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Rhododendron Royalty named for 2026



Rhody Prince Jacob Mann, at the Coronation May 9. Tony Reed photo

Camden Linton (above) is crowned King of the Coast by 2025 king Joel Sissel as Mayor Rob Ward stands by with the king's oar. Tony Reed photos. Sylvia Hand (left) is crowned Queen Rhododendra by 2025 queen Ashlyn Hart as Mayor Rob Ward stands by with her cape.

Student Wins Second Place in Statewide Mayors Contest

FROM OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION

Jacob Mann, a senior at Siuslaw High School, won the second-place prize for his video in the Oregon Mayors Association's (OMA) "If I Were Mayor..." civic awareness contest.

Each year, students statewide compete in three age groups using different media, describing what it would mean if they were the mayor of their city. Posters are designed by 4th and 5th grade students; 6th through 8th grade students write essays; and 9th through 12th grade students produce a short video.

The competition begins with a local contest conducted by mayors. The local first-place winners are entered in the state-level competition in the spring, which is judged by members of the OMA Selection Committee. Twenty-nine cities participated in this year's contest at the local level, with 46 entries being forwarded to the state-level competition.

As the second-place winner, Jacob will receive a check for \$300. Other second-place winners in the state competition were:

- Poster – Pranav Balasubramanian, 4th grader, Archer Glen Elementary, Sherwood; and
 - Essay – Clara Watson, 7th grader, who is home schooled, Lake Oswego.
- First-place winners in this year's statewide contest, each receiving a check for \$500 were:
- Poster – Zaki Taylor, 4th grader, Rivergrove Elementary, Lake Oswego;
 - Essay – Addie Parker, 8th grader, Memorial Middle School, Albany; and
 - Video – Zirui Zhu, 10th

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By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

Camden Linton and Sylvia Hand now wear the crowns as Queen Rhododendra and King

of the Coast after a three-hour coronation ceremony on May 9 in the Florence Events Center.

The yearly coronation event is a major part of the Rhododendron Days festival,

which not only recognizes the members of the Junior and Senior Rhododendron Court, but also many businesses and community members who make the entire event possible.

THE JUDGES

Emcees Matt Templeton of KEZI News and Venessa Buss, 1989's queen, introduced

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SVCS Cuts ribbon to Whitmore Academy



SVCS President Kay King Cuts the Ribbon to the new Whitmore Classical Academy building. Tony Reed photo

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

With the old furnishings and shelves removed from the building, Siuslaw Valley Charter School officials held an open house and ribbon-cutting at the new Whitmore Classical Academy building on May 13.

A group of about 50 people, including board members, teachers, community members, and Rep. Boomer Wright

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Carnival returns to the Port

A large crowd for a Thursday night came to check out the opening day of the Davis Shows Carnival at the Port of Siuslaw. Kids and adults could be seen enjoying rides, trying their luck at carnival games, and eating food you can only get there. The carnival kicked off the annual Rhododendron Days Festival, the remainder of which occurred after press time. Be sure to check our website and Facebook page throughout the weekend for more photos and pick up the next issue for the full story. Tony Reed photo



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No one can do it for you

By **BOB HORNEY**

Yes, you read me right. Taking another look at last week's article, "There is life after prostate cancer," I did make the statement at the end that you are the most important person reviewing the results of your diagnostic evaluation. That is with the assumption that you are still Self-Advocating and the diagnosis is not terminal. With prostate cancer and so many others, that evaluation can sneak up on us before symptoms alert us to the disease's presence.

Now, assuming there is one or more curative treatments available, my

statement applies. As we heard time after time from Dr; Mehlhaff and others at our prostate cancer support group meetings, it is their job to inform us, the patients, of the options available and the pros/cons of each option. However, WE are the ones who choose the option - the option WE want and are putting our trust in. Without our approval of a treatment plan, nothing happens. To tell the doctors, "Do what you would do" or "Do what you think is best for me" won't fly. It is YOUR BODY and YOUR CHOICE!

There are two distinct advantages we men have

over many other diseases when it comes to prostate cancer. Those are: PSA Blood Test and the DRE - Digital Rectal Exam. Both are used (when men consent) to detect early, non-symptomatic prostate cancer. Used together, they can greatly enhance our chances of receiving a "treatable" diagnosis of prostate cancer if we should be one of those unfortunate men.

Here's a short local historical note: The American Cancer Society (ACS) started our local prostate cancer support group back in 2001 with about 5-6 men. Following my prostate cancer diagnosis

in December of 2001, Marianne and I made plans to attend the January meeting prior to my prostatectomy on January 30, 2002. We continued attending following my surgery and then, due to circumstances beyond my control, I started leading the group with the April 2002 meeting (on a temporary basis). As happens too often, temporary turned out to be spelled "permanent."

We soon joined ranks with UsTOO, becoming ACS/UsTOO Prostate Cancer Support Group. Prostate cancer deaths were declining due to PSA/DRE screening. The

US Preventive Services Task Force then noticed an increase in impotence and incontinence, blaming them on unnecessary treatment of prostate cancer that would never have harmed the man. In 2008, the USPSTF recommended that men 75 years and older not be given the PSA test. Then, in 2012, recommended that no men be given the PSA test. The ACS went along with those recommendations and we parted ways.

Yes, the death rate from prostate cancer started rising again as doctors and many patients followed the USPSTF recommendation. You can undoubtedly understand the

difference in the "before and after" of the USPSTF recommendation. More of the "before" men (with screening) could choose life-saving treatment whereas more of the "after" men (without screening) could only face their fate (harsh way to say it). Going back to my comment that YOU are THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON, the light shines on you whether choosing a form of treatment, deciding to get tested (or not) and all the other decisions as we fight the healthcare system (when necessary) to get the care we need. Let your light shine BRIGHTLY!

POLICE LOG

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5

At 12:46 a.m., officers made a traffic stop in the area of Spruce and 10th

St., and arrested Braza Abel for DUII, Reckless endangerment, and driving while suspended. It

was later discovered that he also had a warrant from Curry County for failing to appear in court on a DUII charge.

At 8:49 a.m., a resident turned in a wallet that was found at 7th Street and 101. Officers located the owner of the wallet and returned it.

At 9:01 a.m., a caller reported that a woman was outside the Justice Center on 9th Street, taking flowers from the planters. Officers contacted the woman, who said she was bored while waiting for court and decided to pull weeds from the flower pots. No further action was taken.

At 10:56 a.m., a caller reported being harassed online by a couple in Florence. Officers found no crime had been

committed and advised the caller to simply block the other parties.

At 12:43 p.m., a caller reported that a utility truck had been losing debris from the back, stretching from Swisshome to Florence. Officers patrolled the area but did not find the described vehicle or any debris that may have been related to it.

At 5:08 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 30th St. for a report of a domestic dispute. Officers arrived and were told that no physical contact had occurred. Parties separated, and no further action was taken.

At 11:06 p.m., a caller reported that she may have been sexually assaulted after accepting a ride home from a local bar. Case remains under investigation.

a parked vehicle that appeared to be fighting. The officer made contact with the parties, who said they had only been arguing. Upon checking, it was found that neither had a driver's license. A friend was called to come get them and their vehicle.

At 3:51 a.m., a caller reported theft of a vehicle in Florence. The case remains under investigation.

At 9:22 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically northbound in the area of Highway 101 and Highway 126. The caller said the driver got out of the vehicle and was yelling at people in the area. Officers located the vehicle and counseled the owner.

At 10:49 a.m., a resident reported finding a small black zip bag in the 1400 block of 9th Street with syringes inside. Officers took possession of the items and destroyed them.

At 1:25 p.m., a caller

reported that a package had been stolen from a porch in the 2700 block of Oak Street.

At 2 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 for a report that the subject was yelling at people during a gathering in the area. Officers interviewed several subjects to find that the situation was not as it had been reported.

At 2:45 p.m., a caller reported possible harassment in the 1600 block of Highway 126. No further information was given.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

At 7:13 a.m., officers responded to the 4800 block of Highway 101 for a reported overdose. Narcan was administered, and the subject came around, but was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

At 9 a.m., officers responded to the 3200 block of Laurelwood for a report that a man had been seen throwing a woman to the ground. Officers arrived to find no visible injuries, and the parties did not want to pursue charges. Parties were separated.

At 1:52 a.m., officers assisted the Oregon State Police with a vehicle crash on Highway 126.

At 3:49 p.m., a caller reported subjects camping on golf course property, saying they had been told to leave but did not. Officers arrived and arrested the subjects for criminal trespassing.

At 6 p.m., a caller reported that a bicycle had been stolen from a thrift store. X=Case remains under investigation.

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Brandon Johnston

11/16/1989 - 3/3/2026

Brandon Johnston (36) left this world far too soon on March 3, 2026, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. His passing was sudden and unexpected, leaving behind a family, friends, and a community who loved him deeply and who now struggles to imagine life without him.



Living near Santa was everything Brandon had hoped for. The outdoors was where he felt most alive. He was an avid bow hunter who pursued everything from grouse to big game like elk. He enjoyed building and shooting firearms, target shooting, and reloading his own ammunition. While fishing boats weren't always his favorite place to be, he loved fly fishing and especially enjoyed relaxing days pontooning on the river or lake—just the right speed and wake for him.

Brandon was born on November 16, 1989, in Eugene, Oregon, to Robert and Terri Johnston. He spent his childhood growing up in the same family home in Deadwood, Oregon, surrounded by the forests and rivers that would shape his lifelong love of the outdoors. Brandon graduated from Mapleton High School with the Class of 2008.

