beach Road. An officer patrolled the area but could hear no other shots. No other calls were received.

At 5:24 a.m., Lane County Sheriff's Office reported that a theft suspect may have been driving westbound on Highway 126 toward Florence. Officers staged at the city limits but were unable to locate the described vehicle. No further action was taken.

At 10:33 a.m., officers performed a civil standby in the 1500 block of 9th Street due to a disagreement between subjects over work that had been done on a vehicle.

At 10:47 a.m., an establishment in the 88,400 block of 1st Avenue reported that a family ordered dinner, but that the patriarch was unhappy with the food, threw it at the staff and left. Officers were able to locate the subject, who said he had been denied when he asked to speak to the manager. The subject paid for the food and was given contact information for the manager.

At 12:49 p.m., a business in the 1600 block of 28th St. reported a male subject in front of the store yelling. Business did not want to press charges. The subject was contacted by officers and warned about his behavior.

At 1:30 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically on Highway 101, saying the driver had stopped in the road to get out and yell at other people. Officers were able

to stop the vehicle and found the driver to be in a crisis situation. Officers contacted a family member and were able to calm the subject down.

At 4:16 p.m., a lodging establishment in the 1500 block of Highway 126 reported finding a gun in a room. Officers checked the numbers and found the firearm had not been reported stolen. Officers were able to locate and contact the last occupant of the room, who agreed to come retrieve the weapon.

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

At 12:35 a.m., a caller reported that her phone had been lost or stolen, and that she was able to track its location using an iPad. Officers responded to the Casino parking lot where the signal was coming from. Officers were able to contact the owner of the vehicle, and it was determined that he had taken her phone by mistake.

At 1:54 a.m., officers responded to a call that a possum was stuck in a crate and possibly injured. Officers inspected the animal, which appeared to be only lightly injured, and released it into a wooded area.

At 12:42 p.m., a caller reported two subjects walking back and forth in the area of Highway 101 and 10th St. The caller felt the behavior was unusual. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the described subjects.

At 3:37 p.m., a caller reported being contacted by a subject claiming to be with the Sheriff's Office, demanding payment for a warrant by threat of arrest. Florence PD checked the claim and found it to be false. The caller was counseled on ways to further protect her information.

At 5:28 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Highway 101 and 126. Upon check-in, officers found the driver had a misdemeanor warrant from Lane County Circuit Court and was driving with a suspended license. The subject was taken into custody.

# HEALTH

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came back later to check on my pain level, it was much better. They had finally found something (Hydromorphone) that worked. That was when I was finally offered an

MRI which was open and available at that very moment. Diagnosis was compression fractures of L2 and L3 lumbar vertebrae. During those 6 months of playing with pain medications which didn't relieve my pain, I had lost 70 percent of those two vertebrae or about 3 inches of my

height. Now, consider my dentist Ryan's similar encounter following a shoulder injury while working out with weights. As he sat in the examining room on a Tuesday, he was approached by a nurse with a syringe. When he caught sight of her, he commanded that

she stop right there – Don't you even try touching me with that needle! All you want to do is cover the pain and I want to know what I did to my shoulder. Ryan argued for an MRI which she said they could not do.

He argued that the CT-Scan and X-Ray do not show muscle injury which is what he is certain he hurt. Ryan offered to pay for the two worthless images if the hospital would pay for the MRI. "Can't do that, she said again." Soon, however, realizing that Ryan was determined to get his injury diagnosed with proper imaging, she excused herself from the

room for a bit. When she returned, she told Ryan, "Still can't do it." Following more discussion with Ryan, she left the room again. This time she came back with great news, "We can do it." With that, Ryan had his MRI that very same day; saw the orthopedic surgeon the next day (Wednesday); needed another MRI on Friday; saw the orthopedic surgeon immediately following that MRI.

Results: Ryan had ripped his chest from his upper arm. Surgery was completed on Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week. So, from injury to surgical repair – a total

of only 7 or 8 days. Self-Advocacy at its best. Oh, how I wish I had been a stronger Self-Advocating patient like Ryan when I injured my back. I am now having advanced procedures done on my back in an effort to regain some of my activity and, yes, posture. One of my personal mottos is this: Live, Learn, Share. I am so happy that R.yan shared his personal Self-Advocating with me so I could share it with readers of the Siuslaw News. This isn't about being mean to our health care providers, it is working with them for our own health and well-being.

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# SCHOOL

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a bond levy authorizing them to do so.

Harklerode said a new school would also offer community-wide benefits, including more businesses, more health care professionals, teachers, added green space for community use, and lower property tax liability.

“But we know it’s not going to come down,” he said Feb. 11, “so it’s time for us to invest in a new high school, and these changes at the elementary

school, because the need is not going to go away, and is only going to increase year after year of operating in this building. The need is only going to compound each year, and the cost to fix it is going to compound as well.”

## REASONS

For the last several years, the Board of Directors has charged the Facility Advisor Committee to examine all district properties and prepare potential improvement plans for district facilities.

The Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC)

recommended that the Siuslaw School District Board of Directors consider a District Campus Improvement Project that includes the replacement of Siuslaw High School and renovations to Siuslaw Elementary School to promote the education and safety of both students and staff, creating a unified district campus.

The elementary school was constructed in 1965 with additions added in 1982, 1985 and 1992. Issues there include classroom functionality, obsolete systems, necessary safety and structural upgrades, security issues

and daily issues with buses and traffic flow.

Both the elementary and high school campuses were constructed before the Columbine tragedy, and lack security upgrades that were mandated for most schools. The schools also predate seismic construction requirements. Harklerode noted previously that the district has no way to determine how much shaking will render buildings uninhabitable at both campuses.

The FAC has made many public presentations on the reasons for the bond-funded improvements, and those have

been reported extensively in this paper.

Engineers and architects came to the school and found eight major points of concern: aging buildings, inadequate and failing systems, safety and security issues, high cost of maintenance and utilities, needed structural upgrades, capacity issues, no kitchen or cafeteria, and a lack of basic amenities.

The Siuslaw School District Board of Directors approved the resolution, Feb. 11 meeting the deadline to file no later than 61 days before the election.

More links:

A full list of exemptions is available online <https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/property/pages/exemptions.aspx>

All related bond documents are available on the District’s website at <https://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/o/siuslaw-school-district/page/go-bond-2026>

To find your property’s current yearly tax rate, go online to <https://smartasset.com/taxes/oregon-property-tax-calculator>

For information about bonds and levies, go to <https://www.osba.org/election-faq/>

# ICE

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fellow commissioners. Commissioner Farmer made comment next, addressing why he felt an inclination to start digging, citing the Newport facility failing and the North Bend Coast Guard base receiving less funding as reason for concern.

“I don’t consider it economic development. There shouldn’t be a situation in which any kind of institutionalization is an economic benefit. And yet, there somehow was, given the situation in Lakeside based on what the state has done with the management of former Shutters Creek,” said Farmer.

“There was in this a possible solution for Lakeside’s problem, and a solution for the financial aspect, ensuring we have deputies on the road and jail beds for people when we arrest them,” continued Farmer referencing the three potential sites discussed. “That was not necessarily morally grounded in the other concerns I had,

which brought me to an understanding of how people get to the positions they get to out of a desperate attempt.”

Farmer stated his hope was to shame the state over their mismanagement of Shutters Creek and their attempt to reduce compensation to Lakeside for their wastewater facilities. The city had built their facility over-capacity with the correctional institution in mind before it was shuttered in 2022 then converted for research of Elliot Forest, with a much lower need for the city’s services. A lowering of those payments puts Lakeside in a precarious position.

Commissioner John Sweet was clear in stating that he does not support a facility, and that communications with City leadership throughout the county have indicated they would not support one either.

“I have always been supportive of law enforcement,” said David Jennings, a former juvenile detention officer, during public comment. “From my years of working in

juvenile detention, I know that the ICE facilities are a disgrace and they certainly could not pass inspection... They clearly are a group who is poorly trained and I find it frightening that a group of law enforcement people could go into the community, wearing masks, and use violence to try to intimidate people.”

