

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Medicare Annual Wellness Visit Wrap-up

By BOB HORNEY

Success! This brings back memories of watching the crime fighting “A Team” on TV. When they wrapped up their weekly case, we could always depend “Colonel Hannibal Smith”, one of the main characters to exclaim, “I love it when a plan comes together!” I feel exactly the same way with finally clarifying what we patients should expect when going to our healthcare provider for the Medicare Annual (FREE) Wellness Visit...in PeaceHealth’s own words. Actually, it is basically the same as I suggested in my last article about it...only respond to your provider to answer their questions which will be coming from the Medicare Wellness document. That

will keep your Wellness Visit (FREE). When your provider is finished with those questions, you may proceed with asking questions/concerns YOU may have regarding YOU. My suggestion is to keep this article from the Siuslaw News for future reference in answering questions about how the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is handled by PeaceHealth in Florence. Now I will add several qualifying statements: This is the status as of November 11, 2025, as I write this. Also, expect slight personal variations in administering it. Our healthcare providers are not robots and we are not trying to make robots out of them. With that introduction, here is what to expect. First, for the patients who

have experienced a previous AWV, you will be waiting a full year before becoming eligible for your next one. That will be me, since I had my first AWV this past January. For those who have not had their initial AWV you may be invited to enroll in it two ways: One would be a phone call from PeaceHealth and the 2nd would be upon walking into your provider’s examining room for something else that brought you to see him/her. Either way you should get the same information. Now, using myself as the patient and using a script that PeaceHealth provided to staff involved in conducting the AWV, I walk into my doctor’s examining room with a complaint for him to diagnose/treat. He greets

me and continues: “I see you are here today for hip problems, and I also noticed you’re due for your Medicare Annual Wellness Visit. We can take care of both concerns today if that works for you. The Wellness visit is a yearly check-in where we focus on prevention, screenings, and your long-term health goals. Then, we’ll shift to talk about the specific concern (hip problems) that brought you in today. Just to clarify, Medicare fully covers the AWV. However, since we’re also addressing your medical concern today, that part will be billed separately, depending on your health insurance coverage. We want to make sure both your preventive care and current needs are addressed properly.”

These words spoken by my doctor shows he knows how to handle each visit in one appointment – preventive care (Wellness) and current needs. I would tell my doctor to get all the information he can and to proceed with both. Now, here is a real live up-to-date AWV. I went with Marianne today, Nov. 11, 2025 for her initial AWV. The doctor’s assistant of course came in first. Marianne had some concerns of her own, so the assistant clarified that she wanted to do both visits today. After doing her regular visit preliminaries, he proceeded to ask questions from the AWV. This only took about 5-6 minutes and included questions like weight, hours of sleep, exercise, hearing, vision, servings

of vegetables per day, etc. With that, he left to get the doctor for the current issues Marianne needed to talk about. That was the gist of the AWV. When her doctor came into the room, he went straight to her concerns and never mentioned the AWV. Good job – one appointment – two sessions – one FREE for Medicare – one for personal concerns. Additional scripting for staff reminds them to educate patients on the benefits of AWV. “Explain the benefits of AWVs to patients, emphasizing comprehensive care and preventive measures. Make sure they understand that addressing both wellness and problem-based issues in one visit can be beneficial.”

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from November 5 to November 11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

At 2:32 p.m., a caller reported that a large bird had its neck stuck in a hole in the Siuslaw River bridge. Officers responded to the described area but found the bird had freed itself. At 6:04 p.m., a caller reported that a purse and other items had been stolen from a residence in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive. Case remains under investigation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

At 8:11 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a reported dispute between subjects. Officers arrived to find a dispute had occurred in the parking lot, which started as a verbal argument and ended with damage being done to cars. Officers arrested one subject for disorderly conduct and criminal mischief II. At 11:06 a.m. a second charge of criminal

mischief was added to the previous arrest when the subject reportedly flooded his jail cell at Florence police Department. At 7:37 p.m., a caller reported vehicles racing up and down Oak Street. Officers responded but vehicles were gone upon arrival. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7. At 12:36 a.m., officers made a traffic stop on a vehicle and found the driver had a warrant from Linn County. Driver was taken into custody. At 1:08 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of 9th St. for a

subject causing a disturbance in the hospital. Officers made contact with the subject and arrested her for a warrant out of Eugene Municipal Court. At 8 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Yew St. for a reported theft. Officers found an ongoing family situation and took statements. No arrests were made and no further action was taken. At 4:25 p.m., officers responded to the 4000 block of Spruce Street for a report that a subject had been driving through the area making threats out the window of his vehicle. Officers investigated but found no criminal action had occurred. At 4:34 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle unsafely passing cars on Highway 101 south of

Florence. At 8:40 p.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of 7th Street for a report of an ongoing dispute over vehicles parking near a mailbox. At 11:48 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Juniper Street for a report that a subject had lost his girlfriend. Subject told officers that they had been in the bar drinking and that she disappeared. Officers later located the girlfriend who said she left because he was drunk.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

At 7:53 a.m., officers responded to the 2800 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of an abandoned vehicle. Officers located the vehicle which was parked on private property. A note was left on the vehicle

indicating it had a dead battery and that the owner was returning soon. No further action was taken. At 8:31 a.m., a call reported a possible DUII driver in the 400 block of 9th Street. Officers investigated and found the driver in question was not intoxicated and there was no probable cause for arrest. At 9:06 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 2200 block of Highway 101 for a report of possible theft. Officers made contact with a subject but could not determine if he had stolen anything. The business asked that the subject be told not to return. At 11:39 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Ibolt Ct. for a death investigation. Officers determined the cause to have been natural, no foul play was suspected.

At 1:22 p.m., officers responded to the area of 36th St. and Highway 101 for a reported traffic hazard. Officers arrive to find a trailer had come disconnected from a vehicle and was in the roadway. Officers helped the motorist reconnect the trailer and remove it from the lane. At 3:27 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Oak Street for a reported theft of a phone and cash. Case remains under investigation.

At 4:01 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Oak Street for a report of three young juveniles vaping. Officers contacted the juveniles who admitted to taking “one hit” from the vape pen. Juveniles were counseled about the law and health impacts of vaping. At 4:02 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of 7th Street for a report of loud music coming from a vehicle. Officers contacted involved parties and no further action was taken. At 5:43 p.m., officers arrested a subject in the 2400 block of Oak Street based on an investigation from an earlier case. No further information was available. At 6:10 p.m., a caller reported that a subject had arrived in the 400 block of 9th Street who may have been driving intoxicated. Officers arrived and conducted a field sobriety test. Officers arrested

Rudolph Kramer

March 2, 1943 - October 21, 2025

Rudolph Kramer of Florence passed away on October 21 five months after a pancreatic cancer diagnosis. He was born in Independence, MO 82 years ago. After serving in the Navy as a machinist during the Vietnam war, he worked the remainder of his career as a tool designer at Honeywell in Kansas City. Upon retiring he achieved his long-held dream of building a house in Florence near the sea which he so loved. He jogged on the beach almost daily until only a year ago, and the tide clocks which he made in his garage shop can be found



up and down the Oregon coast. He was a member of the Florence Airport Volunteer Group, and he was very enthused about how much he learned from the diverse people he met on duty. It's a testament to his strength and love for Marjorie, his wife of 57 years, that he was her primary caregiver through her development of dementia while simultaneously struggling with his own cancer and its sequelae. He is survived by Marjorie, two sisters, two sons and one grandchild.

