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Florence dresses up for Halloween









Old Town Florence Oct. 31 as hundreds of big and little Trick-or-Treaters filled the sidewalks and businesses. Firefighters, **Coast Guard Auxilliary** and others handed out candy along the route and several employees of Old Town businesses were also in costume. Along the route, one saw everything from Care **Bears to Sesame Street** Martians to Pennywise, to **Captain Jack Sparrow to No-Face to Randy Marsh** to a baby-beekeeper to Devo walking dogs to a host on Ninjas and several inflatable costumes. Unlike previous years, forecasted rain did not make an appearance this year. See more photos on page A6 **Tony Reed photos**

Sodomy and abuse trial to start

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After several postponements, Keith W. Berkner, of Florence, will stand trial in Lane County Circuit Court on charges of sodomy and sexual abuse of children

Berkner was arrested Dec. 27, 2024, after Florence Police Department received and investigated a report of possible sexual abuse of a juvenile.

"From that investigation, Keith Berkner was developed as a suspect in the case," a Florence Police Department release stated after his arrest. "On [Jan. 22] a search warrant was executed on Berkner's residence, where Berkner was placed into custody and later transported to Lane County Adult Corrections."

Berkner is charged with Sodomy in the First Degree and Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, both felonies. If convicted, the maximum sentences for the two offenses are 70 months (25 years) and 75 months (10 years) in prison. Since his arrest, he has remained in

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Charter School answers funding questions

By TONY REEDSiuslaw News

Siuslaw Valley Charter School members have started the process of renovating the former Rite Aid building at 35th and Highway 101 to house Whitmore Classical Academy (WCA), a public charter school starting in fall 2026. In recent weeks, news of the new location has spurred questions from community members and social media users about how the new school will be funded.

In a previous meeting, SVCS Director Chuck Trent said the building deal was in escrow and at "a little over \$2 million for the building itself," and another \$1.5 million will be needed for classroom buildout,

administrative areas and a covered playground.

He said while the money is in hand for the down payment, about \$500,000 is still needed.

"We still have to buy all the furniture, and we still have curriculum to buy. We have to buy all computers that will be in the classrooms, projectors, TVs..." he said, later explaining that the school will not receive state or federal funding until July 2026.

HOW IT WORKS

Charter school funding is laid out in Oregon Revised Statute 338.155.

"Charter school funding only begins after the institution officially opens, in the fall of the first operational year,"

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Charter School answers | Exploding Whale celebration continues

By TONY REEDThe Siuslaw News

If Florence, Oregon has had one "15 minutes of Fame" moment, it happened because of a three-minute newscast that went on the air 55 years ago. While some would call it quirky and humorous while other balk at the idea, locals and visitors will celebrate that day in 1970 when the Oregon Highway Department used dynamite to blow up a dead sperm whale and cement Florence's name in history.

The 55th Exploding Whale Celebration and Commemoration will take place in Florence Nov. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Homegrown Public House & Brewery, across from the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum.

In previous years, the informal event has



At last year's exploding Whale celebration, former KATU newsman Pail Linnman, right recalls the exploding whale with Kelly Umenhofer, whose father's car was smashed by a huge chunk of falling whale blubber. It is not yet known if either will attend this year. Tony Reed file photo

happened rain or shine, and has hosted the very newscaster who immortally marked the moment by saying, "the blast blasted blubber beyond all believable bounds."

WITH THEIR OWN EYES

Former KATU reporter Paul Linnman and camera operator Doug Brazil have been sharing the story since, and Linnman previously told the Siuslaw News hardly a day goes by in his life that someone doesn't mention the whale to him. He and Brazil have

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Keep Your Eyes on the Numbers: Why PSA Testing Still Matters

By BOB HORNEY

ZERO/Us TOO Prostate Cancer Support/ Education Group Leader

With lives at stake, this message bears repeating.

As I mentioned previously, in 2012, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued a recommendation that sent shockwaves through the prostate cancer community. Routine PSA screening for men was no longer advised. The rationale? The test, they said, caused more harm than good leading to unnecessary biopsies, anxiety, and treatments that could result in incontinence or

impotence. Honestly, the PSA test is incapable of causing either incontinence or impotence. It is what follows that "may" be the culprit. What the USPSTF didn't disclose was that there are quite successful interventions that urologists have in their bags to overcome those side effects. On a personal note, following my diagnosis, saving my life reigned supreme and side effects took a back row seat.

For many men, it was a welcome reprieve. No more awkward conversations. No more blood draws. No more worrying about a number that might lead to a diagnosis they didn't want to face.

But for some, that freedom came at a terrible

As someone who faced a prostate cancer diagnosis in 2001—and who has spent the past two decades leading the ZERO/Us TOO Group—I've seen the consequences of that recommendation up close and personal. Men who skipped testing altogether. Men who were diagnosed too late. Men who didn't get the chance to fight because they never knew they were in a battle. As I said previously, early treatable prostate cancer normally does not

announce itself – it would much rather play hid45e and seek with one goal to WIN!

Our group never strayed from our motto: Saving lives one PSA at a time. We believed then, as we do now, that knowledge is power-and early detection saves lives.

To be clear, PSA testing isn't perfect. It can't tell you definitively whether you have cancer, or whether that cancer is aggressive. But it's a starting point. A conversation. A signal that something might need a closer look. And for many of us, it's the reason we're still

In 2018, the USPSTF revised its stance, recommending that men aged 55-69 make an individual decision about PSA testing in consultation with their doctor. That's a step in the right direction—but the damage from the earlier message lingers. Too many men still believe the test is unnecessary. Too many doctors still hesitate to bring it up. Statistics tell us we haven't caught up with our PSA testing success prior to the USPSTF's fateful 2012 recommendation

So let me say this clearly: if you're a man over 50—or younger with a family history—talk to

your doctor. Ask about the PSA test. Understand the risks, yes, but also understand the stakes. And, if you need more information, connect with a urologist. If that suggestion leaves you wondering how to do that, give me a call (541) 999-4239. I can help you make that connection right here in Florence.

And if you're reading this as a spouse, a daughter, a friend—be the nudge. Be the reminder. Be the reason someone you love gets tested.

We can't save every life, but we can save some - One PSA at a

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from October 29 to November 4.

WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 29**

At 11:57 a.m., officers investigated theft of gasoline in the 5200 block of Highway 101.

At 12:52 p.m., a subject came to the police department to report that package items delivered to the post office were picked up by a subject not authorized to do so.

At 1:43 p.m., a caller reported theft of a generator and propane tanks in the 2700 block of Highway 101. Case remains under investigation.

At 3:16 p.m., a caller reported subjects on his property in the 1900 block of 21st St. yelling and screaming. Subjects were gone when officers arrived. Officers patrolled the area for some time and were unable to find the described subjects.

At 4:14 p.m., officers responded to report of a bicycle crash in the area of Highway 101 and 31st St. Upon investigating, officers found the subject had a warrant for his arrest and was also intoxicated. Subject was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries and given a citation for the warrant.

At 9:27 p.m., a caller reported a subject screaming in the woods near the

airport. Officers arrived and searched the area but were unable to locate anyone screaming.

THURSDAY, **OCTOBER 30**

At 4:12 a.m., a caller reported a male subject near a business on Highway 126 waving his arms and yelling. Officers arrived and contacted the subject who seemed fine at the time. Subject was counseled and no further action was taken.

At 6:17 a.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Highway 101 after a business reported a subject in a store had taken alcohol. Officers reviewed video surveillance and located the subject nearby. Upon further investigation, it was found that the subject had 14 warrants from Florence Municipal Court. Subject was arrested for the warrants and the theft.

At 7:24 a.m., a caller reported that someone had cut the fuel line of a vehicle and took fuel. Officers reviewed video surveillance and patrolled the area. Officers located the subject, who is also a registered sex offender in violation of compliance laws. Subject was taken into custody for those offenses.

At 7:55 a.m., a subject in the 2100 block of 11th St. reported theft of gasoline.

At 4:29 p.m., a caller reported theft of gasoline a week before. Officers attempted to re-contact the subject but had to leave a message.

At 4:46 p.m., a friendly yellow dog with a blue collar was found in the area of Park Village Drive. Officers transported the dog to the Humane Society.

At 6:25 p.m., a caller reported that he had encountered a motorcyclist in the 1600 block of 12th St. who had pulled over and attempted to hit him with his helmet. Officers arrived in the area but were unable to locate the described motorcyclist.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

At 7:17 a.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in the 5600 block of Highway 126. Subject was found to be disoriented and medics were called to transport the subject to the hospital

At 11:25 a.m., a caller in the 5900 block of Mercer Lake Road informed dispatch that they were going to be burning brush.