“I am from Minneapolis, my family is in Minneapolis in the neighborhood where Renne Good was murdered,” said Abby Knipp from North Bend, another public commenter. “The city is utter chaos... They have taken friends from my life, detained them unlawfully for 48 hours, abused them, then left them to walk home in negative degree weather. It is unspeakable, it is disgusting. And there have been really severe

impacts on the economy, in Minneapolis and beyond.”

Commissioner Taylor defended his decision to court an ICE facility during questions following the meeting, stating that he doesn’t have concerns about the way ICE conducts itself.

“My motivation was to engender what I would perceive as the fiscal benefit to the county by having a federal facility like that positioned here,” Taylor told the World. “I have concerns about public perception based on the way the biased news media presents situations to manufacture a gaslit public perception.”

He gave the killing of Renne Good as an example of said gaslighting, placing blame on Good for interfering with a law enforcement operation. Taylor did not seem aware that ICE

themselves has reported 35 deaths in their custody at similar facilities in 2025 and 2026 alone.

“Well, that may be.

Are you aware that we have 5 deaths in our jail in the last, whatever, ten years?” said Taylor. “I’m talking about numbers. There’s a certain percentage of people who die from whatever... I know that nobody died in our jail as a result of malfeasance on the part of any of our staff, so I have to assume that there may be a similar situation in these cases.”

So far, the City of Coos Bay is the only local government to make an official statement regarding a potential facility. The statement cites infrastructural

strain and potential impacts on crucial tourism dollars as their main reasons for not supporting such a facility.

“For these reasons, the City of Coos Bay finds that a federal detention facility is incompatible with local infrastructure capacity, economic development priorities, tourism, and community-defined strategic goals. As such, and as the largest city on the Oregon Coast, the City of Coos Bay opposes construction or operation of any federal detention facility within the City, or within the immediate proximity to the city, including within the whole of Coos County,” reads the official statement.

# ACCIDENT

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use them,” she said. “My fingers are locked - the middle, ring and pinkie fingers. My pinkie is mobile, but it’s starting to curl as well, with the other ones. It’s just what they do over time from a traumatic injury and non-use because it’s so painful.”

Legal issues surrounding insurance are still being worked out, but in the meantime, Price has gone through her savings just to survive while being out of work.

“I’ve just been using the rest of the money I’d made during the season,

and that’s all gone, and I’ve been living off of a couple credit cards I had for emergencies,” she said, noting that her bank account has fallen hundreds into the red. “I just need to get a little money in so I can keep my bank account regular so we can eat, pretty much, because we don’t know how long this [legal] deal is going to take.”

She said anything would help, especially when it comes to meeting her medical appointments, 2.5 hours away.

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# Respect Snowy Plover Nesting Areas until September

From Siuslaw National Forest and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the Siuslaw National Forest remind visitors to the Oregon Coast that western snowy plover nesting season begins March 15 and runs through Sept. 15. Beachgoers can help recovery efforts for the threatened shorebird by observing recreation restrictions at designated plover beaches.

Sensitive plover nesting areas are identified on maps for the northern Oregon Coast and southern Oregon Coast. Western snowy plovers nest in dry sand above the high tide line and are often difficult to see because they camouflage well. To help protect these tiny shorebirds, please stay on wet sand and leave your dogs at home or at your campsite, even if they are



Since Snowy Plover are naturally camouflaged against sand, they nest in dunes, rather than trees or brush. This makes them very hard to see. Photo provided

leashed. Visitors may notice signs at trailheads with additional rules and limitations. There may be rope fencing in dry sand areas; this fencing delineates some, but not all, of the critical plover habitat that should be avoided.

Seasonal recreation restrictions have helped protect and recover the western snowy plovers living on Oregon's beaches. Nests, and especially chicks, are well-hidden. During the

nesting season, human disturbances can flush adult plovers away from their nests as they attempt to defend their young. Left alone too long, or too often, eggs or chicks can die from exposure and predators. Habitat loss from invasive plants and human disturbances—including litter and discarded food scraps that attract predators—also contribute to the birds' decline.

Recreation restrictions occur only in designated

plover management areas where plovers nest or might nest. These areas combined make up about 40 miles of Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline.

Reminders for recreation on designated plover beaches March 15-Sept. 15:

- The following are not permitted: dogs (even on a leash), driving a vehicle, riding a bicycle or e-bike, camping, burning wood, flying kites or operating drones.

• Foot and equestrian traffic are permitted below the high-tide line on wet, hard packed sand.

• Respect signs and barriers to protect nesting habitat.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed western snowy plovers as a threatened species in 1993 when officials counted only 45 breeding adults. Populations have steadily increased since then due to ongoing efforts. Officials counted 546 during the breeding season survey in 2025.

"We appreciate visitors' support in keeping these shorebirds safe. We invite visitors to enjoy permitted recreation in sensitive areas or to recreate without seasonal restrictions on beaches not designated as plover nesting areas," said Laurel Hillmann, ocean shore specialist for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. More information

on the snowy plover, including detailed maps of nesting sites, can be found on the Oregon State Parks website [oregon.gov/plovers](http://oregon.gov/plovers)

## PLOVER ACTIVITY NEAR SAND LAKE

The increase in plover numbers may result in nesting occurring at new or historical nesting sites. For example, visitors to Sand Lake Recreation Area may see small roped off areas near the lake's inlet to protect active nests and may encounter plovers on the beach. Beachgoers are encouraged to protect these birds by restricting recreation activities to wet sand areas, avoiding roped off nesting areas, packing all trash out and keeping dogs on leash. Paragliders should steer toward the northern area of Sand Lake Recreation Area to avoid gliding or landing near plover nests on the southern edge of the Sand Lake spit.

# Bipartisan Bill to Establish Blue Economy Task Force Passes Oregon House and Senate

From the office of SENATOR JANEEN SOLLMAN

The Oregon Legislature

passed Senate Bill 1525 with broad bipartisan support, establishing a Blue Economy Task Force. The group will study and

develop a strategic plan for growing Oregon's ocean-based industries while protecting Oregon's beauty and environment.

The bill was championed as a committee bill by Sen. Janeen Sollman (D - Hillsboro), chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee.

"The blue economy is one of Oregon's greatest untapped opportunities. From marine biotechnology to sustainable aquaculture, we have the coastline, the talent, and the research institutions to lead," said Senator Sollman. "This task force will give us the roadmap to get there."

"Oregon's blue economy already supports fishing families, researchers, and recreation and tourism businesses that

power our coastal communities," said Charlie Plybon, senior Oregon policy manager at the Surfrider Foundation. "This task force will help us chart a path to grow sustainable ocean industries, strengthen our coastal economy, and protect the ecosystems that make it all possible."

"I've heard from fishermen, researchers, and coastal business owners who all want the same thing: a state that has their back," said Senator David Brock Smith (R - Port Orford), vice chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee. "This task force is Oregon

saying: we see you, and we're going to get serious about building an economy that works for our coast."

The task force will include at least 13 members representing the Oregon Senate, Oregon House, coastal caucus, research institutions, fisheries, tourism, environmental organizations, recreation, coastal labor, Oregon State University's Sea Grant College, and Oregon's coastal Tribal nations. The group will review existing programs, identify gaps, evaluate best practices from other states, and produce a roadmap for future work.

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# Backstreet Gallery presents “Color and Contrast — A Retrospective.”



**In Flight, watercolor, ink, and gouache Pattie Brooks Anderson**

During the month of April, Backstreet Gallery features three long-time member artists who have played significant roles in making Backstreet the co-operative gallery it is today. Each has served as president and helped to shape the Gallery in the early years in many other capacities. Their show titled, “Color and Contrast — A Retrospective” features many of their works created over 20 years.

Jane Rincon, watercolor/collage artist, has been with Backstreet since the beginning, as a founding member. She has served as president

of the Gallery numerous times. After working in education for many years, Jane moved to Florence in 2000 and began exploring the wonders of watercolor the following year. She studies continuously with Susan Weathers. Jane has also taken classes from Katherine Davis; Ron Ranson, an English landscape watercolorist; and Gerald Brommer, a collage artist. Her works reflect her love of the beach, the outdoors, and her fascination with composition, color, and materials.