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Dianna Laurie Plaep

1956 - 2025

Dianna Laurie Plaep, affectionately known as Dee Dee, passed away peacefully on October 18, 2025, at the age of 69, in her home in Westlake, Oregon. She was the beloved daughter of the late Edwina Siestroom Clarkson and Carl Clarkson. Dee Dee graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay where she was born and raised. In Coos Bay, she met and married her first husband Thomas Warrick. They later moved to Florence, Oregon for work and to raise a family. Throughout her life, she was dedicated to her community and worked in various roles that reflected her commitment and versatility. Her career journey included positions at Western Bank, where she served as a teller and personal banker, and at the Siuslaw Middle School as a teachers assistant. She also worked at the Sportsman sporting goods store, handling sales and bookkeeping. Dee Dee retired from her role as a receptionist at the Florence Outreach Office and helped with the Elders Activities and Fitness Program with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, where she made significant contributions to her community.



Beyond her professional life, Dee Dee was deeply passionate about the outdoors and animals. She especially enjoyed horses which she owned most of her life. She raised several donkeys and always had a dog or two. She also had a passion for quad riding, a walk on the beach, gardening, knitting, sudoku puzzles and everyone's favorite, baking desserts. Dee Dee's life was characterized by her humorous, kind, loving and creative personality. She was a family-oriented individual who cherished moments spent teasing and tormenting her coworkers and loved ones all in good spirits. Above all, her greatest joy was her two sons, Walker and Logan Warrick, and granddaughter Kinsley. She is survived by her husband Bruce Plaep; children, Logan and Walker Warrick; siblings, Mary Byer, Sharon Arnold and Richard Clarkson; and granddaughter Kinsley Warrick. She had numerous nephews and nieces and families that she so cherished. Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm on December 7, 2025, at Three Rivers Casino in Florence, Oregon.

Russell Ruzich

11/23/1946 - 8/10/2025



Russ is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Lara, and son Kurt. Russ was a great husband and a wonderful father. He and his wife were married for 55 years. He spent over 30 years practicing as a cardiologist at the Mayo clinic in Scottsdale. He won an award for Best Educator of the year. He enjoyed horseback riding – especially roping. He was an avid Fly fisherman and tied his own flies. He was a very good jitterbug dancer! Russ was always willing to help when needed. Russ served in the Navy at Great Lakes for 2 years. He retired in Florence. He loved being by the ocean.



LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

I support our school district’s children and parents having the option of attending the Whitmore Classical Academy. Its founders are interested in offering a classical and rigorous education to our children, and I welcome the opportunity of our community having a choice.

Peggy Meyer
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Undiscovered Christmas Treasure in Florence
My friend has a magnet on the side of her car that says, “Florence Nativity Festival”. She told me that she is always quite surprised at how many people stop and

ask her, “What is that?” For a small town, it is amazing how many fun, giving, or spiritual things go on in Florence - especially during the holidays. But, instead of a large service club or non profit project, this one started with just a few women sharing their prized nativity collections over a weekend. Now there are almost 400 nativities that can be seen for free by the public.
If you haven’t discovered it yet, it is a good thing to share with your family and friends and maybe start a yearly tradition - it’s always the first weekend of December 1-5pm. If you see ladies driving around with blue and white nativity scene magnets on their car and want to know where - it’s at the church on the corner of Munsel Lake Road and North Fork. This year the Friday showing falls on December 5th.

Sherry Harvey
Florence

Honoring Veterans at Siuslaw High School

SUBMITTED by
ROBERT ORR

Hundreds of Siuslaw High School students gathered respectfully and attentively in the school gymnasium on the morning of November 7 to honor local veterans. About 40 veterans joined the students in the gym.
Planning for the event began early in the school year, according to leadership teacher Sara Mann. Many of the students in the leadership class were involved in the planning, with senior Danin Lacouture assuming primary responsibility. Junior Stella Duman worked closely with Lacouture with the expectation that she will be the lead coordinator next year.
The ceremony began with the presentation of the colors by the U.S. Coast Guard. KCST broadcaster and military veteran Wayne Sharpe then asked all veterans in attendance to stand and be recognized based on the branch of the military in which they served. Among those recognized were several Siuslaw High School staff members.
Coast Guard Veteran Jay Nilles lit the candle on a special ‘Fallen Comrade’ table that had



Siuslaw High School Junior Stella questions Army veteran Devin White during a school assembly on November 7. Photo by SHS Freshman Afton Linton

been placed next to the podium. The table and chair offered multiple reminders of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The table was small and round, representing the frailty of one person alone against their oppressors and the fact that concern for them is never ending. The white tablecloth showed the purity of the men and women who answered their country’s call to duty, while the empty chair representing all who could not be there. There was also a red rose as a reminder of the families left behind, a yellow ribbon for the everlasting hope of a joyous reunion, a slice of

lemon for the bitter fate of those lost, and salt for the tears of their families. An upside-down glass served as a reminder of all who were not there to join in a toast.
Devin White, U.S. Army Veteran and Assistant football and wrestling Coach at Siuslaw High School, spoke passionately about the many benefits of military service: the power of purpose, education and career opportunities, leadership, belonging, and the development of values such as integrity and courage. He emphasized that, while we may not be designated as leaders, we are always in a position to lead.

Lori Straley followed White to the podium. Straley served in the U.S. Navy and then as an operating room nurse for 45 years after leaving military service. She advised the students to be open to opportunities given to them, just as she was given the opportunity to enter the field of nursing. Recognizing that a chosen path is not always easy, she cautioned the students, “If you’re worried about doing something because it’s going to be hard, you should think about your expectations.”
Following the assembly, many of the visiting veterans joined students in the school library for lunch and conversation.

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A Homestead Piano

SUBMITTED by
Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

There are times when the task at hand can seem impossible to accomplish, but not so with a bit of help. It was many years ago when news of a ship from San Francisco had arrived in Acme (later named Cushman) with a piano for the E. B. Miller family. Though long awaited, the logistics of transporting the piano to the Miller’s Clear Lake homestead required a great deal of planning. Help was needed.

A scow was used to float the piano from Acme to the South Slough, which proved easy enough. From there it was loaded onto a wagon to be pulled by horses to the lake. As lookouts and helpers, men followed the wagon on foot, singing and whistling while guiding the cargo on the narrow, bumpy road. At the lake, a second scow awaited. With incredible effort, balance and careful

steps, the men transferred the piano from the wagon to the second scow. After a short trip on the lake the scow was docked at the homestead’s wharf. A make-shift sled was hitched to a team of horses prepared for the final walk to the homestead. However, it became immediately clear the wharf and hilly path were too narrow for the team of horses. Once again, the men hoisted the piano and managed to carry it step by step onto the sled. Finally reaching the homestead, the piano was safely carried into the house. A celebration of triumph with food, music, friends and neighbors went on for hours. And that is how with neighbors helping neighbors, the pioneers overcame what first appeared to be an almost impossible task.

As we approach the upcoming Holiday, we are reminded to be thankful for family, friends and neighbors who make up the best part of our lives.