At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of 10th St. for a reported possible hit and run accident. It was determined that no damage was caused.

At 7:23 p.m., officers responded to the Siuslaw Bridge for a report of a vehicle crash. Officers closed one lane of traffic around the crash scene and arrested Brian South for DUII.

At 11:33 p.m., a caller

in the 200 block of Harbor Street reported subjects walking outside who were talking loudly and possibly intoxicated. Officers made contact with the subjects who said they were on their way to bed.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

At 12:35 a.m., officers contacted a subject who was heavily intoxicated in the area of 7th Street and Kingwood. Subject was taken to the hospital for a medical evaluation and then placed in detox at the jail.

At 4:41 a.m., officers made a traffic stop in the area of Highway 101 and 10th St. Officers arrested Brandi Straley for DUII.

At 7:16 p.m., officers encountered a car broken down along Highway 126 that was partially in the roadway. Officers parked behind the vehicle and activated emergency lights while the driver and others moved it out of the roadway.

At 10:49 p.m. a caller reported a possible DUI driver northbound on Highway 101 some time before. Officers arrived in the area but could not locate the described vehicle.

At 11:53 p.m. call reported witnessing a traffic accident in the 2400 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived to find no damage had occurred and were unable to locate the owner of the vehicle.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

At 8:15 a.m., a caller reported that a subject had approached some transient individuals in the 2000 block of Highway 101 and started

yelling at them. Officers arrived to find subjects had left the area.

At 11:22 a.m., a caller reported a border collie dragging its leash and running in the 4000 block of Highway 101. Dog was able to escape capture.

At 11:49 a.m., another caller report of the same dog running in the 4900 block of Highway 101.

At 11:28 p.m., a caller reported that a subject had left foster care and went to a location in another county. Officers contacted sheriffs deputies in that county who attempted to locate the subject.

MONDAY, NOV. 3

At 12:42 a.m., a caller reported seeing a black bear walking southbound on Spruce Street near 25th St. Bear was gone when officers arrived.

At 5:09 p.m., officers respond to the area of 15th St. and Pine for an object placed in the intersection that was causing a traffic hazard. Officers arrive to find a subject whom they contacted before for the same behavior a week ago. Subject was cited for disorderly conduct.

At 9:33 a.m., a business in the 4700 block of Highway 101 reported that a customer had left with a cart full of items. Case remains under investigation.

At 10:57 a.m., officers responded to the hospital emergency room for an unruly patient. Officers contacted the subject, who agreed to calm down.

At 2:21 p.m., a subject came to the police department to report his wallet had been stolen in a store after he'd accidentally left it there. Subject said that upon reviewing his bank information, he found the card had been used for purchases in Eugene. Case remains under investigation while officers obtain surveillance footage from those stores.

At 3:46 p.m., a caller reported a reckless driver in the area at 15th St. and Highway 101, who was driving in the wrong lane. Officers arrived and searched the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 8:52 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 15th St. for a report that a subject was banging on doors and shining lights in residential windows. Caller said he chased the subject off and wanted him warned not to return if officers found him. Officers determined the subject was the same person cited earlier for placing objects in the roadway.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

At 10:32 a.m., a caller reported receiving harassing text messages. Officers reviewed the information but found it did not violate any laws, but suggested the caller save all future messages.

At 1:13 p.m., a subject reported finding what they thought might be drug paraphernalia wrapped up in a container in the 600 block of Rhododendron Drive. Upon closer examination, officers determined the item was a geocache.

Officers also responded to 4 disputes, conducted 8 welfare checks, and made 54 traffic stops this week.

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1953 - 2025

Robert McKnight peacefully passed away at his Bend, Oregon home October 22, 2025, surrounded by family. He battled Pancreatic Cancer for 4 years. He was 72.

Born in Pullman, Washington he grew up in Florence, Oregon. An avid outdoorsman, Jon loved to hunt, fish, and spent most of his youth waterskiing and playing/working in the

He graduated from the University of Puget Sound in finance, going onto a 42year career in Commerical Fishing Boat insurance. He

loved being a part of the commercial fishing industry and never retired. Aside from his family, the commercial fishing community was the only community that Jon wanted to dedicate his life to serving. Just as he was with his family, Jon loved, respected, and enjoyed being a part of the fishermen's lives, and being on the other end of the phone when problems needed to be solved.

Proceeded in death by his parents, Dr. Robert and Phyllis McKnight.

Jon is survived by his wife Karen, son Zac, brothers Brett (Janet), Kent (Tonya)

and sister Mary Kay (Nathan).

A Celebration of Life will be on December 6 at South Beach Church, 215 NW 15th St., Newport, OR 97365 and reception to follow at Jon's office, The USI Insurance offices, 555 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365.

In Lieu of flowers, Memorial donations can be made in Jon's name to South Beach Church (PO Box 950, Newport, OR 97365, 541-272-3377) or The Newport Fisherman's Wives organization (P.O. Box 971, Newport, OR 97365 or 541-264-5890)

Remembering June Lockhart

SUBMITTED by Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

We pause to acknowl-

edge the recent passing of actress June Lockhart. Many may recall her

visits to Florence as the Grand Marshal of the 1985 and 1986 Rhododendron Parades. A portion of one episode from the Lassie show had been filmed in Florence, and the town was honored to have her participate in both parades. Some described her as 'down to earth', and during one of her visits she and her daughter Anne, also an actress (Battlestar Galactica, 1979) played pool in Old Town at the Wharf, and mingled with folks there. On a lucky day for

three-year old Aric Sneddon, he met Ms. Lockhart as she prepared to depart Florence. She picked him up, gave him a kiss and promised when he grew up, she'd return so they could get married.

Ms. Lockhart made her film debut at age 8 in 1938 with her father Gene, in the Charles Dickens story, A Christmas Carol. She went on to become one of television's most respected stars while supporting programs that promoted children's health and animal care. In 2013 she was the first actress to be honored by NASA with the Exceptional Public Achievement Medal for inspiring families and

children to develop and maintain an interest in science and space.

June Lockhart may forever remain in the hearts of the Florence community for her portrayal of the mother figure in the television series Lassie (6 seasons) and Lost in Space (3 seasons). Though the Lassie series ended in 1964, Ms. Lockhart was said to have acknowledged the final episode by concluding: "it's all over, but the residuals linger on". She continued acting in many roles, including Perry Mason, Quincy, Petticoat Junction, The Man from U.N.C.L.E, commercials, and for a time, was a freelance anchor for a station in Los Angeles.



LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

Every day, automated license plate readers (ALPRs) capture millions of records on innocent drivers-where they go, when they go, and how often they travel. Officials claim it's about safety and stolen vehicles. But according to multiple investigations, less than 1% of all ALPR scans are ever tied to an actual crime. That means 99% of what's collected is surveillance-plain and simple. ALPRs represent something more dangerous, a surveillance

network capable of tracking every driver in the country. Vendors like Flock Safety are building nationwide databases, sharing data across state lines, and selling it to agencies that were never authorized by voters ! There are "proven" vulnerabilities in both the cameras themselves and backend data bases where the data is stored, including by means of hacks and thru employees. Think of the many past breaches to SS accounts and banks. I'm not against law enforcement having the right

tools at all but what worries me is where this is heading such as automated traffic ticketing devices that are revenue generated--is that next here? AI already is raising many concerns so what happens when it finds a better way to utilize this info? Anyone else have concerns about technological overreach, is everyone feeling much safer nowa-days? Just a few questions that come to my 78 year old mind.

> Jeff Gemutliche Florence,

Annual collection Shares the Warmth

As temperatures drop, Windermere Real Estate brokers are once again coming together to help keep their neighbors warm by providing essential winter items for those in need. As part of the annual Share the Warmth campaign, the Windermere office in Florence will be collecting donations from Monday, November 3, through Friday, December 19, to benefit Siuslaw Outreach Services. This year, the organization is asking for coats, blankets and new socks in all sizes.

Those who wish to contribute can stop by participating Windermere offices to drop off donations.

The Windermere office in Florence, located at 1625 12th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Here is a full list of all drop-off locations.

"For those experiencing difficult circumstances, cold winter weather can create even more challenges," said Christine Wood,

executive director of the Windermere Foundation. "That's why efforts like Share the Warmth are so meaningful. Coming together to provide coats and blankets, or even something as simple as a warm hat or pair of gloves, can make a real difference for our neighbors in need."

Citing the Municipal Code re: business licenses

DAN FRAZIER

City Of Florence Code Enforcement Officer

This month, I'd like to touch on business licenses, a subject that has come up frequently the last few months. Anyone doing business inside the city limits must have

a City-issued business license. Business license fees range from \$40 -\$125, depending on the nature of the business, with temporary licenses available for short-term business operations.

