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Siuslaw Bridge opens for tall vessel

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

A couple dozen people gathered on the west side of Highway 101 in Florence July 26 as the Siuslaw River Bridge was raised to allow the vessel Aleta to pass safely underneath. According to a Facebook post announcing the departure, the Aleta headed out to sea for “some albacore action.” A return date and time was not announced in the post.

Onlookers could be heard remarking that they had never seen the bridge open or that they could not recall the last time it did so.

Mayor Rob Ward said that while the bridge doesn’t open very often, it does happen more than one would think. Ward recalled that ODOT recently opened the bridge as a demonstration to the City Council after some mechanical changes were made.

Ward said mariners have a number they can call to request that the bridge be raised, and an operator will arrive to do so.

Ward estimated that the



The boat Aleta passes under the Siuslaw River drawbridge. Tony Reed photo

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Florence hardly notices tsunami



All was calm in the Port of Siuslaw Wednesday morning as low tide exposed old dock pilings along the shoreline.

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

While the entire U.S. West Coast waited for the tsunami to arrive from off the east coast of Russia Tuesday Night, Florence residents didn’t report any damage or wave activity on the beaches or in the Siuslaw River.

Only a couple hours before the tsunami was predicted to reach the west coast, Brandon Hiza and Kate Price were steering the Aleta back into Florence after fishing at sea.

Asked if they returned because of the tsunami threat, they said no. In fact, they

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Federal funds released to schools

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After almost a month, federal funding which supports grant-funded programs at Siuslaw School District has been released nationwide.

On July 1, Oregon Department of Education received a communication that five of the ten Title programs were being impounded pending review of Title I-C, II-A, III-A, IV-A, IV-B funding. The review was said to examine whether certain programs’ taxpayer resources were spent “in accordance with the President’s priorities and the Department’s statutory responsibilities.” Grant funds were frozen as of July 1.

According to an Associated Press report July 25, A group of 10 Republican senators on July 16 sent a letter to The Trump Administration, imploring it to allow the frozen education money to be sent to states, saying the withheld money supported programs and services that are critical to local communities.

The administration later released billions of dollars

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Adjust your speed on Kingwood

CITY OF FLORENCE

As of July 31, the City of Florence has changed the speed limits on Kingwood Drive, between 35th Street and 400 feet north of Airport Way and between Airport Road (15th Street) and 10th Street.

The posted speed limit for the section of Kingwood Street between 35th and 400 feet north Airport Way was reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph. A posted speed limit change on

Kingwood Street from Airport Road (15th Street) to 10th Street increased the posted speed from 25 mph to 30 mph.

“The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently completed a speed zone investigation as requested by the City and has established two new speed zones on Kingwood Street,” said Mike Miller, Florence Public Works Director.

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Wyden says FLOCK data won't be shared

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

In an online video announcement July 29, Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden said he has reached a deal with FLOCK Safety, WHICH will keep license plate data from being used to “Spy on Oregonians.”

According to a release on Wyden’s Senate website, FLOCK “has agreed to his request that it protect Oregonians’ data from abusive access by out-of-state law enforcement agencies as part of their states’ anti-abortion investigations, and to assist federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”

Florence is one of several cities with FLOCK cameras placed at strategic points to read vehicle license plates. While the cameras were said to reduce crime by sending real-time alerts to law enforcement about the location of vehicles registered as stolen. “They also send alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing

person in an AMBER or Silver Alert is detected,” a city release said at the time. “The Flock system is utilized by jurisdictions throughout the country, allowing information to be shared when law enforcement is in search of a suspect.”

A FLOCK camera was installed in April, 2024 in Florence.

In February 2025, Police Chief John Pitcher told councilors that the solar-powered camera has been a valuable tool, especially when working with other law enforcement agencies. Pitcher said the cameras do not record speed information, do not take photos of occupants, and do not have facial recognition capabilities. He also said data is deleted from the cameras once 30 days old. Pitcher said at the time that the camera had been helpful in locating reportedly stolen vehicles. On July 15, the department received information that a stolen vehicle was seen on Highway 101 in Florence,



FLOCK cameras alert law enforcement to the presence of wanted or stolen vehicles as they enter Florence. Tony Reed photo

allowing officers to locate it and arrest the driver for unauthorized use of it and make arrangements to return it to its owner.

ACLU RESPONSE

The American Civil Liberties Union was one of the first organizations to assert that while the readers provide a legitimate law enforcement benefit, they can also be used to track motorists and share the information with other

agencies, without regard for oversight or privacy protections.

“Automatic license plate readers have the potential to create permanent records of virtually everywhere any of us has driven, radically transforming the consequences of leaving home to pursue private life, and opening up many opportunities for abuse,” according to an article on the ACLU website. “The tracking of people’s location

constitutes a significant invasion of privacy, which can reveal many things about their lives, such as what friends, doctors, protests, political events, or churches a person may visit.”

“Oregon drivers and their license plates will be exempt from abusive data requests that come in from other states,” he said. “This is important for women and for immigrants, because it restricts anti-abortion activists

from other states from spying on them with the data. This is obviously a massive privacy violation if women have to travel to other states to protect their healthcare.” the release said Wyden asked for privacy filters similar to those in Illinois, to prevent out-of-state searches related to abortion and immigration. The request was granted as of July 25, it said.

According to a release from Wyden’s office, “Police departments in other states will still be able to search license plate data that Oregon police departments have chosen to share for other legitimate law enforcement purposes. The new policy by Flock will not affect searches conducted by police departments in Oregon.”

“I don’t pretend this is doing everything to protect their privacy,” he said. “but we’re off to a good start.”

Requests for information about the data collected by the cameras was not returned as of press time.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from July 23 to July 29

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Add 11:31 a.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Spruce Street for a report of a

dispute between two male subjects. When officers arrived, they found the subjects had resolved the issue between them.

At 12:51 p.m., an officer on patrol in Old Town observed a vehicle with the door open and the keys in the door. Officers were able to locate the

owner of the keys and return them and lock the car.

At 4:59 p.m., a caller reported that a possible DUI driver had left a business in old town. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 5:48 p.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of 24th St. for a report of a dispute occurring. Officers found a dispute had occurred involving a juvenile, but no charges were pursued.

At 8:59 p.m., a caller reported finding a license plate and the 2200 block of 21st St. Officers contacted the registered owner of the plate and made arrangements to return it.

At 9:35 p.m., a caller reported that another subject had been posting nude photographs of her online. Officers attempted to recontact the caller with no success. Case remains under investigation.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

At 12:03 p.m., a caller reported that another subject had attempted to add a phone line to his account, which triggered a fraud warning on his bank account.

At 1:55 p.m., a subject came into the police department who said that

when she was clearing her house, she found a large knife, a machete and a BB gun. Caller turned the items in for destruction.

At 5:03 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a report of a noisy dispute occurring. Upon arrival, officers were told the noise was being created by two juveniles playing loudly in a room.

At 7:18 p.m., a caller requested that the police help her find her son. Officers were en route when the caller called again to say her son had returned home.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

At 12:02 a.m., an off duty officer observed a vehicle known to be stolen in the area of Rhododendron Drive and North Jetty. Vehicle fled before officers arrived.

At 11:20 a.m., officers responded to the 3700 block of Highway 101 for a report that the caretaker had found a person deceased. Officers investigated and found nothing suspicious.

At 2:02 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Royal St. George for a report of a vehicle vs. houses. Officers were told that a 10-year-old juvenile got into a work vehicle, pressed the

accelerator and collided with his house and a neighbor’s house. No injuries were reported.

At 2:34 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a reported dispute. Officers were told the dispute had been verbal only and that one of the parties had left.

At 9:44 p.m., officers responded to the 5600 block of Highway 126 for a report of a dispute. Officers were told that a male and a female or an a verbal dispute. Parties were separated.

At 9:52 p.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Oak Street for a report of an intoxicated subject threatening to fight other people. Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and harassment.

At 10:56 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Highway 101 for a report of a female subject driving a dark truck at irregular speeds and failing to stay in her lane. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

At 12:35 a.m., officers responded to the 5600 block of Highway 126 for a report that a man in the business had walked

up and hit another subject. Officers contacted the subject who said he wanted to go to jail. Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and physical harassment. (note: Physical Harassment differs from Assault when physical contact is made but no pain or injuries are sustained)

At 4:28 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a report of a fight in a business. Officers determined that the dispute was between a male subject and several juveniles. The male subject said juveniles had thrown rocks at him. Juveniles were gone when officers arrived.