In 2010, not long after graduation, Brandon met Elaina Moore in Eugene. Their connection was immediate and undeniable. Together they began building a life and family, welcoming their two beloved sons, Wiley and Wesson. The couple made their home in Florence, Oregon, and were married in 2017. Their life together was filled with adventure, laughter, and a shared dream of living close to nature.

In his early years, Brandon worked a few different jobs as he found his path. He spent time in the logging industry setting chokers and falling timber, hard work that he took pride in and that helped spark his deep appreciation for the outdoors. Later, he became a certified repair and maintenance technician for hot tubs and, true to his entrepreneurial spirit, opened and operated his own business for several years. Eventually, Brandon joined the family business and became a Certified Hearing Specialist, working alongside his in-laws. Eventually, Brandon and Elaina decided to pursue a new chapter in life.

Brandon's heart was always calling him back to the outdoors, and North Idaho felt like the perfect place to plant new roots. After briefly considering Post Falls, they realized the pace of life there wasn't quite what they were looking for. When they discovered their dream property near Santa, Idaho, they knew they had found home.

Together, Brandon and Elaina opened Paradigm Hearing in St. Maries, originally operating out of Benewah Community Hospital before establishing their permanent location on 7th Street. They also expanded their work by opening Coeur d'Alene Family Hearing, serving families throughout the region. His legacy will still continue and these clinics will stay open.

More than anything, Brandon loved sharing these passions with those closest to him. He and Elaina were known for hosting gatherings at their property, where massive bonfires lit up the night and laughter carried through the trees. It was in these moments—teaching his sons, spending time with family, and welcoming friends—that Brandon was truly happiest. He believed in living simply, close to the land, and passing that way of life down to his boys.

Brandon's sudden passing leaves an immeasurable hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His wife, children, family, and friends will forever miss his adventurous spirit, his quiet strength, and the deep love he had for his family. Under the wide North Idaho sky he loved so much, Brandon's spirit will live on in every hunt, every cast of a fly line, every bonfire, and in the hearts of the two boys who were his greatest pride.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaina Johnston, at their home near Santa, Idaho; his cherished sons, Wiley and Wesson Johnston; his parents, Robert and Terri Johnston of Deadwood, Oregon; his father- and mother-in-law, Emmanuel and Theresa Beauclieu of Westlake, Oregon; his sister Crystal (Robin) Johnston of Eugene, Oregon; siblings-in-law Elizabeth (Michael) Miller of Brush Prairie, Washington, Emilee (Logan) Powell of San Clemente, California, and Anthony Ward of Eugene, Oregon; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends whose lives he touched.

A private Celebration of Life will be held on Brandon's beloved property later this summer.

Friends and family may share condolences with Brandon's family at hodgefuneralhome.com.

Funeral Arrangements, Hodge Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

At 1:52 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 1500 block of 9th Street observed two parties in

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Carl Loyd Middleton

September 6, 1938 - April 30, 2026

Carl Loyd Middleton, 87, of Florence, Oregon, went home to be with the Lord on April 30th, 2026.

He is survived by his wife Joyce of 18 years, his sister Mary Jane Paige, daughters Ranae (John) Mirande, Deann (Pat) Middleton, Dixie (Dan) Heuvelhorst, Denise Champagne, son David (Sandra) Champagne, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Carl was preceded in death by his daughter, Ruth Green. He will be greatly missed by his many wonderful friends.

Carl was born September 6th, 1938 to Milton and Ida Middleton in Lakeport, CA. He grew up in Ukiah, CA and attended Ukiah Highschool where he excelled in sports, particularly track, basketball, and boxing. He served in the US Army and graduated from Humboldt State University, after which he began his teaching career.

He taught at Wheatland High School in Wheatland, CA from 1965 until his retirement in 1999. In addition to

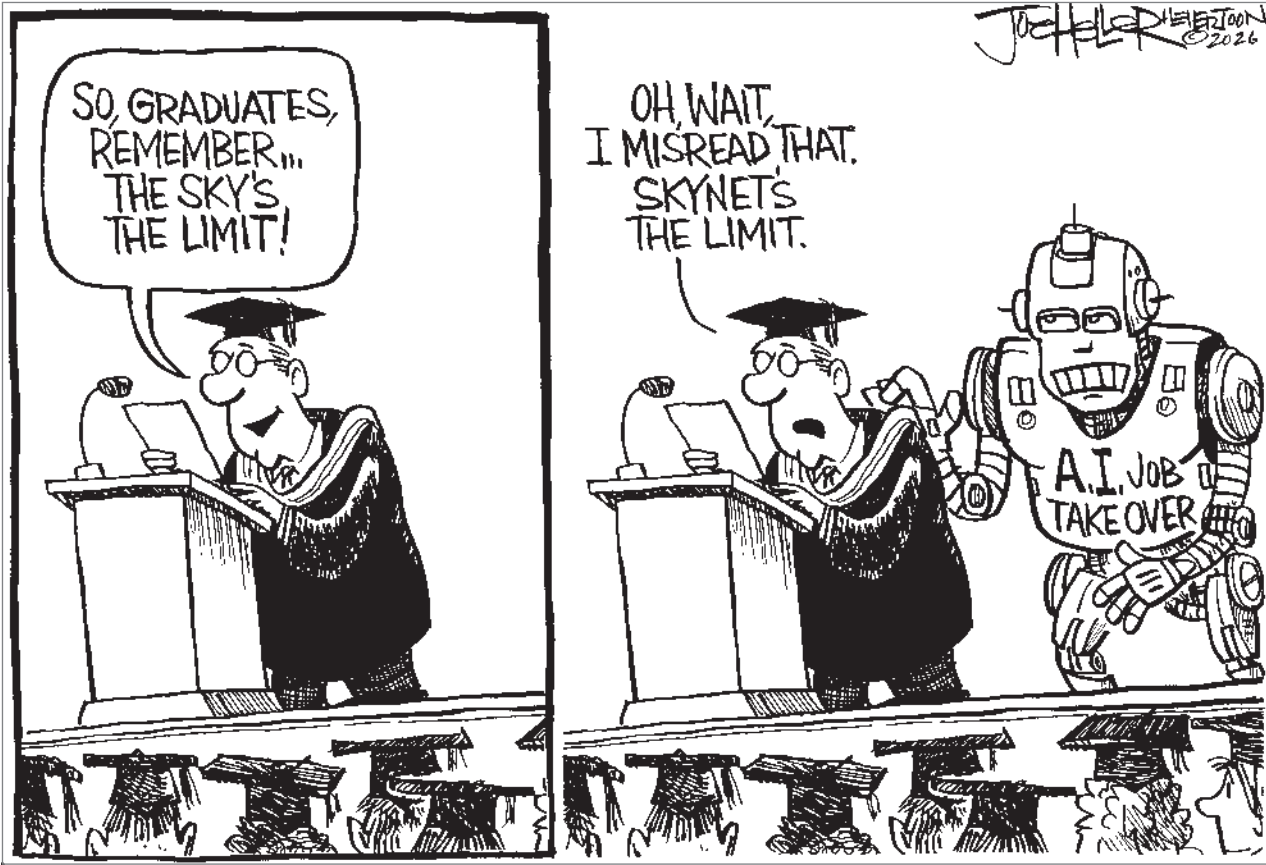
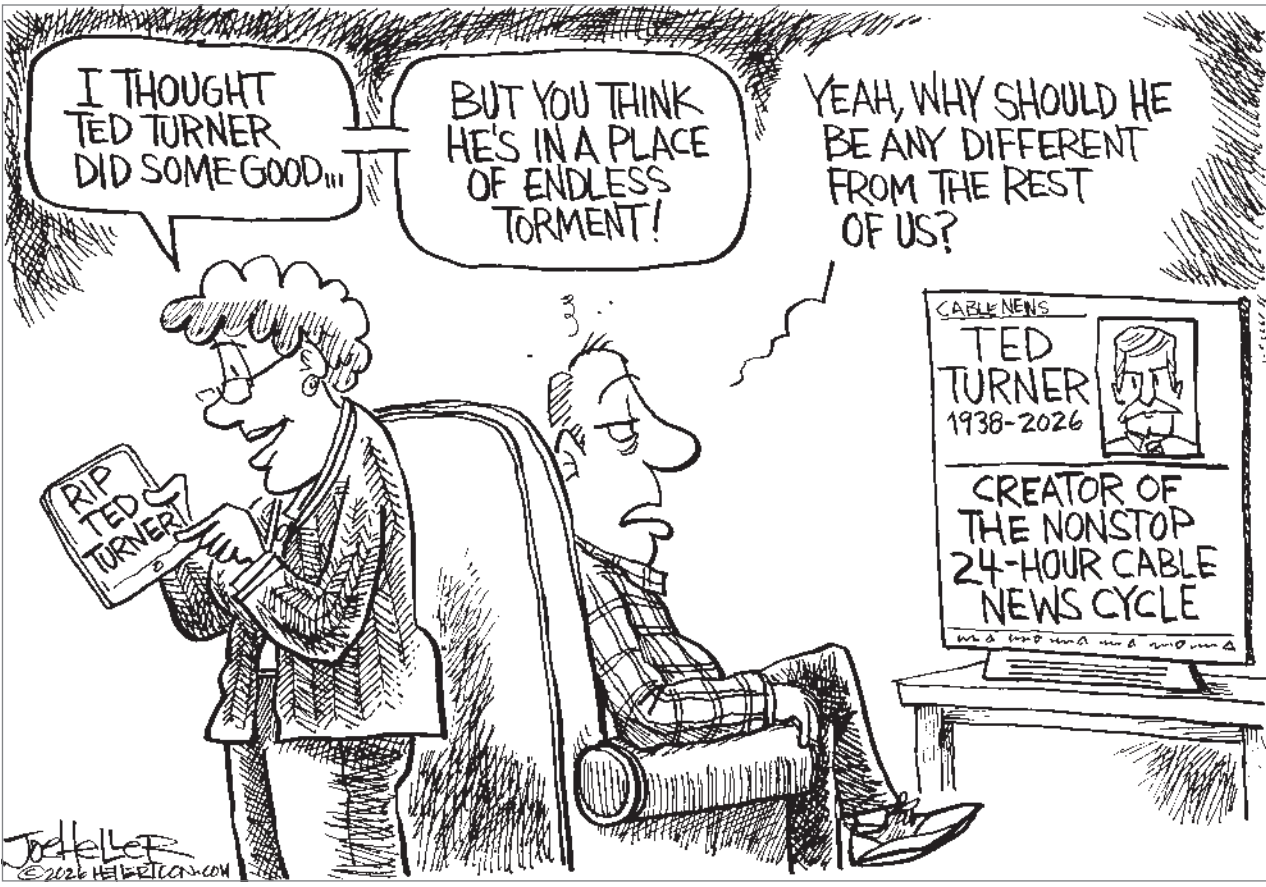