There are many people doing yard work, landscaping maintenance,

debris hauling, and other tasks, without a city business license who may not realize that work for a monetary payment is considered doing business and they must purchase a City-issued business license to continue operat-

ing without penalty. What they might also

fail to realize is that the fine for operating a business without a business license can be as much as \$500 daily.

Visit the City Website for more information on business licensing:

https://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/ business-licenses

Siuslaw Genealogical Society offers Cemetery Records presentation

Cindy Webb, President of SGS, will give a short presentation of online cemetery records. Following, members and visitors are welcome to share family eulogies, traditions, and funerals. Also, we welcome experiences cleaning headstones to make them readable and any unexpected finds in

Attendance is free and welcome. Any questions, contact Marty Webb at 503.515.7772 martinwebb@aol.com.

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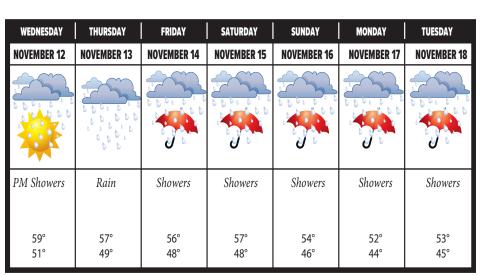
SHS Interact selling cookie dough

SUBMITTED by Bob Orr, SHS

The Siuslaw High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Florence, has launched its largest annual fundraising event for the current school year: cookie dough sales. Cookie dough, made by the SHS Advanced Culinary class, will be

sold for \$15 per tub, with four options: chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, and ginger-molasses. Each tub makes about two-dozen cookies. Funds will be used to support the community service activities of the Interact Club. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, December 3. Contact Bob Teter at 541-590-0628.







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HAVE FUN! BEACH SAFE!

BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE

They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.

How to play it safe: Never turn your back on the ocean.

WATCH THOSE LOGS

The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.

How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.

How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling

out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are

readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

Know when the tide is coming in by <u>visiting the tidetable website</u> at the

Hatfield Marine Science Center

http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html

HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU

Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.

How to play it safe: Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS

Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.

How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

HEADS UP

Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.

How to play it safe: Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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Flock's security under scrutiny

By TONY REED Siuslaw News

In a recent letter to the Federal Trade Commission, Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, called for an investigation of Flock Safety and its data handling protocols. According to a release from House.gov Wyden and Illinois Senator Raja Krishnamoorth called for a federal investigation, saying 35 accounts of Flock customers had been stolen.

According to the Nov. 3 release, Flock is the largest surveillance camera operator in the United States, providing services to 5,000 police departments, 1,000 businesses, and numerous homeowners associations across 49 states.

The letter said passwords for at least 35 Flock customer accounts have reportedly been stolen by hackers, according to a public website operated by the cybersecurity company Hudson Rock.

"Phishing-resistant MFA can protect accounts

from hackers, even when user passwords have been stolen or phished," the release said.

"Flock has received vast sums of taxpayer money to build a national surveillance network," Wyden and Krishnamoorthi wrote in their letter to FTC Chair Andrew Ferguson. "But Flock's cavalier attitude towards cybersecurity needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of hackers and foreign spies tapping this data. Accordingly, we urge the FTC to hold Flock accountable for its negligent cybersecurity practices."

The release said Flock's failure to provide adequate protections risks the harvesting of license plate data by bad actors nationwide.

"There have been at

least four cases, including against Uber, Cheff, Drizly, and Blackbaud, where the FTC reached settlements with companies for failing to require MFA, which the FTC argued violated federal law," the release stated.

LOCALLY SPEAKING

Florence has three Flock cameras. The first was installed in April, 2024, three more are pending.

By phone Nov. 5, Florence Police Chief John Pitcher said "I wish there was a better understanding of what Flock actually does." Addressing concerns that the data could be used to track people, Pitcher said the data provided by the cameras is far less than what investigators can glean from anyone's smart phones.

"I can track anyone by their phone," he said. "I can get a warrant and track anybody to where they are, get their name, their address, everything. Flock does not provide that." Pitcher said the data is only shared within the state and his department is notified if anyone attempts to view the Florence cameras.

He said the cameras do not show the owner of the vehicle, faces inside the vehicle or anything about the vehicle. When asked, he said Flock camera images contain no more data than a photo taken with a smart phone from the same location.

He said the only time FPD are used are when FPD is notified of a stolen vehicle, Amber Alert, Silver alert or active crime.

"If it's something we put in, like a crime or a welfare check, that's the only reason - when we put it in for a search," he said.

Pitcher repeated that the system cannot be used by Immigration authorities and only FPD can share data from Florence-based cameras.

He said all images are hard-deleted after 30 days, unless saved by FPD.

"I hate to lose such a good tool when it's more misunderstood than the reality," he said.

Hudson Rock's investigation data is available to view at https://www.hudsonrock.com/search/domain/flocksafety.com

Flock's website is located at https://www.flocksafety.com

Wildfire risk making timberland less valuable, long harvest rotations less feasible

By STEVE LUNDEBERG Oregon State University

Rising wildfire risk in the Pacific Northwest combined with notoriously volatile timber pricing may lower forestland values by as much as 50% and persuade plantation owners to harvest trees much earlier than planned, a new analysis of Douglas-fir forests shows.

Under the worst-case scenarios, modeling by researchers at Oregon State University suggests harvesting trees at 24 years would make the most economic sense. Absent wildfire risk, the optimal age would be 65 years.

Generally, private landowners harvest between those two ages, but it's not a surprise for the optimal rotation age to go down in these scenarios, the scientists say.

"Basically, under high wildfire risk that rises with stand age, every year you wait to harvest you're rolling the dice," said Mindy Crandall, an associate professor in the OSU College of Forestry.

Earlier harvesting reduces both long-term timber revenue and carbon storage potential, as

well as impacting wood quality, adds study co-author Andres Susaeta.

"Our research highlights that traditional forest valuation methods, often based on fixed timber prices, fail to capture the financial uncertainty caused by fluctuating markets and growing wildfire danger," said Susaeta, an assistant professor in the College of Forestry. "By integrating both wildfire risk and timber price volatility into forest management models, policymakers can design smarter tax systems, insurance programs and carbon market incentives that adapt to the changing conditions we are seeing and that are

expected to worsen." Forests cover nearly half of Oregon's 96,000 square miles, and Douglas-fir accounts for roughly 65% of the state's timber stock. It's the backbone of an \$18 billion timber industry, and Douglas-fir forests also provide a range of ecosystem services including wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration, a key factor in mitigating climate change.

Susaeta, Crandall and doctoral student Hsu Kyaw, who led the project under Susaeta and Crandall's supervision, say their findings point to several strategies for strengthening forest resilience and economic returns.

Fuel reduction programs such as thinning and prescribed burns, they note, can lower fire risk and help landowners extend harvest cycles, capturing higher returns from mature timber.

"Improved salvage logging operations and wildfire-adjusted insurance programs could also help recover postfire losses and stabilize landowner income," Susaeta said. "It's important to note that our study shows that higher carbon prices can encourage longer rotations and boost land values - but these benefits diminish under high wildfire risk. Expanding carbon offset programs to include wildfire mitigation and salvage credits could better align climate goals with economic incentives."

The researchers say that reducing fire exposure while maintaining forest productivity requires a mix of adaptive zoning, cooperative fuel management and diversified forest composition.

Adaptive zoning refers to the flexible, dynamic allocation of management zones within a forest landscape based on changing environmental or socioeconomic conditions, and cooperative fuel management is a collaborative approach among multiple stakeholders to reduce fire risk by managing forest fuels across property boundaries.

Forests have a diversified composition when they feature a variety of tree species, age classes and structural features. The diversity enhances their economic value as well as their resilience and ecological function, Susaeta said. In addition, longer rotations improve the odds of having valuable material to salvage.

However, the way financial risk is usually considered has an even bigger impact on landowners' decisions than potential salvage value, he said. This is particularly important for landowners who are cautious about risk.

"Overall, our work underscores that managing forests under climate uncertainty requires integrating economic and ecological risks," Susaeta said. "By balancing wildfire resilience with market adaptation, forest policies can better protect both the environment and rural livelihoods."

Findings were published in Forest Policy and Economics.



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Honoring Indigenous Leadership

FROM MCKENZIE

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor the first people of these lands and waters, celebrate Indigenous leadership, and deepen cultural respect and understanding. As a land trust with significant land resources and unique tools in conservation real estate, we're committed to partnering with Tribal Governments and Nativeled organizations to expand opportunities for Indigenous land access and tenure.