Pattie Brooks Anderson, watermedia painter, joined the Gallery

20 years ago in its second year. Over those years, she has served as president multiple times. She has been painting and creating art in various media for many years, and taught art at the secondary level for seven years in California. Pattie found her style and inspiration on the Oregon Coast. For her, each place, animal, or object takes on a sacredness that she attempts to convey in her paintings, expressing an overall awareness of the interconnectivity of all forms of life. She believes her images are inspired by a higher source.

Photographer Stephanie



**Morning Conversation, Watercolor, ink, and gouache Pattie Brooks Anderson**

Ames, a retired educator, has been a Gallery member since 2010. And she has served as display chair for many of those years. Stephanie has been the impetus for the professional look of our Gallery. Regarding capturing images with her camera, she says, “I love

how light and the camera lens combine to reveal our everyday world as a mysterious and perhaps, unknowable place. The intensity from my photography comes from both long exposures, which gather light the human eye cannot perceive and stores it on the camera

sensor and use of a polarizing filter, which reduces glare from water vapor and allows the beautiful colors to shine through.”

Join us at their reception Saturday, April 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. for refreshments and music from the wonderful Jeff Lovejoy

## Who's running for office in Oregon in 2026?

### Oregon Capital Chronicle

In November, Oregon voters will elect a U.S. senator, six members of Congress, governor, labor commissioner, 15 state senators and 60 state representatives, as well as hundreds of local officeholders.

The Capital Chronicle has covered candidates as they've announced campaigns and will update this live blog until filing deadline of March 10, 2026. Links in the text below will take you to further coverage of the candidates.

### U.S. SENATE

Incumbent Sen. Jeff Merkley, a Democrat in the Senate since 2009, confirmed in July that he'll run for another term, saying that he felt like he needed to continue to serve because of the “magnitude of the darkness and danger” presented by President Donald Trump. Merkley, who has cruised to reelection with more than 55% of the vote in past campaigns, isn't expected to face a serious challenge.

### CONGRESS

All six of Oregon's members of Congress — Democrats Suzanne Bonamici, Janelle Bynum, Maxine Dexter, Val Hoyle and Andrea Salinas and Republican Cliff Bentz — are expected to seek reelection. Oregon was a congressional battleground in the past two cycles, with national Democrats and Republicans pouring money and resources into the 4th, 5th and 6th Congressional districts

represented by Hoyle, Bynum and Salinas. So far, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has named only Bynum to its “frontline” list of potentially vulnerable incumbents, while the National Republican Congressional Committee didn't include any Oregon districts in its list of top targets.

Republican Monique DeSpain, who lost to Hoyle in 2024, is running again in the 4th District. Deschutes County Commissioner Patti Adair, also a Republican, is running in the 5th District.

### GOVERNOR

Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek, elected in 2022 after nearly a decade as speaker of the Oregon House, announced her reelection bid on Dec. 4. Her 2022 Republican opponent, Christine Drazan, announced her 2026 campaign on Oct. 27.

Other notable Republicans in the race include state Rep. Ed Diehl, R-Stayton 2010 gubernatorial nominee and former NBA player Chris Dudley and Marion County Commissioner Danielle Bethell.

Labor Commissioner Democratic incumbent Christina Stephenson, who filed to run on the first possible day, has kept a relatively low profile during her four years as commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries. Chris Lynch, who worked at the bureau from 2005 to 2019 as a civil rights investigator, program

coordinator and operations manager, filed to run in January.

Labor commissioner is a nonpartisan position, and a candidate who wins a majority of votes can be elected outright in May. Otherwise, the top two vote-getters continue to a runoff election in November.

### OREGON SENATE

Half of the 30 seats in the Oregon Senate, where Democrats hold an 18-12 majority, are up in 2026. Oregonians will elect at least four new senators because Republicans Daniel Bonham of The Dalles, Cedric Hayden of Falls Creek, Kim Thatcher of Keizer and Suzanne Weber of Tillamook were barred from running for reelection because voters amended the state constitution to bar lawmakers who skip 10 or more floor sessions from running again. The four participated in a six-week walkout in 2023 to protest Democratic bills. County commissioners named Drazan to finish Bonham's term after he left for a federal job, but she's running

for governor instead of Senate.

Thatcher and Weber represent competitive districts based in Salem and the North Coast, respectively. Two Democratic senators up for reelection, Jeff Golden of Ashland and Deb Patterson of Salem, also represent competitive areas. Golden announced in February that he won't run for reelection.

State Rep. Jeff Helfrich, R-Hood River, plans to run for the seat Bonham vacated and Rep. Jami Cate, R-Lebanon, plans to run for Hayden's seat. Former GOP Rep. Tracy Cramer announced a campaign for Thatcher's seat, as did Democrat Virginia Stapleton, a former Salem city councilor who ran unsuccessfully for the state House in 2024 and former Democratic Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon of Woodburn.

### OREGON HOUSE

All 60 seats in the Oregon House are up for election. Democrats hold a 37-23 majority after Rep. Cyrus Javadi, elected to

represent Tillamook as a Republican, switched parties.

Reps. John Lively, D-Springfield; Boomer Wright, R-Reedsport and Ken Helm, D-Beaverton, plan to retire. Helfrich and Cate running for the Senate opens two more seats.

House races More than 100 candidates have filed to run for 60 seats in the state House. Highlighting districts will show the candidates running in the May primary, and clicking will freeze a district.

“Oregon's blue economy already supports fishing families, researchers, and recreation and tourism businesses that power our coastal communities,” said Charlie Plybon, senior Oregon policy manager at the Surfrider Foundation. “This task force will help us chart a path to grow sustainable ocean industries, strengthen our coastal economy, and protect the ecosystems that make it

all possible.”

“I've heard from fishermen, researchers, and coastal business owners who all want the same thing: a state that has their back,” said Senator David Brock Smith (R - Port Orford), vice chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee.

“This task force is Oregon saying: we see you, and we're going to get serious about building an economy that works for our coast.” The task force will include at least 13 members representing the Oregon Senate, Oregon House, coastal caucus, research institutions, fisheries, tourism, environmental organizations, recreation, coastal labor, Oregon State University's Sea Grant College, and Oregon's coastal Tribal nations. The group will review existing programs, identify gaps, evaluate best practices from other states, and produce a roadmap for future work.

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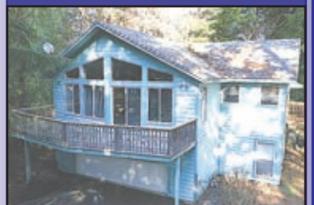
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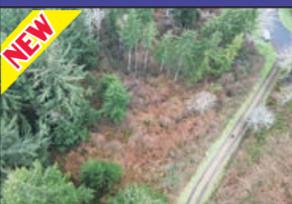
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

High.....12:46 a.m.....7.1  
Low.....6:45 a.m.....1.2  
High.....12:42 p.m.....7.3  
Low.....6:58 p.m.....0.1

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

High.....1:12 a.m.....7.6  
Low.....7:25 a.m.....0.4  
High.....1:27 p.m.....7.3  
Low.....7:30 p.m.....0.5

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

High.....1:40 a.m.....8.0  
Low.....8:06 a.m.....-0.1  
High.....2:14 p.m.....7.1  
Low.....8:04 p.m.....1.0

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

High.....2:11 a.m.....8.3  
Low.....8:50 a.m.....-0.5  
High.....3:03 p.m.....6.7  
Low.....8:39 p.m.....1.6

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

High.....2:46 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....9:36 a.m.....-0.6  
High.....3:57 p.m.....6.3  
Low.....9:17 p.m.....2.3

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

High.....3:25 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....10:29 a.m.....-0.5  
High.....4:58 p.m.....5.8  
Low.....9:58 p.m.....2.9

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

High.....4:11 a.m.....8.1  
Low.....11:30 a.m.....-0.2  
High.....6:11 p.m.....5.4  
Low.....10:51 p.m.....3.5

