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## Stand Down is today at the Florence Elks

The Siuslaw Community Stand Down will take place today, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florence Elks Lodge 1858 in Florence.

The Stand Down welcomes veterans and their families, senior citizens, unhoused persons, pregnant women, disabled persons and Youth and offers free on-site services for clothing, food, haircuts, housing, employment, medical, dental, mental health and more. brunch will be served

from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Guests can meet in person with local western Lane agencies, Lane County agencies, and Veterans Administration services. The Elks Lodge is located at 1686 12th Street in Florence.

The Stand Down is sponsored by the Western Lane Veteran and Community Partnership Coalition. For more information please contact Chaplain Rick Chilton at 541-305-3911.

The "Lotus building" is known locally because its parking lot is often used to view the bridge and shorebirds, but also as it's used for overflow parking during busy Old Town events.



## Planning Commission mulls Lotus building zoning change

By **TONY REED**  
*The Siuslaw News*

Florence Planning Commissioner Laurie Green said the Jan. 14 meeting

was the first time the commission had heard of a proposal to reuse the former Lotus building west of the Siuslaw Bridge to create 16 apartments.

The Commission considered whether to change the City's zoning map to regarding areas of the shoreline and to change

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## Two buildings removed downtown

**SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF**

Long-time Florence residents likely noticed something missing from the 300 block of Highway 101 this week. Namely, the building that used to contain the former Hoberg's gas station and later, Hoberg's Muffler Shop. An excavator spent much of the week tearing

down the mostly cinder block building.

According to City reports, the owner, Raycen Raines, was granted permission Jan. 6 to demolish the building and the neighboring Los Compadres building.

Planning staff said the building, which was supported from below by large beams, could

not pass inspection for use. Since it couldn't be fixed, the owner opted to remove the building, leaving it open for possible redevelopment, staff said. All asbestos removal was done in April of 2023.

According to city records, the building was constructed in 1936. The neighboring Los Compadres building was

first constructed in 1935, but City records showed that some type of rebuild or remodel project was done in 1970. It was scheduled for demolition once the first building was removed, but remained standing as of press time Jan. 16.

As for any future use of the

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## City launches new public records request system

**CITY OF FLORENCE**

The City of Florence is introducing a new online platform for public records requests, designed to make the process more accessible and efficient for residents. The system, provided by NextRequest, allows users to submit requests online, track their status, and receive updates throughout the process. This service is live online as of January 10, 2025. The new platform simplifies how public records are requested and managed.

Users can submit a detailed request and provide their contact information, after which the system routes it to the appropriate city staff for review and processing. The platform also facilitates clear communication, enabling staff to ask clarifying questions or provide updates directly to the requestor. Once records are available, they can be accessed and downloaded from the system.

Previously, the City relied on a manual process requiring requestors to complete and submit forms via email

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## City Council approves grant submitted for Veterans Memorial

By **TONY REED**  
*Siuslaw News*

At its Jan. 6 meeting, the Florence City Council approved the submittal of a grant that would partially fund a veterans memorial next to the municipal airport.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announced the opening of the 2025 Veterans' and War Memorials grant cycle in December 2024.

According to staff reports,

OPRD will be accepting grant applications for funding assistance through January 31, 2025. The Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program was created and established to provide funding assistance to local governments for the construction and restoration of veterans' and war memorials.

Public Works Director Mike Miller said the project was first identified in 2019. Grants were applied for in 2020 but due to the pandemic and other issues, no projects were awarded..

"But we did highly impress them with our application and we were asked to reapply when a future opportunity presented itself," he said.

Miller said grant amounts are typically about \$300,000 and awards are in the \$30,000 to \$80,000 range.

According to Miller's presentation, partner veteran's organizations must meet all of the following requirements and must

- Represent veterans of the United

States of America

- Be established for the purpose of supporting or recognizing veterans

- Have an established membership, that includes officers, and bylaws

- Physically located in Oregon or have a Chapter that is physically located in Oregon

Our local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 meets all of the above criteria and have already committed their time and resources in this project to date, Miller said.

As in 2020, local chapters of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans have pledged their support to the project, said staff reports.

**DEDICATED TO**

The memorial will be dedicated to those who served in peace and war, and specifically, Brigadier General Benjamin King, a Florence resident with a long military history, including as a WWII Ace, An aviator

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## Helping yourself and others to medical peace of mind – Part 2

**By BOB HORNEY**  
Following the publication of my article, Helping Yourself and Others to Medical Peace of Mind in the January 8, 2025, Siuslaw News and having a few conversations with community members, I felt a Part 2 was needed to clarify my intent.

First, I want to emphasize the Helping Yourself! As you may have read in the publication, I didn't wait until someone from Oregon Urology Institute suggested that idea to me. I'm just saying that after going in month after month, laying on the table for maybe 10 minutes or so and having a catheter removed painlessly from my abdomen and a new one inserted just as painlessly, I thought...Why am I putting Marianne through driving me down here almost every month – buying/using gasoline (I haven't driven for several years due to a medication I take), taking time out of our day and paying to have it done while adding to the demise of our planet's air quality... when with a bit of "get off my b\_\_\_", I could do it myself at home. Plus, as

I pointed out in the article, I could prevent 99.9% of visits to the ER in case of a blockage.

From those words... on whom am I placing this task? If you said "the patient" you are absolutely right. Better than anyone else, we should know our capabilities: I'm just trying to get us to think about what we can do as healthcare faces an overabundance of patients needing healthcare while suffering from a shortage of doctors and nurses available to provide that needed care. In addition, there is often a lack of space in the medical facilities. All of that says that we could be part of that solution in freeing up healthcare personnel, plus the space for them to see patients.

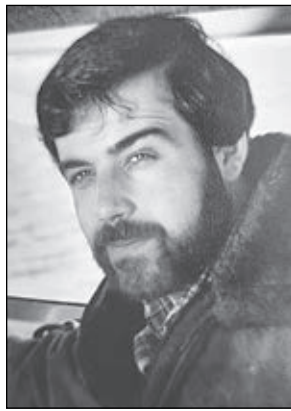
I brought up my article at the January 13 Patient Experience meeting and that discussion helped bring me to this Part 2. I agree with the direction the discussion went; in that it can be very difficult for healthcare providers to know what medical procedures we are capable of doing on our own. Some of us can put 3

subcutaneous needles in our body week after week as my home infusions require, while others faint at the mention of doing such a thing. Plus, if medical personnel convince us to try it and something goes wrong, who gets the blame?!? On the other hand, IF WE bring it up and the medical personnel are willing and able to help us fulfill our goal, we have created a Team Effort that brings about success for us as well as those anxiously seeking medical care. From my personal experience, I can think of no one who is providing healthcare in Florence who would not be excited to assist their patients in attaining their goal of caring for themselves at home and freeing up space and time for those seeking care. Whether PeaceHealth has a clinic waiting list or not, the additional openings we can give will always be very much appreciated.

Therefore, I have placed this Helping Yourself and Helping Others smack-dab on the shoulders of all patients. We won't get a gold star or fame by doing it, but we do get the satisfaction of helping others get the healthcare they seek. That, my fellow patients, IS A GOOD FEELING!

I would love to hear from anyone who is strong and brave enough to try this. You may email me at: 47maribob38@gmail.com or call me at 541-999-4239.

### VICTOR JOSEPH CIANCI



Victor Joseph Cianci, born on June 6, 1950, in Chicago, Illinois. He found his eternal home on January 7, 2025, at the age of 74. His passing was the result of a tragic car accident outside his home in Florence, Oregon. Victor was the beloved son of Victor and Helen Cianci. A man of great warmth and kindness, he was known for his devotion to his faith, family, friends, and his enduring spirit and love for life. Victor loved the Dunes in Florence, boating, and had a lifelong passion for sport cars. He was a great listener and loved to make people laugh bringing smiles to those around him. Victor often referred

to his house as his "Italian Villa" and cherished his time in Florence. While he had recently considered moving closer to family, nothing could match his love for the beauty and peace he found on the coast of Florence. Now, Victor has found his eternal home in Heaven. He is not alone. He is greeted by our Heavenly Father with open arms for a job well done on earth. He will be deeply miss. The long talks, the walks on the beach, the Kit Kat bars and the twinkle in his eyes. Until we meet again Victor, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Victor is survived by his sons, Ryan and David Cianci, daughter Sasha Dicaro, brothers Donald and Raymond Cianci and sister Mary Cianci-Hunter. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who loved him.