teaching, he also served as a counselor, and track and basketball coach. He also taught drafting at Yuba College for many years. After he retired, he took his love of teaching to the mountains and taught downhill skiing lessons, where he met his wife, Joyce.

He loved the outdoors and was always very active. He loved hunting and camping and took great pride in the upkeep of his home and landscaping. He got his private pilot's license in his early 50's.

In 2006 he and Joyce moved to Florence, Oregon where they enjoyed riding their quads on the sand dunes, flying his plane, playing golf, and traveling all over the world together. They served their community as proud members of the Elks Club.

A celebration of life is scheduled for June 1st, 2026 at 1PM at the Elks Club in Florence, Oregon. Carl will be laid to rest in Upper Lake, CA on June 26th, 2026 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Elks Charities.



LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

I long for a normal life, a life free from the anxiety and fear caused by the machinations and skullduggery of Donald Trump and his devotees. He keeps me from the simple life of taking walks and reading novels and drinking a cup coffee with nothing on my mind but enjoying my retirement in a pleasant riverside community on the Oregon Coast. I remember, though only slightly and in passing, the relief we all felt when we realized that Joe Biden had won the election and that we would be free of Trump at last.

ONLINE POLL

The poll was left up for an extra week on the Siuslaw News website an extra week, to better gauge the response to the following question.

AS THE ELECTION GETS CLOSER, HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND ON THE SCHOOL BOND MEASURE?

- As of 5 p.m., May 7, 44.4 % said, "No I planned it to vote for it from the start."
- 39.7 % said, "No, I planned to vote against it from the start."
- 11.1 % said, "Yes, I planned to vote for it, but I have changed my mind."
- 4.8 % said, "Yes, I planned to vote against it but have changed my mind."

Now he is involved in the most overt and heinous crime of them all, the suit of the Internal Revenue Service over fraudulent charges in order to pay himself ten billion tax payers' dollars in damages. Will the law, identified as the United States Congress, allow this? It will if it believes that it will not make any difference, that is, if the public will accept it as being par for the course, the course upon which Trump has been playing all along (his course, not America's), as it has accepted everything else that he has done; it will if it, the public allows Congress to get off scot-free. (Sometimes it seems that the public does not care what Trump does so long as it doesn't inconvenience them.) This could be the 'final straw', albeit a straw of great weight, the thing that brings the world crashing down on Trump's head – for I believe that evil cannot exist unchecked in the world, that the universe itself will not allow it – or it could be yet another successful grab for wealth and power that we allow to go unpunished.

"O! ye that love mankind! Ye that oppose not only the tyranny but the tyrant, stand forth." – Thomas Paine, 1776. Common Sense.

George Durant
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Why Work?
Our society through our government pays farmers not to grow crops, ranchers not to

raise livestock, and workers not to work (welfare). Supply and demand means non-idled farmers, ranchers, and workers can charge higher rates while those idled will enjoy pure profit (paid for doing nothing). To provide the funding, surely the wealthy will pay the cost of increased taxes and regulations. Ignore that a tax is punishment for being a wealth producer (winner) while a subsidy is reward for being a wealth consumer (looser). Perhaps this is on purpose as bureaucracies must grow to enforce, collect, and redistribute the taken private wealth. Non-profits try hard to keep administrative/labor costs below a third; how efficient are our public agencies? With some exceptions, public workers are paid twice as much for twice as long while only being half as productive compared to the private sector. I have been Naval officer, civil servant, NGO body-shop workforce, business owner, and elected official. Our middle class are now the public workers since most in the private sector have been driven down or out feeding the expanding bureaucracies. Those creating extra wealth being targeted, millions now only produce just enough to meet their needs denying society the benefits of their abilities. I shrugged in my thirties realizing how little it cost to live comfortably; and, the less I produced the better was my quality of life.

Keith Stanton, CCP
Florence



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Proclamation recognizes this country's 250th birthday

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

The proclamation was read into the record during the May 4 City Council meeting, proclaiming 2026 as an official America 250 commemoration to all residents.

Mayor Rob Ward read the resolution aloud, in part: whereas, on July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Whereas the journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future generations who will carry forward the ideals of democracy and individual liberty that make the

United States a unique nation in the world community; and Whereas the great state of Oregon was founded by Revolutionary War generation descendants, who journeyed west into the territory organized by the Northwest Ordinance into the northwest territory through the Oregon Treaty of 1846, a landmark agreement between the United States and Great Britain, signed on June 15, 1846 and whereas the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-political women's service organization, established in 1890, whose members are lineally descended from patriots of the American Revolution and whereas from the 250th anniversary of the Boston tea party in 2023 until the 250th anniversary

of the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 2033, daughters and American citizens are celebrating our nation's rich history and diversity of experiences by honoring all men and women who achieved American independence. These patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to establish a new nation and whereas the Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the America 250 Committee of Florence request that this significant occasion be commemorated."

Members of the daughters of the American revolution were present for the reading and Jacquie Beveridge shared the following in honor of the proclamation.

She said members have

been meeting to try and raise awareness about America 250 in the community, and suggested anyone may contact them for more information.

"Many of us are old enough to remember the bicentennial celebrations of our country in 1976. Sadly, many people today are totally unaware of what America 250 is all about," she said.

"Preserving the legacy of a nation is indeed a shared responsibility that bridges the gap between historical sacrifice and future stewardship. Whether that foundation was built through military service or the courage of immigrants seeking opportunity, the continuity of a society relies heavily on intergenerational storytelling and civic education. "When we pass these

stories down to younger generations, we do more than just recite dates and names; we provide them with a sense of identity and a blueprint for the values they are tasked with upholding."

She said citizen can document personal histories by using digital tools or journals to record specific family stories—like a great-grandparent's journey through Ellis Island or a relative's service record—to make history feel personal rather than abstract.

"Engage in Local Heritage," she suggested. "Visiting local monuments, historical societies, or even participating in community service projects can help youth see how history shaped the very ground they stand on."

When it comes to younger generations, she said people can foster critical thinking and encourage them to ask why the United States' foundations have lasted 250 years, helping them understand that liberty and opportunity require active maintenance, not just passive observation

"Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution stand in honor of our ancestors," she said. "I honor Major James Lane, Loudun County, VA; Jacob Ramey Sr. and Jacob Ramey Jr., Virginia; William Ware, who serve in the 1st Virginia Regiment on foot; James Wilson, who served with Culpepper County Virginia Militia, and several others that I haven't yet added."

Cascades West Innovation Hub Launches First-Ever Florence PubTalk

HOW IDEAS GET FUNDED

Cascades West Innovation Hub, in partnership with the City of Florence, is bringing a new kind of entrepreneurial event to the Oregon Coast. On Thursday, June 11, 2026, community

members are invited to attend Florence PubTalks: How Good Ideas Get Funded, a free, public event designed to demystify how innovation-driven businesses access funding and support.

Taking place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Sandpines

Golf Links - Birdies & Bogies Restaurant, the event will feature a moderated panel discussion followed by structured networking aimed at fostering meaningful connections between entrepreneurs, investors, and community members.

"Access to funding is one of the biggest barriers for emerging businesses, especially in rural and coastal communities," said Caitlin Vargas of Collaborative EDO. "This event is about opening the door, helping people understand the process, meet the right people, and see that innovation can happen right here in Florence."

If you are curious about investing close to home, supporting local entrepreneurship, or growing your own company, this is a special chance to be part of something new in our community

The program will be moderated by Cara Turano, Executive Director of the Oregon

Entrepreneurs Network (OEN), and will feature insights from Tracey Miller, Owner of Riptide Sport and Jim Gochee, Angel Investor

Attendees will gain a clear, approachable understanding of how early-stage funding works, hear real-world experiences from founders and investors, and participate in guided networking designed to spark new ideas and collaborations.

Florence PubTalk is part of a broader effort to grow a more connected and supportive innovation ecosystem across the Cascades West region.

The event is supported by Cascades West Innovation Hub, Collaborative EDO, City of Florence, RAIN

(Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network) , and Oregon Entrepreneurs Network

WHAT TO EXPECT;

- 4 PM – Doors open & networking
 - 4 PM – Panel discussion
 - 5 PM – Networking
 - 6 PM – Event concludes
- Light bites and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for registered attendees.