At 4:53 p.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject had stolen ice cream from a store. Officers made contact with the subject and arrested him for theft 3, and trespassing 2.

At 5:47 p.m., officers responded to the 2900 block of Oak Street for a report of a subject standing in the street. Officers made contact with the subject who said he had no intention of getting hit. Subject was advised to use the crosswalk.

At 9:57 p.m., a subject dropped off a found tan and white boxer dog at the police department. Dog was taken to the Humane Society.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

At 7:26 a.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject hitting the sidewalk with a hammer. Officers made contact with the subject and arrested him for disorderly conduct and a warrant from Linn County.

At 4:09 p.m., a subject came into the department to turn in a found wallet. Officers attempted to contact the subject on the ID but were unsuccessful. Wallet was held at the department until contact could be made.

At 9:45 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and Munsel Lake for a reported vehicle in the ditch. Officers

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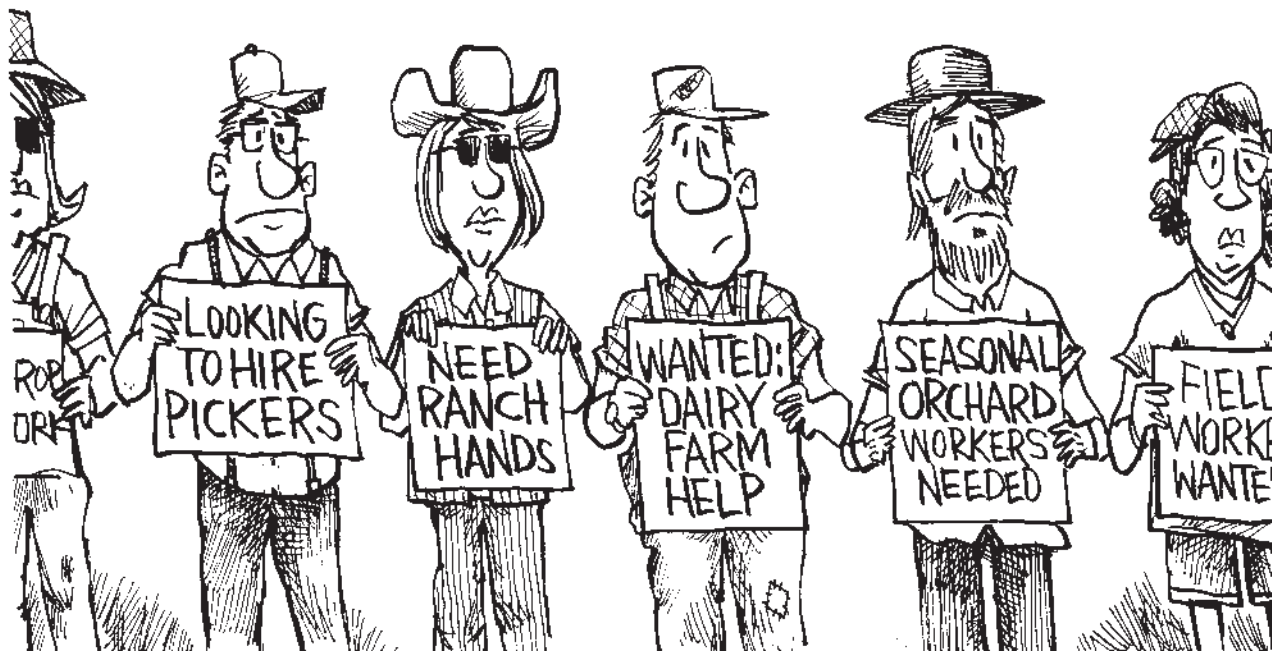
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To Higher Ground

TONY REED
Editor

Of all the alerts I get in the newsroom, the one that most gets my attention is a tsunami warning, as it brings back a flood of memories, thoughts and fears.

I was a reporter with the Fort Bragg Advocate News, starting in 2002. As a media representative, I took part in the City’s development of the Tsunami Contingency Plan, which coordinated public and private resources to respond to potential tsunami threats and disasters. Having never experienced one, I only had a basic understanding the potential for disaster and loss of life.

In March, 2011, a 9.1 magnitude quake sent a wave down the coast of Honshu, Japan, taking out many coastal towns and villages. Among them was Otsuchi, the long-established sister city of Fort Bragg, where I worked. Having covered visits by Otsuchi delegates and high school students, the news of a massive quake and tsunami shocked my heart. I had made friends with a couple of the regular delegates and marveled at how groups of teenagers from California and Japan could almost effortlessly break down the barriers of communication to become lifetime friends (something our world leaders still struggle with). I spent most of the night trying to find any information, but Otsuchi is about as geographically remote as Yachats. The first person I saw in the morning was then Fort Bragg mayor Dave Turner who desperately asked if I had a status report on Otsuchi.

“From what I can find so far, a third of the town has been washed away, some of it is on fire and it’s starting to snow,” was all I could tell him. In the following weeks, we all felt helpless as we went through lists of Otsuchi residents who had checked in to report themselves safe. While I took comfort in checking off the last of the names of students I had spoken to during one visit, I felt great sadness to know that others I had met were not so lucky. The entire city of Fort Bragg was devastated by the news and immediately started filling donation jars around the city to send to Otsuchi to use as needed. By the time the fundraiser concluded, the residents

of Fort Bragg had donated over a quarter-million dollars to its Sister City.

Years later, I went to work for the Del Norte Triplicate, in Crescent City, where I covered the Sister City agreement with Rikuzentakata.

The 2011 tsunami caused similar damage to Rikuzentakata, taking out about a third of the city and a large pine forest between the urban and coast areas. The tsunami also carried a small boat from Takata High School to the California coast in Crescent City, where it was found by high school students who scraped off all the barnacles and returned it. This started the Sister City relationship, which has been going strong since.

While it’s common knowledge that Crescent City sustained massive damage when a tsunami hit in 1964, it also had its harbor destroyed by the same tsunami that wiped out Rikuzentakata in 2011.

Along with a delegation from Crescent City, I flew to Rikuzentakata to cover the signing of the Sister City agreement and spent a week doing interviews and hearing presentations. I remember the mayor telling us how he lost his wife and home in the tsunami, only a month after he was elected. I recall visiting a



special school for kids who’d lost their parents in the tsunami. The school featured a heavily-padded, soundproof room where kids could safely go to scream, cry, kick and punch away their pain and anxieties. Staff said they would often find kids in the room, too exhausted to stand or even stay awake. I saw the paintings of a non-verbal, developmentally-disabled man that portrayed a river of people being swept out to sea.

I listened to the fire chief describe what it was like to have to climb onto the roof of the fire station to escape the quickly rising water, along with several of his firefighters. Once they reached the roof, the water continued to rise, forcing them to climb up the communication antenna tower and cling for dear life. I will never forget the pained expression in his eyes as he told us about it. He said that as a lifelong resident of the small city, he knew that every house or vehicle that floated past and every voice that screamed for help in the distance was likely someone he knew- and there was nothing he could do to help. Days later, the heart-wrenching job of identifying the dead fell upon him as bodies were being stacked in the high

school gym.

However, in the midst of all that trauma and heartache, I also saw city-wide rehabilitation.

Rikuzentakata and Otsuchi are geographically situated as Newport is to Yachats. Both have mostly rebuilt their cities and Rikuzentakata literally moved a mountain to raise the ground level of the city over 30 feet before erecting new buildings on top of it. It also built a 1.4 mile long, 41-foot-tall wall along the coastline to protect its residents.

So many people were caught off guard by the early morning wave, which, at three stories tall, was much higher than initially predicted. It serves as a reminder that no tsunami warning should be taken lightly.

Talk to your family about what to do and where to meet in the event of a near- or distant-source tsunami. Go online to www.ci.florence.or.us/community/tsunami-evacuation-maps to view and print evacuation maps for your home and family. Make go-bags and store non-perishable supplies that will last at least 72 hours. Get a weather alert radio if you live in an inundation area and leave it on around the clock because quakes don’t care what time it is.