~Please join us in celebrating Victor Cianci's life~

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2:00-until sunset  
The Elks Club of Florence  
1686 12th Street  
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### JOSHUA FEGLES



Joshua Fegles, beloved son, father, friend passed away at home Nov14th 2024 at the age of 47. there will be a celebration of life on January 25th, 2025, at 1 pm at the Presbyterian Church located at 3996 Hwy 101 Florence Oregon. All are welcome

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*Florence Police Department officers responded to the following calls from Jan. 7 to Jan 12.*

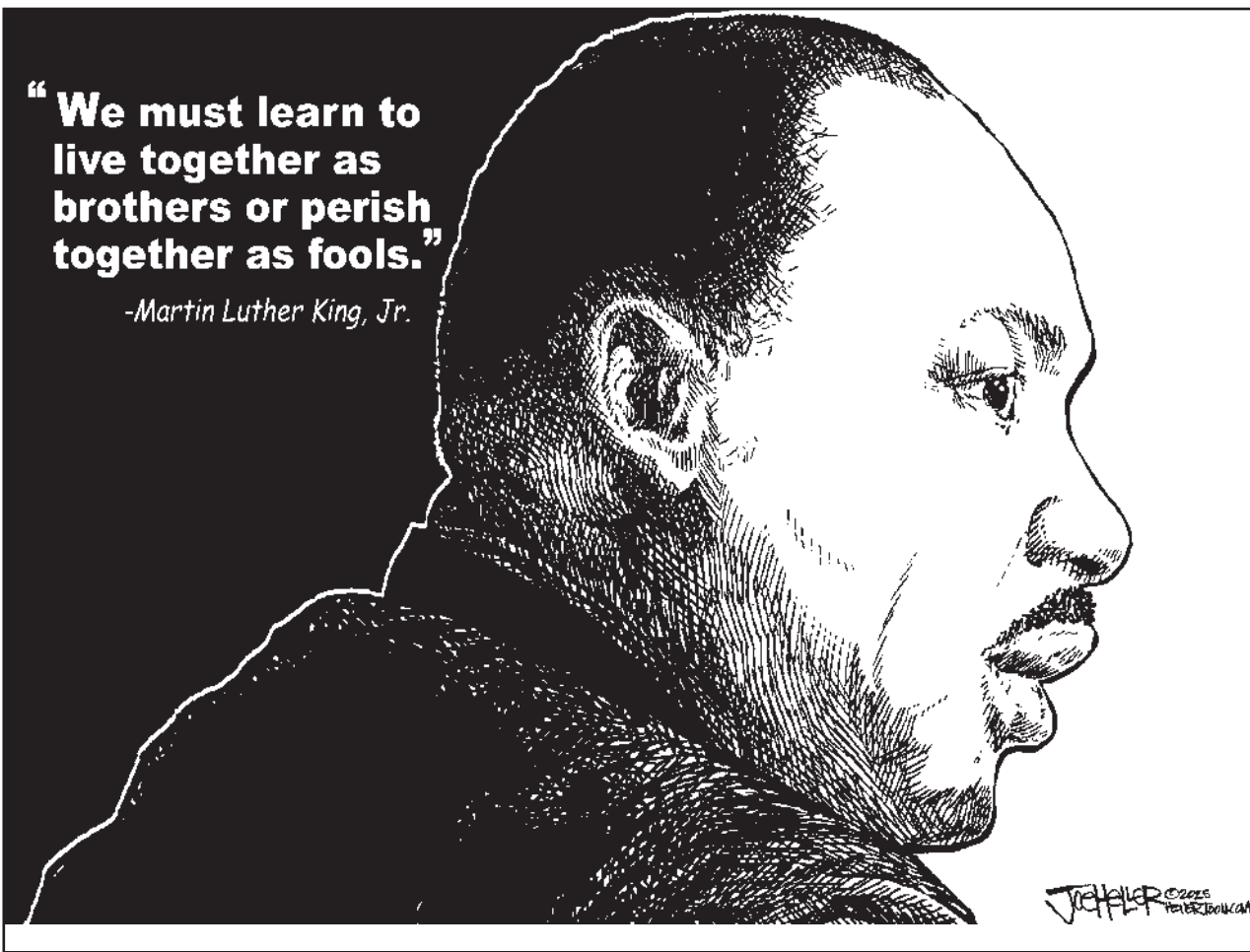
**JAN 7**  
At 8:09 a.m., a caller reported reviewing video surveillance to see a woman inside her home in the 1900 block of 42nd St. Officers arrived to find the woman had left the area, and found nothing was taken or broken into.  
At 10:05 a.m., a caller reported someone sleeping inside the bus stop at 8th Street. Subject was gone when police arrived.  
At 10:59 a.m., officers investigated a report of a missing person in the Florence area.  
At 12:47 p.m., officers investigated a driving complaint in the area of Rhododendron Drive near the dump.  
At 2:08 p.m., a business in the 1200 block of Bay Street reported a subject was continuing to call and harass the business. Extra patrol was assigned to the area.  
At 4:01 p.m., officers investigated a report of fraud in the 1900 block of 37th street. The caller claimed someone was attempting to defraud his phone service account.

**JAN 8**  
At 8:33 a.m., a caller in the 1300 block of Highway 101 reported a fraud attempt. Officers are continuing to investigate.  
At 9:13 a.m., officers investigated a burglary of a business in the 1500 Block of 12th Street. Officers arrested a suspect but stolen items remained outstanding.  
At 11:07 a.m. and caller reported criminal mischief in the 1700 Block of 8th street. Officers arrived and were able to resolve the issue.  
At 11:37 a.m., officers investigated a report of

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**LETTERS**

In answer to Diane Manos' letter of 1/11/25, "Who is Dan Rayfield protecting?" - he is protecting us, the people of Oregon. Why make it about liberals vs. conservatives? Our state and local taxes pay for our state and local police to protect us. Those agencies are already stretched way too thin--there's not enough traffic enforcement on 126, residents outside city limits can't get police response from the county, and Florence police can't keep up with

the speeders, burglars, vandals, and drug dealers. Undocumented workers who make up large portions of our construction, food processing and agricultural workforces are not a major threat to us (they are statistically less likely to commit crimes). The real danger to us are people who run stop signs, deal drugs to our young people, burglarize and vandalize our homes, businesses and vehicles, and we need out state and local law enforcement at work on those problems.

If the feds need more staff for their crusades against immigrants, let them request more money from Congress, rather than using our state and local resources. Thank you, Dan Rayfield for ensuring our state and local law enforcement personnel work to protect Oregonians.

**Donna Milinek**  
Florence

A small black and white starving kitten showed up in my back yard shortly after Thanksgiving. If

you dumped it off by Rhodendron, you are dispicable. I borrowed a trap, large cage, and a cat carrier from the animal shelter and spent a month socializing this terrified kitten. It was quite a journey. The shelter can't take faral cats unless they are calm and can be handled. This kitten needs a "forever" loving home and can be seen at the shelter. She loves to play. Please help adopt these pets. Thanks

**Jeannette Ryan**  
Florence

**POLICE**

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theft in the 1300 block of Spruce Street. Officers found that the allegedly stolen items were still in the residence and the report was unfounded. At 3:17 p.m., officers investigated a report from Department of Human Services which remains under investigation. At 8:31 p.m., officers investigated a report of assault in the 1600 block of 4th Street. officers were able to identify a suspect But could not be made. At 9:52 p.m., a caller reported a dispute in the 1500 Block of 12th Street.

**JAN. 9**

At 2:08 a.m., a driver failed to yield and a police pursuit ensued. The officer discontinued the pursuit for safety reasons. the vehicle was later found unoccupied. the case remains under investigation. At 9:39 a.m., officers, fire and medical personnel responded to the area of Highway 126 near Mile Marker 1 for a report of a vehicle versus bicycle. officers determined the bicycle veered along the roadway and was struck by a vehicle. bicyclist was transported by ground ambulance to Eugene Hospital.

At 10:09 a.m., a caller reported a smash and grab theft from a vehicle in the 1000 block of Spruce Street.

At 12:51 p.m., a caller reported a smash and grab theft from a vehicle in the 900 block of Spruce Street.

4:17 p.m., officers, fire and medical responded to the 1500 Block of 9th Street for a reported vehicle versus pedestrian accident. Personnel arrived to find only minor injuries had been sustained. At 10:02 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in

the area of 8th and Quince streets. Driver Jessica Wilcox was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

**JAN 10**

At 1:38 a.m., officers arrested Bryan Opbroek on a warrant for failing to appear in court regarding DUI charges.

At 7:44 a.m., a caller reported a hit and run crash In the 400 block of 9th Street. officers investigated and determined that a vehicle had been hit and the driver left the area. case remains under investigation.

At 10:26 a.m., a caller reported forgery or counterfeiting in the 2000 block of Highway 101. Officers investigated and determined the issue was not as it was reported.

At 7:06 p.m., officers, fire and medical responded to traffic collision in the area of 10th Street and Highway 101. Officers remained on scene to assist State

Police.

At 7:06 p.m., officers attempted to locate a reported DUI driver in the area of Highway 126. Officers were unable to locate the driver.

At 9:28 p.m., a caller reported burglary in the 1600 block of 22nd street. officers investigated and found the issue to be civil in nature, and that no burglary occurred.

**JAN 11**

At 1:32 p.m., a caller reported theft in the 2100 block of Spruce Street.

At 4:37 p.m., officers investigated a report of child abuse in Florence. The case remains under investigation.

At 6:30 p.m., officers, fire and medical personnel responded to a reported traffic accident in the area of Highway 101 and 16th Street. Personnel determined no injuries were sustained in the crash.

At 11:54 p.m., officers arrested a subject for domestic menacing in

downtown Florence.

**JAN 12**

At 2:15 a.m., officers arrested a subject for disorderly conduct and drinking in public In the 1000 block of Highway 101.

At 9:02 a.m., a caller reported that a felon was illegally in possession of a firearm in the 87,000 block of Highway 101. Officers investigated and found the report to be unfounded.

At 5:56 p.m., a caller reported theft in the 1600 block of Highway 126.

At 11:31 p.m., a caller in the area of Highway 101 and 35th Street reported hearing loud noises. Officers investigated and issued a citation and a warning.

Officers responded to 5 traffic accidents, 3 burglary reports, and made 35 traffic stops.

Officers also checked the welfare of subjects 14 times in the week of Jan 7 to 12.