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Shelly Medeiros, owner of Artêfacts gift shop and gallery in Florence is a

jewelry designer/artist by trade and says her personal art pieces are too small to display in this show

"The art community in Florence, Oregon, is a vibrant and diverse hub showcasing a wide range of artistic expressions. The town is home

to a surprising number of talented artists using various media to create captivating works of art," said Medeiros. "Local galleries, studios, and events play a significant role in fostering creativity and providing platforms for artists to exhibit their work."

The Chamber's visitor center is at 290 Highway 101 in Florence. Current hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From June through August, they are also open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information about joining or volunteering with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, visit FlorenceChamber.com or contact Hannigan at 541-997-3128 or Bettina@FlorenceChamber.com.




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Fleagle taught elementary school for over 20 years before spending another 20-plus years writing and editing for Oregon travel magazines. Her many non-fiction books have earned her a wide following, and two books about historic coastal bridges have earned her the informal title, Bridge Lady of the Oregon Coast.

Three of her regular books and most of her

Read4Pleasure books came from her popular blog, crossingsauthor.com, which posts nearly every Friday and has for 15 years.

John Leasure is a masterful oil painter.

Leasure, a self-taught artist, pulls the viewer into his scenes with masterful portrayals of light, coastal wildlife, crashing waves, and clouds. You truly have to see it to understand.

His career as a professional woodworker helps to make his classes more interesting. His works have been featured at many Florence locations.

Leasure is a leader in the Florence Art scene. He is a founding member of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), where he also shows his



work and teaches painting classes with the goal of helping each student's



Be sure to check out these paintings and more by John Leasure.

talents emerge. Don't miss the marvelous show of these two

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Gallery, 1421 Bay Street, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Multiple campaign finance violations filed against Dave Twombly related to Siuslaw School Bond Election

SUBMITTED by CITIZENS FOR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

Multiple campaign finance complaints have been filed against Dave Twombly related to the Siuslaw School Bond election, Measure 20-379, with the Oregon Secretary of State's Elections Division confirming an investigation has been opened into the allegations.

The complaints, submitted by Citizens for Schools and Community PAC, allege Twombly knowingly engaged in political advertising and election activity without properly complying with Oregon campaign finance reporting and political committee requirements under Oregon law.

At the time the complaint was filed on May 1, Mr. Twombly had spent nearly \$5,000 on coordinated opposition efforts to the measure without complying with Oregon campaign finance reporting requirements. Multiple official records of illegal radio advertising purchases were submitted along with the complaint.

According to individuals present during discussions surrounding the matter, Mr. Twombly verbally acknowledged awareness of campaign

finance requirements and allegedly proceeded with the activity regardless.

"These laws exist for a reason," said Kady Sneddon, former School Board Member and member of the Citizens for Schools and Community Committee. "Voters deserve transparency about who is spending money to influence local elections and how those efforts are being funded. Allegations involving knowingly disregarding those laws only further damage public trust in the process. We have followed the rules — why doesn't he?"

In addition, the Citizens for Schools and Community PAC confirmed it will also be filing a complaint with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission regarding whether Mr. Twombly, a current Siuslaw School District employee, and his alleged knowing violations of campaign finance laws warrant further ethics review.

"For someone who has spent so much time lecturing the community about transparency and costs, Mr. Twombly appears unwilling to follow those same standards himself,"

Sneddon added. The complaints were submitted to the Secretary

of State's Elections Division earlier this month and the Secretary of State

confirmed it is opening the investigation in a letter on May 8.

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Draw Together with SCWBI
Free meet-up hosted by FRAA and the Society of Children's Writers and Book Illustrators offering illustrators the opportunity to meet, share work and ideas. 4th Friday of each month, 5-7 pm. Next one, May 22nd.

Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic
Tuesdays, 7 pm in person and Zoom at FRAA! Doors open at 6:45 pm. Next up: June 2nd.

Fiber Open Studio, Thursdays
No registration required. Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Still Life with Jerry Schneider
Explore composition light, color, and form as you create timeless renderings from everyday objects. Friday, May 29 1-3 pm. Cost \$30 for FRAA members, \$40 for non-FRAA members. Bring a sketch book, drawing materials, or cameras based on your medium to learn from the exercises.

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ROYALTY

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judges Marilyn Clint, CEO of the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, Rob Chance, Deputy Fire Chief at WLFEA, Rachel Krause-Campbell, a retired Siuslaw educator, Tim Brackney, CEO of Springline Advisory, and Michele Diffenderfer, Philanthropy Project Coordinator.

PERFORMANCES

The audience erupted in applause after every one of the Senior Court talents, starting with Alayna Krause, singing a theatrical version of “I thought I saw your face today.” Averie Walker sat on



King of the Coast Camden Linton and Queen Rhododendra Sylvia Hand stayed for photos at the end of the coronation ceremony May 9. Tony Reed photo.

the stage to share her monologue, “His Shadow, Her Steps,” recalling the loss of her father to a logging accident when she was just five years old.

Sylvia Hand sprang from a piano bench to launch into a contemporary dance to the song, American Pie by Don McLean.

Jessica Lopez offered a stand-up comedy routine about transitioning into working adulthood called “Growing Pains.”

Under floating umbrellas before a coastal rain-bow backdrop, Adylin Holbrook played and sang her own version of “Rainbow.”

Andrew Hester performed a self-written song about auditioning, entitled “Running Out.”

Jacob Mann made judges discuss where he found his outfit after performing a dance mashup of Michael Jackson songs.

Kevin Gaspar Santos walked onto the stage carrying only a camera to present his monologue, “Through my lens,” about his passion for photography.

Austin Nunez had the help of three other cheerleaders in performing a cheer routine that required balance and strength.

Camden Linton displayed his strength with his performance of “Sun’s out, guns out,” where he pulled off everything from walking on his hands to planking on a pull-up bar.

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POLICE

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FRIDAY, MAY 8

At 8:28 a.m., Florence police assisted State Police and the North Bend police Department in executing a search warrant in the 1000 block of Nopal Street in Florence. “The warrant was obtained as part of an ongoing investigation involving illegal drug activity,” a release stated later. “During the execution of the warrant, resident Ryan McCurdy

was not present at the residence. The case will be forwarded to the Lane County District Attorney’s Office for review.”

At 11:01 p.m., a caller reported hearing a loud whirring mechanical noise in the area of 20th St. and Highway 101. Officers arrive to find a delivery truck in the area, dropping off merchandise at a business.

At 11:09 p.m., officers responded to the 5600 block of Highway 126 for a report that a subject and a business had been drinking and were asked

to leave. When officers arrived, they were told the subject had left.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

At 11:02 a.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject on the corner yelling. Officers contacted the subject, who said he’s been yelling at himself because he is in pain. No further action was taken.

At 1:05 p.m., a caller requested assistance from police after becoming locked inside the airport gates. At 5:45 p.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Oak Street for a report that a female subject was out of control and breaking things with a baseball bat. Officers arrived to contact the subject, who said the situation was not as it was reported.

At 7:37 p.m., officers investigated a report of shoplifting in the 700 block of Highway 101. Officers were waiting to review security footage, and the case remains under investigation.

At 8:37 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was driving on Highway 101 very slowly and the

driver was unable to keep it in the lane. When the vehicle reportedly left the city limits, Nicole was referred to the state police and Lincoln County authorities.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

At 12:14 a.m., a caller reported hearing an explosion somewhere on Heceta Beach. Officers were unable to locate the source of the noise. Only one call was received.

At 11:44 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a reported dog bite. Officers found that a woman’s dog had gotten loose and allegedly bit a transient subject. That subject left, and the owner of the dog denied that it had bitten anyone.

At 1:33 p.m., a business in the 700 block of Highway 101 reported that a female subject had taken a shopping cart. Officers arrived and were able to locate and return the shopping cart.

At 5:37 p.m., officers arrived at Miller Park for a report that juveniles were harassing another. Juveniles were contacted and counseled.

At 9:16 p.m., officers responded to the

1600 block of Pine for a reported dispute between a juvenile female and her mom. A report was taken.

MONDAY, MAY 11

At 10:51 a.m., a caller reported that their mail had been opened and a subject had attempted to open an account with the Department of Human Services using their address. The case remains under investigation.

At 11:07 a.m., a business owner in the 4500 block of Highway 101 reported that their loaner vehicle may have been stolen, but they needed to speak with other employees to make sure, before filing a report.

At 12:36 p.m., a caller reported witnessing a vehicle collision in the 4700 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived to find all parties exchanging information. No injuries were reported.

At 1:07 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Siano Loop for a report that a dispute had occurred between a male and female and that the male had broken the female’s phone. Officers were following up.

At 3:20 p.m., a caller reported a subject on Bay

Street carrying a sleeping bag who was scaring people. Officers arrived to contact the subject and advise him of the situation, but no charges were pursued.

At 4:32 p.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Spruce Street for a report that Internet cables had been cut. The case remains under investigation.

At 5:12 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject was hitting a female subject. Subjects were gone when officers arrived.

At 5:50 p.m., a caller reported a male subject hitting a female subject in the 700 block of Highway 101. Subjects match the descriptions from the previous call. Subjects were gone when officers arrived.

At 10:20 p.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of Highway 101 for a report that juveniles had stolen beer. The case remains under investigation.

At 11:59 p.m., officers made a traffic stop in the area of Highway 101 and 29th St., arrested Joshua Schaffer for DUII.

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- Sleeping bags, blankets, towels
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WHITMORE

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arrived for the event.

SVCS Board President Kay King was obviously excited, saying she was thrilled that the teachers were able to attend. She also said local interest in the school has increased since the purchase of the building.