Sometimes this means supporting the return of special places, like Cape Foulweather, to Tribal ownership. In other cases, it means working together toward habitat and cultural restoration at places like haich ikt at u and Coyote Spencer Wetlands, where co-stewardship is strengthening our collective care of these special places.

Across Oregon, land trusts and other environmental organizations benefit daily from the leadership and knowledge of Indigenous peoples. This month, we'd like to highlight some of these stories and share opportunities for you to join our network, where collaboration, resource sharing, and co-stewardship are transforming how we work toward the common goal of protecting and caring for lands and waters in western Oregon.

Since time immemorial, Siuslaw people have observed how floods, fires, and storms shape and reshape the land in the Siuslaw watershed.

Those traveling along the lower Siuslaw River this past summer may have noticed a flurry of activity at haich ikt'at'uu, about four miles inland from Florence. From late spring through early fall, crews continued a multiyear effort to reshape the land as we prepare to welcome back the tides in the fall of 2026.

The 217-acre site, whose name in the Siuslaw language means heart of the river or big one, was once a rich mix of spruce and crabapple swamp. In the early 1900s, the area was diked and drained for agriculture, supporting generations of ranchers and farmhands who cared for the land alongside the Waite family. By the early 2000s, farming had slowed, and the land began a new chapter.

McKenzie River Trust purchased the property for conservation in 2010, with early goals focused exclusively on ecological function: excavating and reconnecting historic channels to the river, and replanting the area with native species. Over a decade of planning and increased consultation with Tribal staff and citizens, the vision expanded to incorporate cultural and community priorities, including a canoe landing envisioned by Native youth, which was then integrated into the engineered site plans.

In 2022, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians secured funding to implement habitat restoration activities at haich ikt'at'uu in collaboration with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and McKenzie River Trust. This multi-year project has created dozens of living-wage jobs, set the stage for improved habitat for salmon and other fish, and woven cultural elements and understandings that will help ensure the land can be cared for in ways that sustain both ecology and people for generations to come.

This summer, contractors completed construction of a new muted tidal regulator, which will improve fish passage between Prosser Slough and the Siuslaw River while managing water levels near the adjacent Highway 126. Alongside the tidegate construction crew, restoration contractors continued shaping new tidal channels that now wind and branch across the floodplain, ready to carry the tides when the area is reconnected to the river in 2026.

Restoring tidal flow to haich ikt'at'uu will bring back vital estuary habitat for salmon, lamprey, and countless other species. These multi-benefit outcomes are the direct result of having more voices at the table and redistributing decision-making power. Today, haich ikt'at'uu is an ecological and cultural restoration project where we are learning together in real time.

Through thoughtful partnership, we are developing models for co-stewardship that can be carried downstream to strengthen ecosystems and renew connections between people, land, and water in the Siuslaw and beyond.



Cutline Restoration Project Manager, Dan Kirk, stands above the existing tide gate at haich ikt'at'uu on the Siuslaw River. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians are leading a multi-year effort to transform the area back into a functioning tidal wetland after it was cut off from the river more than a century ago. Photo provided



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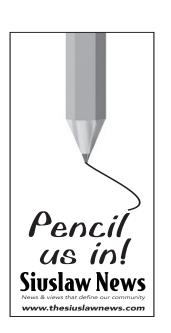
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Republican Christine Drazan launches her campaign for governor

SHAANTH NANGUNERI Oregon Capital Chronicle

Republican Christine Drazan will run for governor again in 2026, raising the possibility of a rematch with her Democratic rival Gov. Tina Kotek.

Drazan, R-Canby, announced her campaign Monday, days after county commissioners appointed her to fill a state Senate

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stop and ask ourselves, why, despite all of this, are people leaving?

Before facing Kotek, Drazan would have to convince Republican voters to give her another chance in the May primary. Oregon hasn't elected a Republican as governor since the 1980s, and only two Republicans have won a statewide election since 2000.

Conventional political wisdom suggests Republicans will have a tough time in 2026, with an unpopular Republican president and unified GOP control at the federal level.

But Drazan, a former House Republican leader, will face a different set of fundraising rules than in her first run for governor. State representatives can't fundraise during the legislative session, but senators can. State campaign finance records as of Monday show she has more than \$99,000 in her campaign's bank, significantly less than Kotek's \$1.5 million.

Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, R-Albany, introduced Drazan Monday after she officially filed the paperwork for her campaign. She framed the state's struggles with rising cost of living, taxes, crime and addiction and

homelessness as a result of leaders who have ignored the needs of small businesses while failing to use taxpayer dollars efficiently.

"The cement beneath our feet has seen generations come and go, all with the same resounding commitment to work that matters," Drazan said. "My vision for Oregon through the dark days of the past is a brighter future and a better tomorrow. We can have work that matters again. We can have schools that succeed in teaching students to learn. We can have safe streets and lower taxes."

Drazan didn't take any questions from reporters after announcing her campaign, but an aide says she plans to do so later in the week.

Drazan enters what is so far a less-crowded field than the 2022 Republican primary election, which featured a 19-candidate field by the time voters chose their primary candidate in May 2022. At the time, Drazan won a plurality of votes but earned just shy of 25% of primary voters. Kotek defeated her in the general election by more than 3 percentage points, while nonaffiliated challenger Betsy Johnson, formerly a conservative Democratic state senator from the North Coast, received 8.6% of the vote.

This time around, only one notable Republican candidate has entered the party's race for the governorship so far: Marion County Commissioner Danielle Bethell, who holds less influence in statewide politics than

Drazan. In the Oregon Legislature, Drazan has developed a reputation for thwarting Democrats' plans on the grounds of helping everyday Oregonians. In 2020, she was a thorn in the side of then-House Speaker Kotek, who slammed her and her fellow Republican leaders for "creating an insurmountable backlog of good bills and good budgets" due to their participation in a

quorum-denying walkout over cap-and-trade legislation.

Drazan has also spearheaded the opposition to a multi-billion dollar transportation package aimed at averting hundreds of layoffs in the state's shrinking Department of Transportation. In June, she blasted Senate President Rob Wagner for his handling of a dispute in which Sen. Chris Gorsek, D-Gresham, raised his voice at a female senator during a transportation committee hearing. At the same time, she was not among the seven Republican representatives who boycotted the floor session in response.

Drazan has also had to walk a fine line when it comes to her profile and national Republican politics. She led her caucus in 2020 to condemn claims from the Oregon Republican Party that the Jan. 6 attempted insurrection was a "false flag" operation. Most recently, however, she lent credibility to the false claims of President Donald Trump that Portland has been overrun with domestic terror and unabated violence, following his announcement that he would be sending the National Guard to Portland. She later clarified that she did not support the decision.

The Democratic Governors Association, which spent more than \$6 million to elect Kotek in 2022, panned Drazan's entry.

"After national Republicans wasted millions on her in 2022, Christine Drazan is back for another failed run to bring Donald Trump's agenda to Oregon," association spokesperson Johanna Warshaw said in a statement. "In contrast, Governor Kotek has been hard at work to address Oregon's biggest challenges: building new shelter beds and affordable homes, providing funding for first responders and wildfire management, expanding addiction and mental health services, lowering prescription drug costs, and fighting back against Trump's cuts to Medicaid and SNAP."

In a fundraising email to her campaign's supporters, Kotek sought to portray Drazan as an ally of the president who would carry out his agenda.

"Does this sound like someone who is aligned with Oregon's values? NO!," she wrote. "It sounds like Trump in disguise trying to reshape our state according to his own right-wing agenda."

Drazan's announcement

coincides with an uphill battle facing Republicans and critics of the recent transportation package, which was passed in a special legislative session that lasted from Aug. 29 to Oct. 1. They hope to place the measure's temporary payroll tax increase, its 6-cent gas tax increase and car registration and title fee increases on the November 2026 ballot for voters to repeal

Kotek, meanwhile, has yet to sign that package into law, despite her forceful push at the end of the official legislative session for lawmakers to return to Salem to advance the legislation. That decision has angered critics who say she is delaying her signature so that supporters of the ballot initiative will have less time to begin gathering their own signatures. She has not yet announced her official plans for the 2026 election.

Drazan will be touring the state for her campaign. Her next stop is Eugene on Tuesday.

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More Halloween Photos

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See all of Tony Reed's Halloween photos at thesiuslawnews.com

WHALE

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done many interviews about it and requests keep coming in.

"I honestly don't understand why this thing has lived on" he said. "I really, really don't. It's so unusual and it hasn't happened before. To me, as a former reporter, you cover a story that day and the story's over and you do something else the next day. This one has just never left me."

Asked for his feelings about the idea that residents of Florence are still commemorating the anniversary of the incident, Linnman said he liked it.