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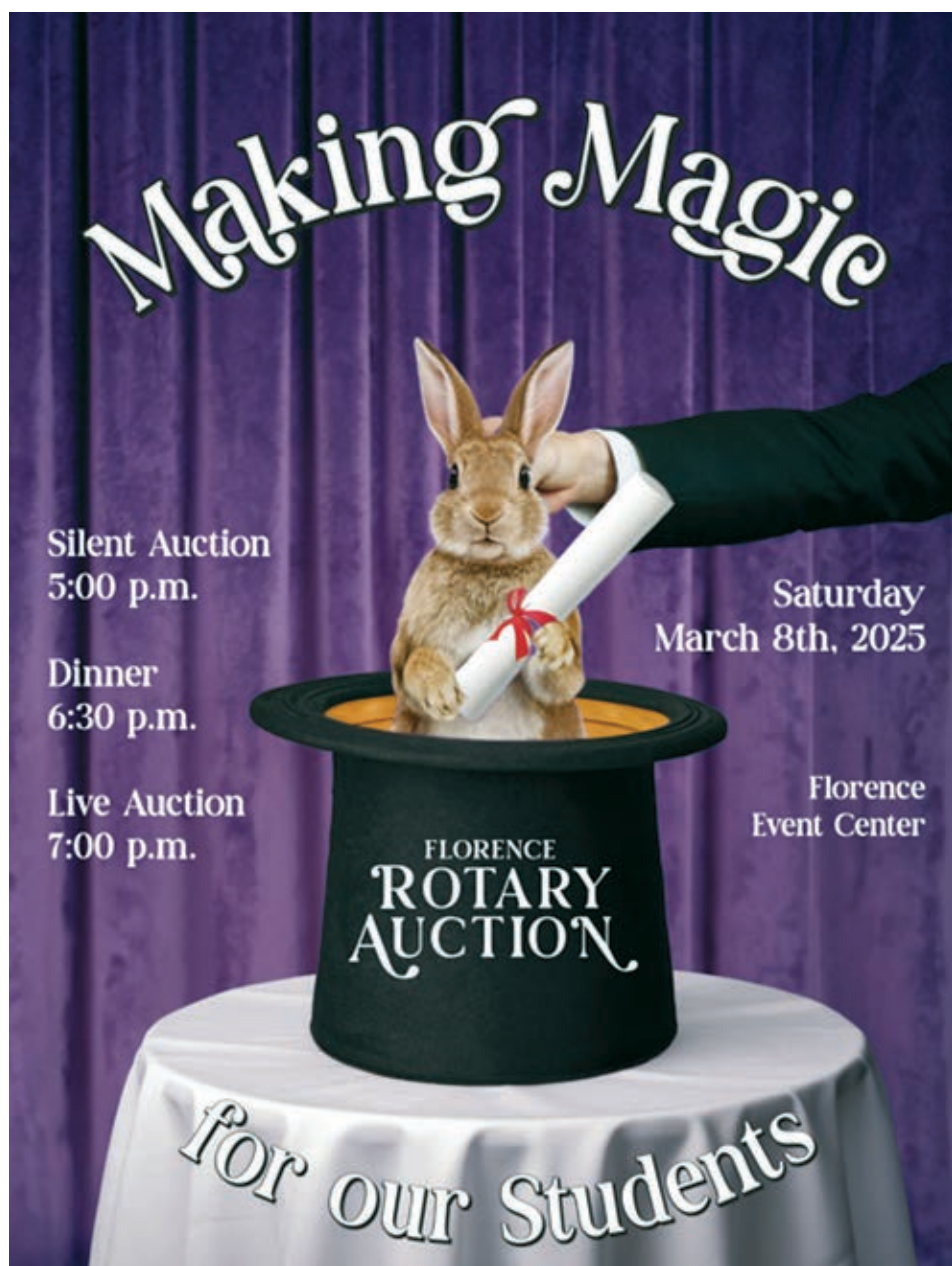
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This Three-Year Strategic Plan sets a course for OCVA to continue driving economic and environmental sustainability across the Oregon Coast. “By bringing together our coastal communities and partners, we are building a future that benefits everyone—residents, businesses, visitors, and the coast itself,” said Sears.

**CORRECTION**

Due to a copy/paste error, a release from the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter was attached to the end of the Jan. 15 story about the City approving a backup location for a cold weather shelter. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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**BUILDINGS**

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properties, staff say none have been proposed or submitted.

**OTHER BUILDINGS**

The same is true when it comes to two other vacant locations; the former Sears building downtown and the former Rite-Aid building at 35th and Highway 101. No plans for reuse have been submitted and no prospective buyers have come to the city requesting new uses.

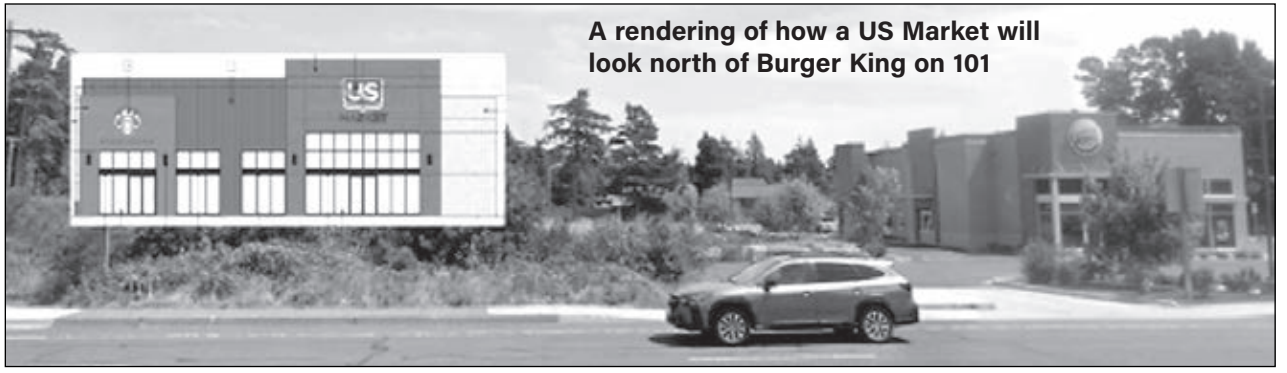
**AN EMPTY LOT**

Another location, just

north of Burger King on Highway 101, was deep in the planning process to host a Dollar General store there. Dollar General representatives received approval of a design review but did not submit a building permit application.

On Oct. 8, 2024, the Planning Commission approved another design review application for the property, for a 3,434 square-foot US Market gas station/convenience store and coffee shop to be built on the lot between Burger King and Chen's family dining.

Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority personnel had no issues with



A rendering of how a US Market will look north of Burger King on 101

the application. Central Lincoln PUD said a new vault may need to be installed and a one-year wait would apply if a new transformer is needed to meet the applicant's voltage needs. Oregon Department of Transportation reviewed the application and found that new approaches and

turning would need to be addressed and a permit would be required for ODOT improvements to be made. Florence Public Works made many recommendations for sewer and stormwater transfer.

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**CITY**

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or in person, with limited means of tracking progress. The new system offers several improvements, including: • Real-Time Status Updates: Requestors

can monitor the progress of their requests online. • Streamlined Communication: Questions and updates can be exchanged efficiently between staff and requestors. • Data Insights: The platform provides information on request trends and processing times, helping

identify opportunities for operational improvements. To learn more about public records in the City of Florence and submit a request, visit <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-records-requests>. Questions related to Next Request and the City's public records request

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# LOTUS

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zoning text to add multi-unit, single unit attached and detached, duplex, triplex, and fourplex development in the area containing the former Lotus building.

Following an extensive staff report, discussion and public comment, the commission voted to approve corrections to an old map of the shoreline areas of Old Town but to continue further discussion about the building's reuse to its March 11 meeting.

## WHERE IT GETS CONFUSING

The proposal contained three requests of the commission.

1) to rezone two abutting properties from Development Estuary District to Old Town District Sub Area A to match the zoning of the northern portion of the properties.

2) to amend a map of the area, changing the properties from Development Estuary Management Unit F to Residential Development Shoreland Management Unit 3.

3) to amend zoning text in the Florence City Code

to add multi-unit, single unit attached, duplex, triplex, and fourplex development as permitted uses for properties within a specific distance from residential zoning or having a Residential Shoreland MU overlay."

"The applicant contends that their properties zoned Development Estuary are misclassified," said staff reports. "In response, the change should only apply to land above the Mean Higher High Tide and may also require amendments to text within the Comprehensive Plan ... to update references and descriptions of the properties." The zoning code amendment was being requested to permit housing as exclusive "permitted uses" if certain distances apply.

Farley-Campbell explained that the applicant asked for all the above-listed uses to apply, without the requirement to have mixed use

commercial/residential requirement. She also noted that requirements in the City's Tsunami Hazard Overlay could affect the allowable density. The maximum density in such areas is 10 units per acre.

"As it relates to the applicant's properties ... the 10 unit per acre density limit would permit 9 units on one lot and 7 on the another, 16 total," the staff report said. "Since the properties are not already zoned to permit housing outside of a mixed-use development, increasing the opportunity to place more units in a hazard zone seems counterintuitive to the purpose of the Tsunami Overlay Zone stated below."

A significant portion of the meeting consisted of Farley-Campbell's presentation to staff about where the map lines existed and should be changed, the legal criteria, provisions and suggested changes. Commissioners were also

given a 23-page Findings of Fact report containing the relevant information.

Asked why the applicant hadn't submitted a development plan to address environmental and other issues, Farley-Campbell said building permits are a state process managed by the City. Commissioners questioned whether the parking lot would be modified, property boundaries would apply, if views of the bridge would be restricted and more.

"What they applied for was an amendment to move a line that has to do with Mean High Water and it was specific to their property and it's not dependent on what someone builds or doesn't build," Farley Campbell responded. "The second was a text amendment that applies to more than just their property."

### THE APPLICANT

Consultant Kim O'Dea, of Metro Planning, in Springfield, said the staff report was incomplete and didn't communicate why the application was positive in nature.

"There are two parts to this application," she said, "and the first part really is just this idea that the boundary between these properties is based on that mean high higher water line. We reached out to the state and the state defined that for us, and then we drew that line."

O'Dea said environmental factor will change the line over time, and the comprehensive plan intends that the boundaries will move with it.

She said the original line was "so grossly off" that the applicant was requesting the city to respect the state's definition and fix the issue.

As for the Zoning Code request, O'Dea said residential development is already allowed and existing in the area and the state requires zoning districts to be consistent with a comprehensive plan.