A little knowledge and preparation could make the difference between a sad story and a happy one.

Be safe, Florence.

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- Someone called/told me
- Social media
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Chinook and Lamprey Restoration in the Siuslaw Watershed: from Florence Area Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project

For at least 20,000 years, the cultures and economies of the communities along the Siuslaw River have been intimately intertwined with the health and productivity of the Siuslaw River ecosystem. Central to the welfare of the plants, animals and people of the Siuslaw are the annual salmon and lamprey runs that nourish both the ecosystem and the peoples that depend upon it for their lives and livelihoods.

The Florence Area Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project (STEP) is a local 501C3 non-profit dedicated to improving the fishing on the Siuslaw. Our work includes:

1. Maintaining the Whittaker Creek steelhead fishery.
 2. Teaching 1st and 2nd graders about salmon life cycles through the Eggs-to-Fry Program.
 3. Giving kids the chance to fish through the Angler Education Program.
 4. Teaching fish biology to the Middle School Stream Team
- Florence STEP, Siuslaw High School, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower

Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), the Western Lane Community Foundation, the Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are now laying the foundation for a new program of work to train young people in the trades of habitat management, biology and ecology for productive fisheries and healthy ecosystems.

Project Description
The youth of today will soon bear the responsibility for taking the management of our natural resources into the future. To ensure that economic development does not undermine the health of the Siuslaw, these new managers need the data and skills underpinning sustainable active watershed management.

Active watershed management (e.g., riparian habitat improvement, salmonid and lamprey spawning/nursing habitat enhancement, inter alia) accompanied by rigorous scientific data collection, monitoring and communication will both create quality employment and restore the historical biodiversity and beauty of our streams.

The project has three



On osprey that flew by the Siuslaw News office last year was carrying what appeared to be a Pacific lamprey. According to a 2021 report by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, lamprey can be found in many Oregon rivers that drain into the ocean, including the Siletz-Yaquina, Alsea, Siltcoos and Siuslaw rivers. Researchers continue to study their populations, and say threats to the species include stream and floodplain degradation, water quality, dewatering and flow management practices, as well as lack of awareness. Tony Reed file photo

components: 1) Complete Siuslaw High School

Learning Lab: rehabilitation of a training and study facility at the high school. This facility will house aquaria, tanks and equipment needed for hands-on student training, provide space for simple research projects, and to stage field work. This phase is planned for completion by the end of summer 2025.

2) Conduct Lake Creek spawning habitat survey and needs assessment: The Lake Creek tributary of the Siuslaw is the principal spawning and initial nursing stream system for Chinook and Lamprey. The ODFW/OSU Aquatic Inventory Unit will provide leadership to ensure that fieldwork is

consistent with established scientific protocols. Upon this dataset, new habitat recovery actions will be planned. We are hoping to launch this phase in November 2025.

3) Habitat recovery and carrying capacity monitoring: Long-term data sets are needed to establish the health of normally variable stream ecosystems. The haich ikt’at’uu (formerly Waite Ranch) rehabilitation just to the east of Florence is a flagship habitat recovery project. To both ensure that the project is achieving expected outcomes and to be able to replicate actions that improve habitat and avoid duplicating actions that do not, a long-term

water/habitat quality survey (based at the Siuslaw High School learning lab) is being established with high school and middle school (Stream Team) students collecting, analyzing, archiving and presenting data so as to lay the baseline for comparing habitat quality among rehabilitation projects, and prepare students to be leaders in active conservation.

- Objectives**
- Evaluate stream habitat quality of the Siuslaw River and associated ecosystems.
 - Put in place a long-term monitoring program for critical salmon and lamprey habitats.
 - Establish technical capacity for salmonid management at Siuslaw High School.
 - Educate youth in the principles and practices of salmon and lamprey ecosystem management.
 - Communicate findings to the public to build a constituency for conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

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Oregon AG sues Trump admin over law limiting Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood

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Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield is suing the federal government over a provision in Congressional Republicans’ massive tax and spending law that prevents Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid reimbursements for health care services at its clinics.

Oregon’s 12 Planned Parenthood health centers rely on more than \$16.7 million in annual Medicaid reimbursements to cover over 51,000 patient visits. Nearly 60% of all Oregon Planned Parenthood patients depend on Medicaid for care such as cancer screenings, birth control and STI testing.

Without Medicaid reimbursements, many Planned Parenthood clinics across the U.S. may be forced to close or reduce services — a move that would disrupt preventative care and raise health care costs nationwide, according to a press release from Rayfield’s office.

Oregon is joining a coalition of 22 other state plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed Tuesday that lists U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Mehmet Oz as defendants.

The states allege the bill’s provision violates the constitutional protections of freedom of speech and association and unconstitutionally inflicts punishment and targets Planned Parenthood when they would otherwise have judicial protections.

“Defunding Planned Parenthood is not about fiscal responsibility—it’s about targeting health care providers that some politicians don’t like,” Rayfield said in the release. “Planned Parenthood is where thousands of Oregonians go for cancer screenings, contraception and basic medical care. Pulling Medicaid funding doesn’t make that need disappear, it just makes it harder for people to stay healthy.”

Dr. Sara Kennedy, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette, said she is grateful Oregon joined the lawsuit.

“This law is a targeted attack on Planned

Parenthood and the millions of patients — including tens of thousands in Oregon — who rely on Planned Parenthood health care services,” she said in the news release.

Amy Handler, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southwestern Oregon, called the provision dangerous and unnecessary.

“The Trump administration and its backers in Congress are trying to make it harder to access care — meaning cancers will go undetected, STIs will go untreated and patients won’t get the birth control or abortion care they need to plan their families and futures,” she said. “We look forward to working closely with the attorney general’s office to protect access to care.”

This is at least the third federal lawsuit filed against the Trump administration over the tax bill’s provision restricting Medicaid reimbursements to reproductive and sexual health centers. On Monday, a federal judge granted a new block on the provision, ultimately allowing Planned Parenthood affiliates to continue receiving Medicaid funding.

Health care workers are warning of dangerous conditions in hospitals for patients and nurses alike under the new law

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Tamie Cline, president of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA), has spent 22 years working as a nurse at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. Good Shepherd is one of more than 700 rural hospitals across the country at risk of closure because of the newly passed GOP budget.

To cut trillions in taxes for corporations and the wealthy, the so-called “Beautiful Bill” slashes federal Medicaid funding by more than \$1 trillion over 10 years and is predicted to leave up to 17 million Americans without health insurance. That’s a huge threat to patients as well as their hospitals, especially rural hospitals that rely more heavily on Medicaid payments.

It also puts frontline health care workers like Cline in increasingly dangerous and unsafe working conditions.

In Oregon, one in three people rely on the state’s Medicaid program, the Oregon Health Plan. Under the new GOP law, an estimated 200,000 Oregonians stand to lose that insurance, putting patients and providers alike in danger.

Rural communities

are particularly vulnerable to these cuts. Nearly half — 44% — of rural hospitals in the U.S. are already experiencing severe financial strain. This year alone, 16 rural hospitals shut their doors due to financial issues.

Medicaid is often the lifeline keeping rural hospitals afloat.

But when that coverage is stripped away and thousands of patients go uninsured, hospitals are left to cover the cost of uncompensated care. More uncompensated care will lead to hospital closures and service reductions, causing more frequent and severe medical emergencies as patients are forced to navigate long travel times, overcrowded ERs, chronic staffing shortages and barriers to preventative care.

Cline knows how this could play out. She told me about one patient who came in with an easily treatable diabetic foot ulcer. Because they were unable to afford medication and follow-up visits, the patient’s leg was later amputated.

“Nurses are already seeing people suffer,” Cline said. Medicaid cuts are going to make patients “sicker and sicker,” and “throw nurses back into what we

did during COVID.”

Since the pandemic, Cline has been outspoken about the severe rates of burnout and depression among nurses. Studies show that strenuous working conditions and chronic emotional laboring leads to serious mental health issues for frontline nurses.

Coupled with rising mental health issues, nurses are also experiencing unprecedented rates of workplace violence. In one survey, 92% of nurses in the Oregon Nurses Association union reported experiencing violence in the workplace last year. Nationally, from 2007-2022, hospital staff saw a 181% rise in workplace violence injuries.