“I think it will just keep going,” she said. “There’s still a lot of hard work. Starting a school, a

public school, is the hardest thing I’ve ever done. It’s not just me, but the amount of layers... We’re doing our best to make sure we do it right, and that’s all we can do.”

She said that during an open house a week before, kids would look at the pictures of their teachers and then find their classroom on the rendering.” She recalled that one child arrived an hour early, saying that he also had soccer practice, but really wanted to see his new school.

“Honestly, I think it’s going to enhance both schools,” she said. “I really do. I feel pretty strongly that it’s going to raise the bar on both ends.”

Inside the building, King showed a rendering of the new layout with classes around the outside and a common area in the middle. She said that at 17,000 square feet, the former Rite-Aid building seems very large, but once walls, hallways and classrooms are added, it won’t seem as expansive.

She explained that kindergartners will have classrooms closest to the front door and that the playground will be located south of the building.

She explained that due to high insurance costs and playground equipment costs, the playground will have to be built in stages, rather than all at once.

She said the building will also feature its own

learning center and special education.

“We can do remedial, enrichment, whatever we need, extra reading help, whatever needs to happen,” she said.

When asked, King clarified that the school will open serving Kindergarten to second or third grade, depending on enrollment, and will add a grade every year until the school serves K-8

According to an SVCS news release, the board has been working since June 2025 to purchase the former Rite Aid building, after months of searching local commercial properties. The building was zoned appropriately for a school, and a change of use permit was approved by the City of Florence. With all building permits approved, construction is ready to start this month with plans to open the school on Tuesday, September 8.

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CONTEST

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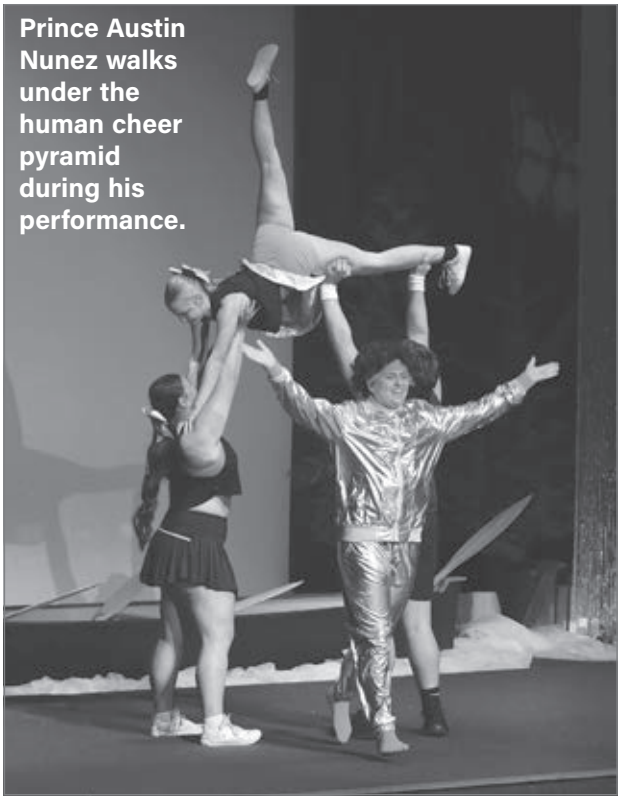
- Poster – Parker Rodrigue, 5th grader, Otto Peterson Elementary,

Scappoose;

- Essay – Michelle Ashon-Imoroa, 8th grader, Whitewater Middle School, Keizer; and

- Video – Easy Armstrong, 12th grader, Elmira High School, Veneta.

Entries can be viewed on the OMA web page at Oregon Mayors Association - Previous Student Contest Winners.



Prince Austin Nunez walks under the human cheer pyramid during his performance.



The Rhody Court holds hands while waiting for the announcement of the king and queen winners for 2026.



Princess Alayna Krause sings from a swing during her performance. Tony Reed photos.



Junior Princess Mia Moore accepts her prize for button selling from 2025 queen Ashlyn Hart.

ROYALTY

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IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS

Asked for any advice or encouragement he would give an upcoming senior considering a run for the Rhody Court, Linton said, "Do it."

"I've had so much fun on this court, learning my talent and hanging out with these wonderful people," he said, "and going to the Capitol where I learned so much."

When asked, Adylin Holbrook said she would love to travel to space.

"When I was little, I was obsessed with the stars," she said. "I would study, and I actually had a telescope. Me and my dad would go outside and watch the stars, so yes, I would definitely love to travel to space."

Andrew Hester was asked to name the best compliment he'd ever received, and thought about it for a moment.

"[It] would have to be how my smile made them smile. I receive that compliment a lot from other people," he said, turning to slyly smile at the

judges, "and I don't know why..."

Alayna Krause was asked simply, "What makes you unique?"

"My dad has a lot of culture in him, and I look a lot like my dad," she said. "I think my smile also comes from him, and that is a very unique quality of me and I love to express my smile."

Jacob Mann was asked what he's learned or grown from while being on the Rhody Court.

"I hate public speaking," he said to laughter in the auditorium. "I was always so afraid of it, and we did these speeches at Rotary Club, and I feel so much more comfortable up here and seeing all your beautiful faces ..."

Averie Walker was asked if she would choose inner or outer beauty in another person.

"I would choose inner beauty," she said, "because I think that it doesn't matter what you look like, it's inside, and I think that what's inside makes you beautiful, and if you're a kind person, that makes you a beautiful person."

Austin Nunez was asked what he would like to learn and why.

"I would love to learn another language," he said. "My dream is to go to a different country and learn the culture. I would love to go to Spain, so maybe a little Spanish."

Jessica Lopez was asked what qualities she looks for in a good friend.

"First off, that they laugh at my jokes," she said, inciting laughter from the audience. "But just that they are respectful of others. It's something I value a lot because if you're going to be treating service workers like trash, then I don't want to hang around you because it's going to make me look bad as well."

When Kevin Gaspar Santos was asked to name his greatest accomplishment so far, he said it was starting his own photography account.

"I never knew what I wanted to do once I got out of high school up until my junior year," he said,

adding that after school, he will be continuing his education in photography.

Asked to describe a place she's never visited but always wanted to, Sylvia Hand said, "I would love to go to the God's Eyes Cave." Her voice became excited as she described the location and how light comes through the two openings. "It's so magical, I've always wanted to be able to experience that."

Following questions, 2025 King Joel Sissel and Queen Ashlyn Hart gave updates on their past year and their plans for the future.

THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE

For representing the Rhododendron Court in their public interactions and other activities, winners were Adylin Holbrook, and (tied) Jacob Mann and Camden Linton. Winners of the talent competition were

Jessica Lopez and Andrew Hester.

The entire Rhododendron Court held hands in anticipation of the announcements of winners, starting with the runners-up, Jacob Mann and Adylin Holbrook.

Following a suspenseful moment, Camden Linton and Sylvia Hand were declared King of the Coast and Queen Rhododendra. 2025 King Joel Sissel and Queen Ashlyn Hart placed the crowns, and Mayor Rob Ward presented the Queen's cape and the King's oar.

Junior Princesses Maci Hack, Henneleigh Bloomfield, Emma Wohl, Lucy Allen, and Mia Moore also appeared in the coronation,

performing and dancing with the senior princes and princesses, as well as being chaperoned onto the stage and answering questions. Junior Princess Mia Moore took top spot, having sold 2,244 buttons.

All senior court members were awarded scholarships, with those not named runner-up or king/queen receiving \$750 each.

One prince and one princess will be awarded \$750 each for the ambassador category in addition to their participation award. Runners-up were awarded \$1,000 each, and the king and queen were rewarded \$1,750.

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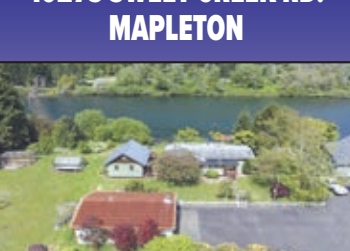