"That didn't happen

because this piece of property and everything west of it, including Bayshore Condominiums—they weren't supposed to be part of the mixed use area," she said. "You read the definition in the Comprehensive Plan for the Mixed Use and the residential Management Units, these properties are in the residential Management Units, they are not the Mixed Use Management Units. Something went wrong, so right now, your zoning district is inconsistent with how the commissioners and city council define those districts when they adopted the Comprehensive Plan."

O'Dea said the developer wants to preserve the unique building, but first needs to fix planning process inconsistencies. She said five of eight affected properties are already residential per the Comprehensive Plan but somehow got added to the Mixed Use zone.

"That was the basis of the request," O'Dea said. "there's this really confusing thing and it's really clear in the Comprehensive plan that was supposed to happen and that didn't happen." She said the "fix" would be to allow a slight change for all affected properties, so mixed use properties could continue as well.

Regarding questions of why the building cannot continue its former use as a restaurant, "or something wonderful," O'Dea said she and City staff considered proposing an amendment to allow non-conforming structures to keep their nonconforming status until they could be changed to a conforming use. She said such an amendment would allow the building to be redeveloped while avoiding overlapping legal language.

"What else do you need from us to help you understand what we're proposing, and get you

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# LOTUS

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to a point where you can recommend approval?" she asked. Commissioners expressed concern about lack of detail regarding traffic studies, sight lines, parking, and more, especially since the area is a highly-used part of Old Town Florence. However, changing the map lines didn't cause concern with commissioners.

When it was expressed by commissioners that the building could have a better community-serving purpose than 16 presumed luxury units, O'Dea responded that the Comprehensive Plan never anticipated that the area should be Mixed Use, rather than residential. O'Dea said she can provide maps and information that prove it.

### WHY CHANGE

Later, during public comment, Dina Pavlis questioned changing from Development Estuary Management to Residential Shoreland Management, asking what benefit comes from changing water use to land use.

"The consultant and developers and City indicate that it is merely to correct old and inaccurate

maps, but it is not clear... if the reason is as simple as that. Is it because the developer wants to build on a pier dock? Is it because the developer wants to backfill and create land on which to build? Or is it, as it appears on the surface, because it's in the best interest of the developer and not our community, to place themselves under the least restrictive requirements for building on this half-water piece of property right on the waterfront?"

Farley-Campbell responded to Pavlis' question about the change in land use, saying a demarcation line on old maps incorrectly represents the difference between zones.

"Could there be some other reason it wasn't moved in the past?" Farley-Campbell responded. "I don't think so. I did talk with the planning director who was leading this effort. This was months ago and there was nothing nefarious."

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Duman said he lives near the area and supports the plan to create housing in the empty building for local people and workers.

"There are probably a hundred ways to deny this application," he said. "I

urge the commission to find one way to approve it." he said this in his 66 years in Florence, nothing has been developed on the property.

Marcus Leturno said he's lived in Florence his whole life and remembers riding his bike past the empty building when he was a kid.

"I think it's great that my brother Chris came up with an idea to put it to some use," he said, adding that he felt it best to reuse it for needed housing rather than letting it fall apart.

Wendy Thelander of Cheshire, said historic documents showed the site once had trailers on it and was owned by Bay Bridge Condominium Co., who intended to develop condos, before it was bought and turned into a restaurant.

"Since the restaurant went out of business, the parking lot has sat vacant," she said. "Ideas regarding zoning best use ebb and flow of the site has been hobbled by the current regulations.

As the permit application suggests, the Lotus building would be refurbished into six residential units, which is well within the allowable 10 units per acre for a tsunami danger zone. It doesn't pretend to solve the housing crisis,

but it would be a step forward to develop this area, which has been underutilized for over 20 years."

Dina Pavlis said the area is not suitable for residential uses since it's in the flood and tsunami zone "and could create a liability for the city, if approved."

"Since it is the only area along this waterfront not dedicated to water-dependent uses, it also presents a unique opportunity to have a community-wide discussion about the future of this parcel for uses that would better suit the community."

Pavlis said commissioners should ask if the proposed development is in the best interests of the community, rather than the developer. She said the site offers views of the city's landmark Siuslaw River Bridge and dunes.

"Both the bridge and the dunes are a part of our city's identity, with the bridge and dunes even depicted on our City logo" she said. "As residents of Florence, we are proud of them, and this location is loved by nearly everyone in our community, a place where we go to celebrate these iconic symbols of Florence."

She said development would take those views away from all but 16 tenants and would reduce

the quality of life for residents. She asked that the commission deny both requests and create an open dialog with residents about the future use of the site.

Regarding other comments, Farley-Campbell noted that the property is privately-owned.

She said there was a public and city effort to review this property around 2016 and there was a plan that was submitted to council. Farley-Campbell offered to locate the information for commission consideration. She said that while a boat launch or recreational use would be permitted as well, the city is not interested in buying the property.

### TO BE CONTINUED

At that point, planning staff recommended that the map change be approved and forwarded to the City Council with findings to reflect the map change. Staff also recommended that the zoning amendment be continued to the March 11 meeting, making it clear that the two are unrelated.

With no further discussion, commissioners voted as recommended by staff. Farley-Campbell said she could bring further information to the March 11 meeting.

# MEMORIAL

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Miller said the City donation could come in the form of City labor and Equipment to construct the memorial, along with a yet unknown cash donation. He said volunteer help could offset costs further.

The grant will be due

Jan. 31 and if the City receives notification of a grant award May 7 construction could start July 1, of this year and be completed April 30, 2027.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Cal Applebee thanked the council for reviving the project, and expressed support on behalf of the Florence Band of Brothers.

"We feel that it is very appropriate to create this memorial gateway named after a decorated

American Veteran who was a short-time member in Florence, particularly since the population in Florence enjoys about 21 percent veterans in a statewide average of only 8 percent, so it's important to the veterans in this community," he said. Applebee added that the felt the memorial would enhance the area and suit the mission of the Military Museum and help it economically.

He explained that the project was first brought

to the city in 2018 but was delayed by the pandemic.

With no further discussion, the council voted unanimously to submit the grant application.

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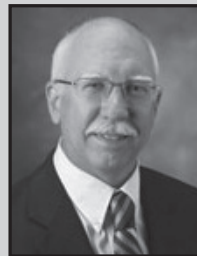
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**NEW PROPERTIES AND UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 22, 2025**

<p><b>5412 BUCKSKIN BOB</b></p> <p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p>Custom built Carter Brothers home is an architectural masterpiece. Direct access to Siltcoos Lake. 3 BD/2.5 BA 2296 SF.</p> <p><b>\$1,110,000</b></p>	<p><b>1699 N TERRY ST. SPC #126. EUGENE</b></p> <p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p>Vaulted ceilings and laminate flooring. Bright open kitchen. All appliances plus washer/dryer included. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1292 SF</p> <p><b>\$129,000</b></p>	<p><b>211 HARBOR ST. #38</b></p> <p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b></p>  <p>3rd story end unit with river views and full laundry. Upgraded primary bathroom. Secure parking garage. 1 Bed/1.5 Bath, 945 SF</p> <p><b>\$399,000</b></p>	<p><b>1009 ROYAL ST. GEORGES DR.</b></p> <p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b></p>  <p>Nestled in Sandpines West, upgraded craftsman offers luxury and privacy. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2047 SF.</p> <p><b>\$565,500</b></p>	
<p><b>21 TWIN TREE CT.</b></p> <p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b></p>  <p>2 story luxury home w/ incredible views of the ocean. Tongue and groove vaulted ceilings. 5 Bed/2.5 Bath, 3378 SF</p> <p><b>\$1,395,000</b></p>	<p><b>87660 WOODMERE WEST</b></p>  <p>Sought after Idylwood neighborhood. Sheltered patio. Finished hobby shed. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1642 SF.</p> <p><b>\$550,000</b></p>	<p><b>428 SHERWOOD LOOP</b></p> <p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b></p>  <p>Top of the line manufactured home on .28 acre corner lot. Large double garage w/ shop. 2 Bed + office/den/2 Bath, 2011 SF</p> <p><b>\$448,000</b></p>	<p><b>1301 20TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Bright open floor plan, modern kitchen. 2 fireplaces. Quiet dead-end street. Garage + workshop. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1797 SF</p> <p><b>\$495,000</b></p>	<p><b>9363 HIGHWAY 126</b></p>  <p>Fully remodeled cottage in the trees on .48 parcel. New mini split HVAC for heat/cool. 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 1270 SF</p> <p><b>\$419,900</b></p>
<p><b>1868 TAMARACK ST</b></p>  <p>Cozy home with RV garage, loft &amp; additional square footage. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1211 SF</p> <p><b>\$492,500</b></p>	<p><b>5346 BUCKSKIN BOB</b></p>  <p>Park-like grounds and views of Siltcoos Lake. .86 parcel. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2328 SF</p> <p><b>\$798,000</b></p>	<p><b>4743 STONEFIELD CT.</b></p>  <p>New home located in beach area neighborhood. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1914 SF</p> <p><b>\$619,000</b></p>	<p><b>1539 TAMARACK ST.</b></p>  <p>Attached shop w/ carport. Extra-large fenced backyard. Recently replaced roof. 4 Bed/2 Bath, 2124 SF</p> <p><b>\$540,000</b></p>	<p><b>12212 E MAPLETON RD., MAPLETON</b></p>  <p>Meticulously maintained custom log home on 22 acres. Riverfront. Whole house generator. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2626 SF</p> <p><b>\$1,599,997</b></p>
<p><b>83399 SPRUCE LANE</b></p>  <p>Recent upgrades include new roof, gutters, exterior paint &amp; water heater. Comfort, style &amp; modern amenities. 4 BD/2 BA 1898 SF.</p> <p><b>\$450,000</b></p>	<p><b>87179 MUNSEL LAKE RD.</b></p>  <p>Cottage with Munsel Lake views &amp; fishing a few steps away. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1028 SF</p> <p><b>\$415,000</b></p>	<p><b>211 HARBOR ST. #32</b></p>  <p>Enjoy river views from this 3rd floor east facing condo. Large unit w/ secured parking garage. 1 Bed/1.5 Bath, 960 SF</p> <p><b>\$425,000</b></p>	<p><b>83049 SILTCOOS STATION RD.</b></p>  <p>2 story lake view home with workshop on .65 acre of park like grounds. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1818 SF</p> <p><b>\$660,000</b></p>	<p><b>445 TOURNAMENT DR.</b></p>  <p>Brand new home in Fairway Estates. 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 1982 SF</p> <p><b>\$647,400</b></p>
<p><b>246 HORSESHOE BEND</b></p>  <p>Bunk house with bath + vintage travel trailer. Covered porch and deck.</p> <p><b>\$129,900</b></p>	<p><b>18156 HWY 36, BLACHLY</b></p>  <p>22 AC. Creekfront Ranch. 2 Bed/3 Bath, 2952 SF Home + 35x60 Shop</p> <p><b>\$975,000</b></p>	<p><b>5360 BUCKSKIN BOB</b></p>  <p>Siltcoos Lakefront cabin with boat dock! 3 Bed/2 Baths, 1560 SF</p> <p><b>\$789,000</b></p>	<p><b>1150 HEMLOCK ST. #D-14</b></p>  <p>Conveniently located townhouse. Low maintenance yard and move-in ready. 2 Bed /1.5 Bath, 1004 SF</p> <p><b>\$269,997</b></p>	<p><b>2640 GARDENS AVE. REEDSPORT</b></p>  <p>Peaceful dead-end street. Newer roof, upgraded vinyl windows. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1430 SF</p> <p><b>\$349,900</b></p>