“Nurses are being punched, kicked, and thrown against walls because of impatience and stress,” says Cline. “No one is protecting us, and it’s just getting more volatile.”

Under the GOP’s changes, Cline envisions workplace violence becoming commonplace in rural hospitals. If patients are forced to wait 16 to 20 hours in the ER for a family member to get care — only to be told the wait will be even longer due to staffing shortages and overcrowding — Cline warns their anger and pain will be

directed at front-line workers.

Cline’s union has spent years pushing for Safe Staffing and Stop Workplace Violence laws to protect nurses from unsafe working conditions. But they’re bracing for cuts. “The first people on the chopping block are not going to be upper administration. It’s going to be the workers,” says Cline.

Cline says it’s time for voters and health care unions to get loud, educated, and proactive.

Nurses are coming together to help rural communities get their paperwork, medical history documents, and emergency preparedness plans together for when hospitals begin closing.

“We can’t fight for our own health and safety if we are expending all of our energy fighting everyone else,” says Cline.

Our health care workers deserve to feel safe, protected, and valued. Instead, the new Trump-GOP budget actively

neglects patients — and health care workers — in service of corporate profits and partisan political agendas.

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POLICE

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arrived to find a vehicle off the roadway with one wheel off the ground, unable to get unstuck. No injuries were reported.

MONDAY, JULY 28

At 12:22 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 34th St. for a reported dispute. Officers determined the dispute had been verbal and the subjects were separated.

At 9:53 a.m., a caller reported finding a nitrous oxide cartridge and wanted to turn it into the police department.

At 1:41 p.m., a caller reported receiving possibly fraudulent bills from the City of Florence. Case remains under investigation.

At 6:08 p.m., a caller reported accidentally leaving a phone and a wallet at a location in Florence. Officers search the area, but were unable to locate the items.

At 11:11 p.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Highway 101 and Highway 126 recognized a vehicle driven by a subject known to have an active warrant. Officers pulled the vehicle over and arrested one for a warrant from Florence Municipal Court.

TUESDAY, JULY 29.

At 4:49 a.m., officers on patrol in the area of 12th and Spruce Street observed a suspicious person on a bicycle. When officers turned around, the subject fled, ditching the bicycle. Bicycle is being held at Florence Police Department.

At 10:51 a.m., officers responded to the 2700 block of Munsel Lake Road, for a reported dispute. Officers determined that three people were involved. One was cited for disorderly conduct

and criminal mischief 2.

At 11:27 a.m., officers responded to the 8800 block of 1st Avenue or a report of stolen Apple AirPods.

At 11:34 a.m., ambulance and fire personnel were responding to a traffic collision on Highway 126 when the fire truck reported almost having a head-on collision with a vehicle driving in the wrong lane. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 1:01 p.m., a subject turned in a found debit card. Officers contacted the bank who said the card had been canceled and the card could be destroyed.

At 7:55 p.m., an officer on patrol noted subjects near the courthouse standing together. Subjects reported that they had received a tsunami warning and that the area was listed as safe. Officer told the subjects they could hang out as long as necessary.



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Tsunami

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simply wanted to get back because they had made an appointment to have the Siuslaw River drawbridge open that night.

The following morning, Hiza said everything remained calm in the port all night and that he hardly noticed a difference.

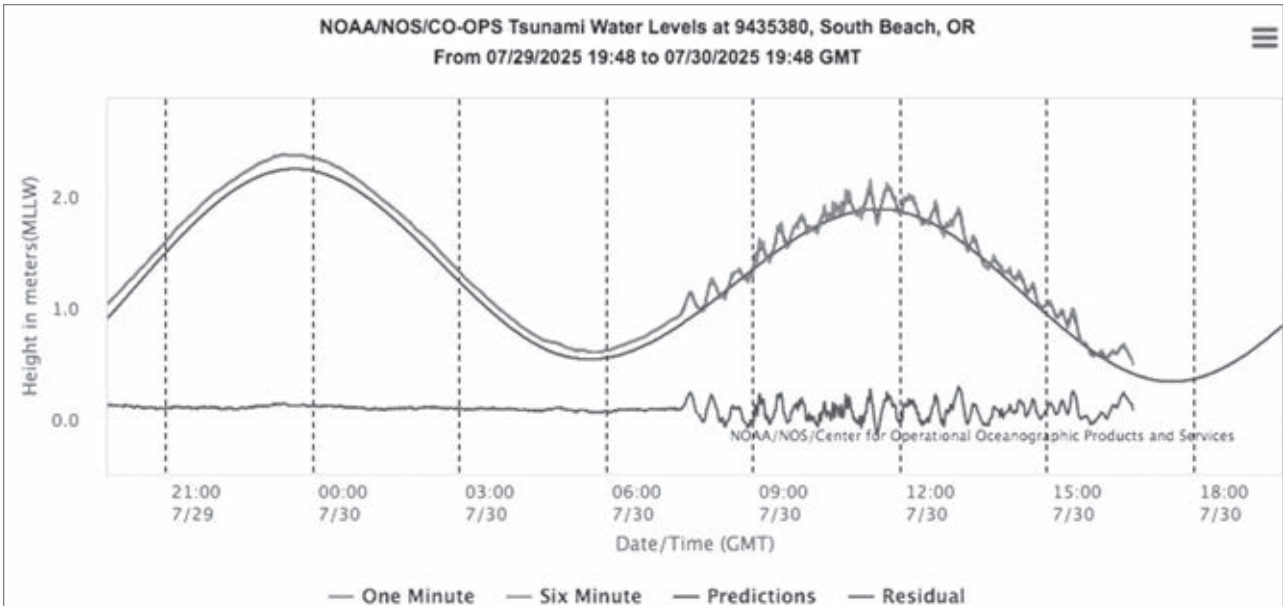
He estimated that the curve of the river and distance from the ocean likely quelled any waves, leaving the tsunami unnoticed in the port.

CITY RESPONSE

Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer said she received notice of the quake right after it happened.

“It was an information statement that basically said, ‘stay tuned.’ At about 5:30, when I was on my way home from work, the watch came out.” Messmer said she then call the county emergency manager and then initiated the communication string that notifies police and fire chiefs, the city manager and public works personnel.

Messmer came back to her office, posted social media messages and then went to the police dispatch center to inform personnel and monitor reports. 911 calls were rerouted to Eugene to reduce pressure on dispatch while the City coordinated with the Port of Siuslaw, the Boy Scout



The closest ocean height monitor in Newport showed the first fluctuations starting before midnight (subtract 7 hours for Pacific Time from GMT).

Camp and the Chamber of Commerce. Meanwhile, a Coast Guard boat stationed far offshore was relaying wave information back to the City. Messmer noted that a problem with CenturyLink at the same time created some difficulty but everyone was able to work around it.

“So, it’s just a lot of coordination, because this was a distant tsunami, there was a lot of waiting to see what the scenario I was going to be,” she said. “When we have something like this, the state will call our regional coordinators. Every emergency manager impacted is on the call and it has state, city, pork, county, federal partners. It was a big call, over 100 of us got a situational awareness [report].”

She said she kept the unified command team aware as reports were monitored and updates

were sent out until the final cancellation at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday.

Messmer said it was challenging to stay on top of the dynamic situation, not knowing for sure if information could change. However, emergency officials were also making calculations to factor possible wave heights with tide schedules.

“Low tide was at 10:30 p.m., meaning that if it hit just before midnight, it would have been low and on its way up. [We considered] What does that calculation look like, knowing that a tsunami wave, however small, has different characteristics than a normal tidal influence and those waves can continue for several hours? That’s why it didn’t actually get canceled for about 10 hours after it started.” Messmer said waves continued through the morning hours.

When asked, she said the notifications would have intensified if the incoming information had indicated possible destructive wave heights. Lane Alert phone notifications would have

gone out to every device in the area, along with tsunami siren activations and face-to-face notifications by law enforcement, Forest Service and other personnel.

“The sense of urgency changes and how we would message, and if we would need to go through neighborhoods and make sure people are evacuating,” she said. “Of course if we’re evacuating people, that’s where our people in the background come to the foreground. Public Works and other employees would be helping to do traffic control and make sure roads are open.”