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<p>87997 KELSIE WAY</p> <p>NEW</p>  <p>Hidden gem in Heceta South. Fireplace, Skylights and slider to deck. Hardwood floors in kitchen. Raised beds and greenhouse. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1724 SF.</p> <p>\$675,000</p>	<p>2515 WILLOW CREST CT.</p> <p>NEW</p>  <p>Vaulted great room centered around fireplace and anchored by kitchen designed for function. Covered front porch. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1963 SF.</p> <p>\$769,000</p>	<p>88416 1ST AVE #401</p> <p>NEW</p>  <p>Oceanfront living at it's best! Rare top floor unit. Own your own access to miles of beautiful beach. 1 Bed/1 Bath, 497 SF.</p> <p>\$209,500</p>	<p>21 TWIN TREE CT.</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED</p>  <p>2 story luxury home w/ incredible views of the ocean. Tongue and groove vaulted ceilings. 5 Bed/2.5 Bath, 3378 SF</p> <p>\$1,275,000</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE May 23rd - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>  <p>514 LEMWICK LANE, YACHATS 3 story home w/ magnificent blue water views. Expansive living area. Close to the 804 walking trail. 2 Bed/3.5 Bath. 3152 SF</p> <p>\$995,000</p>
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<p>112 SAILOR LANE</p> <p>NEW</p>  <p>Cozy and well-loved travel trailer in Coast Village. Enjoy all the amenities of this popular location.</p> <p>\$220,000</p>	<p>5360 BUCKSKIN BOB</p>  <p>Charming lakefront cabin on .56 acre with boat dock! All new fixtures, flooring & paint. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1560 SF.</p> <p>\$699,000</p>	<p>935 HEMLOCK ST.</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED</p>  <p>Well-maintained townhome in Oyster Cove. Large west facing windows for lots of afternoon light. 2 Bed/1.5 Bath, 1401 SF.</p> <p>\$399,900</p>	<p>10919 E. MAPLETON RD.</p>  <p>Unobstructed Siuslaw river views from your balcony and backyard. View is worth the short commute to Florence! 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1296 SF.</p> <p>\$375,000</p>	<p>5096 WOOD LAKE WAY</p>  <p>Wooded & private Heceta South home w/add'l lot available. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1822 SF.</p> <p>\$630,000</p>
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<p>4837 SEAPINE DR.</p>  <p>Immaculate 1802 SF home. Remodeled kitchen. Extra lot w/garage/shop. .67 acres total. 3 Bed/2 Bath.</p> <p>\$499,000</p>	<p>34 BONNETT WAY</p>  <p>Better than new Fawn Ridge West home. 2302 SF of luxury throughout. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath.</p> <p>\$1,025,000</p>	<p>1570 KALLA KALLA CT.</p> <p>SALE PENDING</p>  <p>Well maintained & affordable located on a cul-de-sac. New roof in 2023. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1100 SF.</p> <p>\$349,500</p>	<p>83391 SOUTH COVE DR.</p>  <p>Spacious Pacific NW contemporary style. Amazing center atrium. 1 level home. 4 Bed/3.5 Bath, 4224 SF.</p> <p>\$1,220,000</p>	<p>5198 GRAND AVE.</p>  <p>A must-see in person. Private yet close to beaches and Old Town. Plenty of flat space for parking. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1440 SF.</p> <p>\$425,000</p>
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<p>10273 SWEET CREEK RD. MAPLETON</p>  <p>Riverfront home complete with dock. Enclosed sun porch. Separate detached guest quarters. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1296 SF.</p> <p>\$489,000</p>	<p>18 MARINERS LANE</p>  <p>Immaculate 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1496 SF Mariners Village home. RV parking.</p> <p>\$498,000</p>	<p>427 DATE ST. DRAIN</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED SALE PENDING</p>  <p>Fully restored historic home in the heart of Drain. Modern updates. Extra deep garage. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1416 SF.</p> <p>\$375,900</p>	<p>4080 CADDINGTON LN</p>  <p>Nearly new single level home in Fairway Estates. Quality craftsmanship throughout. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2020 SF.</p> <p>\$734,900</p>	<p>1150 HEMLOCK ST. #D-14</p>  <p>Conveniently located townhouse. Low maintenance yard and move-in ready. 2 Bed/1.5 Bath, 1004 SF</p> <p>\$269,997</p>
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<p>JAKE MANN LANE LOT</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED</p>  <p>Fantastic views from this over 1/2 acre lot located in Rhodo View Dunes. Ready to build.</p> <p>\$32,900</p>	<p>35TH & HWY 101</p>  <p>.71 acre corner parcel. Allows for commercial, retail, office, drive thru uses.</p> <p>\$399,000</p>	<p>15TH & SPRUCE</p>  <p>.35 acre lot adjacent to Munsel Creek bike path. All city services available.</p> <p>\$118,500</p>	<p>49 EASY STREET</p>  <p>Beautifully maintained 4-slide 5th wheel with extensive upgrades. Storage shed w/power. Coast Village amenities.</p> <p>\$185,000</p>	<p>WOOD LAKE WAY LOT</p>  <p>.48 ac. Homesite in area of fine homes. Adjacent to 5096 Wood Lake</p> <p>\$120,000</p>	<p>TL5600 LEVAGE DRIVE</p>  <p>.26 acre. Lake access is walking distance. Very little traffic.</p> <p>\$19,500</p>
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

High.....2:49 a.m.....8.0
Low.....9:51 a.m.....-1.7
High.....4:49 p.m.....6.0
Low.....9:48 p.m.....3.0

THURSDAY, MAY 21

High.....3:46 a.m.....7.4
Low.....10:46 a.m.....-1.2
High.....5:46 p.m.....6.0
Low.....10:59 p.m.....3.0

FRIDAY, MAY 22

High.....4:49 a.m.....6.6
Low.....11:43 a.m.....-0.5
High.....6:43 p.m.....6.1

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Low.....12:19 a.m.....2.8
High.....6:00 a.m.....6.0
Low.....12:41 p.m.....0.2
High.....7:39 p.m.....6.3

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Low.....1:38 a.m.....2.3
High.....7:21 a.m.....5.4
Low.....1:38 p.m.....0.8
High.....8:29 p.m.....6.6

MONDAY, MAY 25

Low.....2:49 a.m.....1.6
High.....8:43 a.m.....5.2
Low.....2:31 p.m.....1.3
High.....9:14 p.m.....6.9

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Low.....3:48 a.m.....1.0
High.....9:57 a.m.....5.1
Low.....3:22 p.m.....1.8
High.....9:53 p.m.....7.1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Low.....4:37 a.m.....0.3
High.....11:00 a.m.....5.2
Low.....4:09 p.m.....2.2
High.....10:29 p.m.....7.2

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Low.....5:21 a.m.....-0.3
High.....11:53 a.m.....5.3
Low.....4:53 p.m.....2.6
High.....11:02 p.m.....7.3

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Low.....6:00 a.m.....-0.7
High.....12:41 p.m.....5.5
Low.....5:35 p.m.....2.9
High.....11:35 p.m.....7.3

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Low.....6:36 a.m.....-0.9
High.....1:24 p.m.....5.5
Low.....6:14 p.m.....3.1

SUNDAY, MAY 31

High.....12:09 a.m.....7.2
Low.....7:12 a.m.....-1.1
High.....2:04 p.m.....5.6
Low.....6:51 p.m.....3.2

MONDAY, JUNE 1

High.....12:43 a.m.....7.2
Low.....7:47 a.m.....-1.1
High.....2:42 p.m.....5.6
Low.....7:28 p.m.....3.3

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

High.....1:18 a.m.....7.1
Low.....8:23 a.m.....-1.0
High.....3:20 p.m.....5.5
Low.....8:04 p.m.....3.3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

High.....1:54 a.m.....6.9
Low.....8:59 a.m.....-0.8
High.....3:59 p.m.....5.5
Low.....8:43 p.m.....3.4

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

High.....2:32 a.m.....6.7
Low.....9:36 a.m.....-0.6
High.....4:38 p.m.....5.5
Low.....9:27 p.m.....3.4

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

High.....3:12 a.m.....6.4
Low.....10:15 a.m.....-0.3
High.....5:19 p.m.....5.6
Low.....10:20 p.m.....3.4

Siuslaw baseball sweep Coquille

WILL LOHRE
The Siuslaw News

The Vikings took care of business in their three-game series against Coquille, but a tough series against Glide may bounce them from the 3A playoff picture.

Results of Siuslaw's May 15 doubleheader against Glide are unknown, and without that information, it's difficult to forecast how the Far West League will shake out.

At time of press, the Far West standings look like:

1. South Umpqua/Days Creek: 12-1
2. Douglas: 9-4
3. Sutherlin: 7-6
4. Siuslaw/Mapleton: 6-7
5. Glide: 5-8
6. Coquille: 0-13

Check results at osaa.org to see how Siuslaw stacks up after the final two league games

against Glide.

RECAPPING THE SWEEP AGAINST COQUILLE

The Vikings smashed Coquille in their three-game series, winning in dominant fashion on May 5 and May 8. The first win saw Siuslaw win 16-1, and in the subsequent games, they posted scores of 17-0 and 20-3.

In the series opener on May 5, the Red Devils had no answer for the Vikings in the batter's box, as Siuslaw bombarded Coquille to the tune of 12 hits. Coleman Weidman, Jacob Mann, and Michael Fitzsimmons combined for seven of those hits, including doubles from Weidman and Fitzsimmons, and the trio accounted for seven RBIs in eight at-bats.

The Vikings gave up just two hits in the game,

and Micah Blankenship struck out five batters in three innings before Weidman and Luca Flosi pitched the final two innings, posting two strikeouts apiece.

In the final two games of the series on the road, Siuslaw continued to assert its dominance. In the 17-0 first win of the doubleheader, the Vikings posted their second shutout of the season.

The story of the game was Zak Nilles' complete control of the game from the pitcher's mound. Nilles pitched a no-hitter in five innings, striking out 11 of the 16 batters he faced, and he walked just one Coquille batter.

At the plate, Weidman had a fantastic game, connecting on three hits, two of them being doubles, and batting in two runs. One of the highlights of the game was

a triple from Leighton Wieboldt in the fourth inning. The line drive allowed three Vikings' runners to score, and Wieboldt led the Vikings in RBIs in the game with four. Micah Blankenship, Jordan Pitcher, and Fitzsimmons all recorded doubles during the game. Weidman and Wieboldt joined DeSantis in grabbing triples.

On the hill, the Vikings had three players pitch. Blankenship struck out five batters in two innings and gave up one run, while Pitcher and DeSantis split the other three innings, combining for six strikeouts.

While the Vikings took a tough 3-7 loss to Glide on May 12 in their first matchup of the three-game series against the Wildcats, Siuslaw still has a shot at the playoffs if it can win the final two competitions between the two programs.

Siuslaw girls achieve milestone against Coquille

WILL LOHRE
The Siuslaw News

Siuslaw softball hit it out of the park in their series against Coquille, taking home the first league sweep in six years.