SUBMITTED by
ROBERT ORR
Siuslaw High School

“Experiencing other countries in person gave us a new level of knowledge and appreciation.” That was the sentiment unanimously expressed by seven Siuslaw High School students who have each participated in a two-week, all expenses paid trip to Europe. These trips took place in the summers of 2024 and 2025. The trips are sponsored by the organization First Stamp, which was founded just three years ago by Jenna Fagnan (a native of Reedsport) and Sarah Williams. Both women attended Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and decided to give back to small communities by sponsoring trips for tenth grade girls who live in rural areas. Participants are selected from 17 high schools: 6 in Oregon, 6 in Texas and 5 in

Pennsylvania. The local organizer is Faiza Serang, a third-grade teacher at Siuslaw Elementary School. She attended school in Reedsport with Ms. Fagnan and is now involved in recruiting local girls as well as helping to plan and lead some of the trips. In Oregon, the schools included in the program are in Florence, Reedsport, Mapleton, Powers, North Powder and Baker City. The Siuslaw High School girls are Lilyana Clemons, Charley Johnson, Ezra Haberly, Emma Meier, Kortni Todd, Abby Jones and Danin Lacouture. The process, as they described it, was to attend an informational meeting at Siuslaw High School and then apply for the program. Once selected, they began preparing by getting passports, learning about the countries they would be visiting, and acquiring

the necessary travel items (many of which were supplied by First Stamp). Students from all three states met in Texas where they met, formed friendships, and prepared to travel overseas. They were joined there by mentors and trip leaders from Trinity University. The girls then traveled to Paris, and one other location: London, Dublin or Rome. Their itineraries were filled, but there was also time for unexpected adventures. Highlights of the trip for the Siuslaw girls included meeting new people (fellow travelers, mentors, and residents of the countries they visited); forming new friendships and long-term bonds; trying new foods and experiencing different cultures; learning how others view America and sharing their own experiences as Americans with others. The girls also learned to coexist with people they

didn’t know well, and to solve unexpected problems as they arose. In the previous years, most of the girls who applied were selected. This year could be different. The number of interested girls has grown, and the organizers may have to make difficult decisions among qualified applicants. The introductory meeting for Siuslaw students was held on the evening of November 4 in the school library to a full crowd of parents and students. The application period opened on November 15 and closes on January 15. Each girl will complete an application form and make a video of herself. Those fortunate to be selected will be fully funded for the trip, including airfare, lodging, meals, activities, and even spending money, making this a truly unique opportunity. More information may be found at <https://firststamp.org/>

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Three Rivers Casino Resort hosts annual food and toy drive to support families in need

Three Rivers Casino Resort is holding its annual Food and Toy Drive from Nov. 3 to Dec. 14. The drive benefits local families in need as it strengthens partnerships between the casino, the Florence Police Department, and community organizations. Guests can bring in a new, unwrapped toy or three nonperishable food items to Player Services. They will receive \$5 in free play once a week. Donors who bring both a toy and food can receive up to \$10 total each week.

“We really appreciate working with Three Rivers for the toy and food drive program that we have here in Florence,” said Florence Police Department School Resource Officer Hailey Coons. “They’re a big part of the service we’re able to offer our community during the holiday season. Community organizations nominate families who’ve been struggling or just having a rough year, and it’s such a rewarding experience to make sure every child has a happy holiday.”

“I think it’s fabulous when businesses give back to the community they serve,” said Food Drive recipient Beth Bolles. “My wife and I live on Social Security, and it was becoming increasingly difficult to decide what bills to pay. Discovering we were eligible for the food share helped us immensely. Foodshare has given me so much more than food; it’s a wonderful community of caring humans.” Coons said Legos, sports equipment, and books are among the

most popular gifted items. When it comes to food donations, coffee, cereal, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, and macaroni and cheese are especially needed for families. Over the last five years, Three Rivers Casino Resort has helped to give out more than 2,500 toys and cans of food. “We’d love for everyone to help donate so we can make every family have a fantastic holiday season,” added Coons. For more information, visit threeiverscasino.com.

TRIAL

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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 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.

At a Feb. 27 pretrial conference, Berkner waived his 60-day trial right and that a new pretrial conference date was

set for April 7, alongside a trial date of June 24. A postponement motion was filed on June 18 and the trial was set to begin at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 9 in Lane County Circuit Court, but was postponed again on Nov. 13.

Court Calendar staff say the trial date has not been set officially but will most likely be held over until next year.

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POLICE

From Page A2

Brandye Boggioni for DUII. At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a report of an unconscious subject. Officers contacted a male and female who were sleeping. Upon waking them, officers found they were intoxicated. Subjects were told that if they could not find someone to take responsibility for them they would have to go to detox. The male subject reportedly resisted while heavily intoxicated and tried to fight with officers. Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to detox at the jail. At 10:58 p.m., officers

responded to the 88,000 block of 1st Avenue for a report that a subject had found a bottle of nitrous oxide. Officers took possession of the bottle for destruction. At 11:37 p.m., officers responded to the 88,200 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of a heavily intoxicated subject in a bus stop. Officers made contact with the subject and also contacted relatives to take responsibility for them. No further action was taken.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

At 11:42 a.m., officers responded to the area of 7th St., and Highway 101 for a report that subjects were yelling at a man and his dog. Subjects were gone when officers arrived. At 5:29 p.m., a caller reported

that a vehicle had hit his vehicle and that he was able to get a portion of the license plate number before it took off. Officers investigated and were able to locate the other vehicle. The driver of that vehicle said she was shaken by the collision but that it was the other drivers fault. Officers stood by while subjects exchanged insurance information. At 6:40 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 4300 block of Highway 101 observed an oddly parked vehicle near a business. Upon investigating, officer found a vehicle had two flat tires and that the owner was waiting until morning to get them fixed. At 11:33 p.m., a caller reported a leaf blower disturbing the peace in the 100 block of

Highway 101. Officers found the noise was being caused by a private company cleaning a parking lot. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 At 5:48 a.m., a caller reported finding a friendly husky in the 1600 block of 2nd Street. Officers responded and took the dog to the Humane Society. The owners of the dog were found shortly afterward. At 3:40 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving very slowly on Highway 101 near the fire department. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle. At 3:59 p.m., a subject came into the department lobby with a piece of glass they claimed had been used for ingesting narcotics. Officers took possession of

the glass for destruction. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 At 4:11 p.m., a caller reported finding a golden retriever in the area of Heceta Beach Drive without a collar. Dog was taken to Humane Society. At 4:47 p.m., a caller reported they had drank too much alcohol and felt like they were dying. Officers arrived to assist medical personnel. At 9:29 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that subject had stolen alcohol from a business. Staff gave officers the license plate of the subjects vehicle and asked that the driver be charged with theft and told not to return to the business. Case remains under investigation.

STATE

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handled themselves with composure and lived up to the expectations put upon them. Throughout the season, Johnson said the team was led by three “sophomore superstars” and then a “whole bunch of other guys” who were key pieces to success. At state, the script played out similarly. “Maybe what stands out to me is that that’s kind of what happened. Our sophomore superstars kind of carried the day for us. Henry Stone, getting fourth place, that’s incredible. Second time being first team all-state in just his second trip there. Bentley Nelson and Ezra King had fantastic years for us. All seven of these guys are playing soccer; that’s the leap.” All seven of Siuslaw’s runners were also members of the Vikings’ playoff soccer team. Johnson equated the seven athletes’ burden of competing in two separate sports to Shohei Ohtani’s pitching and hitting for the Dodgers. At least Ohtani is playing the same sport in his two roles. “The kids are doing different things: two sets of coaches, two sets of teammates, two different schedules, two totally different concepts. There are some physiological crossovers, but it’s not the same being a cross-country runner as a soccer athlete,” Johnson said. “For those guys to do what they did, and get through that week, they played in a playoff game on Wednesday, and had to come right back, three days later, and get on the bus.” All seven Vikings’