“It was a very good drill for everybody,” she said, noting that personnel learn something new with every potential tsunami incident.

AT THE READY

Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority Chief Michael Schick said that overall, the evening wasn’t that exciting for first responders.

“I was in constant contact with the City of Florence, Florence Police Department, and Lane County Emergency

Management and following all the alerts from the national weather service and tsunami.gov, preparing, just in case.” He said officials were monitoring the Washington coast as it was predicted waves would arrive about the same time as Oregon. He said officials were looking at the data coming in from Washington, to determine, based on their reports, if and when Florence resources should spring into action..

“We were just watching the alert, and staying ready to pull the trigger if we needed sirens to go off or if we should just go into preposition. It looked pretty calm when Hawaii was supposed to get hit, about 10 o’clock our time, so we were in a ‘wait and see’ position after that.”

Schick noted that officials contacted the local Boy Scout camp to make sure they were aware.

“We were ready in case anything happened,” he said, “but nothing happened.”

VARYING RESULTS

There are no water height monitors in Florence, but National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sensors in Newport showed levels a few feet higher than usual at high tide (at 3:20 a.m.).

The readings showed the first fluctuations starting around 11:30 p.m. which appeared to begin tapering down at about 1 p.m. the following day. Results were similar in Coos Bay and Tillamook

Along the entire west coast, one area stretching from Southern Humboldt County to the Oregon border, was changed from advisory to watch status mid-evening.

In Crescent City, Sen. Mike McGuire, Along with Crescent City Manager Eric Wier, NWS Meteorologist Ryan Aylward and Assemblymember Chris Rogers held a webinar hours before the tsunami was scheduled to arrived, warning residents to stay off beaches and low-lying coastal areas. Aylward warned residents that the arriving tsunami would not be preceded by a receding shoreline, as most expect. He said data showed the first incoming activity would instead appear in the form of high waves first.

Wave height data for Crescent City was literally off the charts before midnight Tuesday, with wave heights reported far above normal.

According to an Associated Press report, “Crescent City recorded waves of up to 4 feet (1.22 meters) early Wednesday — the highest recorded anywhere in the continental United States. Still, those were far smaller than the 21-foot (6.40 meters) waves caused by the deadly 1964 tsunami.”

The following morning, various videos appeared online, showing water rushing in and out of its harbor. The harbor was essentially destroyed in 2011, when the tsunami from the Tohoko Quake in Japan sent tsunami waves across the Pacific Ocean.

No major damages or injuries were reported on the Oregon Coast.

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5. Protect yourself during the earthquake.
6. Evacuate if necessary.
7. Follow personal and local preparedness plans.

Distant Earthquakes – typically far enough offshore to not be felt on land, though they may cause dangerous wave activity and damage.

Local Earthquakes – the most dangerous of OR’s potential earthquakes, these are caused by the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ). Resulting tsunamis are commonly known as “The Big One.” They occur irregularly every 200-800 years, most recently occurring in the year 1700.

TIP – The CSZ earthquake and resulting tsunami will take minutes to arrive on the Oregon Coast, which may not be enough time to trigger onshore alert systems. **Your biggest warning will be the shaking.** Get to higher ground if you feel any shaking while near a body of water. **Tsunami warning signs: Strong ground shaking, an unusually loud ocean roar, and/or a rapidly receding and exceptionally low tide that exposes ocean floor.**

What to do during an earthquake:

- If you are **indoors**, drop, take cover, and hold onto sturdy furniture. Stay clear of items that could fall on you. Stay put until shaking stops.
- If you are **outside**, move away from any body of water to higher ground. Be aware of unstable slopes, falling rocks, and trees.
- If you are **driving**, remove your car from the normal traffic pattern safely. Stay away from structures/objects that could fall. Stay in your car unless unsafe to do so.

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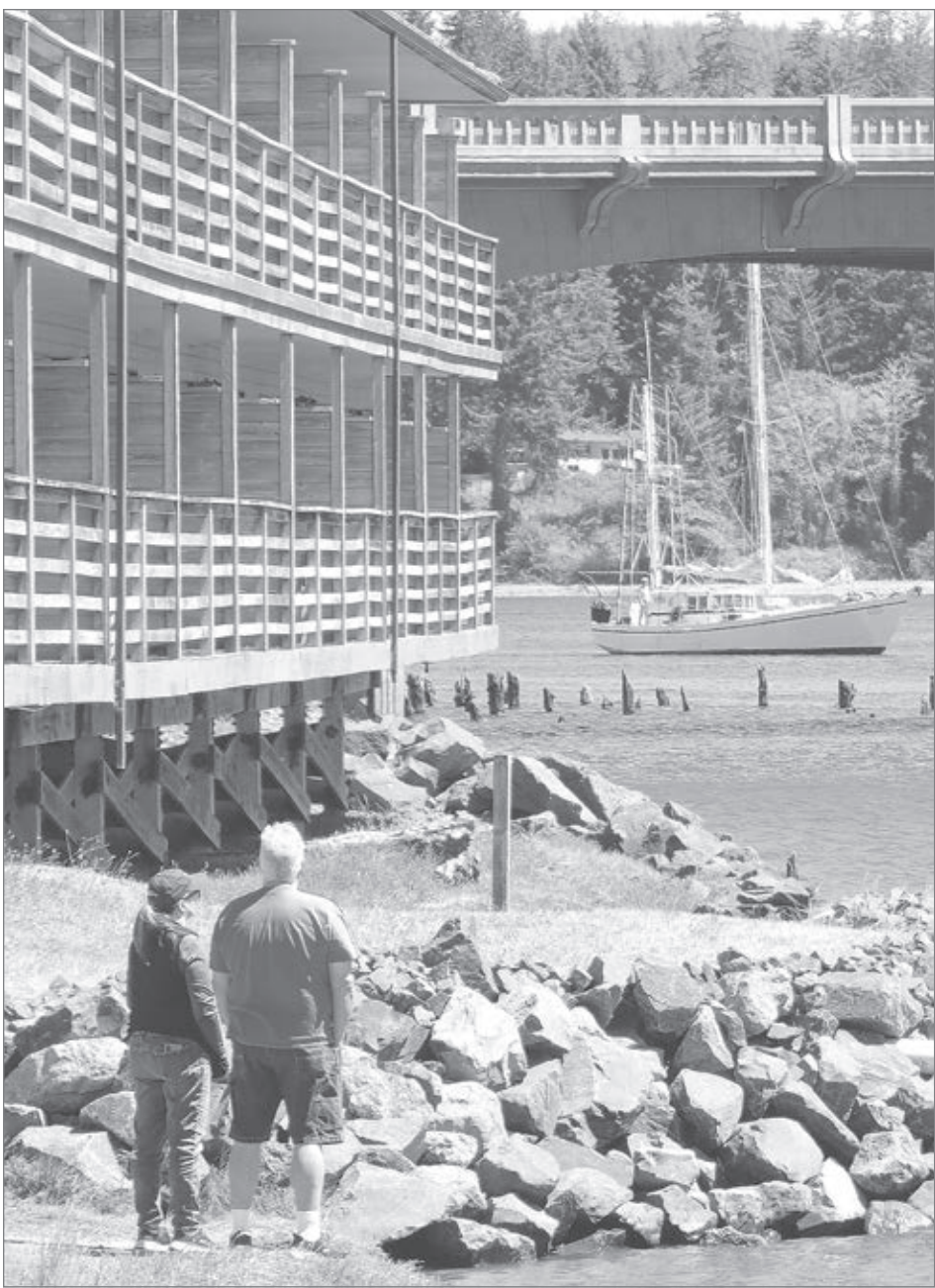
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bridge opens as many as 10 to 12 times per year.

ODOT Information officer Mindy McCart said bridge openings aren't formally tracked. However, using data from the ODOT dispatch center, it was estimated that the bridge was opened 27 times in 2020, and 39 times in 2021. The number went up to 47 times in 2022 and even more in 2023, with an estimated 71 lifts. In 2024, the bridge was raised 32 times. So far this year (2025), the bridge has opened 14 times.