"I remember a time when I was in Florence doing an anniversary story, maybe the 10th [anniversary] and I kept bumping into people who didn't want to talk about it, or thought it was

making the town look silly or making fun, so I ran into some negativity about it," he said. "I just am always surprised if I am in the grocery store and someone says 'Hey, there's the whale guy.. I had a guy tell me last week, "Most of us won't be remembered for anything, but you'll be remembered for something.' Well, I'll buy that."

In his book, "The Exploding Whale and other remarkable stories from the evening news," Linnman said he and Brazil were both 23 when they were assigned to cover the story.

"Our assignment that day, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1970, was to cover the disposal of a dead whale for the 5 o'clock news, which sounded easy enough, if of questionable news value, but this thing had an odd twist to it," he wrote. "My boss had learned that the whale was going to be blown

up with dynamite...There was certainly no way we could have known that in a few hours, both of us would be running for our lives, trying to escape the heavy and potentially lethal pieces of whale blubber which rained from the sky."

Linnman added that there was also no way he could have known the footage would elevate him to a cult-status icon of news and define his career for years to come.

A column by Dave Barry made the incident famous long before the internet elevated it to worldwide attention.

"When Barry called it 'the single-most funny news story in history,' that seemed to get everybody's attention," Linnman said.

While several users have loaded bootleg and edited versions of the newscast to Youtube, the original footage was uploaded by the station responsible for it, KATU News in Portland. The video has garnered 22 million views and over 37,000 comments in the last four years.

RECOLLECTION

At last year's celebration, Linnman was joined by Kelly Umenhofer, who was 14 when the whale was detonated. Kelly's father Walter owned the car that was famously flattened by the large chuck of falling whale blubber.

He said the car was a brand new Oldsmobile Regency Brougham, which the family had owned for only about a month before they drove out to see the whale.

Umenhofer noted the irony that the car came from Dunham Olds Cadillac, a dealership whose catch slogan was, "Come on in, we'll make you a whale of a deal."

"When we were there in the parking lot, a couple of the [Highway Division] guys were trying to pull

the chunk off the roof," he said. "It was like, 'Why? that car is done.' It didn't just bend the roof, it bent the frame and the whole middle of the car. That piece of blubber weighed about 300 pounds and came from a thousand feet in the air."

Umenhofer said that prior to the explosion, his dad had argued with the highway division workers about the amount of dynamite used and the trajectory of the blast. Asked what happened to the car afterward, he estimated that it had been towed to a local yard but did not know if it had been destroyed, parted out or left.

THE LESSON

Asked what he would consider the most-asked question about that day, Linnman replied that it would be some variation of "what were they thinking?" "I don't really have a good answer for that,"

he said, noting that the only other choice was to cut it up and cart it away.

"George Thornton, the engineer at the time explained that it would have been difficult to transport, it would have been difficult to cut up and lift, or dispose of it," he said. "They had a number of reasons why they didn't do that but that's what most people want to know- 'why did they choose dynamite?"

Linnman's newscast prediction that people in charge "will know what not to do," came to pass nine years later in 1979 when 41 sperm whales beached and died near Florence. Those had to be cut up, burned and buried.

To our knowledge, no other government agency has ever attempted to dispose of a whale carcass using explosives.

See more details about the celebration at https:// www.xplodingwhale.com/

SCHOOL

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said Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak. "In March of 2026, I will apply for an Institution ID number with [the Oregon Department of Education] for the charter school. Once that ID is issued, then they are part of the overall state funding formula and funds would be issued after July 1, 2026."

SVCS President Kay King said WCA will start officially registering students in January.

"Approximately \$11,000 (ADM) is received by the district per child," King said, noting that Oregon Law is difficult to break down. "We have to notify the district every month of children with an intent to enroll."

"We have over 90 students signed up with an intent to enroll and we haven't really even advertised," she said. "Our funds per student start coming in July of 2026. We receive 80% of what the district receives for students who choose WCA."

Regarding assertions that Siuslaw School

District loses money to the charter school, King said the District keeps 20% of allocated funding per child.

"Funding follows the student. I would not say they "lose" funding since they won't need the funding without the student," she said. "Also, there are several home school parents looking towards WCA. There has been no money in the district for them at all. If they come to us the district keeps 20% of that registered students as well."

Grzskowiak explained the ways new enrollment could affect the district, positively or negatively.

"If a charter school brings back students from virtual charters or homeschool programs to public school enrollment, this would be neutral or a potential gain for a school district," Grzeskowiak said. "When a charter school draws students from the residential school, the local district loses 80% and retains 20% of basic funding for every student that enrolls in the charter school.

He said that for there to be a funding balance and the district to have a neutral financial position, there must be four students who return to the public school roles from home school or a virtual public charter school for every student who transfers from the resident school.

Grzeskowiak said if charter schools are not enrolling students at a 4:1 ratio, the resident district will lose money.

"If students are recruited for enrollment directly from the district by a charter school, there will be a loss of 80% of funding for every student that is redirected," he said. "For every 14 to 15 students that transfer to a charter school, one teacher would be released. For every 7 students that transfer to a charter school, one education aide would be released."

"Districts typically exceed the 20% administrative services retention for those services," he said. "Regardless of how many staff would need to be reduced due to an enrollment shift, the district is still responsible for all mandated services."

RAISING FUNDS

Regarding funding already raised by SVCS, King said a little over

\$1million was donated by private individuals.

"The buildout will be a lot and then an additional \$500,000 probably for chairs, tables, etc.," she said. "We are in the process of getting a loan with partial money that we have raised as the down payment on the loan."

She said SVCS has already paid \$65,000 down in escrow, and that fundraising will go on forever for the charter school.

"The district gets money from many sources state and federal," she said. "We so far only get money from the district, but we will continue to raise money and apply for grants."

King called it the "hardest time because most grants are only available after a school has been open for years.

"..And of course we need money now to open," she said. "Money from student state [funding] will go for salaries, supplies and other operating expenses."

King said SVCS has received donations ranging from \$20 to \$250,000 in individual gifts.

"We have been humbled by the show of support," she said. "-No gift is too little or too great. This period until opening is crucial for donations from anyone and everyone. It's going to be a wonderful school. Our students and community

will benefit greatly."

She said donations can be made to the nonprofit arm "Siuslaw Valley Charter School" at 625 Hwy 101 #1035 in Florence.



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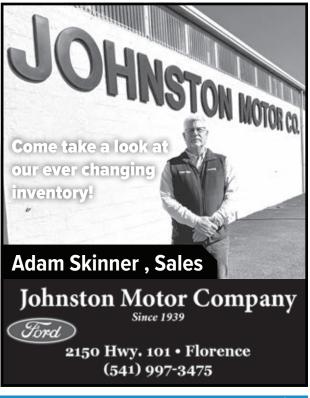
custody at Lane County jail. According to court records, Berkner entered a not guilty plea to the indictment on Jan. 29.

At the time of arrest, Berkner was listed online as the owner of Keith Berkner Home Daycare, a license-exempt childcare provider in Florence.

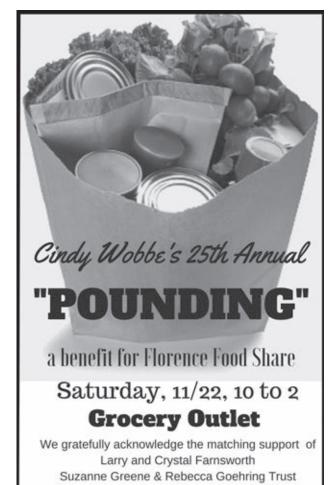
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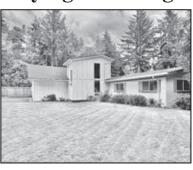
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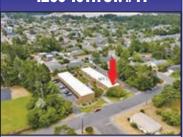


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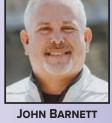
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Vikings crowned district champions



A great way to get the ball into the end zone is to hand it to Will Johnson, as seen above. Meanwhile, the game saw several interceptions and incomplete passes, likely assisted by wet weather. Tony Reed photos.

Will LOHRE Country Media, Inc.

The Vikings finished an undefeated season in Special District 4 in style, beating Coquille 54-34 in front of a frenzied crowd on senior night. The Vikings' win cemented a 5-0 record and solidified Siuslaw as back-to-back league champions.

Sophomore QB Jericho Lake continued his inspired play under center, tossing three touchdowns en route to victory, and the win saw Siuslaw finish as the #5-ranked team in Oregon 3A football. Siuslaw's record

over the entire season

See **FOOTBALL**, Page B2



Vikings playoff run ends against Dayton

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Siuslaw's boys soccer season is over, but the Vikings battled until the end, winning a first-round playoff game against North Valley before ultimately falling to familiar foe Dayton in the round of 16.