The Vikings faced off with the Red Devils on May 5 and May 8, and ended up taking all three wins easily, beating Coquille 10-0, 24-15, and 11-5. The series win was something Siuslaw set out to do this year, and Head Coach Amanda Richards was thrilled with the achievement.

"Winning this three-game sweep was a huge moment for our team. I challenged the girls to go out and earn the sweep, and they rose to the occasion," Richards said. "We will be celebrating with some ice cream at Dairy Queen."

In the first game of the series, Siuslaw took the home win 10-0,

thanks to some nifty pitching by junior Chloe Clark and solid hitting all around. The Vikings cruised to victory in five innings. Clark had 10 strikeouts and gave up just three hits. According to results on OSAA.org, it was also the Vikings' first shutout win since 2017.

Clark also added two hits and an RBI, including Siuslaw's only double. Avey Hulet also notched two hits, and six different Vikings accounted for Siuslaw's six other hits.

A few days later, Siuslaw hit the road for a rematch doubleheader on May 8. A 24-15 win in the first game marked the first time Siuslaw has scored over 21 runs in more than a decade. The Vikings were scintillating

at the plate, managing 18 hits, including two doubles from Clark. Clark led the team with four hits in five at-bats, followed closely by

Avey Hulet, Charley Johnson, and Leala Lent, who posted three.

The offensive explosion was a reflection of Siuslaw's improvement this season. It's something the Vikings have been focusing on throughout the season, and there's been some great showings in the batter's box in recent weeks.

"Right now, our focus continues to be on improving our swings and developing a strong approach at every at-bat," Richards said. "Over the last several weeks, some standout performances at the plate have come

from juniors Charley Johnson and Chloe Clark, along with sophomore Avey Hulet. Together, they have combined to hit .525 over our last six games."

On the mound, Dilynn Bailey and Che Bruce split pitching duties, each tallying four strikeouts and giving up 13 hits. Bailey spent five innings on the hill, and though 12 runs were scored, only 6 of them were earned.

In the final 11-5 win in the series, it was Charley Johnson (four hits, two RBIs), Avey Hulet (three hits, one double, two stolen bases), and Paige Bottensek (three hits) who topped the Vikings' hitting marks. Che Bruce batted in three runs for the blue and gold, and both Tara Boomer and Taylie Venegas had two hits and two RBIs. Boomer also showed how much of a weapon she is on the basepaths, recording two steals.

Coquille scored five runs in the second to go up 5-1, but Siuslaw buckled down on defense and ignited its offense to outscore the Red Devils 10-0 the rest of the way.

Clark entered the game to relieve Che Bruce on the mound in the second inning and played well in the remaining five innings. She ended the game with eight strikeouts and allowed just two hits.

The win improved Siuslaw's record to 5-15 overall and 3-10 in league play. The Vikings lost their next game to Glide 12-1 on May 12, and the results of their final two games of the season against the Wildcats are unknown at the time of press.

Ahead of those matchups, Richards said the team is still aiming to go out on a high. Richards wants the squad to play

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Back to Classics: A Return to the Roots of Bronco Culture

In a world where the Bronco community continues to grow across all generations, Back to Classics was created with a simple purpose: to bring the focus back to the vehicle that started it all - the 1966-1977 Early Ford Bronco.

As the community expands, so do the events. Larger shows, broader lineups, and multi-generation gatherings have created incredible opportunities for connection - but for many Early Bronco owners, something began to feel lost in the crowd.

Back to Classics was built for those



Last year's Bronco roundup brought dozens of classic Broncos to Florence and this year may bring more. File photo

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Community Briefs

Right Action- at FUUF

Across cultures as well as philosophical and faith traditions, people have long affirmed that what we do matters. The future is not shaped solely by forces beyond our control; we each have an active role to play in shaping our communities and our world. Join us this Sunday, May 24th, as we explore the challenge with determining what "right action" truly means. How do our deepest values guide our choices, and how can we turn our aspirations into meaningful action? Insights from contemporary thinkers, ethical philosophy, and enduring wisdom traditions can help us discern what right action looks like in everyday life. Finally, you'll enjoy the lovely music provided by Christine Frances.

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SHS Class of '86 Reunion

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 will celebrate their 40-year reunion the week-end of Aug. 7-9. Families can join the Friday night pizza party at Abby's. Class members and their guest can enjoy the raddest dinner with an 80's musical soundtrack Saturday night at Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tea Room. Those Vikings who are not in the private Facebook group Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 Reunion can email archerjenn@yahoo.com to stay in the loop.

Spring Art Swap at Serene Abundance Studio Space

Serene Abundance Studio Space, at 148 Maple Street in Old Town Florence, will host a Spring Art Supply Swap on Saturday, May 23rd from 10am to 4pm.
Bring gently used art and craft tools, materials or unfinished projects, and swap for something new to you. Non-swapper shoppers

BRONCO

From Page B1

enthusiasts.
This inaugural event is especially meaningful as it coincides with the 60th anniversary of the original

Ford Bronco - a milestone that makes this return to the classics feel even more significant.
This event is designed for Early Bronco owners who appreciate the full Bronco legacy, but were ready to slow things down, connect more

intentionally, and celebrate the craftsmanship, history, and unmistakable character of the original rig. It's about creating space for the classics to take center stage again - where details matter, stories are shared, and the passion for these iconic

vehicles runs deep.
More than just a show, Back to Classics is a community-driven experience rooted in authenticity, appreciation, and a shared respect for where it all began.
Whether you've owned your Bronco for decades or just joined the Early Bronco family, this is your place to reconnect - with the Early Bronco, the

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GIRLS

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their best softball at the end and appreciate the time they have together. It's been a growing year for the Vikings, and they will honor their lone senior in the final days of the season.
"As we head into our final week of softball, our goal is to continue competing consistently and playing our best softball at

the right time. We are also excited to recognize our senior, Lizzie Redelfs," Richards said. "Lizzie has been a major part of our team this season and, unfortunately, suffered a season-ending injury against Sutherlin. Her leadership, toughness, and commitment to the program have meant a great deal to our team this year."
As they head into the offseason, the Vikings have plenty to build on going into next year.

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Whale Skeleton to be reassembled

More than a decade after the body of a 70-foot blue whale washed up on the southern Oregon Coast, its skeleton will be installed in a permanent educational display at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

Viewers can watch the display come to life via two web cameras, starting with installation of a steel support system for the massive, 5,500-pound skeleton, which is expected to begin later this week, weather and construction conditions permitting. To tune in, visit beav.es/bones.

This blue whale skeleton will be one of only a handful of such skeletons available for public viewing in North America, and the only one between Vancouver, British Columbia, and the San Francisco Bay area. Blue whales – the largest animals ever to live – are endangered. Because they live primarily in the deep ocean, they are rarely visible to the public and tend to sink when they die.

When the whale's body was discovered near Gold Beach, Oregon, in 2015, leaders of OSU's Marine Mammal Institute recognized a rare opportunity to turn an unfortunate loss into

a resource for learning and discovery. Over the last 10 years, they have worked to bring the project to fruition with the help of donors and a Canadian company hired to lead the preservation and display effort.

"Researchers at the Marine Mammal Institute are working every day to advance knowledge of these extraordinary animals, the environments they live in and the threats they face," said Lisa T. Ballance, the institute's director. "This whale skeleton represents another remarkable educational opportunity for our students and researchers as well as visitors to the Oregon Coast."

A five-person team from Alberta, Canada-based Dinosaur Valley Studios has spent the last three years cleaning, restoring and preserving the whale's bones – the largest are the 18-foot lower jaw bones – and creating a steel frame system to display them. The whale will be posed in natural motion.

"We wanted to convey a living animal in a dynamic environment, rather than a static display," said Frank Hadfield, director of Dinosaur Valley Studios. "We

hope visitors are inspired by the wonder of the natural world through this piece."

The team removed an estimated 150 to 200 pounds of whale oil from the bones. They also had to repair and, in some cases, recreate portions of the skeleton that were damaged, either by injury to the whale while it was alive or by strong surf after its death.

"The biggest challenge of this project has been the sheer size of the bones, but the reward is seeing the largest creature that ever lived come together as a skeleton," Hadfield said.

A necropsy conducted after the whale washed ashore in 2015 noted the whale appeared underweight and had not been eating well prior to death; showed blunt force injuries consistent with a possible ship strike; and found the presence of domoic acid, a naturally occurring biotoxin caused by harmful algal blooms, exposure to which can debilitate whales.

The whale's carcass was dismantled and the remains were bundled in huge nets and submerged in Yaquina Bay, where seawater and marine invertebrates cleaned the bones. The skeleton was in the water

for more than three years before being removed in November 2019.

The original plan to clean and restore the skeleton was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project resumed in 2023, when Dinosaur Valley Studios, which specializes in skeletal reconstruction of very large animals, assumed the lead on the preservation and display effort.

Clackamas, Oregon-based VALAR Consulting Engineering is overseeing design and permitting for the display, and VALAR Construction is facilitating the construction and project management for the installation. The display is expected to be completed by early summer. A public celebration, including installation of permanent signage, is expected to occur in late summer or early fall.

Visitors to the Hatfield Marine Science Center and its visitor center, a public educational center that features exhibits and hands-on activities focused on ocean life, marine research and innovation, will find the blue whale skeleton in the courtyard of the Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building once the project is complete.

Food Share accepts 13,000 lbs of food

Florence Food Share is celebrating the success of this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, held Saturday, May 10, in partnership with local letter carriers and community volunteers.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Florence-area residents, the annual food drive collected 13,560 pounds of food to help support local individuals and families facing food insecurity. The total marks a significant increase from last year's collection of 9,483 pounds.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest single-day food drive and plays an important role in helping stock pantry shelves heading into the summer months, when donations often decline but need remains high.