THE RETURN

Aleta owners Brandon Hiza and Kate Price (and deckdog Bruno) returned to the Port of Siuslaw after dark Tuesday night, having caught a record 301 albacore. They said the trip took them about 130 miles offshore, and despite having to rebuild the boat's fuel system at sea, they were able to pull in the albacore and get back to Florence. They said they love knowing the albacore are going into the Florence community and said all sale proceeds



go back into maintenance and fuel for the boat. They said they returned

a bit early and thought they'd have to wait for the bridge but when

they heard the opening siren, they had to scramble to get through. The

following morning, the Aleta was docked and they were getting ready to sell albacore.

The Aleta is usually docked in Newport, as indicated on the stern. Price and Hiza (soon to share one name) say they have fallen in love with Florence and hope to soon remove "Newport" from the stern and paint "Florence" over it.

BRIDGES, HISTORY

While the US101 and railroad bridges in Reedsport and the railroad bridge in Cushman swing from a central point to open, the Siuslaw River Bridge is a double-leaf bascule drawbridge, with large counterweights located inside its structure. It's one of five designed by Conde B. McCullough. It was built in 20 months and opened in May 1936.

According to the Historical Marker Database, the bridge got a new computer-controlled mechanism in 2011 to allow one person to operate the lift, rather than the two required before.

Its ornate features, twin arches and location next to Old Town make it one of the most-photographed features in Florence or on the Oregon Coast.

Its drawbridge has created some controversy, as some area residents and businesses disapprove of the noise made when tires pass over the grated area of the bridge.

"In 2008, the steel grid system was failing and was replaced with a then-new system using fiberglass reinforced plastic. This system was quiet, tough, and light, making it seem like a logical replacement at the time. However, by 2021, the surface was failing and needed to be replaced earlier than we had planned," a previous official ODOT response stated. "In 2021, a \$500,000 project replaced the fiberglass reinforced plastic deck with a steel grid system. The engineered deck system made for a smoother ride over the lift span. Other drawbridges along the coast also removed their fiberglass reinforced plastic decks around the same time, with all similar drawbridges receiving a steel grid system."

Motorists who are accustomed to driving over the bridge without stopping may want to pay attention to the signal lights and listen for the siren, because it still opens from time to time.

SPEED

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While the 5 mph speed limit increase on Kingwood between Airport Road and 10th Street may be concerning to the residents along Kingwood between Airport Road and 12th Street, the reason for the change is statutory requirements that govern speed zones and how they are set.

In Oregon, establishment of speed zones on public roads are contained in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 734- 020-0015. Additionally, the definition of residence district (residential district) can be found in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 801.430 which defines that the section of roadway has driveways with an average of 150 feet or less between dwellings.

THE REASONING

Since there are no driveways on either side of Kingwood between 10th and 12th Street, and only on the east side of Kingwood between 12th and 10th Street, this section of roadway does not meet the statutory requirement of a residential district. Per the speed zone investigation report, the area of Kingwood Street between 35th and 400 feet north of Airport Way has a light business density and culture with an average daily trip (ADT) of 2,400. The survey, which was completed at the end of May 2025 (while school was still in session) found that the 85th percentile speed

to be 42 mph and the 50th percentile speed to be 38 mph. 79 percent of the vehicles were traveling within the pace limits of 34-43 mph and twenty-nine percent of vehicles were exceeding the posted speed of 40 mph.

There were two reported crashes between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022 with one being an injury accident. The determining factor for reducing the speed in this area from 40 mph to 35 mph was the 50th percentile speed, pace limits and the City request for a lower speed. The area of Kingwood Street between 400 feet north of Airport Way and 10th Street has a moderate business density and culture, with a suburban commercial/residential context with an ADT of 2,400.

The survey was also completed at the end of May 2025 and found the 85th percentile speed to be 37 mph and the 50th percentile speed to be 33 mph. 83 percent of the vehicles were traveling within the pace limits of 28-37 mph. This section of Kingwood is currently posted 30 mph and 25 mph, the existing section of 25 mph (between Airport Road and 10th Street) does not meet the statutory definitions for residential streets. 100 percent of the vehicles traveling in the section between Airport Road and 10th Street were exceeding the posted speed of 25 mph. There were four crashes reported between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022 with one being an injury accident. The determining factor for increasing the speed in between Airport

Road and 10th Street from 25 mph to 30 mph was the 50th percentile speed, pace limits, suburban commercial/residential context and culture.

THE RESULT

Does a speed limit set at the 85th percentile speed satisfy everyone? Society expects behavioral consistency among those driving on our streets and highways. But drivers' skills, attitudes, and time pressures vary

greatly, as does their perception of an appropriate speed limit. Whatever the speed limit, some will consider it too high; others, too low. What you should expect is that, within the latitude provided in Oregon law, engineers set the most appropriate speed limits on the basis of thorough study and the application of sound traffic engineering principles.

Is it always safe to drive at the speed limit?

Speed limits are set for ideal conditions. Drivers need to respond to adverse conditions. Oregon vehicle law requires that motorists drive at a reasonable and prudent speed and with a regard for danger. Motorists must adjust their speed according to

the existing vehicle and pedestrian traffic, road surface, lighting, and weather conditions. You should always maintain a safe speed.

For more details about how speed zones are established, call City of Florence Public Works at 541-997- 4106.

FUNDS


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in withheld grants for schools, ending uncertainty for U.S. educators who rely on the money for English language instruction, adult literacy, and other programs.

District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said the impounded Title funds were released in the fourth week of July.

"Funding for the after-school program and the district's share of the SRO costs with the City of Florence are secure for the upcoming year," he said in an email.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Low5:29 a.m.....-0.3
High..... 12:19 p.m.....5.3
Low 4:59 p.m.....3.5
High..... 10:56 p.m.....7.2

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Low6:09 a.m.....-0.7
High..... 12:52 p.m.....5.6
Low 5:47 p.m.....3.1
High..... 11:40 p.m.....7.5

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Low6:45 a.m.....-1.0
High..... 1:23 p.m.....5.9
Low 6:32 p.m.....2.6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

High.....12:22 a.m..... 7.6
Low7:19 a.m.....-1.3
High..... 1:53 p.m.....6.2
Low 7:16 p.m.....2.1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

High.....1:05 a.m..... 7.5
Low7:53 a.m.....-1.3
High..... 2:24 p.m.....6.5
Low 8:00 p.m.....1.6

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

High.....1:49 a.m..... 7.3
Low8:26 a.m.....-1.0
High..... 2:54 p.m.....6.8
Low 8:46 p.m.....1.2

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

High.....2:37 a.m..... 6.9
Low9:00 a.m.....-0.5
High..... 3:26 p.m.....7.1
Low 9:34 p.m.....0.7

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

High.....3:29 a.m..... 6.4
Low9:35 a.m.....0.2
High..... 4:01 p.m.....7.4
Low 10:27 p.m.....0.4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

High.....4:27 a.m..... 5.8
Low10:12 a.m..... 1.0
High..... 4:39 p.m.....7.5
Low 11:26 p.m.....0.3

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

High.....5:33 a.m..... 5.2
Low10:54 a.m..... 1.9
High..... 5:23 p.m.....7.6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Low12:34 a.m..... 0.1
High.....6:54 a.m.....4.8
Low11:46 a.m..... 2.7
High..... 6:17 p.m.....7.5

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Low1:48 a.m..... 0.0
High.....8:30 a.m..... 4.7
Low 12:56 p.m.....3.4
High..... 7:23 p.m.....7.4

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Low3:03 a.m.....-0.3
High.....10:03 a.m..... 4.9
Low 2:23 p.m.....3.6
High..... 8:38 p.m.....7.4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Low4:09 a.m.....-0.6
High.....11:09 a.m..... 5.4
Low 3:46 p.m.....3.5
High..... 9:48 p.m.....7.5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Low5:06 a.m.....-0.9
High.....11:57 a.m..... 5.8
Low 4:53 p.m.....3.1
High..... 10:49 p.m.....7.6

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Low5:53 a.m.....-1.2
High..... 12:36 p.m.....6.1
Low 5:50 p.m.....2.6
High..... 11:41 p.m.....7.6

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Low6:35 a.m.....-1.2
High..... 1:11 p.m.....6.4
Low 6:38 p.m.....2.1

Reaching that goal

On July 23, Ocean Dunes High School at the Camp Florence Transition Program graduated two students with GEDs, and a third student with an associate's degree. The facility currently houses fifteen youth from around Oregon, and the high school is run in conjunction with Multnomah Education Service District.