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

High.....5:07 a.m.....7.7  
Low.....12:42 p.m.....0.1  
High.....7:39 p.m.....5.2

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

Low.....12:08 a.m.....3.9  
High.....6:20 a.m.....7.2  
Low.....2:00 p.m.....0.2  
High.....9:09 p.m.....5.4

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

Low.....1:51 a.m.....3.9  
High.....7:47 a.m.....6.9  
Low.....3:11 p.m.....0.1  
High.....10:14 p.m.....5.9

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

Low.....3:23 a.m.....3.4  
High.....9:12 a.m.....6.8  
Low.....4:10 p.m.....0.0  
High.....10:59 p.m.....6.4

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

Low.....4:32 a.m.....2.6  
High.....10:21 a.m.....6.8  
Low.....4:58 p.m.....0.0  
High.....11:35 p.m.....6.8

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

Low.....5:26 a.m.....1.8  
High.....11:18 a.m.....6.9  
Low.....5:40 p.m.....0.1

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

High.....12:07 a.m.....7.2  
Low.....6:12 a.m.....1.1  
High.....12:07 p.m.....6.8  
Low.....6:17 p.m.....0.3

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

High.....12:36 a.m.....7.5  
Low.....6:52 a.m.....0.5  
High.....12:52 p.m.....6.7  
Low.....6:51 p.m.....0.7

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

High.....1:04 a.m.....7.6  
Low.....7:29 a.m.....0.0  
High.....1:35 p.m.....6.6  
Low.....7:24 p.m.....1.2

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

High.....1:30 a.m.....7.6  
Low.....8:05 a.m.....-0.2  
High.....2:18 p.m.....6.4  
Low.....7:55 p.m.....1.8

# Siuslaw wrestlers take second place

**Will LOHRE**  
Country Media, Inc.

Siuslaw's wrestling program is entering a new era, as the program says goodbye to some of the athletes who have defined the Vikings on the mats in recent seasons.

Seniors Jacob Mann, Ali Ijaz, and Gage Mills, for the boys, and Danin Lacouture for the girls, were the culture setters for Siuslaw, and they are set to graduate this spring. Head Coach Neil Wartnik is sad to see them go, but proud of the impact they had during their time.

### FEARLESS COMPETITORS

Each of those wrestlers was part of Siuslaw's six-person squad that earned spots at the state championships this season, and they put it all on the mats at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum Feb. 26-28.

Lacouture and Mann ended their high school careers on the podium with silver medals, each wrapping their seasons by competing hard against two of the best wrestlers in the state.

For Mann, his path through the state bracket saw him win his first two matches in dominant fashion. He pinned his first opponent and won the semifinal by major decision. In the final, he lined up against four-time 3A state champion Brody Buzzard. Mann hung tough, never letting up, and wrestling all three rounds against one of the best in Oregon. Ultimately, he was beaten by a 10-4 decision. While he wanted

the gold, he had to settle for silver for the second year in a row. But it wasn't for lack of effort or spirit.

"He poured so much into it. On the gridiron, on the track, on the baseball diamond, Jacob works hard. He puts all he has into it. He's the kid who gets up every morning before the sun rises, getting in his morning workout," Wartnik said. "He was hopeful that he would be able to accomplish more in the finals, and it didn't work out, but it's not because he didn't give it all he could. And that's the greatest thing I could say of anyone, he gave it all he had."

Wartnik said the same thing was true of Lacouture's season. A three-sport athlete, Lacouture puts in time off the mats to ensure she's ready to compete whenever she steps into the ring. Her growth throughout the season was shown by how she matched up against Coquille's Paisley Morrison, one of the best wrestlers in the country, and now a two-time state champ as a sophomore.

"You watch [Danin] in every tournament, and she was getting better, better, and better. Especially, we saw it in her three-match sequence with Paisley from Coquille," Wartnik said.

In the first matchup this season, Lacouture was pinned in the first round by Morrison. In their rematch at the district championships, Lacouture stayed in the

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Jacob Mann after winning the semifinal matchup at the state championships. Photo by Will Lohre / Country Media, Inc.



Danin Lacouture shakes the hand of her opponent after winning her semifinal matchup. Photo by Will Lohre / Country Media, Inc.

## Veteran's Viewpoint

**CAL APPLEBEE**  
Contributor

### VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

We have several days of recognition for multiple events and people within our nation, some of them date back over the centuries as our nation grew and evolved. However, some have been more recently established such as Vietnam War Veterans Day, first in 2012, by President Obama via presidential proclamation, then signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in 2017, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

It commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by nine million Americans during the Vietnam war. However, the holiday does not only honor the former service members, but also their families who supported them before and after the war. It is estimated that around 5.4 million Vietnam veterans are alive today. More than 500 Vietnam veterans die



### The Oregon Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial in Salem

every day; many reside in hospices and long-term care facilities.

The Vietnam War was a lengthy and costly conflict between Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. It occurred from November 1, 1955, to April 30, 1975. The U.S. actions in Vietnam began slowly with the

deployment of advisors in the early 1950s and expanded incrementally to include combat forces in July 1965. The conflict continued until January 1973, when representatives of the United States, North and South Vietnam, and the Vietcong signed a peace agreement in Paris.

U.S. forces returned home over the next few months, with the last military unit leaving on March 29, 1973. Over 58,202 Americans lost their lives.

Over the years I have heard numerous stories from Vietnam Veterans as to how they were treated when they

returned home following the war. As opposed to the triumphant reception the Greatest Generation received following the end of WWII, they've told me they were spat upon, called baby killers and worse. I've heard more than once that the Vets immediately changed into 'civies' once they hit stateside so they wouldn't be singled out and harassed.

As our Greatest Generation Veterans slowly dwindle in number, along with Korean Vets, the attitude has begun to change towards the Vietnam Veterans, fortunately. The creation of the Vietnam Wall in 1982 brought many Americans to better understand what our Vets went through. Since that time, Vietnam War memorials have been created around the United States such as in Salem, Oregon, and replicas of the Wall in Washington DC have traversed the nation, landing twice in Florence in the past few years.

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# Community Briefs

## First Step Florence & Florence Goodwill Store Fundraiser

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## Regular Meeting of the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors

A regular meeting of the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the Florence location of the Siuslaw Public Library located at 1460 9th Street in Florence, Oregon. The public is welcome to attend in person, and virtual attendance and written comment submission options are also

available. A complete agenda and additional information is available online at [siuslaw-library.org](http://siuslaw-library.org) or by calling 541-997-3132.

## Master Gardeners to hold public Compost Specialist Training

Lane County Master Gardeners are offering spring 2026 classes for those who wish to become a Compost Specialist. You do not need to be a Master Gardener to apply. Class participants will learn about Compost Chemistry; Composting methods, including hot, cold, sheet, trench, Bokashi and worm bin composting; Organisms in the Compost; The Environmental Impact of Solid Waste; Trends and Issues of commercial compost; and Love Food not Waste. Participants will also have hands-on experience of various types of aerobic composting. Pre-Registration is required. For more details and pre-registration information visit: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/2026-compost-specialist-training> For more information, please contact the OSU

Extension Service – Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

## Sewing demonstrations coming to Florence

Join us for an afternoon of hands-on demonstrations and live music on Saturday, March 21 From noon to 4 PM, experience the fascinating world of traditional craftsmanship at the Museum in Old Town Florence. Featured Demonstrations: Treadle Sewing Machine: See a vintage sewing machine in action and learn about its history and techniques. Vintage machine from the Hurd mansion Soap Making: Discover the art of homemade soap made with wood stove ash. Enjoy live music throughout the afternoon. All are welcome! TR Kelly of music fame will be signing & playing her "treadle sewing machine song." March 21, 2026 Time: Noon – 4 p.m., in the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, Old Town