runners showed their determination; even after losing the playoff game on Nov. 5, they came back with enough juice in their legs to snatch the top honours in 3A cross country. Johnson credited Siuslaw’s soccer coaches, Londi Tomaro and Amy Tregoning, for helping their student-athletes balance their responsibilities across sports and academics to maximize performance on all fronts. Johnson said that Tomaro and he had each other’s backs, and the team would not have attained champion status without her. While sophomores Stone, Nelson, and King were exceptional, two of the athletes Johnson was most excited about were the program’s seniors, Kale Jensen and Camden Linton. “Kale Jensen is on his way to becoming the most decorated, successful athlete in Siuslaw history. This is the fourth time he’s won a team state title, he’s won an individual state title, he’s got a relay state title, he’s an All-American decathlete, and now he’s a scorer on the cross country team,” Johnson said. “Camden, Camden had been hurt in soccer, but he saw that we were going to need his depth, and the second half of the season, he really started to come along. He was really focused. It was really neat to have those two

guys come through and score for us on the biggest stage.” The final finishes for Siuslaw’s runners out of the 92 runners at the 3A State Championships were: Henry Stone - 4th place - 15:52.3 Bentley Nelson - 12th place - 16:37.8 Ezra King - 15th place - 16:48.5 Camden Linton - 31st place - 17:32.3 Kale Jensen - 37th place - 17:53.6 Sailor Jensen - 43rd place - 18:02.1 Yair Brito Xilot - 58th place - 18:40.2 Johnson was pleased to see Kale and Camden play significant roles in the Vikings’ championship run. While they were also a part of the team in 2022, Johnson was proud to see them score for Siuslaw in their senior season. The Vikings also claimed the Special District 4 championship crown this season, ensuring that there was no shortage of hardware for the Siuslaw trophy cabinet. When the Siuslaw teams returned from Eugene on the team bus, they were welcomed back to Florence with a police escort and cheers through downtown. The feeling of a hero’s welcome is like nothing else. “If that’s not an ad for why you should live in a

small town, I don’t know what could be a better one. It’s crazy that it happened, it’s crazy how fun it is, it’s crazy the city and the police department and the fire department, after all these years, are letting us experience that,” Johnson said. “Everybody gets swept up into that emotion. When you drive into Florence, I wish there were a sign that says ‘Welcome to Siuslaw High School country,’ or something like that. Because it’s what our community is. It’s our fabric. It’s special, there’s no question.” Siuslaw’s season was not quite finished with the state championship; however, the very next weekend, Siuslaw sent runners to the Regional Championships in Spokane, Nov. 14-15. The results from those races are not known at the time of press. Looking to the future, Johnson expects the youthful core that was at the center of Siuslaw’s success

this year will make this cross-country program a force for years to come. Sailor Jensen and Brito Xilot were both pretty “banged up” for the state meet, and as sophomores, they will be back for another two years. The top three finishers, King, Nelson, and Stone, also

have more to give. “I have those five boys coming back next year. That’s a good start on any team in the state, at any level,” Johnson said. “The future looks bright for Siuslaw cross-country. I don’t see us slowing down here for the next four or five years.”

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The interior has a surprising amount of space and a raised central ceiling. Tony Reed photo.

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we are going to have that flow,” she said. Trent said the bathrooms would be placed according to the current plumbing in the north west corner of the building, rather than cutting and installing pipe across the concrete floor.

Waggoner said it was initially thought that kindergarten classrooms would be best by the front door, but said it was instead decided to have them at the rear of the building closer to the bathrooms and a proposed back door drop off area. While discussing the lack of other adequately-sized commercial buildings in the Florence area,

Waggoner said the former Rite-Aid location wasn’t on the radar at first. “Initially we said, ‘probably not,’ but then we came over and looked at the number of ingress and egress points and how the building could be laid out for a school and thought, this really does make sense,” she said.

Trent remarked that the new activity in and around the building has generated a stream of visitors, curious about what was happening there.

Still inside the building are a variety of shelves and display cases, which Trent said will be for sale. If interested, contact Kay King at 541-999-0067.

MORE, SOONER

While it was recently announced that the school would open hosting kindergarten through third, Trent explained that it may be better to build fourth



With the entrance on the top right, this drawing shows the planned layout of the new school.

and fifth grade classrooms at the same time.

“Our original thought was that we would only build these classrooms out because we were going to do K through 2nd,” Waggoner said. “Then we added in 3rd... and the more we looked at savings, and the cost of doing everything at once, we think we are going to build out 4th and 5th, not anticipating having 4th and 5th on the first year.” She said that plan will give extra flexibility, as well as a year to fine-tune operations and extracurricular activities like music and art classes.

SVCS’s long-term plan is to teach classical education up to 8th grade, but no plans have been disclosed to expand to high school education. At full build-out, the new building is expected to only hold K-5 classrooms.

“We’ll get K through fifth grade in here, and then we can either add on,

which I think is way too expensive, [or] I think we would really look at lease space for sixth seventh and eighth [grades],” Trent said, “because that would be smaller, I think we’d have better opportunities to find a commercial space.”

Trent said several parents pushed for the school to open with K through 3rd grade classes, rather than the originally-planned K-2. After looking at timing and buildout costs, it was decided that would work best, he said. At another meeting last month, it was noted that K through 3rd would also be better for parents who may have more than one child around that age, rather than dividing them up.

“It also works well for next year when we bring in fourth grade, because we have all these students together, moving up a grade,” Trent said. “When we stopped and thought about it, it was ‘that makes

the most sense,’ so I think it’s going to work out well.”

PLAYGROUND

The outdoor playground is expected to be built on the south side of the building in the wider parking area. Waggoner said that on the map, the playground area will seem small, but in person, it seems more than adequate.

“Half of it will be covered and the other half will have the equipment,” Waggoner said. “This will probably be phase 2 or part of a separate capital campaign. For now, it will be a fenced-in safe area.”

“That’s about \$1.8 million to do all the exterior, signage, plus the playground and the covered structure,” Trent added.

“We’ve put lots of thought into this, but it’s getting revised every week,” Waggoner said, showing prospective drawings of the exterior and layout. Trent said they have been regularly meeting with builders to fine-tune plans regarding class sizes, amenities and interior flow.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Trent said a traffic study is being done and information is being sent to the City of Florence, but until the scope is agreed upon, it won’t be known. It’s expected that traffic may file in on 34th Street, as well as Pine Street. A drive-through window on the west side will be removed and could serve as an entry for some kindergarten students and Special Education students. Trent and Waggoner said the building has more than enough parking to allow parents to park in the lot and walk their kids into the building.

According to the approved contract between SVCS and Siuslaw School District, a student may obtain transportation on district buses, only if those buses directly pass Whitmore Academy.

Waggoner said that in talking to other charter schools, many are not able to provide transportation.

“They haven’t found that they really needed it, for the most part,” Trent added, noting that the dynamic may change when more grades are added. However, for kindergarten through third grade, most parents typically drop their children off in person, he noted.

When asked, Trent said a traffic guard will be posted at the location during pick-up and drop-off times.

“That’s where we would really like to use volunteers from the community to help us out,” Trent said, noting that the expected traffic volumes will be far below those experienced at Siuslaw Elementary School.

Trent remarked that Waggoner should don the DayGlo vest and stop sign on the first day.

“I literally cannot wait for the day where I can go out there and open car doors and welcome kids,” Waggoner said. “I can’t wait.”