This was the third season in a row that the Vikings ended league play with a winning record, and their third consecutive trip to the state tournament. Siuslaw ended its season with a 6-2 league record and a 66 percent overall win percentage, finishing 10-5.



Before losing to the Dayton Pirates Nov. 5, Siuslaw's soccer team handily defeated the North Valley Knights at home on Nov. 1 with a score of 5-2. Tony Reed photos

Head Coach Londi Tomaro was happy with how the season went, especially with how the team grew throughout the year, and their commitment to pushing themselves.

"I'm extremely proud of the hard work and dedication that every player has demonstrated this season and the improvements that each has

made individually and as a team," Tomaro said. "Thank you all for a great year."

The Vikings' playoff win was a high-intensity battle against the North

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Florence's Cort Waggoner and Linfield football team break two records

Submitted by LIN-FIELD UNIVERSITY

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Linfield University's football program reached rarefied air on Saturday, securing its 69th consecutive winning season and setting an all-divisions college football record for most consecutive wins over one opponent with its 47th straight victory over Lewis & Clark College.

The 2025 Wildcats extended "The Streak" - the longest run of winning seasons in all levels of college football - with a decisive 29-21 home win that also made

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Cheerleaders are Vikings, too





It's not just the athletes who have been braving wind, rain and drizzle this last couple weeks. The Siuslaw High School Cheer Team has also been performing at most games and halftimes. The team performs flying feats of balance and coordination during basketball and football games, as well as other events. Tony Reed photos.



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Community Briefs

"Dinner with the Ancestors" at SASS

Serene Abundance Studio Space will host "Dinner with the Ancestors" during their First Friday Open House, November 7th, between 5 to 8pm. Everyone welcome, visitors are encouraged to bring a potluck item and a memento of a person, place, or animal they have loved and lost. The evening is dedicated to celebrating through sharing special music, stories, or writing that bring back fond memories.

To learn more and RSVP, call 541-590-3877 or visit sassflo.com/events.

Operation **Christmas Child Gift Collection**

Once again, Anchor of Hope Church is the local collection point for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. Area residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world, by filling shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for them. Boxes can include school supplies, clothing, toothbrushes, and toys for boys or girls aged two to 14. Please, no liquids, lotions, toothpaste, soap, candy, gum, or war related toys.

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Collection sites send the boxes to central distribution sites where they are then flown to countries around the world and delivered to communities by trucks, donkeys, camels or canoes.

This year's National Collection Week is Nov. 17th to Nov. 24th. Florence project coordinators hope to collect at least 500 shoebox gifts this year.

Anchor Of Hope Church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive. Collection hours are Monday to Tuesday, Nov. 17th and 18th from 10 am - 2 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 19th from 10 am - 2 pm, and 5 - 7 pm; Thursday through Saturday, Nov 20th - 22nd, from 10 am -2 pm; Sunday, Nov. 23rd from 1 - 4 pm; Monday, Nov. 24th from 8 - 10 am. Donations to help cover costs are gladly accepted. Each shoebox costs \$10 for postage, worker training and a child's workbook. For questions about dropping off shoeboxes, call the church (541) 997-2523.

Atsuko Gibson to speak at **Rhody Society**

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is very pleased to welcome Atsuko Gibson as our November guest speaker. Her presentation will be about the four seasons at

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the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. The RSBG contains the largest collection of Species Rhododendrons in the world.

Atsuko is originally from Japan and earned a degree in horticulture from the University of Arkansas, interning at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland. She has been with RSBG since 2010. As Nursery Manager and Assistant Curator, Atsuko has the knowledge and insight to share often-overlooked attributes of our favorite genus.

Rhododendrons are mostly appreciated for their flowers and not the myriad of foliage colors and shapes for the rest of the year. This will be our opportunity to delve into the many possibilities. Of course, there are many companion plants lending their own flair.

The public is always welcome.

Meetings are held at the Presbyterian Community Church, 3669 Hwy 101.

Doors open at 6:30pm for snacking and rubbing elbows with the meeting commencing at 7pm, Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Have questions? Call Day Farrald at 541-579-5544

Teen Giving **Tree Reminder: Don't Miss Out!**

Attention all teens aged 12-17! If you haven't already, don't forget to pick up and return your application/Wish List for this year's Teen Giving Tree program at Twin Lakes Grocery and Liquor. Time is running out, and we want to make sure you don't miss out on this special holiday opportunity!

The Deadline is Approaching fast. Be sure to return your application as soon as possible so our generous neighbors can shop and wrap presents for you. Don't wait - get your

application in today! Join the Fun at this

years 13th distribution event. Remember it will be a Christmas Party at the Sutton Lake Fire Station on December 17th from 5-6:30 pm. You won't want to miss it! Plan on staying a while to enjoy the party, fun and perhaps open a present or two.

Contact Us. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Twin Lakes Grocery and Liquor at 541-907-3021 or visit www.twinlakes.store.

Hurry! Don't miss your chance to be part of this special holiday tradition. Return your application today!

City Club to discuss Public Safety Fee

The November 13 meeting of the City Club will feature a presentation and conversation about the city's public safety fee by City Manager Erin Reynolds. The fee was adopted by the City Council in June and is designed to sustain current staffing levels at Florence Police Department. The fee is paid by the responsible party for each developed property within the city and collection is done by a monthly charge which started in July.

"The obligation to pay the public safety fee exists when a person uses or otherwise benefits from public safety services," according to the City. "It is presumed that the public safety services are used, and that a benefit arises whenever a property is a developed property. Undeveloped properties within the city are not subject to the public safety fee."

The meeting takes place in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

For more information, go to cityclubofflorence@ facebook.com or call 541-999-0745.

Miller to play at library

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

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

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

Miller's website is Folksinging.org

Senior Center Square Dancing

Come join us for a joyful community dance! Florence ORganizes is sponsoring a Fundraiser Square Dance on Friday, November 14. 6:30-8:30 pm. at the Senior Center 1570 Kingwood St. Suggested donation \$5-10. All proceeds go to the Florence Warming Center.

Fun, beginner dances for all ages! DJs Marva and Joe will be on hand with Khaki calling dances. Beverages provided, bring a snack to share.

See you there!

FOOTBALL

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is 7-2, with the only losses coming against #1 Cascade Christian and 4A Marshfield, which is ranked #2 in its classification. The Vikings have not lost a game since the Sept. 19 loss to the Challengers, and since then, they have won six in a row.

The Vikings have had a steady offense, scoring at least 45 points in each

of their league games. With 367 points scored on the year, they rank fifth in the state in points scored. The 56 points scored against Coquille marked the most points the Vikings have scored this season, and sent the program's 11 seniors out with a bang. They were honored after the game in front of the Florence home crowd. The biggest win of Siuslaw's season came against Sutherlin on Oct. 17 when the Vikings bashed Sutherlin 45-8.

The Coquille win also marked the fifth time in five seasons since the pandemic that the Vikings have earned a playoff berth and a top-10 ranking. Siuslaw's first round playoff game was against Gervais on Nov. 7, but the result of the game is not known at the time of press. Gervais came into the game ranked #12 with a 6-3 record overall, but was 3-3 in league play. If the Vikings win, they will advance to play the winner of Dayton vs. Douglas on Nov. 15.

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history in their century-old

rivalry. The triumph broke a record that had stood since 1913, when Yale concluded a 46-game winning streak against Wesleyan (Conn.).

Cort Waggoner (#52) of Florence, Oregon, is a defensive tackle for the Wildcats. Hew is currently a sophomore at Linfield, majoring in political science.

He previously played at Siuslaw High School [and was King of the Coast in 2024/25].

The Wildcats now turn their focus to continued play in the Northwest Conference, with momentum - and history - firmly on their side.



Outdoor air pollution linked to higher incidence of breast cancer

STEVE LUNDEBERG Leader Guest Article

Women living in parts of the United States with lower air quality, especially neighborhoods with heavy emissions from motor vehicles, are more likely to develop breast cancer, according to a multiyear analysis involving more than 400,000 women and 28,000 breast cancer cases.

The research, which included Veronica Irvin of the Oregon State University College of Health, is published in the American Journal of Public Health.

The project combined data from five large breast cancer studies conducted over multiple decades that

tracked individuals even as they changed addresses and followed them for as long as 10 years prior to their diagnosis. The researchers overlaid outdoor air quality information from more than 2,600 monitors to look for an association between air pollution and breast cancer.

The scientists found that a 10-parts-per-billion increase in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in the air equated to a 3% increase in overall breast cancer incidence; nitrogen dioxide is a proxy for pollution from car traffic, Irvin said, and based on the estimated 316,950 cases of female breast cancer expected to be diagnosed in the

United States this year, a 3% reduction would mean 9.500 fewer cases.