## Spotlight on Central Coast Authors Applications Now Being Accepted

Have you published a book within the last 24 months and live on the Oregon Central Coast between Florence and Tillamook? Willamette Writers Coast Chapter (WWCC) has an invitation for you! Please consider this opportunity for Central Coast local authors to present at one of our coastal in-person events from September through June at the Newport Public Library. Willamette Writers, our parent organization, is the largest writers association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Our venue allows authors to read from their new works, answer questions, and share writers' tips that helped them. Unlike Portland, Salem, and Eugene, where more opportunities to present are available, our very own coastal writers have this setting accessible to share works written and inspire other writers! Please find the attached link to complete our simple

application to relate your information. Our deadline for this year's application process is April 18, 2026. Please complete the application and return to: Liz Ulmer (WWCC co-chair) [elizsulmer@gmail.com](mailto:elizsulmer@gmail.com)

## Hop on over for some Easter fun!

Join the Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Florence for the Happy Easter Miller Park Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 10 a.m. at Miller Park. This fun community tradition is typically held the Saturday before Easter, but this year the event has been moved one week earlier — so be sure to mark your calendar! Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to search for colorful eggs, including special golden eggs with prizes! There will also be concessions available, so bring the whole family and enjoy a fun morning celebrating spring. Don't forget your basket and your best egg-hunting skills! Hosted by the Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Florence. For more information, visit [theflorenceclub.org](http://theflorenceclub.org)

# Siuslaw School District Superintendent Evaluation

The board of directors of Siuslaw School District 97J has completed Superintendent Andrew Grzeskowiak's annual evaluation for the year ending 2/28/26. Superintendent Grzeskowiak is reaching the completion of 10 years as the

Superintendent of the Siuslaw School District, with excellent evaluations that consistently have shown improvement in all areas. The board has used COSA/OSBA evaluation processes over the last several years. We rated the areas of Culturally

Responsive Instructional Leadership & Improvement, Effective Financial Management and Policy, Governance and Advocacy, Ethics and Professional Norms, and Communications and Community Relations. He has maintained an accomplished (highest rating) or effective (second-highest rating) in all of those areas. In addition, over the

past several months, he has been making a concerted effort to increase engagement in the community. Whether it be attendance at service clubs, city council meetings, or other local events he has continued to be the face of the school district. The board values and appreciates his dedication to our district over the past 31 years of employment

in all of his capacities including: Science Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, High School Vice-Principal, Middle School Principal, and Superintendent. We are grateful that he has extended his service through the 2026-2027 school year. The letter was signed by Board Chair Brian Lacouture.

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[florencecrossroadag.org](http://florencecrossroadag.org)  
[office@florencecrossroadag.org](mailto:office@florencecrossroadag.org)

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**FAITH**

# Bill to Fund Bay Area Hospital Passes

From the desk of  
**REPRESENTATIVE  
BOOMER WRIGHT**

Last Friday, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 4075 — a bill vital to ensuring healthcare access on the Oregon Coast by guaranteeing funding for the Bay Area Hospital.

The Bay Area Hospital is the region's largest healthcare provider and is the only DRG hospital on the Oregon Coast. Four Critical Access Hospitals

refer to the Bay Area Hospital.

The hospital was at risk of losing its DRG status, converting to a Type B Hospital, which would have reduced available beds to 50 or fewer and cut services, such as labor and delivery and behavioral health care. These service reductions were projected to result in an estimated 182 preventable deaths and 2,089 additional patient transfers, placing significant strain

on the region's already limited emergency medical services capacity.

HB 4075 is not a blank check. The 20-year refinancing plan simply guarantees the hospital, which has never missed a payment, will be able to keep operating at its current capacity without fear that predatory loan practices will force it to cut services or risk foreclosure.

Representative Boomer Wright (R-Coos Bay), who introduced the

legislation, said stabilizing the Bay Area Hospital was his top priority this session.

"The Bay Area Hospital is not just my hospital (although I have availed of its services), nor is it just Coos Bay and North Bend's hospital. Nor is it just the south coast's hospital. It is the State of Oregon's hospital as part of our state system of health care. Limiting health care in one community or region limits

health care statewide. The passage of HB 4075 was a bipartisan effort to ensure the Bay Area Hospital continues to provide full service to anyone in need of health care. I am honored to have been able to submit this bill and am more than ecstatic that it passed," said Rep. Wright.

"It was a team effort with Rep. Rob Nosse, Rep. Cyrus Javadi, Rep. Boice, Sen. DB Smith, Republican and Democrat Leadership in both

Chambers, as well as the Bay Area Hospital Team, working around the clock and around the capital in the House and the Senate. It took a team of legislators working closely together to pass this bill. I thank all of them for working together to ensure that the Bay Area Hospital continues to operate in the best interests of the community, the region, and the State of Oregon," concluded Rep. Wright.

## VETERANS

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With our heavy Veteran population here in Florence, it is no surprise that the bulk of warriors are Vietnam Veterans. A ceremony is being planned by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 for Sunday March 29th. As we get closer to that, you can contact the Post at <https://vfw3232.org/> or 530-872-0771 for details. Welcome Home.

### BAND OF BROTHERS

The term 'Band of Brothers' has become a familiar sound within our society's culture in recent decades, starting with the 1992 book of same title by Stephen Ambrose, followed by the 10-part mini-series produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks in 2001, also of same title. Today it is the organization scattered around the United States dedicated to supporting all eras of Veterans in a variety of ways.

The origin of Band of Brothers actually dates back to the 15th century when the line was used in Shakespeare's play Henry V which takes place during the battle of Agincourt in France. Since then the term has appeared in multiple genres of entertainment including

stage plays, films and television versions. One of my favorites is in the 2004 A&E production of Ike: Countdown to D-Day in a scene where Tom Selleck's Ike is addressing a fellow officer with the 1944 movie version of Henry V is playing in the background and Laurence Olivier is rallying the troops as "we band of brothers"; very clever.

More clever however is the creation of the Band of Brothers organization dedicated to the support of today's Veterans. Originating in 2008 in The Villages, Florida with only seven members at the start, it morphed into a formal non-profit a few years later with a stated mission to provide emotional support to one another as Veterans and their families and assist Veterans in navigating their way through the VA system. While not a formal nation-wide program, it has been replicated around the United States, including here in Oregon starting in 2011 in Bend, Oregon. Since that time, over a dozen other Veteran communities around the state have started their own version of the support group, including here in Florence.

Originally starting with just nine members as a coffee group appropriately named 'Koffee Klub' in

Old Town Florence back in the early 2000's, it too has morphed into a productive support group for local Veterans. Weekly attendance now averages 45 Veterans at its Monday morning gatherings at the Florence Elks Lodge 1858. Although it has not organized as a formal entity or non-profit, it regularly distributes funds to Veterans in need, community programs and sometimes other Veteran entities through its' weekly 50/50 raffle. While the meeting officially starts at 11:30 each Monday, several Vets show up early for the networking and fellowship with their fellow brothers. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, new members are introduced and recognized, multiple community Veteran organizations make announcements and occasionally speakers present relevant programs.

While I am not a Veteran, I was recognized by the group several years ago for my support over the years of our community's Veterans when one of the founding members, Tony Cavarno, nominated me as an honorary member — one of the most prized recognitions I have ever received.

### VETERAN PROFILE FRED BURNS

Often times when I

approach a local Veteran to interview them for a profile article, I sometimes get the response "but I didn't serve in combat — didn't really do anything significant". I often respond back that "it doesn't matter whether you served your country in the brown water navy in Vietnam, or a beachside recruiting desk in San Diego — you still served our country." Veteran Fred Burns is a typical example of that.

Like many of us when graduating from high school at that young age, we often have no clue as to what we want to do next. Fred was like that, and although no one in his family had military service in their background, he enlisted in the United States Army after graduating in 1953, enlisting before his 18th birthday. Following basic training that included a quick 8-week stint for medical training, he became a medic in the 7th Army Port as a Specialist 3rd Class, and was shipped off to Korea in 1954, after the truce was signed in June of 1953.

His 16-month stint was served out of Socho-Ri, South Korea but didn't always involve medical action. From time to time when things were slow in his specialty, the Army would send him

on excursions, sometimes for days, such as the time he went to Seoul with an Army truck to transport equipment for a visiting USO show. One event that did happen south of the DMZ and left an impact on him involved retrieving a soldier injured while working active mine fields with a detector, who happened to step on a land mine, losing his leg.