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PARADE
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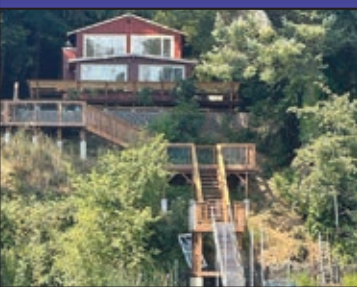


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Low	5:05 a.m.	3.3
High	10:56 a.m.	7.7
Low	5:59 p.m.	-0.2

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

High	12:37 a.m.	6.3
Low	5:43 a.m.	3.6
High	11:27 a.m.	7.7
Low	6:34 p.m.	-0.3

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

High	1:17 a.m.	6.4
Low	6:19 a.m.	3.8
High	11:59 a.m.	7.7
Low	7:10 p.m.	-0.3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

High	1:57 a.m.	6.4
Low	6:54 a.m.	3.9
High	12:33 p.m.	7.6
Low	7:46 p.m.	-0.2

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

High	2:38 a.m.	6.3
Low	7:31 a.m.	4.0
High	1:09 p.m.	7.5
Low	8:24 p.m.	0.0

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

High	3:19 a.m.	6.2
Low	8:10 a.m.	4.0
High	1:48 p.m.	7.3
Low	9:04 p.m.	0.1

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

High	4:02 a.m.	6.2
Low	8:56 a.m.	4.0
High	2:32 p.m.	7.0
Low	9:46 p.m.	0.3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

High	4:46 a.m.	6.2
Low	9:52 a.m.	3.9
High	3:24 p.m.	6.7
Low	10:30 p.m.	0.6

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

High	5:30 a.m.	6.3
Low	11:00 a.m.	3.7
High	4:27 p.m.	6.2
Low	11:18 p.m.	0.9

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

High	6:14 a.m.	6.6
Low	12:14 p.m.	3.1
High	5:43 p.m.	5.8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Low	12:10 a.m.	1.3
High	6:57 a.m.	7.0
Low	1:23 p.m.	2.3
High	7:07 p.m.	5.6

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Low	1:04 a.m.	1.8
High	7:41 a.m.	7.4
Low	2:26 p.m.	1.3
High	8:30 p.m.	5.7

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Low	2:00 a.m.	2.4
High	8:24 a.m.	8.0
Low	3:22 p.m.	0.3
High	9:43 p.m.	6.1

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Low	2:56 a.m.	2.8
High	9:09 a.m.	8.5
Low	4:16 p.m.	-0.6
High	10:48 p.m.	6.4

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Low	3:52 a.m.	3.2
High	9:54 a.m.	8.9
Low	5:07 p.m.	-1.3
High	11:47 p.m.	6.8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Low	4:47 a.m.	3.5
High	10:42 a.m.	9.2
Low	5:57 p.m.	-1.8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

High	12:42 a.m.	7.0
Low	5:40 a.m.	3.6
High	11:30 a.m.	9.3
Low	6:46 p.m.	-1.9

Siuslaw girls XC finish sixth

Will LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

At the beginning of the cross country season, it almost seemed the Vikings might not field a girls’ team. It looked like the weight of taking on both soccer and cross country might make it impossible to field a team.

“This year, most of the girls coming up were all cross country runners and soccer players who just weren’t sure they wanted to do both. So we were really worried about having a complete team,” Head Coach Chris Johnson said. “To think we wouldn’t have a team competing was really scary, and then we had a couple girls decide they could do both, and they just got better, and better, and better.”

The Vikings overcame the early questions over participation to put together a great season,



including a district championship at the District 4 Championships, and finishing sixth at the OSAA State XC Championships at Lane Community College in Eugene on Nov. 8.

The top of the 3A/2A/1A division was stacked this year, and a

podium finish was always going to be difficult, but the Vikings fought until the end and were competitive the whole way. The Vikings finished with 203 points, just seven points behind Heppner-Ione-Condon, who finished fifth.

“We had a shot to

maybe get on the podium, which is top four. They battled, man, the girls got into 5th place at one point. We were two places from the podium. I think they probably ran better versus expectations than maybe even the boys ran, and I was really proud of them,” Johnson said.

The results for the Vikings at the State Championships were as follows:

- Adylin Holbrook - 32nd place - 20:31.1
- Pearl Jensen - 48th place - 21:10.3
- Mia Goss - 51st place

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Brotherhood Nation- A poem for the Vikings

Submitted By
Lindy BORREVIK

The community gathers on Friday nights
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together At Hans Peterson Field
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They must conquer one by one
Never giving up
Till the victory is won
The goal is to defeat
the opposing team that night, although not
always victorious
they give it their best fight
Winning is awesome
But at Siuslaw it’s not what counts
Brotherhood over outcome
Is what the program is about
The unity between the players
The bonds formed by players & coach
The lessons learned & memories made
are what they treasure most
The love for one another, the culture of
respect, embraced by all
The program growing hard-working,
young men
It’s not just a game of football
Long after the last whistle blows
And the stands are empty once again
The brotherhood nation remains solid
The unity among its family never ends
Hail the mighty Siuslaw
We hope for victory
But the one thing that is constant
Is the brotherhood and unity!
Go Viks!



The 2025 Siusaw starting offensive line with their coach. Pictured, from left: Owen Burt, Collin Barnett, Jacob Rose, Lineman Coach Devin White, Skyler Wiley, and Jacob Mann. Photo by Zac Burt/Mapleton Media

Siuslaw playoff dreams ended in round 1

Will LOHRE
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For the second season in a row, Siuslaw has seen its playoff hopes on the gridiron ended in an upset defeat. This year, the Vikings fell on home turf to Gervais in the first round in front of the home crowd by a score of 48-28 on Nov. 7.

For Head Coach Sam Johnson, the loss was a “bummer,” but there was nothing he could take away from Gervais’ performance.

“I thought they played a perfect game. Credit to them. They were ready to roll, and they were able to execute a

game plan against us. Their running back was really good, their line was big and physical, and it’s a tough one to accept because it’s not really where I saw our team getting knocked out if we were going to get knocked out at all,” Johnson said.

Johnson said he’s looked over the film, gone through everything they did, and he felt the team did everything they could to try and win that game, but ultimately they just came out on the wrong side of a hard-fought match. Despite the disappointment, the season was far from a failure.



“The lessons they learned throughout the year were far more significant than winning or losing playoff games,

or winning and losing a state championship,” Johnson said. “They gave so much, and they were such an incredible

group of young men that they can look themselves in the mirror at the end

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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. 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. 17 to Nov. 24. 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 Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 10 am – 2 pm, and 5 – 7 pm; Thursday through Saturday, Nov 20 - 22, from 10 am - 2 pm; Sunday, Nov. 23 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.

Library Board meeting

A regular meeting of the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Siuslaw Public Library at 1460 9th St. This meeting will include an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of Library Director Megan Spencer. To the extent reasonably possible, the Siuslaw Public Library makes all meetings accessible remotely through technological means and

provides opportunities for members of general public to remotely submit oral and written testimony. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting in person, or to email ref@siuslawlibrary.org or call 541-997-3132 by noon on Nov. 19 for attendance instructions if they would like to attend the meeting remotely via videoconferencing or telephonic means. Members of the public are also invited to send written public comments via email to ref@siuslawlibrary.org or via mail to ATTN: SPLD Board, Siuslaw Public Library District, 1460 9th Street, Florence, OR 97439. Written comments regarding agenda items must be received no later than 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, to be considered at the meeting.