Irvin and collaborators also found that a 5-microgram-per-cubic-meter rise in the concentration of fine particulate matter, known as PM2.5, was associated with a higher incidence of hormone receptor-negative breast cancer. Cancer cells lacking receptors for the sex hormones estrogen and progesterone are generally harder to treat and more deadly.

"It's often not realistic for people to leave their homes and relocate in areas with better air quality in search of less health risk, so we need more effective clean air laws to help those who are most

in need," said Irvin, noting that the average nitrogen dioxide concentrations observed in the research were below current **Environmental Protection** Agency guidelines. "We also need policies that help to reduce car traffic and promote alternative forms of transportation."

The incidence of breast

cancer in the United States, where air pollution levels are lower than they are in other populous countries, has been generally on the rise over the past 40 years, the researchers note. It's the second leading cause of cancer death among women, after lung cancer. About one woman in eight in the U.S. will develop breast cancer during her

lifetime, and the nation's population includes more than 4 million breast cancer survivors.

Alexandra White of the National Institutes of Health led the study, which also included scientists from Harvard University; the University of Washington; Indiana University; Stony Brook University, the University of California San Diego, La Jolla; The Ohio State University; and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The NIH, the EPA, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute of Aging, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute supported the research.

Irvin is the Celia Strickland Austin and G. Kenneth Austin III Endowed Professor in Public Health in the OSU College of Health, which will host a free online panel discussion, "Our Health & Breast Cancer," at noon Pacific time on Thursday, Oct. 30. Irvin will be one of the panelists for the discussion, which will look at screening and survivorship, early detection, research, and support and mentorship for those affected by breast cancer.

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SOCCER

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Valley Knights in front of the Florence faithful at Hans Petersen Field on Nov. 1. Tomaro's band focused on high-intensity defense and maintaining possession on offense, hoping to create opportunities through control like they have all season. The Vikings performed "moderately well" through the first half, but Siuslaw was put on the back foot in the opening stages after an early foul gave North Valley the advantage.

The Knights' attack was centered on through balls into space and speedy runs in on goal, and in the early going, they got a chance.

"In the first few moments of the game, Terrance [Masterman] went wide to make a save but missed the ball and tripped the forward. North Valley converted the penalty kick and scored the first goal of the game," Tomaro said.

After going behind, the Vikings snapped into action, causing danger from set pieces. Only a few minutes later, Sailor Jensen placed a free kick with premeditated precision, placing the ball in the net at the near post. Sailor led the Vikings in shots in the first half, firing six towards the Knights' net.

Siuslaw also scored the match's third goal, again causing North Valley problems from a set play.

"We scored our second goal when we played a corner kick into Kale [Jensen], who crossed it to Asher [Borgnino] for a touch into the near post corner," Tomaro said.

But the back-and-forth affair continued, with the Knights equalizing just a few moments later, running down the left side and beating Masterman with a strong crossing shot that barely slipped through the

keeper's hands. The half ended 2-2, but Siuslaw came out of the break ready to get back in control.

"We went ahead again early in the second half when Camden [Linton] headed a goal kick back up to Asher, who touched it up to Kale," Tomaro said. "Kale touched it center to Camden, who made a great run up the field and scored far post."

Linton's goal resulted from crisp passing, and Siuslaw had "several good passing sequences" and extended possessions that led to shots. The Vikings peppered the net in the

second half, totalling 14 in the period. The fourth Viking goal came at the conclusion of a lovely passage of play, with Borgnino applying the finishing touch, directing the ball "beautifully" just inside the corner of the far post. The Vikings' lead grew, and the score stood 4-2.

The icing on the cake came in the latter stages of the half, when Borgnino was brought down from behind in the penalty area. The ref's whistle signaled a penalty, and Borgnino stepped up

"He placed it just outside the reach of the North Valley keeper, completing a hat-trick and bringing the score to 5-2," Tomaro

The second half saw the Vikings muzzle the Knights' offense, and Masterman was called into action only for three saves. The final score was 5-2, and the goals were deserved based on how well the Vikings were passing and finishing. Siuslaw advanced to play a familiar face in the second round.

Siuslaw has faced Dayton in the playoffs in the previous two seasons and lost both. This season, the Pirates came into the round two matchup as the #5 team in the state, and with a 14-0-1 record. Despite looking like the underdog on paper, Tomaro and the Vikings came in ready to push the Pirates.

"We had played Dayton early in the season and felt confident that this would be a competitive game," Tomaro said. "We came into the game with a focus on maintaining possession to create opportunities and marking the Dayton players to curtail their attacking runs."

During the first 15 minutes of the game, the Vikings executed the game plan, keeping the Pirates at bay, while maintaining possession and challenging the Dayton defense. Siuslaw thwarted Dayton's early forays while probing with attacks of their own.

Unfortunately, the Pirates eventually found a way through the stout Vikings' defense, marauding into the Siuslaw box, and scoring twice from close range. Masterman was excellent in the first half, amassing nine saves, but the Pirates proved difficult to deter.

"We continued pressing into their defensive

Pet of the Week

end, but did not manage to score," Tomaro said. "Terrance made nine saves, including an incredible quick reaction smack at the end of the half."

Coming out of the break, Siuslaw focused on keeping pressure on Dayton's offense, and Tomaro encouraged the team to continue upping the intensity. In the second half, with their defensive focus redoubled, Siuslaw shut out the Pirates. It was also a credit to Masterman, who was a wall in the net for the Vikings.

"Our success in stopping Dayton from adding goals was also because Terrance blocked a penalty kick and made nine additional saves," Tomaro said.

Siuslaw also put some pressure on the Dayton goal, putting five shots toward the Pirates' keeper, but just couldn't break through.

Four of our shots were on target but were blocked by the goal keeper or defenders," Tomaro said.

The second half was a stalemate, and the game ended 0-2, with the Pirates advancing on home turf. Despite not getting to continue the postseason journey, Tomaro was proud of how the team performed, especially considering the opponent was a well-acquainted rival.

"Today's game was the

third time in three years that we have met Dayton in the playoffs, and this was our best game against Dayton yet," Tomaro said. "We played evenly with them the entire game, competing equally well offensively and defensively. I am incredibly proud of the players for the quality of their play."



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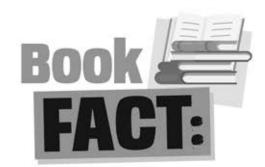
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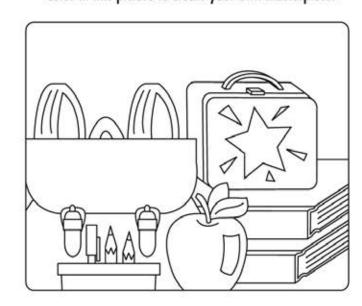


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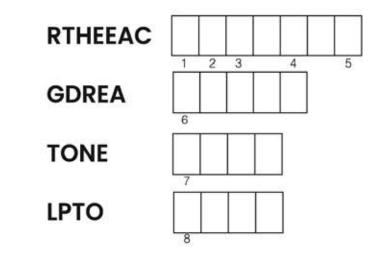
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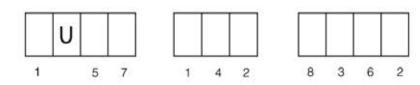
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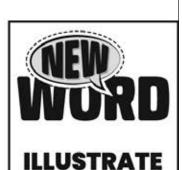


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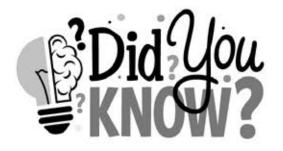
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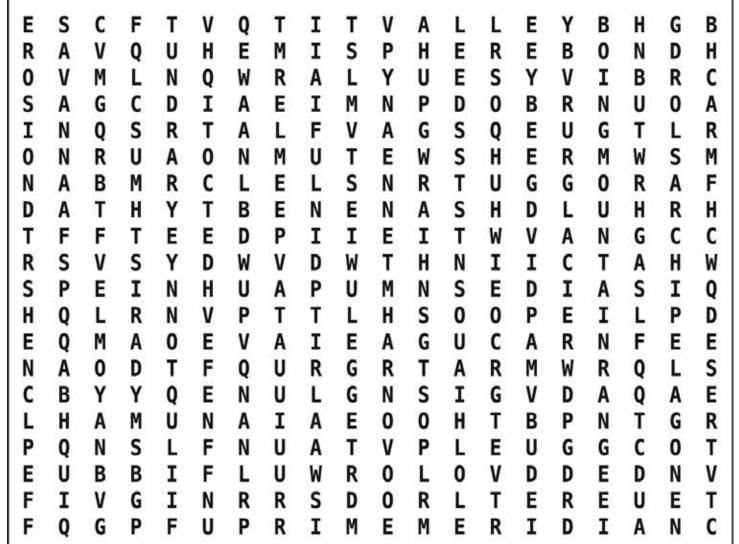