Following his stint in Korea, Fred was discharged in 1956 from Fort Ord in California. Still not certain of a civilian career path, he attended college majoring in mechanical drafting, eventually landing a job with the Apollo program in the 1960s. Eventually a career in law enforcement began calling, and a call from a friend in Idaho in 1977 landed him in Powell County around Idaho Falls as a patrol deputy for several years, followed by another post in Idaho as Police Chief of Aberdeen in Bingham County. Although he tried to retire in 1996, he would yet serve again in law enforcement with the US Marshalls office in Idaho.

Like so many retirees, Fred and his wife Sharon tried their hand at the RV lifestyle, which eventually led them to Oregon in 2002, serving as camp hosts. He finally accomplished retirement eventually, settling here

in Florence, but has remained active in our community. He has served in the past on his HOA board for several years and still serves there on committees. He's a member and active in all three Veteran Service Organizations in Florence, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. As if that is not enough, he also serves as treasurer for our weekly Florence Band of Brothers.

Contrary to feeling he has not accomplished anything significant, I am confident that soldier he recovered in Korea with the lost leg would think otherwise. Fred — thanks for your service to our nation and to our community!

*Florence Area Veteran Service Organizations:  
American Legion Post 59*

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*Disabled American Veterans Chapter 23  
<https://davwebsites.dav.org/or/23/SystemPages/Home.aspx>  
PH# 541-604-5919*

*Veterans of Foreign Wars post 3232  
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## WRESTLING

From Page B1

match for all three rounds but lost 7-0. In the state final, Lacouture pushed Morrison to the limit, losing a hard-fought 4-1 match in which a single takedown was the difference.

What stood out to Wartnik about Mann and Lacouture's approach to state was their fearlessness.

"Danin and Jacob, to their credit, they both chose, rather than trying to find an easier weight class, to stay in a weight class with tough people and went after them," Wartnik said. "I love the courage I see in Jacob Mann and Danin Lacouture. It's something I want in my program, and if that's the legacy that they leave behind, that's a great legacy. Not running from challenges, but training for and doing the best they

can to overcome those challenges."

Siuslaw sent six wrestlers to state this year, four boys (Mann, Ijaz, Mills, and Aris Lade) and two girls (Lacouture and Molly Mills). It may have been more if not for a tough bout of injuries that hampered the seasons of Hannah Richards and Martin Zhen.

Ijaz was also dealing with a knee injury he sustained prior to the state tournament. While he battled through it to compete at state, he lost both matches and didn't place. Despite a difficult end to his senior season, Ijaz's journey will continue at the University of Oregon, where he received a full-ride scholarship, according to Wartnik.

Another highlight for the Vikings at the state championships was the showing Gage Mills put together. In his final competition on the mats for the blue and gold, Mills went 3-2 and placed 5th. Wartnik said he was

"so proud" of how he wrestled.

After losing to Warrenton's Devon Sturgell in the first round, Mills fought through the consolation bracket to get into a position to place. With fifth place on the line, Mills rematched with Sturgell and ended up taking the win through a 6-3 decision.

"I was just proud of him. I saw him wrestle with more commitment, more conviction, than I've seen him wrestle perhaps all year. And that's pretty neat to do that under the pressure of the Coliseum, the crowd filled with fans. To see him wrestle really well and show some good character was a great showing for Gage," Wartnik said.

Molly Mills and Aris Lade were Siuslaw's final two wrestlers at the state

championships, and both sophomores didn't place, with Mills going 1-2 and Lade 0-2.

As he looks toward the future, Wartnik is left wondering who will be the people who will take up the mantle as the seniors move on to their next chapters. When the state championships wrapped up this season, there seemed to be a recognition of the ending of this era in Siuslaw wrestling.

"There were a lot of tears shed the last night. And a lot of the tears were shed by the underclassmen who were there. They're already thinking about having Danin, Ali, Gage, and Jacob gone next year, and it's tough," Wartnik said. "They formed a really tight-knit bond. One of the questions is who's going

to rise up and become the next generation of leaders."

For the girls, Wartnik said Molly Mills looks like someone who's ready to step up. On the boys' side, the answer is less clear. What Wartnik wants to see is who is ready to take the torch from this class of seniors and who will move the program forward.

Two freshmen he's excited to see grow are Emma Ford and Greyson Doyle. While they have plenty of room to grow, Wartnik said it's kids like them who define Siuslaw wrestling.

"So long as there are kids in the program like Greyson and Emma, we're going to be alright," Wartnik said.

### LASTING MEMORIES

As he looks back on

this season, there are two enduring images that Wartnik said will stick with him.

The first is Danin Lacouture grappling in the state final, giving everything she has, despite a bloody nose that needed to be plugged midway through the match. She fought till the very end, blood, sweat, and all, and she still walked away with a smile on her face.

"That picture of overcoming the hard moment was very special this year," Wartnik said.

The second is Jacob Mann pushing himself to the brink in workouts throughout the season.

"To see the growth. The kids who trained, who were there every day faithfully, there was huge improvement, and I'm very proud of them," Wartnik said.

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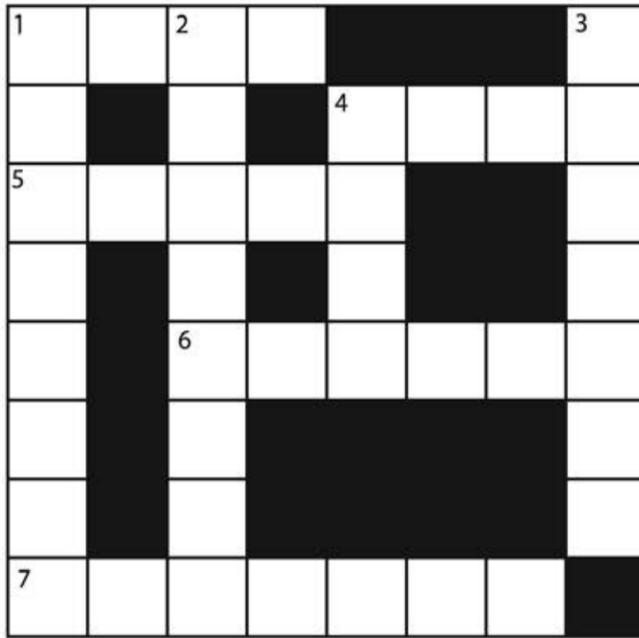
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**1918:** The US Congress establishes time zones.

**2003:** U.S. President George W. Bush announces the invasion of Iraq in an address to the nation.

### Health FACT:

This type of activity keeps the brain active and can be relaxing and reduce stress.

Answer: Crafts/hobbies

#### ACROSS

- 1. Infant
- 4. Uncultivated land
- 5. Without other people
- 6. A popular "Cap'n"
- 7. Unique

#### DOWN

- 1. Bed coverings
- 2. Holds books and items
- 3. Yarn craft
- 4. Lists restaurant offerings

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Baby 4. Moor 5. Alone 6. Crunch 7. Special  
 Down  
 1. Blankets 2. Bookcase 3. Crochet 4. Menu

### NEW WORD CHAIN

starting stitches of crochet projects

### How they say that in...

- English:** Yarn
- Spanish:** Hilo
- Italian:** Filo
- French:** Fil
- German:** Garn

### Did You Know?

Crochet patterns feature a lot of abbreviations for stitches. Learning them can make projects easier.



### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Crochet project

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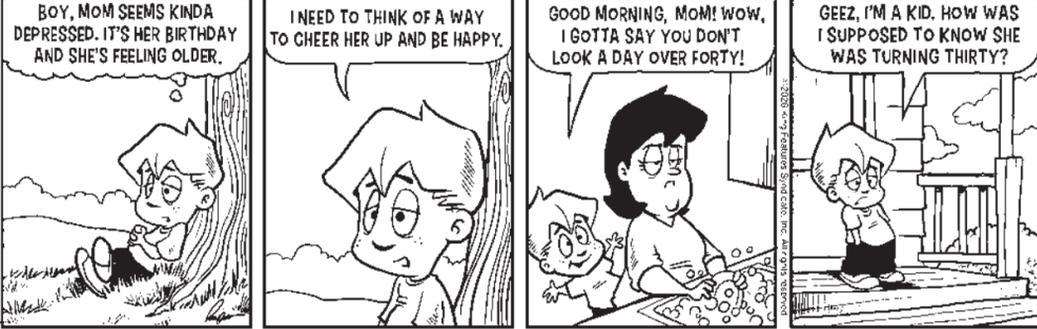
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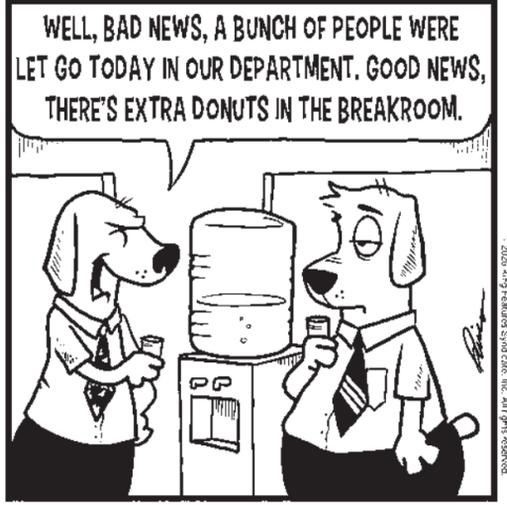
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- TEAM
- TELECOMMUTE
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- WORKLOAD
- WORKPLACE

# Amber Waves



# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Briefcase is different. 3. Vest is missing. 4. Bow patch is added. 5. Newspaper is larger. 6. Bush is moved.

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♥ ALEM

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

# 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 I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Billfold	W _ _ _ _ _	Baryshnikov's dance	B _ _ _ _ _
2. Prank	_ _ P _ _ _	Provide food	_ _ T _ _ _
3. Country	_ _ A _ _ _	Idea	_ _ O _ _ _
4. Reader's _____	_ _ G _ _ _	Part from	_ _ V _ _ _
5. Thames or Seine	_ _ _ _ R _	Rosie's target	_ _ _ _ T _
6. Hair stylist	_ _ A _ _ _	Carpet style	_ _ E _ _ _
7. Pasture growth	_ _ A _ _ _	Twelve dozen	_ _ O _ _ _
8. Throw a horseshoe	_ _ I _ _ _	Repair torn jeans	_ _ A _ _ _
9. Ned or Warren	_ _ _ T _ _	_____ and the Beast	_ _ _ U _ _
10. Shady alcove	_ _ B _ _ _	Knight's gear	_ _ M _ _ _

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- Caper, Cater
- Nation, Notion
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- River, Rivet
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- Grass, Grass
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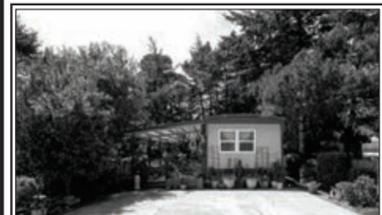
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**TSN26-118 NOTICE OF DECISION TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST UNDER 25 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 151.**

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a determination to acquire real property in trust for CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS. The land referred to as former Hatch III Property, herein and is described as: Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust - BIA Regional Director Decisions See "Exhibit A" for legal descriptions. DATE: This determination was made on 02/18/2026. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11TH AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231-6702. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR &x00A7;151.12(d)(2)(iii) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust. A copy of the determination is available [at the following website: n/a AND/OR from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice]. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of the Regional Director's decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. The Regional Director's decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) in accordance with the regulations in 43 C.F.R. 4.310-4.340. If you choose to appeal this decision, your notice of appeal to the IBIA must be signed by you or your attorney and must be either post-marked and mailed (if you use mail) or delivered (if you use another means of physical delivery, such as FedEx or UPS) to the IBIA within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. The regulations do not authorize filings by facsimile/fax or by electronic means. Your

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notice of appeal should clearly identify the decision being appealed. You must send your original notice of appeal to the IBIA at the following address: Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You must send copies of your notice of appeal to (1) the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4141-MIB, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; (2) each interested party known to you; and (3) the Regional Director. Your notice of appeal sent to the IBIA must include a statement certifying that you have sent copies to these officials and interested parties and should identify them by names or titles and addresses. If you file a notice of appeal, the IBIA will notify you of further procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal. LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A Tract ID: Tract Name: HATCH III PROPERTY Land Area 152 Land Area Name COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, SIUSLAW Tract Number LTR0 PORTLAND, OR Region NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE Agency SILETZ AGENCY Resources Both (Mineral and Surface) Section 25 Township 018.00S Range 012.00W State OREGON County LANE Meridian Willamette Acres .400 METES AND BOUNDS: That portion of the following real property lying West of the North Fork County Road: Beginning 13 rods East of Section corner between Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, in Township 18 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, thence South 11 rods; thence East to the meander line of the North Fork of the Siuslaw River, then follow in a Northerly direction the meander line of the river to the Section line between Sections 24 and 25; thence West about 30 rods to place of beginning, all in Lane

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County, State of Oregon. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Beginning at a point that is 165.0 feet South, 214.5 feet East of the section corner common to Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, township 18 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon; thence run South 0&x00B0; 05' East 16.5 feet to a point; thence South 89&x00B0; 22' East, a distance of 113.0 feet to a point designated by an iron pipe, said point being on the West side of a County Road; thence North 3&x00B0; 54' West along the West edge of County Road, a distance of 16.5 feet to a point; thence North 89&x00B0; 22' West 112.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, all in Lane County, Oregon.

**TSN26-119 NOTICE OF DECISION TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST UNDER 25 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 151.**

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a determination to acquire real property in trust for CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS. The land referred to as former Hatch I Property, herein and is described as: Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust - BIA Regional Director Decisions See "Exhibit A" for legal descriptions. DATE: This determination was made on 02/18/2026. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11TH AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231-6702. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR &x00A7;151.12(d)(2)(iii) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust. A copy of the determination is available [at the following website: n/a AND/OR from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SILETZ AGENCY Resources Both (Mineral and Surface) Section 26 Township 018.00S Range 012.00W State OREGON County LANE Meridian Willamette Acres .860 METES AND BOUNDS: Lots 1 to 10 inclusive, Block 38, HOLLY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE, as platted and recorded in Book 4, Page 96, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. TOGETHER with those portions of vacated Streets inured by Order #2422, recorded October 20, 1961, Document No. 1961-47721, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon. ALSO: All that portion of the Southwest Quarter (SW &x00BC;) of the Southeast Quarter (SE &x00BC;) of Section 23, Township 18 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Lane County, Oregon that lies South of the South boundary line of WILLOW DUNES EAST 3RD ADDITION, as platted and recorded September 8, 2004, Document No. 2004-070468, Lane County Deeds and Records, in Lane County, Oregon; and East of the East boundary line of CREEKSIDE PINES, as platted and recorded in File 75, Slides 129, 130, and 131, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Ore

**TSN26-124 NOTICE OF ABANDONED ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, CAR, AND MISC. PERSONAL PROPERTY**

One (1) 2004 "PARO" recreational vehicle (motor home); VIN 5B4MP67G44 3381946, 35 feet long, located at 5010 S. Jetty Road, Space No. C21, Florence, Oregon 97439-8531 has been abandoned by the Estate of Mr. Faye Patrick Peters and the Estate of Ms. Suzanne Carol Peters, along with miscellaneous personal property, including a 2008 Volkswagen Bug; 2D; 3VWVRW31C88M500378. ALL property is sold AS IS; bidder should do their due diligence before bidding. Sale is by private bidding with sealed bids. The minimum bid for the recreational vehicle and miscellaneous personal property is \$6,750.13. High bidder must clean up RV and space and

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remove RV and all personal property promptly. Community approval is required before entering into a rental or storage agreement. The minimum bid for the vehicle is \$1,410.00; high bidder must promptly remove vehicle from park at bidder's expense. Sealed bids shall be delivered to Mr. Chase Olson, Thousand Trails South Jetty, 5010 S. Jetty Road, Office, Florence, OR 97439. Bids shall be delivered no later than March 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Please contact Mr. Olson at (541) 999-5856 for more information, Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM.