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## Tide Table

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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

High.....5:39 a.m.....6.9  
Low ..... 12:55 p.m.....1.8  
High..... 7:16 p.m.....4.5  
Low ..... 11:40 p.m.....3.6

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

High.....6:28 a.m.....6.9  
Low ..... 1:59 p.m.....1.4  
High..... 8:52 p.m.....4.7

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Low .....12:46 a.m.....4.0  
High.....7:24 a.m.....7.0  
Low ..... 2:56 p.m.....0.9  
High..... 10:01 p.m.....5.0

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Low .....1:59 a.m.....4.1  
High.....8:20 a.m.....7.3  
Low ..... 3:47 p.m.....0.4  
High..... 10:48 p.m.....5.4

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Low .....3:04 a.m.....4.1  
High.....9:12 a.m.....7.6  
Low ..... 4:31 p.m.....-0.2  
High..... 11:26 p.m.....5.8

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Low .....4:00 a.m.....3.9  
High.....10:01 a.m.....8.0  
Low ..... 5:12 p.m.....-0.6

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

High.....12:02 a.m.....6.0  
Low .....4:49 a.m.....3.6  
High.....10:47 a.m.....8.3  
Low ..... 5:50 p.m.....-1.0

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

High.....12:35 a.m.....6.4  
Low .....5:34 a.m.....3.2  
High.....11:33 a.m.....8.4  
Low ..... 6:26 p.m.....-1.1

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

High.....1:09 a.m.....6.8  
Low .....6:20 a.m.....2.7  
High..... 12:18 p.m.....8.4  
Low ..... 7:02 p.m.....-1.1

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

High.....1:42 a.m.....7.1  
Low .....7:06 a.m.....2.3  
High..... 1:05 p.m.....8.2  
Low ..... 7:38 p.m.....-0.7

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

High.....2:16 a.m.....7.5  
Low .....7:54 a.m.....1.8  
High..... 1:55 p.m.....7.7  
Low ..... 8:14 p.m.....-0.1

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

High.....2:51 a.m.....7.7  
Low .....8:47 a.m.....1.5  
High..... 2:48 p.m.....7.0  
Low ..... 8:51 p.m.....0.7

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

High.....3:28 a.m.....7.9  
Low .....9:45 a.m.....1.2  
High..... 3:48 p.m.....6.1  
Low ..... 9:32 p.m.....1.5

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

High.....4:10 a.m.....8.0  
Low .....10:51 a.m.....1.0  
High..... 5:00 p.m.....5.5  
Low ..... 10:18 p.m.....2.4

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

High.....4:57 a.m.....7.9  
Low ..... 12:03 p.m.....0.8  
High..... 6:31 p.m.....5.0  
Low ..... 11:16 p.m.....3.2

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

High.....5:55 a.m.....7.8  
Low ..... 1:19 p.m.....0.5  
High..... 8:14 p.m.....5.0

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Low .....12:32 a.m.....3.7  
High.....7:03 a.m.....7.7  
Low ..... 2:30 p.m.....0.1  
High..... 9:37 p.m.....5.4

# Siuslaw's season ramping up

**Will LOHRE**  
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Siuslaw boys basketball has wrapped up the non-league portion of its schedule, and though they ended the early part of the season with a 9-5 record, the game against Sweet Home on Jan. 14 will leave a sour taste in the Vikings' mouths, as they narrowly lost 48-49.

Though 3A Siuslaw was matching up with a larger 4A program in Sweet Home, the result was a bit of a surprise, given the difference in the two teams' records going into the game. The Vikings entered the game with a 9-4 record, while Sweet Home entered on an eight-game losing streak and a 2-9 record.

Despite facing a larger school, Siuslaw pushed Sweet Home until the very end but couldn't quite pull out the win, which snapped the Vikings' four-game win streak. The final win of that streak came against Harrisburg on Jan. 10. Siuslaw secured a 39-27 victory against the Eagles for their ninth win of the season.

Going into league, the Vikings have to feel good

about their work so far. Siuslaw enters the final 12 games of the season as the top-ranked team in the 3A Far West League and the highest-scoring team in the conference. The second-ranked team in the Far West prior to league play was Sutherlin, who had a record of 8-5. The result of Siuslaw's Jan. 17 league game against Sutherlin is not known as of press time.

Over the course of league play, Siuslaw will play each of its Far West peers twice, once home, once away. In addition to Siuslaw and Sutherlin, the other teams vying to make the playoffs out of the Far West are South Umpqua (6-6), Douglas (6-8), Coquille (5-9), and Glide (4-8). Though Siuslaw and Sutherlin were the only teams to post above .500 records in the early going, the playoff picture is far from decided.

It's time to see which teams are ready to perform now that the stakes have been raised. There are only two guaranteed spots for teams from the Far West League, and the Vikings will hope they leave nothing up to chance.



Vikings were up by one point at halftime but were one point behind at the final buzzer. Tony Reed photos

# Siuslaw girls basketball giving it their best

**Will LOHRE**  
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For Siuslaw's girls basketball team, this season is about improving every day. Aaron McNeill is the Vikings' head coach, and though the team is still looking for its second win of the season, McNeill says the Siuslaw's fighting spirit never wavers, and there is always a commitment to improving within the squad.

The Vikings headed into their Jan. 17 league opener with a 1-13 record, but McNeill is optimistic that Siuslaw will be able to compete for wins this year thanks to the team's progress throughout the season.

"We feel that if we can begin to score and rebound more consistently, and with our solid team defense, we can be competitive with many of the teams in our league," McNeill said.

One of the main areas of improvement for the Vikings in recent weeks has been their team defense. McNeill said players have "bought into our defensive scheme" and "taken pride in playing really good half-court defense." Additionally, the Vikings have done better on the defensive boards than before. Securing rebounds has been an important part of limiting other teams.

"I have been really pleased with our team defense in recent games," McNeill said. "I never question our effort or desire to compete. The girls give it their best effort every day."

With the defensive structure being something the team can rely on, McNeill



Siuslaw Girls played hard but were handily defeated Jan. 14 by Sweet Home.

said that the next facet he wants to work on is offensive consistency and putting together a full four quarters of good basketball.

"Our goal is to improve each and every day. We have had multiple games where we have several quarters in which we play really well, but unfortunately, we also have a quarter in which we struggle to score, give up too many second-chance opportunities, and/or turn the ball over too frequently," McNeill said.

It's hard to make a big shift all at once, and McNeill said incremental goal setting is helping keep things achievable. An example of the types of

small goals he and the team set is "winning a quarter." When they win one, then they want to "win another." If the team can start to put together strong performances over the full course of games, McNeill said he thinks the Vikings can win some league games this season.

Regarding games decided by a lackluster quarter, McNeill pointed to two examples: recent games against South Umpqua and Harrisburg. Against South Umpqua, Siuslaw outscored the opposition 24-10 in the second half but struggled in the second quarter, which led to a 31-43 defeat. Against Harrisburg, the Vikings had "a poor

first quarter" but won the last three quarters 21-20. Though they kept pace for three of the four quarters, the Vikings ended up on the losing side 23-38 due to the tough start.

"We are starting to win some quarters and are definitely improving," McNeill said. "Now, one of our main goals each game is to play consistently well over all four quarters. If we do, and I believe we can, I think we can win some league games down the road."

### PLAYERS MAKING IT HAPPEN

This year has been a product of the team's hard work, and three of

the individuals who have helped make it happen are the three senior captains, Makayla Bender, Macy McNeill, and Sophia Montoya. Bender and McNeill have been a part of the program for four years, and Montoya has played for three.

Each of the captains has provided great leadership this year, and McNeill said they encourage and assist the younger players while also leading by example.

"These three girls have endured some challenging seasons, but have never wavered in their effort and desire to compete. They have persevered and demonstrated tremendous character the past few seasons," McNeill said. "I am extremely proud of these three seniors."

The seniors have been backed up on the court by juniors Mia Snider and Laryssa Wieber, who have been "important contributors," and who McNeill has high expectations for going forward.