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Answer: Children's book





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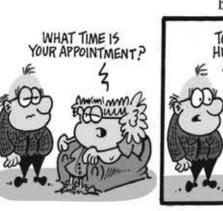






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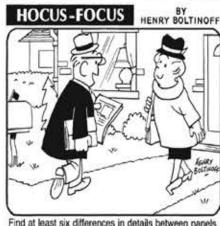
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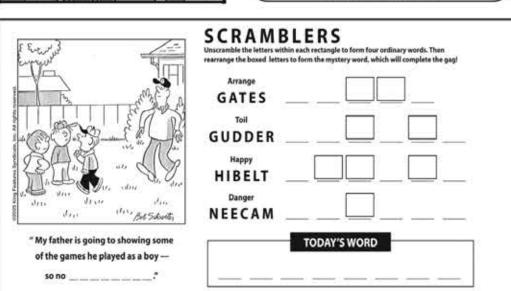
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Clue: L equals T

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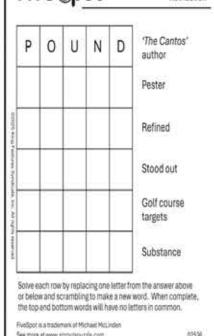
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-Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country's highest mountain is called Ben Nevis? 3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?

4. TELEVISION: What beer brand appears in "The Simpsons" animated TV show?

5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated? 6. ANATOMY: What is a common

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ting for the movie "The Sting"? 8. MATH: How many yards are mile?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called? 10. FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity

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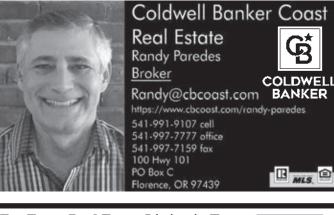
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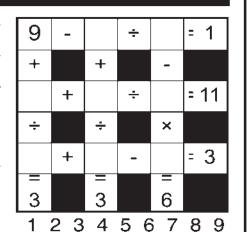
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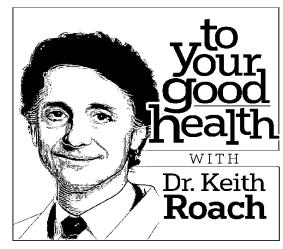
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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PCSK9i Drugs Are Reasonable Alternatives to Statins

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent column, you wrote about reducing cholesterol levels with the help of statins along with a PCSK9i, such as Repatha or Praluent. My question is: Are these PCSK9is at all beneficial if one cannot take statins?

— D.C.S.

ANSWER: Yes, PCSK9 inhibitors are very effective at lowering cholesterol and reducing the risk of heart attacks in high-risk people. Because these drugs are given by injection and are quite expensive, they are not usually the first-line treatments. We have decades of experience using statins, so they remain the first shairs for most

the first choice for most.

However, if a person cannot take a statin, or one of the alternatives such as bempedoic acid, then PCSK9i drugs are a very reasonable choice. In people with familial high cholesterol and extraordinarily high levels of cholesterol, combination therapy with two or three drugs (a statin, a PCSK9i and sometimes ezetimibe) is frequently used.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife had COVID and has lost most of her smell and taste. This has lasted for two years. She is in her late 70s. Strong flavors like barbecue sauce and onions can be detected. Is there any hope that her condition will improve? — *P.M.*

ANSWER: Most people recover their loss of smell after COVID. Having had this for two years is a bad sign; however, the fact that she does have some sense of smell is a good sign.

The most effective treatment for the loss of smell after a viral infection is olfactory training. The same scents that were used in clinical trials can be

purchased online. Recent evidence has shown that a supplement combination, ultramicronized palmitoylethanolamide and luteolin, along with olfactory training, led to greater improvement. The dose used in studies was 770 mg.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My adult daughter (62) was diagnosed about three years ago with a skin disorder called prurigo nodularis. Her dermatologist has tried three different injections, but they're not working. She still gets very itchy breakouts. Please give me your thoughts and more information about this. — K.M.A.

ANSWER: Prurigo nodularis is an uncommon disease that affects about one person per 1,000. I have seen a handful of cases, and fortunately the cases I've seen have responded well to potent steroid creams.

Regular use of skin lotions, avoiding scratching especially at night (I recommend cotton gloves), and sometimes antihistamines like Benadryl are also the first-line therapies.

If a patient needs more effective treatment and only has a limited area of itching, then a dermatologist will often inject the area with a high-potency steroid. Since it sounds like this hasn't been successful for your daughter, there are other options.

One is a topical cream called ruxolitinib. About 45% of people responded to this treatment, compared to 20% who responded to a cream without an active drug. Ultraviolet light (narrowband ultraviolet B) showed about 80% effectiveness.

For people in whom none of these therapies work, a very expensive injection treatment, dupilumab (Dupixent) or a similar drug called nemolizumab (Nemluvio), can be used, although the response rate is not as good as desired (roughly 40%).

Since many people with prurigo nodularis have other skin diseases, and some may have (or develop) depression or obsessive skin-picking, these conditions may also need to be treated to successfully improve symptoms.

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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Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of Nov. 17, 2025.

ON NOW: "My Nightmare Stalker: The Eva LaRue Story" (Documentary) — Paramount+

17-Nov: "June Farms" (Season 1) — Prime Video

18-Nov: "Thoughts & Prayers" (Documentary) — HBO Max

20-Nov: "A Man on the Inside" (Season 2) — Netflix

20-Nov: "The Great British Baking Show: Holidays" (Season 8) — Netflix

20-Nov: "The Roses" (R) — Hulu

21-Nov: "The Family Plan 2" (PG-13) — Apple TV

21-Nov: "One Shot with Ed Sheeran: A Music Experience" (Documentary) — Netflix

21-Nov: "The Bad Guys 2" (PG) — Peacock

21-Nov: "Train Dreams" (PG-13) — Netflix

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2. Lodge, Ledge 7. Appeal, Appear
3. Insert, Invert 8. Grand, Grant
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88416 1st Avenue #222 & #224 - \$309,500

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 780 SqFt. Driftwood Shores! Pacific Ocean Front INCOME Property! #3709-



1088 Nopal St. - \$415,000

3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1,378 sqft. Res/Commercial zoned home with enclosed deck, huge RV garage/shop, and alley access. #3655-704115779



253 Outer Dr. - \$99,000

0.08 acre lot in Coast Village. Nice, cleared lot with updated power. Ready to build or park your RV on. #3583-24226963



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



3890 Spruce St. - \$420,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1478 SqFt. Oversized garage, RV parking, beautiful fir trees, in-town! #3671-699141635



8760 Hwy 101 #16 - \$60,000

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 840 SqFt. New flooring, HVAC, insulation, paint in/outside, water heater and fridge. #3622-



4817 Laguna Ave. - \$615,000

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



9580 North Fork Siuslaw Rd. - \$632,500 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2000 SqFt. Rare North Fork prop-

erty. 2.3 acres, 5-bay shop, nice home and creekfront! #3687-532327590



88416 1st Ave #201 - \$200,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 497 SqFt. Oceanfront Driftwood Shores condo on 2nd floor, great for living or investment opportunity #3691-106795155.



89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000

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



1600-29 Rhododendron Dr. - \$259,000

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



75 Harbor St. #304 - \$560,000

2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 1250 SqFt. Top-floor condo, river views, granite kitchen, gas fireplace. Enjoy elegant coastal living every day. #3642-577600768



87830 Terrace View Dr. - \$435,000

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



1600-113 Rhododendron Dr. - \$158,000 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Excellent opportunity to

bring in a new manufactured home. Call agent for buyer incentive details. #3705-730692234



83763 Hwy 101 #10 - \$115,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 800 SqFt. Move-in ready home in 55+ Lakeshore Park. Peaceful, low-maintenance, allseason comfort and charm! #3664-366140328



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

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



4604 Falcon St. - \$750,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2205 SqFt. Whimsical coastal gem with oceanviews. Fully furnished, artistic, and ready to enchant you. #3643-129967285



1640 36th St. - \$363,000

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1080 SqFt. Updated in-town home with all new appliances, washer/dryer and fresh paint. Fenced backyard. #3678-592899771



89510 Hwy 101 #23 - \$99,000

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



5218 Dunewood Dr • \$885,000

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



5500 Meadow Lake Way - \$829,000

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



5170 Grand Ave #19 - \$129,000

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



13904 Stagecoach Rd. - \$584,000

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



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