Simplify the Holidays back again

Starting Nov. 27, Lane County residents are encouraged to join the County's annual "Simplify the Holidays" campaign. The campaign encourages residents and businesses to reimagine how

they view and participate in the holiday season to inspire joy while curbing waste. It also includes a holiday leftovers recipe contest. Recipes can be submitted at wastewiselane.org/holiday. Those who share recipes will be automatically entered into a drawing for some great prizes, with contest winners announced in early January. Follow us on Facebook at Instagram @WasteWiseLaneCounty.

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 auto-harpists 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

Youth Climate Art contest

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- 21:17.5
- Abigail Jones - 53rd place - 21:21.2
- Claire McNeill - 58th place - 21:42.4
- Clover Holbrook - 59th place - 21:46.7
- Afton Linton - 78th place - 23:07.0

Johnson credited Adylin Holbrook for setting the tone for the Vikings. Also, he shouted out all the

dual-sport athletes for figuring out how to balance the bumps and bruises of soccer with performance on the cross country circuit. Johnson credited Amy Tregoning (the girls' soccer Head Coach) for helping create a schedule and working across the two programs to maximize both teams' success. Down the stretch, as the cross country postseason arrived, the Vikings sharpened their skills to hit the ground running in the biggest races. "It was fun to watch. There came a point where you could start to see that this was a team. The last couple of weeks of workouts, especially once soccer got over, I saw 'em every day. You could see they were starting to figure it out and getting stronger, more competitive, and more confident," Johnson

said. At the District Championships, Siuslaw eeked out the first-place finish by five points, beating Glide to nab District honors. While the program will certainly miss its seniors next year, Johnson is excited to see what the future holds for the young up-and-comers the team has. "We lose a lot in Adylin and Abigail. They've been studs their whole careers, really hard-working kids, the types that fight, and they're gritty, and we're going to miss them," Johnson said. "But we have some people in our school right now, and some kids coming up, and some returners, and the girls' program is going to be on the move up over the next couple of years. I feel really strongly about that."



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Football
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of the day and say I gave everything I had to this football team and I'm proud of that, no matter what happened at the end of the year.

The teams traded one-yard touchdowns in the first quarter, each punching in the two-point conversions to make it 8-8 through the first stanza. Jaxon Chiang punched in the Vikings' score, matching Gervais' Johnny Mariano.

But there wouldn't be much matching Mariano for long. The senior running back for Gervais proved to be a wrecking ball out of the backfield, punching through the Viking defense time after time, and he racked up six touchdowns on the day.

For their part, the Vikings never gave up. Will Johnson scored a

90-yard kick return in the second quarter to tie the game up at 14s before Mariano answered to put the Cougars up 22-14 going into half. In the second half, Will Johnson and Micah Blankenship both caught touchdowns from Jericho Lake, but it was ultimately Gervais' day, and they advanced to take on Douglas in the quarterfinals.

The game was a battle in the trenches, with both teams fighting to out-physical the other. For Johnson, it was impressive to see another team put in the dirty work like the Vikings usually do.

"There aren't many teams that are willing to play the brand of football that they were willing to play on a Friday night," Johnson said. "It's unsexy football, where in today's day and age people don't really want to dink and dime you for five yards here, five yards there."

Over Johnson's

seven-year tenure at the helm, he has prided his team on playing hard-nosed, blue-collar football. Johnson said his team is happy to chip away at teams and wear them down, willing to take three-yard chunks one at a time until they earn a first down. In this particular game, though, Gervais was content to go right back at Siuslaw with that same style.

"They were able to do that to us. Our kids kept battling and battling, and it's weird because it was a fun game to be a part of, because you're watching two really hard-nosed teams go at it," Johnson said. "Not many teams and coaching staffs are willing to do that. So, it's a huge kudos to their coaching staff for getting 40 young men to buy into the same message that we try to give our kids every year."

Gervais won with a gritty, "unsexy" approach, and Johnson credited the

Cougars for controlling the line of scrimmage throughout the game.

Johnson said that when the final whistle sounded, it was emotional to think about the season ending. Part of what this conclusion tough was the goodbye to the program's seniors that the loss signified.

"I have had incredible groups of seniors come through Siuslaw for the last six years. This senior class was a little different. They were really good football players, really talented, and there's a huge group that is getting college offers," Johnson said. "The thing that I'm going to miss that sunk in really quick, Friday night, was the type of people they are and the culture we've been trying to build since I got the job here."

Johnson said this group was integral not only in getting the team back into the playoffs each season and instilling a winning

culture on the field, but also in creating a framework for the team off the field for life beyond football.

"We've tried to take it one step further inside our program to make sure we're graduating really good kids, that we're academic all-state every single year, that we're teaching kids the right way to operate in life," Johnson said. "That's what sunk in, was what a great job they did for the last 10, 11 months of doing that, and cultivating a culture within our locker room that will far outlast them."

The team's motto this season was "brotherhood over outcome," and Johnson said the team lived up to that refrain. Though the team was in tears after the loss, it wasn't just the chance at a championship they were mourning; it was also the loss of time to practice or play together.

For Johnson, one thing

he'll remember from this group is the way they took advantage of every chance they got together. Johnson had the privilege of coaching his little brother, Will Johnson, with this group, and he'll cherish that experience.

"It was my little brother's senior year, and so it was really easy for me to be in the moment because you show up every day and you're hanging out with a group of kids that grew up at your house when I was in high school," Johnson said. "And that, going forward, is just making sure we're not looking at next week, we're not looking at the end of the year, we're not looking at the playoffs or a rivalry game three weeks away. We're living on a Monday in the mud together, and embracing that. And I think that's the biggest takeaway I'll take away from this team: they taught me to live in the moment better than I ever dreamed I could."

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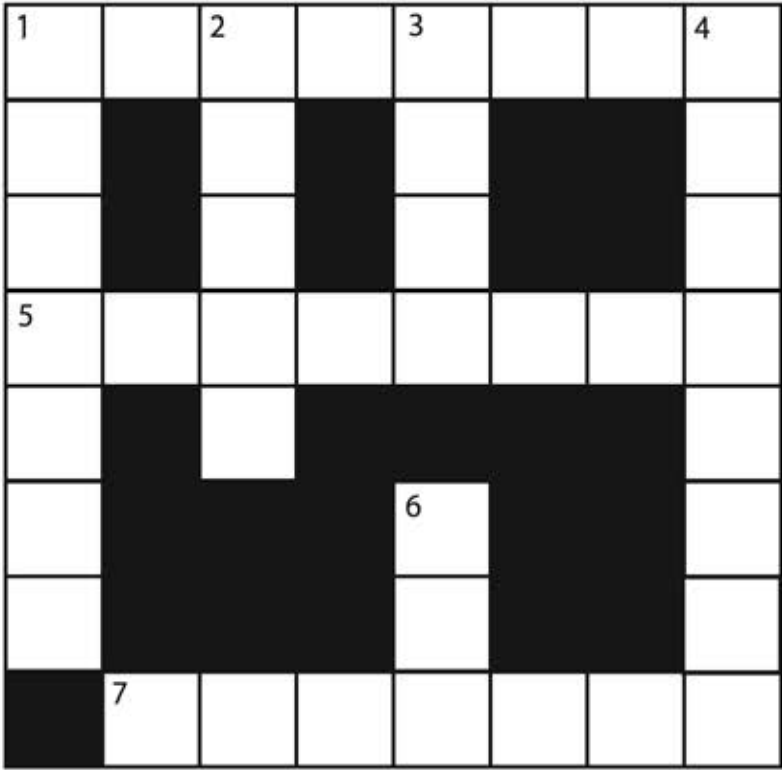
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Crossword Puzzle



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Food FACT:

Despite the word “nut” in the name of this food, they are actually legumes, which is a family of plants that includes peas and lentils.