**TSN26-112 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Siuslaw Public Library District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library at 1460 9th Street, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 12:15 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Residents wishing to attend the meeting remotely via telephonic or video means should email ref@siuslawlibrary.org or call 541-997-3132 at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting for virtual meeting attendance information. Residents are also welcome to send written comments to the Budget Committee at ref@siuslawlibrary.org or by mail using the address: SPLD Budget Committee, 1460 9th Street, Florence, OR 97439. Comments must be received by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, to be considered. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Friday, April 10, 2026, at 1460 9th Street, Florence, Oregon, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

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from Monday through Saturday, or online at www.siuslawlibrary.org. All times listed are in Pacific Daylight Time. Notice of this meeting is also available at the Siuslaw Public Library District website www.siuslawlibrary.org. The Siuslaw Public Library District meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Residents in need of reasonable technological, physical, or language accommodation should contact Library Director Meg Spencer at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at 541-997-3132 or meg@siuslawlibrary.org.

**TSN26-115 AFFIDAVIT OF DOMICILE**

Cunningham, Brett Phillip, henceforth know as "affiant", being duly sworn deposes and acknowledges that he/she resides at 2006 Highway 101 Num 201, in the City of Florence, in the County of Lane in the State of Oregon which he/she recognizes and intends to maintain as his/her permanent abode; affiant declares that he/she additionally formerly resided at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA, 90650 affiant further declares that he/she affirms the Registrar of Titles is authorized to receive for registration of memorials upon any outstanding certificate of title an official birth certificate pertaining to a registered owner named BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM in said certificate of title showing the date of birth of said registered owner, BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM providing there is attached to said birth certificate an affidavit of an affiant who states that he/she is familiar with the facts recited, stating that the party named in said birth certificate is the same party as one of the owners named in said certificate of title; and that thereafter the Registrar of Titles shall treat said registered owner BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM as having attained the age of the majority at a date 18 years after the date of birth shown by said certificate. Furthermore, properly authenticated copies of any books, records, papers or documents of any department or agency of the United States shall

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be admitted in evidence equally with the originals thereof. A claim of ownership of above said certificate No. 24017529-1, is held by the natural person, known as BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST, dated the 9th day of February 2024. Affiant further declares that he/she is an actual bona fide and legal resident of the State of Oregon, and the filing of this affidavit is to be accepted by all persons or any court as proof of such legal residence and permanent domicile. TRADE NAME STATEMENT WE THE UNDERSIGNED BEING DULY SWORN HEREBY DECLARE UNDER OATH THAT THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS OR PROFESSION CARRIED ON UNDER THE NAMES OF THE BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST ARE DOING BUSINESS AS THE FOLLOWING NAMES: BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE; BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM; BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM ESTATE; BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM; BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM; BONA FIDE TRUST CO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a BRETT PHILLIP CUNNINGHAM ESTATE.

**TSN26-123 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

Florence Mini Storage intends to sell at public auction storage contents to enforce a lien imposed according to the provisions of the Oregon Self-Service Storage Facility Act (ORS 87-685 to 87-695 inclusive). The contents of the storage units listed below will be sold to the highest bidder unless payment is made in full before day of auction. The live public auction will be held at Florence Mini Storage, 4099 Hwy 101, Florence OR 97439 at 12 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026. The storage units are Unit #B-29, 10x10 (Darin Hasley) and Unit #G-79, 10x10 (Kaila Smith).



## Ox-eye daisy

When in bloom, it's easy to see why this European native was introduced in the U.S. as a garden and florist ornamental in the 1800s.

It now threatens as an invasive species in the wild. It is commonly found along roadways or spread across fields, meadows and lakeshores. Once established, it can spread rapidly by means of roots and seeds, crowding out native plants. The end result is of use to few wildlife species.

Source: [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) — Brenda Weaver



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## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

KNWP IBNGF HNBP

EBPHPUYNXFKC DXKK, FGTDE,

ZNTIUQUE, QF EVP CPQBF

HXKETZKC. — RQUP IBPC

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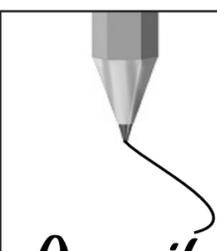
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multiply, as the years  
tremendously full, swift,  
Love grows more  
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**5129 N Loftus Rd - \$1,345,000**

3 Bdrms, 4000sqft. Newly built commercial building. 4 potential office spaces, ADA compliant, massive storage/work area. #3538- 24223879



**1495 8th St. - \$399,000**

1722 SqFt Commercial/Residential. Prime location with lots of parking, alley access, and potential for various uses. #3644-75271591



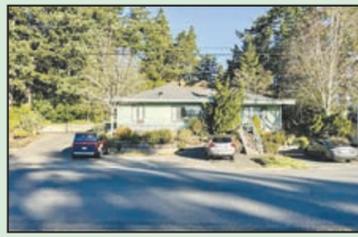
**12300 Hwy 126 - \$499,000**

3092 SqFt Commercial building and land. Whimsical gingerbread-style restaurant on 3+ acres with creek frontage, RV access, and charm. #3659-536388720



**The Rambling Rose - \$195,000**

4200 SqFt Business Opportunity. Turnkey Old Town restaurant offering prime visibility, full equipment, strong tourism, and growth potential. #3715-671951240



**1647 12th St. - \$359,000**

1660 SqFt Commercial building. Contractor's special with parking and outdoor shower, owner financing available, redevelopment potential. #3730-111752945



**100 Rhododendron Dr - \$865,000**

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 1952sqft. Riverfront home with 3-car garage and RV parking pad. Potential for a boat ramp and dock. #3537-24452689



**1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$349,000**

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



**5262 Nopal St. - \$430,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1493 SqFt. Coastal charm meets modern living in the desirable Three Mile Prairie neighborhood. #3670-317018212



**89510 Hwy 101 #23 - \$60,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Spacious, clean, and affordable. Appliances included. Lake access. Move-in ready condition. #3679-545143954



**13904 Stagecoach Rd. - \$584,000**

4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2152 SqFt. 5 acre, riverfront property with horse stalls, chicken coops, duck pond, and more! #3689-285143016



**89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000**

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 784 SqFt. Recently upgraded doors, shower, laminate flooring, windows, ceiling fans, electric panel, shed and carport. #3694-555498165



**4990 Mitchell Loop Rd. - \$499,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2665 SqFt. Custom ranch style home with open living, sunroom, and garage with RV parking. #3695-161538459



**1600-29 Rhododendron Dr. - \$249,000**

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1308 SqFt. Inviting 55+ retreat featuring pellet stove, efficient heating, new appliances, covered deck, workshop. #3698-344579839



**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



**87830 Terrace View Dr. - \$435,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1482 SqFt. Shop/Garage, RV Garage with 30 AMP, private covered deck, enclosed sunroom/greenhouse. #3702-456128863



**1600-113 Rhododendron Dr. - \$158,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Excellent opportunity to bring in a new manufactured home. Call agent for buyer incentive details. #3705-730692234



**87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1866 SqFt. Secluded property with mature fruit trees, custom kitchen, bonus room, shop, and river access. #3714-272688773



**179 Outer Dr. - \$296,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1100 SqFt. Peaceful Coast Village home with natural light, cozy spaces, garden paths, and convenient amenities. #3716-756515536



**1699 27th St. #5 - \$79,000**

2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 924 SqFt. Well kept manufactured home in Ocean Breeze Park with sunroom, fenced backyard, and alley access. #3723-583761940



**290 Harbor St. - \$1,599,000**

5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2201 SqFt. Restored 1894 Old Town cottage with new garage, ADU, luxury upgrades, modern comfort throughout. #3724-327759244



**2937 Munsel Lake Rd. - \$399,000**

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1013 SqFt. Move-in ready single-level home with updated kitchen, fenced yard, RV parking, and abundant natural light. #3725-445649944



**1601-534 Rhododendron Dr. - \$390,000**

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