There are also some up-and-coming talents in the program. Sophomore transfer Aidell Cadet has been making her presence felt. As an explosive athlete, Cadet has "provided a spark" for the Vikings. Other team members McNeill highlighted as contributors and important parts of the program's future were sophomores Oksana Jensen-Norman and Ezra Haberly, as well as freshmen Claire McNeill, McKenzie Ulrich, and Avey Hulet.

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## 2024 Florence Oregon Real Estate Review

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# Community Briefs

## Baskets of Bliss, a Chocolate, Wine and Music Gala

Come to Florence Unitarian Universalist Church (FUUF) on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 - 8 p.m. 87738 Hwy. 101 to enjoy a Chocolate, Wine and Music Gala.

This is a benefit event and proceeds will be shared with FUUF and KXCR Community Radio.

Music featuring love songs through the ages by Christine Frances and Jeff Lovejoy; silent auction of gift baskets and "wine wall."

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, as available.

## WLT Meeting

West Lane Translator, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing free television and radio re-transmission to the Florence area, will hold its

Annual Meeting, including election of its officers, on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Siuslaw Library, Bromley Room and virtually with attendance details provided to all current WLT members via email. For the convenience of the public, a summary of the meeting will be posted to the WLT website, westlanetv.org.

## Free Educational Medicare 101 Event

A free, open-to-the-public educational Medicare 101 event at the Florence Events Center will help explain the sometimes confusing and complicated federal health insurance program. The presentation by the locally based insurance advisor, Dana Dane, will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 6.

Medicare 101 will explain what people turning 65 need

to do to enroll in Medicare and how they need to review their insurance plans each year after that in order to control their costs. The program will also cover how the different parts of Medicare work, including Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance), as well as Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans and Medicare Supplement health insurance plans. Participants also will learn how Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans work, how to get help with the cost of prescription drugs and how Medicare works with the Veterans Affairs health care benefits.

Seating is limited. To register, call Dana by February 5th at 541-997-1410.

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## Schoolhouse Bingo Fundraiser

Looking for something fun to do for Valentine's Day weekend? Grab your sweetheart or your pals and join C.R.O.W. on Saturday, February 15th from 5-9:30 PM at Three Rivers Casino & Resort, Events Center

for "Schoolhouse Bingo!" All proceeds support youth in the arts, and this event is sure to be "way more fun than a pop quiz!" The theme was chosen to coincide with C.R.O.W.'s upcoming production of "Matilda The Musical," which will be performed April 25-May 4 at the Florence Events Center.

Bingo tickets are \$55 per person with a discount for a table of 8. Tickets include 10 bingo game cards, a dauber, and a themed dinner with coffee/tea/iced tea and wine sponsored by Three Rivers.

Additional Bingo cards will be available for purchase at check in. Doors open at 5 pm for dinner and check in. The event will run from 5 - 9:30 PM, with Bingo games beginning at approximately 6:30. This event is for adults only, ages 18+.

Last year's Bingo Fundraiser sold out very early, so don't wait to purchase your tickets online at: <http://www.crowkids.com/bingofundraiser>. To donate a prize or ask a question, please contact [crowtheatre-kids@yahoo.com](mailto:crowtheatre-kids@yahoo.com)

# City of Florence Planning Commission Recruitment - Now Accepting Applications

Are you interested in helping the City deliberate on its land use laws? Would you like to dedicate your time to reviewing proposed developments? Then consider applying for the City of Florence Planning Commission!

The Florence Planning Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and Planning Director on matters concerning planning and land use. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, subdivision and zoning ordinances, and other planning rules and regulations. Additionally, it serves as the Design Review Board, determining whether proposed developments uphold the City's zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The Commission consists of seven members, with at least five being residents of the City. Members serve three-year terms, expiring on May 31 of the expiration year. Meetings are held on the second and fourth


Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., as needed.

The Florence City Council is now accepting applications for two open positions on the Planning Commission. The recruitment period officially opened on January 6, and interviews will be conducted by the City Council on Thursday, February 13.

For more information or to submit your application, visit the City Boards and Commissions Application Page at <https://bit.ly/FlorenceCommitteeRecruitment>.

To learn more about the roles, responsibilities, residency requirements, and term lengths, visit: <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/bc-pc>.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of these bodies, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths, or other questions, please contact City Recorder Lindsey White at 541-997-3437 or via email at [Lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:Lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us).



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### Classes, Workshops & Events

mid-January 2025

**A Taste of Art Wine Call for Juried Art Show**  
Event is February 15th and 16th at the Florence Events Center. To enter the Juried Art Show, applications are available on our website, <http://www.fraaoregon.org>. Deadline is January 31st. Judges to be announced soon. This event featuring vendor art booths, wine tasting, and the juried art show is free for all to attend. Fee for wine tasting.

**FRAA's Light up the World Show at the Siuslaw Library**  
FRAA will be displaying our artists' artwork at the Siuslaw Library during the month of February. All FRAA artists can participate. Enjoy the show for the entire month of February.

**Draw Together with SCWBI**  
This free meet-up hosted by FRAA and the Society of Children's Writers and Book Illustrators offers illustrators the opportunity to informally meet, share work and ideas. 4th Friday of each month, 5-7 pm. Next one, January 24th. For more info, contact Kassy at [kkeppol@gmail.com](mailto:kkeppol@gmail.com).

**Painting with John Leasure**  
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm No painting experience required. Contact: 541-991-2754 or [jleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jleasure@hotmail.com) for details/fees.

**All Classes**  
Register in person, via phone, or online at [fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org). Payment required when registering. All classes at FRAA.

**Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic**  
Tuesday, February 4th, 7 pm in person and Zoom at FRAA

**Open Studio Fridays! @ FRAA**  
No registration required. Drop-in, bring your materials, and create. All artistic mediums welcome. Every Friday, 11 am - 3:30 pm.

**Next Change-Out Days**  
3D: Tuesday, February 11th, 9-10:30 am  
2D (hangs on wall): Monday, March 10th, 9-10:30 am  
3D: Tuesday, March 11th, 9-10:30 am

**For more information about classes, visit [fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org). To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our Art Center on Maple Street.**

**IN OUR ONLINE POLL LAST WEEK, WE ASKED FLORENCE AREA HOME RENTERS: HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY FOR RENT EVERY MONTH?**

21.4 percent said over \$500  
21.4 percent said over \$1000+  
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and 42.9 percent said over \$2000+

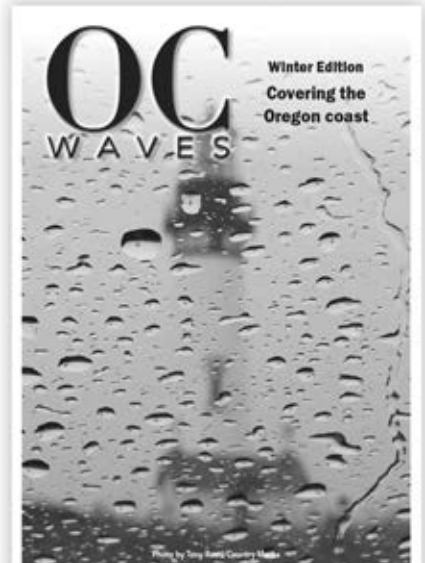
**THIS WEEK, WE'RE ASKING "WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACED BY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT?"**

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Sunday School for adults is at 9:00 a.m.  
Online services at [www.florenceunitedmethodist.org](http://www.florenceunitedmethodist.org) or find us on Facebook.

**BAHA'I FAITH OF FLORENCE**  
"What is Baha'i, and Why?" 2nd Monday 7:00 pm  
Interfaith Devotions 4th Monday 7:00 pm  
Info and meeting location: 541-590-0779  
Zoom link on Facebook: Florence Baha'i Community  
All ARE WELCOME!

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Maygan Hiatt from First American Title was recognized as the Affiliate of the Year for 2025.



Maygan Hiatt



Missy Johnson

# Unique Exhibit Introduces Sandboards as Art

FLORENCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

He's known worldwide as Dr. Dune.

Lon Beale is the founder of Sand Master Park (the world's first sandboarding park, 4981 Highway 101 in Florence), and one of the founders of global competitive sandboarding and its governing body Dune Riders International. He has coached world champions and hosted ESPN and FOX Sports in Florence for international sandboarding competitions and exhibitions.

In addition, Beale is the crafter of the world's top-selling boards and was key in getting Florence designated as The Sandboarding Capital of the World.

Throughout January and February, his handcrafted sandboards take center stage as the featured art exhibit in the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's visitor center and art gallery at 290 Highway 101 in Florence.

He has been able to combine his passions for graphic arts and sandboarding into a company named Venomous Sandboards (VenomousBoards.com). Beale also owns Monarch Sandboards and he and his crew produce boards and sand sleds under both brands in Florence.



"People who visit the Chamber's gallery will see 10 different boards, and two sand sleds, with digital and hand-painted graphics," Beale explained.

Beale said his Xwest Custom Apparel shop helped fund his and Robin's dream of opening the world's first sandboarding park.

"We have sandboarded all over the world and found Florence to have some of the most rideable sand on the planet. Plus, there is plenty of it, easily accessed; and Florence has been so supportive of our efforts since day one. Florence has it all and was already a top tourism destination. The

great sand was just icing on the cake," he recalled.

The Chamber's visitor center and gallery is at 290 Highway 101 in Florence. Winter hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is 541-997-3128. For more information about volunteering with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, visit FlorenceChamber.com or contact visitor center manager Lisa Brandow at vcmanager@FlorenceChamber.com. For Chamber membership, programs, and advocacy, contact president/CEO Bettina Hannigan at bettina@florencechamber.com.

# Click It or Ticket!

**City OF FLORENCE**  
Beginning Monday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Feb. 9th, law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon will use federally funded enforcement hours to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws, including a law passed in 2017 increasing safety for children under age two.