Answer: Peanuts

ACROSS

- 1. Parcels
- 5. Tidy a space
- 7. Liquid turning into a gas

DOWN

- 1. Nuts that are not a nut
- 2. Transparent
- 3. Pain
- 4. Trying things out
- 6. Liquid fat

1. Peanuts 2. Clear 3. Ache 4. Sampling 6. Oil

Answers: Across 1. Packages 5. Neaten up 7. Boiling Down 1. Peanuts 2. Clear 3. Ache 4. Sampling 6. Oil

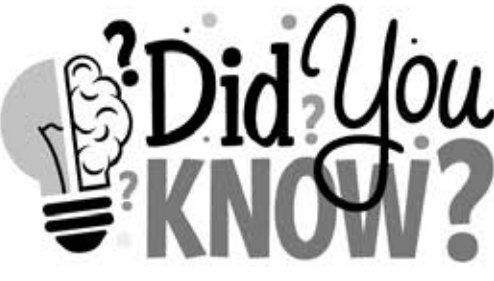
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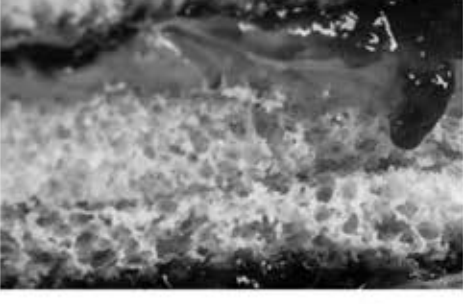
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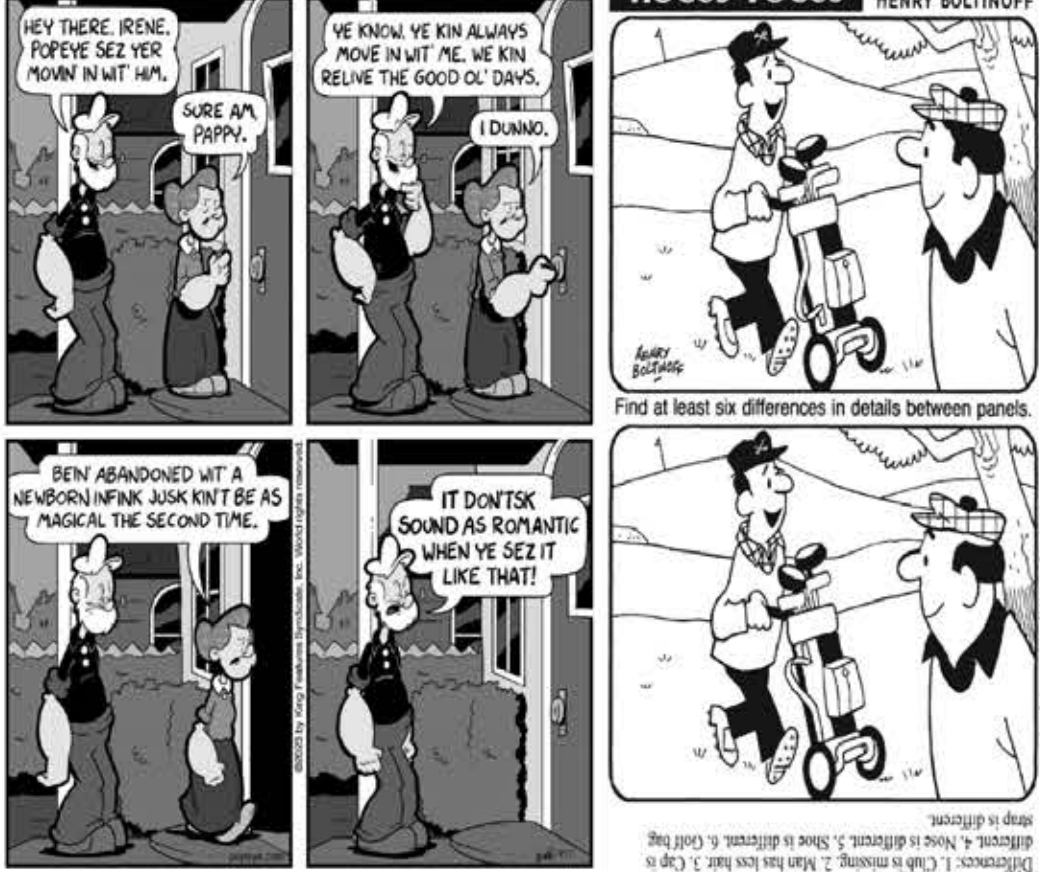


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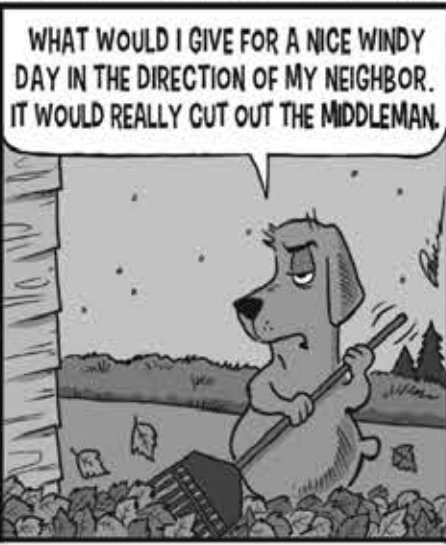
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CryptoQuip

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: I equals P

ZK ISYDPXY SXO DBZXDH-PEO,
KPYDH-DBXOO PX KZKDH-EZEO
HOSXY PNC, CP IOPINO YSH
DBOH'XO IXZGO GZEZYDOXY?

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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!

List

Least

Rarely

MODELS

Much

REAGOL

Require

GLOBIE

TODAY'S WORD

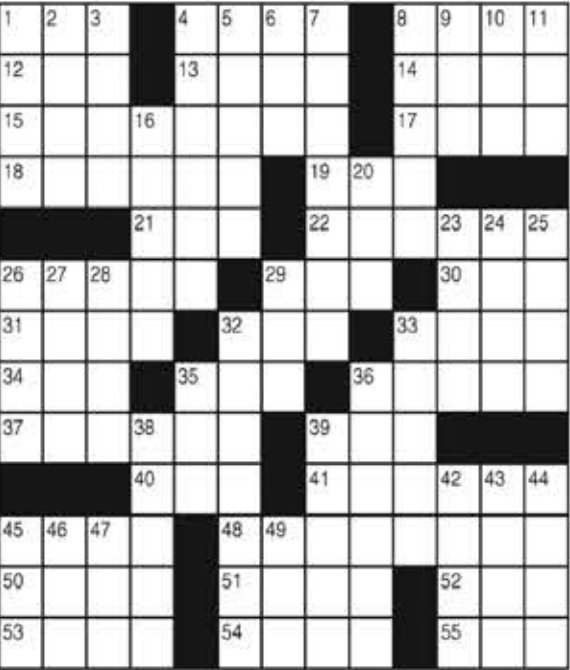
"I'm not interested in a diet that's low in calories—I want one that's low in _____."