On hand to celebrate were 64 family members, educators, OYA staff, education leaders, and former youth. While none of the graduates are originally from Florence, they were taught and supported by Florence community members employed at the Oregon Youth Authority facility. In their speeches, all

See **GOAL**, page B2



Jeep Junction Event to support Oregon Coast Military Museum & Florence Food Share

The Florence Jeeps R Us club is hosting a Jeep-only Show & Shine at Johnston Motors on Hwy 101 in Florence, on Saturday, August 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This event was held pre-covid pandemic to recognize the creation of the iconic jeep military vehicle as well as the celebrated vehicle that it is

today, but was cancelled in 2020.

"Many people are not aware that the legendary Jeep Wrangler that we enjoy today and see all over our roads, was actually created by the government just prior to the beginning of WWII in 1941." Explained club leader Cal Applebee. "In addition, we like to hold

the event at Johnston Motors in Florence as they are a Ford Dealership, and nearly half of the military jeeps built for the war effort were built by Ford."

The show is open to all models and era's of Jeep vehicles. Driver's Choice trophies will be awarded to four classes; military, 1945-1986, 1987-2006,

and 2007-current model year. Jeepers can register the morning of the event with a \$10.00 registration fee, plus one can of Spam for creating a 'Spam Mountain', in support of Florence Food Share. Visitors are encouraged to also bring non-perishable food items to add to the mountain.

The first 40 registered

Jeeps will receive a 'goodies bag', and there will also be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum. The Florence-Siuslaw Lions food cart will be on hand for hungry attendees.

Questions can be directed to Applebee via email at cal97439@gmail.com or by phone at 541-999-4175.

Students Share Short Stories at Special Reception



Recently, students in Siuslaw Middle School's 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade summer school program completed a six-week creative writing project to learn basic tools for writing a short story. On July 24, a special reception was held for them at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), where the public was invited to listen as the students read their one-page stories.

Each was matted and hung on display on FRAA's Student Wall in the gallery.

FRAA board member and retired Siuslaw News editor Ned

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- Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlfaff attends.
- Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday)
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- Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.

Contact Bob for more information:
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Community Briefs

Principal to speak to City Club

City Club has asked Mike Harklerode, Principal, Siuslaw High School to speak.

Learn about new graduation requirements and findings of the Facilities Committee Thursday, August 14, in the Bromley Room, Siuslaw

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It will start at 1:30 p.m. promptly

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Learning to Trust: Self, Others & the Universe

Do you ever feel self-conscious in group settings? Avoid speaking up for fear of judgment? Or feel anxious about the state of the world? Whether it's confidence in ourselves, faith in others, or a sense of safety in an uncertain world, all of these challenges reflect our relationship with trust. But what exactly is trust? How

do we cultivate it—and where do we place it, especially when life feels unstable or overwhelming? Join us at FUUF on August 10th for an insightful and heart-centered Sunday service with Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller, who will guide us through the subtle yet powerful terrain of trust in everyday life. Drawing from her personal stories, the latest in neuropsychological research, humanist perspectives, and timeless spiritual wisdom, this service will offer tools and insights to help you reconnect with your own inner knowing, strengthen your sense of belonging and renew your faith in the unfolding of life.

Also, if you're interested in learning about The Hidden Power of the Divine Feminine in Empire Culture, join Dr. Ruth on Saturday the 9th at 1pm for her interactive class. All are welcome.

Location: 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road Doors open on Sunday at 9:30; service begins at 10am Everyone is welcome to attend. Well-behaved dogs are welcome as well. For more information, please contact: Sally Wantz ~ Florence.Unitarian@gmail.com

STORIES
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Hickson, now a mystery novelist and book editor, worked with students for 45 minutes twice a week introducing fundamentals of storytelling. In addition to identifying different types of stories — from

fairytale to mythology and contemporary fiction — the class discussed different genres, narrative styles such as first- and third-person storytelling, and ways to brainstorm ideas into a basic outline.

Students also learned how to use the five senses in writing description, the importance of understanding the motivation of both their protagonist (hero) and antagonist (villain), and the roll of secondary characters.

In the final week of class, students used a basic, 5-point worksheet to create an outline for their one-page stories based on: The Hook (grab the reader in the first paragraph), Pinch Point (cliffhanger moment), False Ending (protagonist seems to win but... no!), Actual Ending (protagonist overcomes foe), and The Conclusion (wrap-up and happy/sad ending).

"Watching the kids go from a blank page and not knowing where to start, to reading their completed stories in front of an audience at a special reception was wonderful to watch,"

Hickson said. "I'm really proud of them and appreciate all the support from FRAA and the teachers at the summer program for helping make this happen. I think the kids gained a lot of confidence in writing and communication skills they'll benefit from in school as well as life."

The students' short stories will remain on display for the public through the end of August, then be moved to the Electives hall at Siuslaw Middle School.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance is located in Old Town at 120 Maple Street.

For more information, call 541-997-4435 or visit fraaoregon.com.

(Contributed photo) Student authors included (Back row from left:) Arianna Munson, Emmett Burkhart, Charles Holcomb, Guillermo Esquivel-Avalos, Riley Stanger, Christopher Juarez, Connor Buckalew, Sal Chinn, (front row from left): Aislynn Heady and Melanie Stanger (and Allan Arthrell, not pictured)

GOALS
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three youth went out of their way to thank former Siuslaw School District educator Tres Tucker, who now works as the school's vocational coordinator, for his support and guidance.

Across its nine facilities (housing roughly 350 youth), the Oregon Youth Authority awarded 59 high school diplomas or GEDs, 6 college degrees, and 206 licenses

or professional certificates during the 24-25 school year. Research has proven that these educational and vocational accomplishments will improve Oregon's public safety by reducing the likelihood that youth will reoffend, and by giving youth the foundation on which to build crime-free adult lives. While at the Camp Florence Transition Program, youth also work in our community, practicing these skills and meeting critical community needs.

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Free Community Household Cleanup Day

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Want to dispose of propane tanks, mattresses, tires, block foam, household goods, eye wear, hearing aids, unopened food, or leftover paint and building materials without having to run all over town? The City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee has organized a “one stop” drop event. Save the date of Saturday, Aug. 16th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and drop off your items at the Siuslaw Middle School south parking lot with entrances on 27th and Oak Streets. Volunteers and staff will help unload vehicles and trailers.

The City’s annual Black and White Recycling Event enables city residents to get rid of unwanted black tires, white propane tanks and

historically white appliances free of charge.

County Transfer & Recycling will be loading and transporting these items with size and quantity limitations as follows: propane and helium tanks 5 gallons or smaller; freon appliances—like refrigerators, air conditioners, and water coolers, and passenger automobile tires that have 19.5” rims or smaller limited to 5 per household. Disposal of Black and White items are limited to city residents, but after 1pm disposal will open up to the greater Florence area residents if funding is still available using the generous donations of Les Schwab and St. Vinnies.

This year, other organizations listed below are joining the event to provide additional FREE disposal opportunities. Here

is what they are accepting:

- St. Vinnies: mattresses, block Styrofoam and household items for reuse. They can also take appliances that can be refurbished. <https://www.svdps.us/lane-countys-best-nonprofit>
- Habitat for Humanity: Paint (in the original container with a secure lid) and reusable construction materials. <https://www.florencehabitat.org>
- Lions Club of Florence: eyeglasses and hearing aids. https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/florence_siuslaw
- Clearing out the pantry? EMAC will accept your non-perishable food items for Florence Food Share. <https://florence-foodshare.org>

Support the INSPIRE Culinary Academy’s bake sale when you drop off your items.

WHY DO IT?
Participating at this event not only gives you space back at your home but it also saves space in the county landfill. It supports recycling businesses and local nonprofit organizations. Many appliances that no longer work can be used for scrap metal, after a process is completed that removes any harmful gases and iron from the appliance. And in some cases, the body or case can be re-used. Tires can provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes and rodents when stockpiled or illegally dumped. Fortunately, markets now exist for used tires to be used as fuel or converted to ground rubber. Donating used medical devices, building materials, mattresses and unused food helps those in need.