Crash data for 2022 shows lack of safety belt or child restraint use was a factor in 31% or 108 of a total 346 motor vehicle occupant fatalities in Oregon. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading nationwide cause of death for children ages one through twelve years old. In 2022, 1,697 children under twelve were injured in Oregon traffic crashes, 16 percent

were reported not using a child restraint system. It is estimated that car seats may increase crash survival by 71% for infants under one year old and by up to 59% for toddlers aged one to four.

Booster seats may reduce the chance of nonfatal injury among four- to eight-year-olds by 45% compared to safety belts used alone. Of the 25,420 passenger vehicle occupants killed in the United States in 2022, 50% were not wearing seat belts. The 2017 law, which extends the rear-facing requirement from the previous age one to age two, will better protect the child's head, neck, and spine from potential crash injuries. This is because a rear-facing seat spreads crash forces evenly across the seat

and child's body while also limiting forward or sideways motion of the head.

Seat belts are the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers. Being buckled up during a crash helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle; being completely ejected from a vehicle is almost always deadly. For help selecting or installing child car seats, consult the seat manufacturer's instructions, your vehicle owner's manual, or visit a local child seat fitting station listed at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/carseats-and-booster-seats/#inspection-inspection>. For more information or questions, contact the Florence Police Department at (541) 997-3515.

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# GIRLS

From Page B1

"During practices, this young group has done an amazing job pushing our starters to improve and better prepare us to be more competitive in games," McNeill said.

## TAKEAWAYS BEYOND THE COURT

While everybody in the program wants to win, McNeill emphasized that there is so much more to gain from being part of a team. The lessons the student-athletes take away reach far beyond the court.

"Perseverance and character building, especially in a season when wins are difficult to come by, are two lessons that will benefit our athletes their entire life," McNeill said. "Being dedicated to a team and working together for a common goal can be a valuable learning experience. I hope quality relationships are built throughout the season that will continue long after our season ends. All of these are lifelong lessons and experiences that make being part of a team so valuable and memorable."

Fighting through adversity and learning to lean on teammates for support is something that McNeill hopes the players appreciate and learn to apply in their own endeavors. For McNeill and the Vikings basketball program, the team means so

much more than just wins and losses.

"I feel blessed to have such a great group of girls to coach. They show up every day with a positive attitude, are coachable, eager to work hard, and have the desire to improve."

They truly enjoy playing together and for each other. The team comes before the individual with this group," McNeill said. "And for these reasons, we have the word "Family" printed on the back of our warm-up tops."

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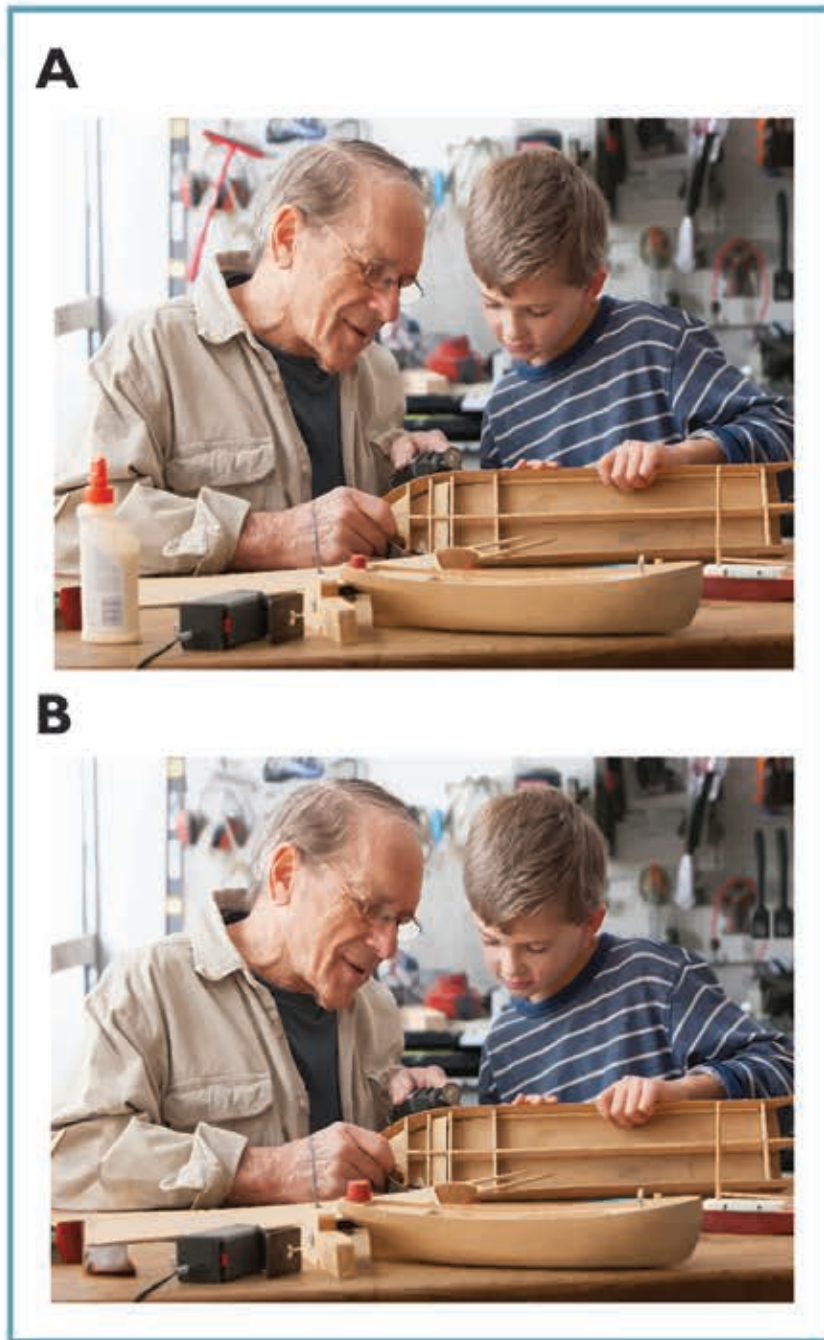
## Body FACT:

Hobbies can keep this part of the body stimulated.

Answer: Brain

### What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between these pictures.



Answers: 1. Missing glue 2. Red piece on boat is larger 3. Red tool in background is missing 4. There is a second black scrubber in back right

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY



- 1848:** James W. Marshall finds gold at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento.
- 1908:** The first Boy Scout troop is organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.
- 1984:** The Macintosh personal computer is made available to American consumers.

### NEW WORD

#### PASTIME

activity done regularly for enjoyment

### How they say that in...

- English:** Hobby
- Spanish:** Hobby
- Italian:** Hobby
- French:** Passe-temps
- German:** Hobby

### Did You Know?

Sewing, like other hobbies, can relax a person by focusing the mind on the task and not on other things in your life.

### Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Paint palette

## NEAT AND TIDY WORD SEARCH

P	A	C	K	R	A	T	Z	S	A	A	N	O	I	T	A	N	O	D	V
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

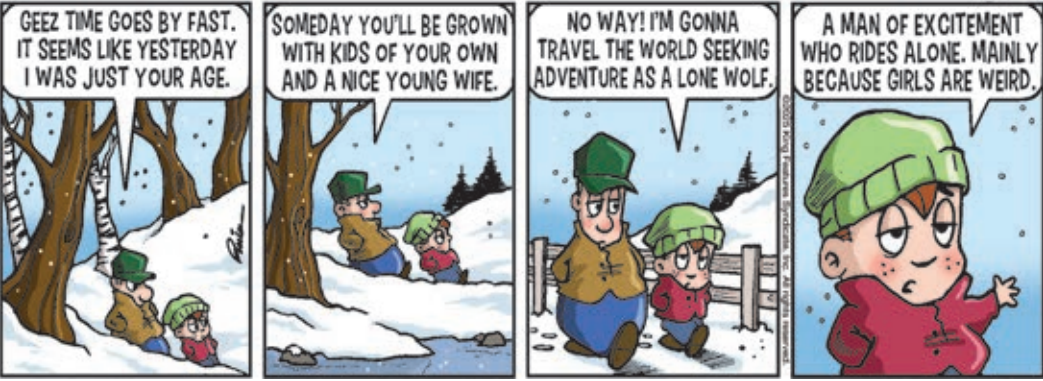
### WORDS

- ACTIVITY
- CLOSETS
- CLUTTER
- COLLECTIBLES
- COMMON AREA
- CONTAINERS
- DONATION
- FILING
- GARAGE
- GROUPING
- LABELS
- MAINTENANCE
- MANAGEMENT
- ORGANIZING
- PACKRAT
- PERFECTIONIST
- PROCRASTINATION
- PURGING
- REPURPOSE
- SEQUENCING
- SORTING
- SYSTEM
- TIDYING
- VERTICAL SPACE

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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



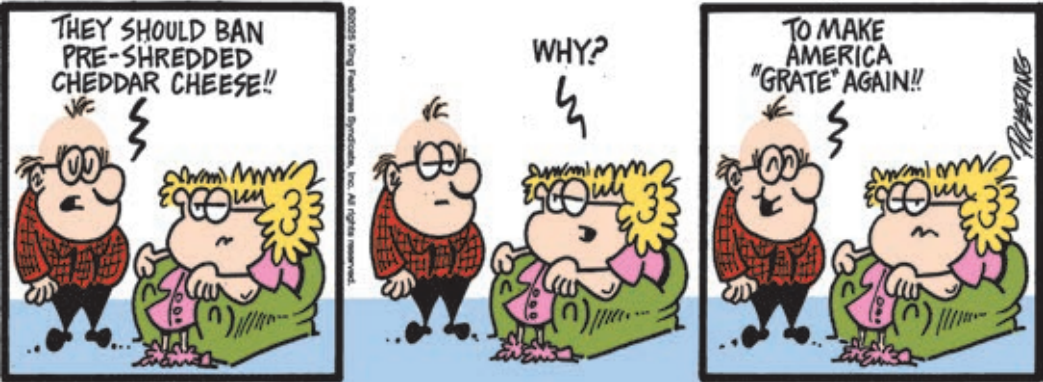
### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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by Bud Blake



### OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals S

UWMB RL WI WVWMG FVRFP  
 UMRSOFTIQ BZY HROISH RL  
 LRVPH HZRRBTIQ BZY EMYKY:  
 BZY HFZGRRKY EOBRI.