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Listening device
- 4 Wrestling style
- 8 Wax-coated cheese
- 12 Cagers' gp.
- 13 Jannings of old films
- 14 Showroom model
- 15 Cheek
- 17 Pleased
- 18 Sports venues
- 19 CEO's deg.
- 21 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- 22 Equivalence
- 26 London —
- 29 Allen or Tebow
- 30 "Kitchy- —!"
- 31 Ore deposit
- 32 Madrid Mrs.
- 33 Small bell sound
- 34 '50s president
- 35 Layer
- 36 Speakers' platforms
- 37 Chasteness
- 39 Fixed
- 40 Search for gold
- 41 Salad choice
- 45 Designer Wang



- 48 Magnitude
- 50 During
- 51 Vend
- 52 Homer's bartender
- 53 First-rate
- 54 Lays down the lawn
- 55 Evening hrs.

- 7 Dukakis of "Moonstruck"
- 8 Mystery writer's award
- 9 N.J. neighbor
- 10 "I — Rock"
- 11 '60s chic
- 16 "Frasier" pooch
- 20 "Kapow!"
- 23 "— you not!"
- 24 "Sula" author Morrison
- 25 Meditative practice
- 26 Radar image
- 27 Video-streaming brand
- 28 Baltic Sea

- 29 Attempt
- 32 Fox's trait
- 33 Tribal emblem
- 35 Sch. fundraising group
- 36 Gems from oysters
- 38 Apple tablets
- 39 Berate
- 42 Ninny
- 43 Fermi's bit
- 44 Deli loaves
- 45 Cistern
- 46 Punk rock offshoot
- 47 Shred
- 49 "The Matrix" hero

DOWN

- 1 Tolkien creatures
- 2 Help a hood
- 3 Hindu hero
- 4 — number
- 5 Inuit boat
- 6 Cambridge sch.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States?
- GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is the Sahara Desert?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who created The Muppets?
- MUSIC: What was singer Miley Cyrus' alter ego when she starred in a Disney sitcom?
- MATH: How many sides does a heptagon (sometimes called a septagon) have?
- MOVIES: Which singer is featured in the biopic "A Complete Unknown"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
- LITERATURE: In "The Jungle Book," who raised the boy called Mowgli?
- TELEVISION: Where was Mork from in the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
- LANGUAGE: What does the phrase "doubleplusgood" mean in Newspeak, featured in the dystopian novel "1984"?

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Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword — Answers

SCRAMBLERS Today's Word

S	O	L	A	R
R	O	A	D	S
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M	A	D	I	A
E	D	I	N	E
D	E	E	D	

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

- Answers
- Russia, in 1867
 - Africa
 - Jim Henson
 - Hannah Montana
 - Seven
 - Bob Dylan
 - Thinly sliced raw meat or fish. Usually served as an appetizer
 - Wolves
 - Planet Ork
 - Terrible

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

1. Fetch	— — — — G	The very edge	— — — — K
2. Report card entry	— — — — D —	Fruit of the vine	— — — — P —
3. Allotment	— — — — — N	Proportions	— — — — — S
4. Bread ingredient	— — — — U —	Ground surface	— — — — O —
5. Nip	— I — — —	Boxer's movement	— U — — —
6. Fire engine device	— — D — — —	Pantry	— — R — — —
7. 100 pennies	D — — — — —	Shirt neckline	C — — — — —
8. Bower	— — B — — —	Eagerness	— — D — — —
9. German river	R — — — — —	Gleam	S — — — — —
10. Get the better of	— — — — W — —	Garment	— — — — F — —

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Fun Fact

• A jellyfish and a cucumber are each 95% water.
• 70% of the human brain is water.
• A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water.
• Each day, we lose a little more than a cup of water when we exhale moisture.

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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of Nov. 24, 2025.

24-Nov: "Bel-Air" (Season 4) — Peacock

24-Nov: "Chris Hemsworth: A Road Trip to Remember" (Documentary) — Hulu

26-Nov: "Stranger Things" (Season 5, Vol. 1) — Netflix

26-Nov: "Prehistoric Planet: Ice Age" — Apple TV

26-Nov: "WondLa" (Season 3) — Apple TV

26-Nov: "Mickey 17" (R) — Prime Video

26-Nov: "Jingle Bell Heist" (PG-13) — Netflix

28-Nov: "Prep & Landing: The Snowball Protocol" (TV-G) — Disney+

28-Nov: "The Stringer: The Man Who Took the Photo" (Documentary) — Netflix

28-Nov: "A PAW Patrol Christmas" (TV-G) — Paramount+

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to your good health

WITH
Dr. Keith Roach

Pain Persists Around Puncture Site After Medical Procedure

DEAR DR. ROACH: Nine days ago, I had a medical procedure under general anesthesia. One of the lines was put in the artery in my left wrist. Aside from deep bruising that went halfway up my forearm, it seems that there is some nerve damage. I have constant pain from my thumb, through my wrist, and up to about 3 inches on my arm. Overnight, the pain becomes intense and radiates all the way up to my shoulder.

Tylenol and an arthritis sleeve only provide minimum relief. Should I request to see a neurologist, or is there another type of doctor to seek out for a diagnosis? This has become life-altering, and I'm hoping it will eventually be healed. — B.F.

ANSWER: I suspect that the bruising on your forearm was caused by bleeding from the puncture site of the artery in your wrist. (This type of line is used to measure blood pressure accurately and instantaneously.) The hematoma (blood collection) inside the wrist might be compressing the median nerve in your carpal tunnel, which causes a neuropathy very much like carpal tunnel syndrome.

If I am right, then the condition should improve as your body absorbs the blood, which takes pressure off the nerve. However, there are case reports of permanent damage to the nerve from complications of an arterial puncture. In general, if the nerve compression is serious enough to cause weakness, it needs to be acted upon urgently.

The doctors who performed your procedure need to know about this complication, and a neurologist is exactly the right person to see. A simple nerve test could confirm my suspicion or disprove it by finding a different cause if your

symptoms persist.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an active 60-year-old who took a soccer ball to the groin some time back. After a few months, I noticed a change in my sexual organ. Narrowing and bending of my organ developed, and it seems to be getting worse.

My general doctor seems to think it's Peyronie's disease. After researching this, I started taking vitamin E and COq10 supplements. I scheduled a urologist exam but was hoping for some insight on this. — G.

ANSWER: I suspect your general doctor is correct, and an evaluation by a urologist is certainly indicated. Peyronie's disease is often triggered by trauma in a person who is genetically susceptible to the condition. (Your trauma was very clear, but it isn't always clear in everyone what the trauma might have been.)

The diagnosis is made by an examination showing a bend in the penis, along with plaque that can be felt during an examination in most cases. Some men, but not all, will have pain.

In men who are in the active phase of the disease (where the curvature is getting worse), urologists will often prescribe pentoxifylline for three to six months in hopes of stabilizing the condition and preventing the curve from worsening.

Vitamin E was not found to be superior to a placebo treatment. CoQ10 was found to have a benefit in a small trial, and since it is very safe, this was a reasonable treatment for you to try.

Depending on your symptoms and degree of curvature, there are several options for treatment. Medication can be injected directly into the penis; men treated with this were found to have about a 34% improvement in curvature. Traction therapy is also frequently used.

In men with more severe disease that does not respond to the previous options, surgical treatment can be considered. This should be done in men whose sexual function is affected by the disease and in cases where medical treatments have failed to improve their symptoms adequately.

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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Even Exchange answers

1. Bring, Brink	6. Ladder, Larder
2. Grade, Grape	7. Dollar, Collar
3. Ration, Ratios	8. Arbor, Ardor
4. Flour, Floor	9. Rhine, Shine
5. Pinch, Punch	10. Outwit, Outfit



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



4990 Mitchell Loop Rd. - \$625,000

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



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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