EMAC will be at the community clean up

event with educational materials and knowledge on RecycleOn, the new Statewide Recycling Program. Find out more at the RecycleOn website: <https://recycleon.org/Oregon>

Happening the same day and just down the street, The City of Florence Public Works will also be accepting Yard debris and selling FloGro at

their location on 27th and Kingwood from 9 am until 2 pm.

More details about this event are available by calling (541) 997-4106 and can be found at the City’s calendar event webpage and Public Works’ FloGrow webpage.

For more information, call 541-997-8237 or visit the city’s calendar event webpage

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our south coast.

Mussel harvesting is now closed from Cape Blanco to the California border. Mussel harvesting is now open from the Washington border to Cape Blanco.

Razor clam harvesting remains closed from the Washington border to Tillamook Head (Seaside) for the annual ODFW conservational closure, and from Cape Blanco to the California border for high levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid.

Recreational bay clam and crab harvesting are open along the entire Oregon coast. Coastal scallops are not affected by biotoxin closures when only the adductor muscle is eaten. ODA does not recommend eating whole scallops. Commercial shellfish products remain safe for consumers.

Oregon Department of Agriculture will continue to test for shellfish toxins weekly, as tides and weather permit. Reopening an area closed

for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit. Contact Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for recreational license requirements, permits, rules and limits.

For more information call Oregon Department of Agriculture’s (ODA) shellfish biotoxin safety hotline at (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Shellfish Desk at (503) 986-4726, or visit the ODA recreational shellfish biotoxin closures webpage.

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Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
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9	6	2
51	1	4
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Solution		

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1100: Henry I is crowned King of England.
1620: The Mayflower departs from Southampton, England, carrying would-be settlers to North America.
1914: In Cleveland, Ohio, the first electric traffic light is installed.

SPORTS FACT:

The earliest balls used in this sport were made from feathers and called “featheries.”

Answer: Golf

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

HLEO NI NOE

Answer: Hole in one

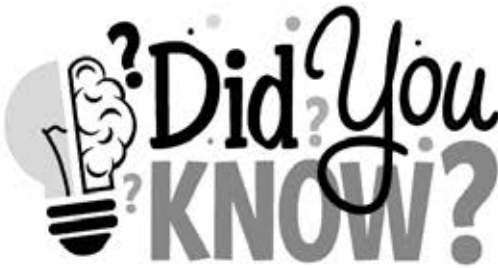
NEW WORD

BOGEY

a score of one stroke over par at a hole in golf

How they say that in...

English: Club (golf)
Spanish: Palo de golf
Italian: Mazza
French: Club
German: Golfschläger



Buzz Aldrin, who served as Commander of Apollo 14, swung a golf club on the moon and sent two golf balls into space.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Golf club

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

WORDS

- BACTERIA
- BLURRY
- CONTACTS
- CORNEA
- DISTANCE
- DROPS
- EXAM
- EYES
- GOGGLES
- HEALTH
- LASHES
- OPTOMETRIST
- PROTECT
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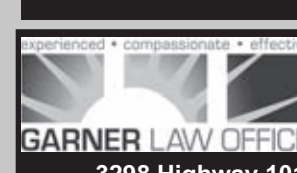
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PUBLIC NOTICES

nance possibly adopting an amended Chapter 51 of the Dunes City Code Ordinance No. 231-A previously created and adopted in 2016. Ordinance No.272 is available for viewing at no cost at Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce Street, Westlake, Oregon, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Copies will be provided at a reasonable cost. Ordinance No. 272 is also available on the Dunes City web site at www.dunescity.gov.

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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, August 22, 2025. The storage units are Unit #L-3, 12x30 (Crystal Lorenson); Unit #K-5, 14x26 (Jason Trebolo), and Unit #G-84, 5x10 (Chris Wood). Publication Dates: August 6, 2025 & August 13, 2025.



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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Team member	__ L __ _ _ _	Heavenly request	__ R __ _ _ _
2. Groucho's brother	__ _ _ _ _ O	Angelic instruments	__ _ _ _ _ S
3. Circular	R __ _ _ _	Located	F __ _ _ _
4. Talk turkey	G __ _ _ _ _	Sway unsteadily	W __ _ _ _ _
5. Canonized one	__ A __ _ _	Allotted period	__ T __ _ _
6. Take aim	__ O __ _ _	Emulate Picasso	__ A __ _ _
7. Put money into	__ _ _ _ _ S	Turn upside down	__ _ _ _ _ R
8. Kitchen furniture	T __ _ _ _	Aesop's story	F __ _ _ _
9. Clamor	__ _ I __ _	From Oslo	__ _ R __ _
10. Napoleon's country	__ R __ _ _ _	Prospective spouse	__ I __ _ _ _

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	+	5	-		=	6		
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	+		÷		=	10		
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Go Figure!

answers

8	+	5	-	7	=	6
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2. Prime factor
3. Prime factor
4. Prime factor
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6. Prime factor

Even Exchange

The Garden Bug



Tips for marigolds

- Removing the fading blooms will prompt the marigold to produce more flowers rather than go into making seeds. Pinch or cut off the wilted flowers every few days.
- Sprinkle bone meal, which is rich in phosphorus, amongst your marigolds. Avoid fertilizers rich in nitrogen, as they promote more leaf growth.
- Getting the leaves and blooms wet can cause mildew or leaf spot, so water marigolds at the base and not from overhead. The best times to water marigolds in the summer are early morning or evening. - Brenda Weaver

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Examining the Common and Available Treatments for Gallstones

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ANSWER: Gallstones are common (6% of men and 9% of women will get one over a lifetime) and are mostly composed of bile salts and cholesterol. The goal of treatment is to reduce symptoms and the risk of complications. Depending on the size and composition of a person's gallstones, there are different therapies available.

The most common treatment for symptomatic gallstones is surgery. Surgery is highly effective, although there are complications such as bleeding, infection and leaks. About 10% of people will develop diarrhea after surgery, which tends to get better over weeks to months but sometimes requires treatment with a bile-acid-binding drug like cholestyramine. Surgery is performed laparoscopically, which means faster healing times.

For people who are not good candidates for surgery (such as those with significant medical illnesses) or people who do not want surgery, there are other options. Medications given by mouth, such as ursodiol (Actigall), can dissolve gallstones, but this can take a long time, usually several years. People with smaller stones that are mostly made of cholesterol can be good candidates for this treatment. However, it is not 100% effective.

Another option is a tube placed into the gallbladder through the abdominal wall to drain bile, which is also sometimes done to remove stones, but I have seldom seen it done. Similarly, shock-wave treatment, which is commonly used for

kidney stones, is rarely used but can be a reasonable option in people with only one or two stones.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a soon-to-be 84-year-old woman with a question about excessive hair shedding. I've always had very thick, good hair, and in fact, I get a lot of compliments on my beautiful hair. I get my hair cut every four to five weeks, and my hairdresser always thins my hair at each visit.

On my last visit, she asked me if I had been ill. While my hair was not coming out in clumps, she said it was shedding more than she has ever seen before with my hair. I, too, have noticed during the past month that there is more hair on my brush, shower drain and clothes. With my hair being so thick, I've always had some shedding that appears on my clothes, but nothing to this extent.

I'm not on any new medicines. What could be causing my hair to shed so much? This is the last thing I thought I would be a problem for me. Is it something serious? Can it be treated and reversed? I hate to think that I am about to lose the only good asset I have. — *J.M.W.*

ANSWER: The most common cause of hair loss I see in older women is female pattern hair loss, but your story sounds more like acute telogen effluvium, which means the loss of hair during the resting phase. This condition is sometimes but not always associated with a stressful event. There are other medical causes, but in a third of cases, no underlying cause can be identified.

The good news about telogen effluvium is that the hair usually comes back, often around 6-12 months. However, I know how important hair can be to both men and women, so I always recommend a visit with a dermatologist, especially one who has expertise in hair disorders as they have additional tools to evaluate patients for other causes.

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

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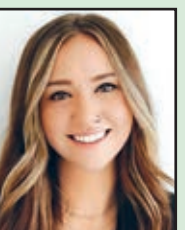
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