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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

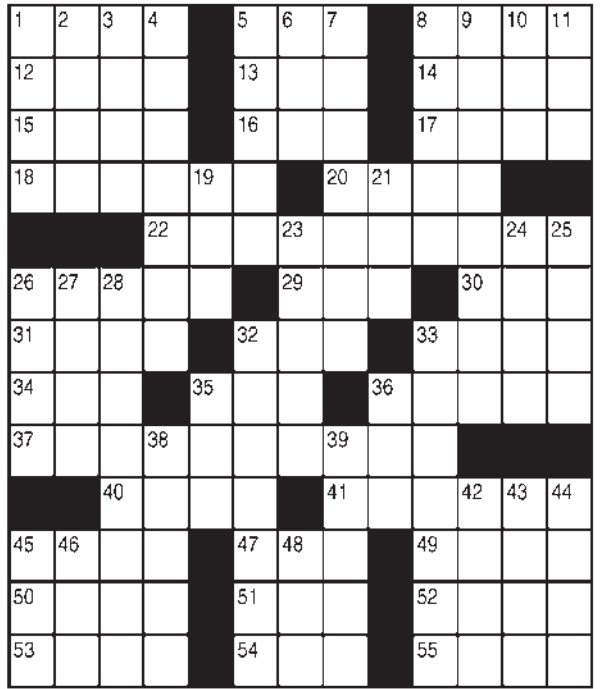
- Lessen
- TIDULE
- Abate
- ANEW
- Plod
- GUTERD
- Apart
- ANOEL

### TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Pickle holders
- 5 Klutz
- 8 Pre-weekend yell
- 12 Layered cookie
- 13 School org.
- 14 Nozzle site
- 15 Complaint
- 16 Mahal pre-ceder
- 17 Memory method
- 18 Jungle trek
- 20 Apple product
- 22 "Lunch break is over!"
- 26 Sports bar fixture
- 29 "Mangia!"
- 30 Avril follower
- 31 Marsh plant
- 32 "Blue Bloods" ainer
- 33 Nov. honorees
- 34 401(k) alternative
- 35 Notable time
- 36 Trig terms
- 37 Consecutive
- 40 Puerto —
- 41 Small apes
- 45 Help a hood
- 47 Fanatic
- 49 Aswan's river
- 50 Roster



- 51 Compass dir.
- 52 Radiate
- 53 — -bitty
- 54 Carried out
- 55 Lushes
- 8 Toss
- 9 Favorable sign
- 10 Follower (Suff.)
- 11 Service charge
- 19 Squealer
- 21 Soup cooker
- 23 Skewered entree
- 24 Assess
- 25 Smooch
- 26 Chicago paper, briefly
- 27 Actress Farmiga
- 28 "American Idol" host Ryan
- 32 Sang softly
- 33 Minnesota footballers
- 35 Catchall abbr.
- 36 Learning ctr.
- 38 Poker pot
- 39 Played a part
- 42 Actor O'Shea
- 43 Conspiracy
- 44 Stitches
- 45 Boxing legend
- 46 Morsel
- 48 Numerical prefix

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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	6		7				8	
6		9	2	3	7			4
		3	6	5	4	9	7	
	7			9		3	6	
		6	1	2	4			
	5	2			8		1	
1			6	3		2		

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### WORD LADDERS

Can you go from TRADE to DRAIN in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

TRADE

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DRAIN

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series "Stranger Things"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?
- ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?
- MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie "Up"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?
- FOOD & DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?
- SPORTS: What kind of sports match is divided into 7-minute periods called chukkas?
- ADVERTISEMENTS: What type of horses often are used in Budweiser beer ads?

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- Answers
- The Duffer Brothers
  - Wyoming
  - Uranus
  - Kevin
  - Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn
  - Gawp
  - Canberra
  - Hazelnut
  - Polo
  - Clydesdale

### SCRAMBLERS

WEDDING  
 Today's Word  
 3. Trudge; 4. Alone  
 1. Dilute; 2. Wane;  
 solution

WORD LADDER

Answer

4	1	8	5	6	3	7	2	9
7	5	2	4	9	8	6	1	3
3	9	6	1	7	2	8	4	5
5	4	7	1	9	2	3	6	
1	2	3	6	5	4	9	7	8
6	8	9	2	3	7	1	5	4
9	6	1	7	4	5	3	8	2
8	3	4	9	2	1	5	6	7
2	7	5	3	8	6	4	9	1

Answer



Solution time: 25 mins.  
 Answers  
 King Crossword

Part of an alarm clock  
 Answer  
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 folks shooting the breeze:  
 producing the sounds of  
 the schmooze button.



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## ASTROLOGY READINGS

**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18

Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.

**TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.

**LEO** - Jul 23/Aug 23

Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.

**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.

**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20

TPisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can.

**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21

Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.

**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22

Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both side. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple

**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.

**CANCER** - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.

**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle

**CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20

Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.

**ARIES** - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.

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3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2246 SqFt. Lovely home in the center of Florence. Great floor plan on a quiet cul-de-sac. #3418-23197925



**100 Rhododendron Dr - \$949,900**

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



**865 Western Way - \$535,000**

3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2640 SqFt. Florentine home with chef's kitchen, and 40'x28' garage with 14' RV door. #3584-24217975



**1601-536 Rhododendron Dr. - \$465,000**

3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 1840 SqFt. Beautiful Greentrees West home with river views. 2 sun rooms, both living and family rooms. #3616-24495373



**88416 1st Ave #136 - \$435,000**

Oceanfront, 3 bdrm, 2 bath condo at Driftwood Shores! Fully furnished with granite counters, electric fireplace, and spacious deck. #3593-24667809



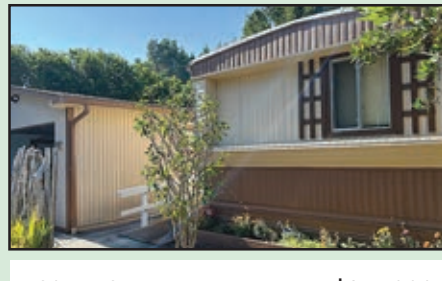
**11801 E Mapleton Rd. - \$699,900**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2418 SqFt. Secluded living on 2.75 acres with a quarter mile of river frontage on the Siuslaw River. #3603-24320221



**3760 Hwy 101 #26 - \$80,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Updated home with newer heating, paint and flooring. Split bedrooms for privacy. Come see it! #3610-24660244



**1601-516 Rhododendron Dr - \$315,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Gated community. Charming interior with bedrooms on opposite ends. Covered deck. Detached 2-car garage. #3591-24167720



**1980 Willow Lp - \$410,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1300 SqFt. Secluded flag lot minutes from Old Town. RV and boat parking on a quarter acre. #3611-24430582



**89402 North Ln - \$380,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 960 SqFt. North lakes area home on .5 acre. Nicely updated home with room for gardening. #3558-24445997



**89454 Kezar Ln - \$384,500**

2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 930 SqFt. Mapleton 4.3 ac mini farm, mountain views, huge shop/barn. Private, upgrades in home! #3547-24091956



**25 Yearling Ct - \$839,000**

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2,076 sqft living area. 3-bay, 780sqft attached garage. 0.33 acre cul-de-sac location. #3521-24314234



**63 Shoreline Dr - \$835,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2142 SqFt. Ocean and river view home in Shelter Cove. Large deck with views for entertaining. #3443- 23215919



**5218 Dunewood Dr - \$865,000**

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



**4817 Laguna Ave. - \$649,000**

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1065 SqFt. Four tax lots 0.23 ac each. Beautiful Siltcoos Lake view property in Westlake. #3609-24665428



**3760 Hwy 101 #17 • \$88,000**

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 924 sqft. Well cared for home with large windows on an extra-large lot in the Wayside RV Park. #3594-24076466



**85287 Hemlock St - \$849,000**

6 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4414 SqFt. Ideal for multi-generational living on almost 19 acres. New paint, carpet, lighting and flooring. #3563-24062108



**87735 Hwy 101 #10 • \$35,000**

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 420 sqft. Furnished single-wide, minutes from the beach. \$566/month covers water, septic, and garbage. Park approval required. #3597-24496802



**231 Horseshoe Bend • \$310,000**

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 648 sqft. 2024 Park Model with additional building for guests, and another building for laundry. #3598-24607041



**1600-91 Rhododendron Dr - \$215,000**

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1008 SqFt. Fresh flooring and paint throughout, private yard with abundant storage and room for RV. #3510-24006067



**Bonnett Way #29 - \$120,000**

0.39 acre lot. Build your custom dream home on this lot in beautiful, upscale, gated Fawn Ridge West Estates. #3282-21376459



**4740 Pacific Ave. - \$249,000**

0.28 acre lot. Beautiful 180 degree views of Siltcoos lake, most utilities in, owner terms possible! #3612-24506192



**89388 View Dr - \$105,000**

0.18 acre cleared lot in the North Lakes Neighborhood. Ready to build with septic inspection and partial permits. #3524-24114590



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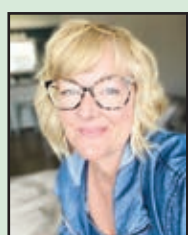
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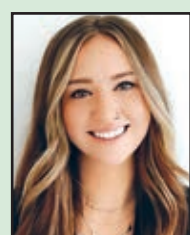
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