Florence Food Share extends heartfelt thanks to the National Association of Letter Carriers, USPS employees, volunteers, and every community member who left donations by their mailbox or contributed in other ways.

"Community support like this truly makes a difference," said Florence Food Share. "Every donation helps us continue nourishing the community, one meal at a time."

For more information about Florence Food Share or ways to help, visit www.florencefoodshare.org.

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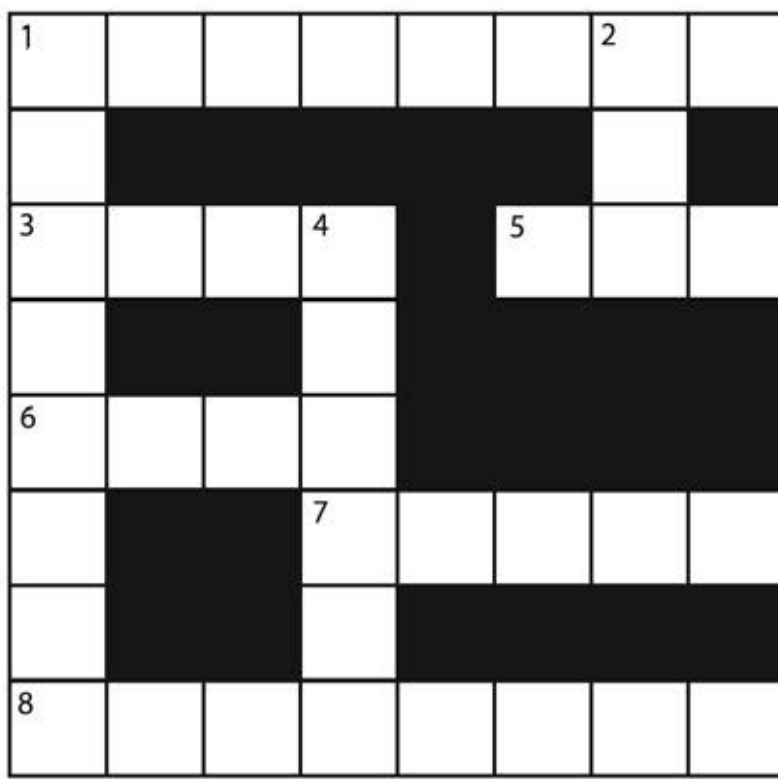
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Cuts of beef
- 3. Curved bones
- 5. Not high
- 6. At any time
- 7. Type of oil
- 8. Contains a letter

DOWN

- 1. Slow-cooked food
- 2. In addition
- 4. A way to hit something

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1535: French explorer Jacques Cartier sets sail on his second North American voyage.

1911: Parks Canada, the world's first national park service, is established.

1962: Marilyn Monroe sings "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy.

NEW WORD

PELLETS

small, compressed cylinders used for cooking and heating

Holiday FACT:



These North American holidays during the month of May may be times when people host guests and serve grilled food.

Answer: Memorial Day, Victoria Day

Down
1. Barbecue 2. Too 4. Stroke

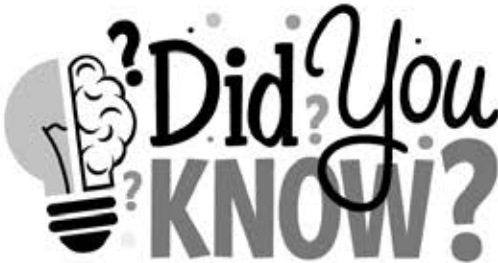
8. Envelope

Across
1. Briskets 3. Ribs 5. Low 6. Ever 7. Olive

Answers:



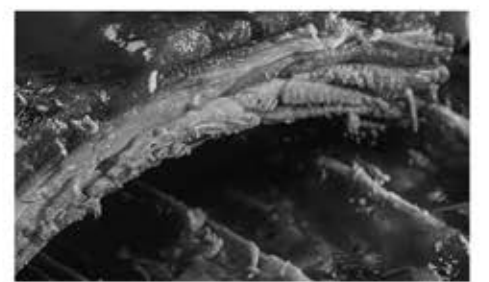
- English:** Grill
- Spanish:** Parrilla
- Italian:** Griglia
- French:** Gril
- German:** Grill



Gas grills are the most popular type of grill, followed by charcoal. Summer is the peak time of year for grilling, and burgers are the most popular food to grill.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: BBQ ribs

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WORD SEARCH



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

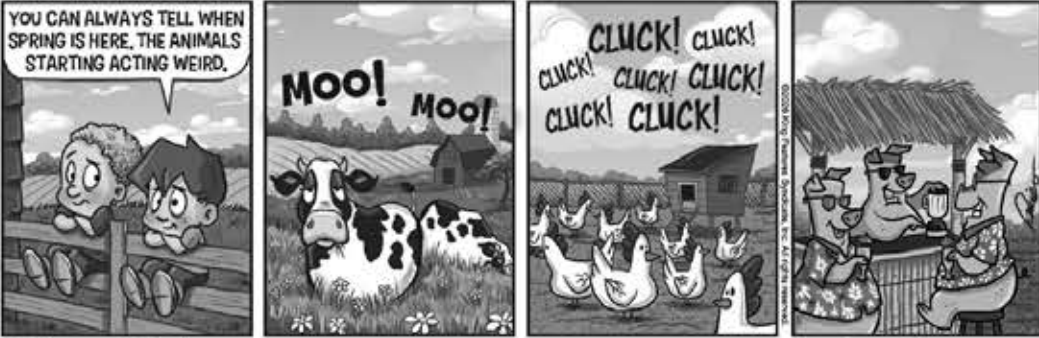
WORDS

- ACIDS
- ACNE
- ANTI-AGING
- ANTIOXIDANTS
- CERAMIDES
- CHARCOAL
- CLEANSER
- COLLAGEN
- DRYNESS
- ECZEMA
- EMOLLIENT
- EXFOLIATE
- GLYCOLIC
- HUMECTANT
- HYALURONIC
- MOISTURIZER
- OILY
- PEPTIDES
- PORES
- ROSACEA
- SALICYLIC
- SEBUM
- SPF
- SUN SPOTS

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by Gary Kopervas



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by Dave T. Phippe



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: V equals G

HX MTFHXN MTDO VTZPF, BQTI
 HF IQP APTFI TZNYXI JPNJAP
 TDP NCAHVTIPO IN CPI?
 ZXHZYZ BTVPD.

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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!

Ring: MIHCE
 Mad: NANIES
 Plush: EXLUDE
 Piece: CELSI

TODAY'S WORD: _____

"Whoever said there's nothing new under the sun never heard your _____ for being late!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Detox center
 6 Gives up
 12 Swiss metropolis
 13 Unexpected
 14 Ingratiate
 15 Stahl of "60 Minutes"
 16 Disposition
 17 "La — Bonita"
 19 Casual shirt
 20 Third son
 22 Capote nickname
 24 Canine greeting
 27 Furnace fuel
 29 Branches
 32 President of South Africa, 1994-1999

DOWN

1 Nevada city
 2 Within (Pref.)
 3 Obeys
 4 "Selma" director DuVernay
 5 Male singing voice
 6 Humpty's perch
 7 Skip — (flutter)
 8 Tax-collecting org.

9 Birds of prey
 10 Duel tool
 11 Ocular woe
 12 Tiara jewel
 18 Rug cleaner
 21 — -friendly
 23 "Awesome, dude!"
 24 Navarro of "The View"
 25 Scale members
 26 Pink wading bird
 28 Relaxed
 30 Roman 1051
 31 Coltrane's instrument

35 Pronto
 36 Monumental
 37 Half dozen
 38 Fannie —
 40 Former Laker Lamar
 42 Sashimi fish
 44 Neatnik's nightmare
 46 Jazzy James
 50 Legislative group
 52 Camelot king
 54 Aerie newborn
 55 Organize an art show

9 Birds of prey
 10 Duel tool
 11 Ocular woe
 12 Tiara jewel
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 21 — -friendly
 23 "Awesome, dude!"
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 25 Scale members
 26 Pink wading bird
 28 Relaxed
 30 Roman 1051
 31 Coltrane's instrument

33 Aromatherapy spot
 34 Sgt., e.g.
 39 Lauder of cosmetics
 41 Paris subway
 42 Cruising
 43 Lettuce unit
 45 Reply to "Shall we?"
 47 Spring meltdown
 48 Mild rebukes
 49 "How — you?"
 51 Cleric's tunic
 53 Scamper

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

- FOOD & DRINK: When fish eggs are served as food, what are they called?
- LITERATURE: Which Dr. Seuss book about trying new foods has a character called Sam-I-Am?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the most populated country in Africa?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Pine Tree State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal produces mohair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many times does a standard dinner fork have?
- FOOD & DRINK: In what year was Kool-Aid introduced?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV show features a baby named Stewie?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever"?
- SCIENCE: What is a googol?

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EXCUSES

Today's Word
 3. Deluxe; 4. Slice
 solution
 1. Chime; 2. Insane

SCRAMBLERS

T	A	R	T	
C	H	A	R	D
C	H	A	R	D
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H	O	N	D	A
S	O	U	N	D

Solution

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

Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

1. Roe
 2. "Green Eggs and Ham"
 3. Nigella
 4. Maize
 5. Angora goats
 6. Four
 7. 1927
 8. "Family Guy"
 9. Tony Manero
 10. The digit "1" followed by 100 zeroes

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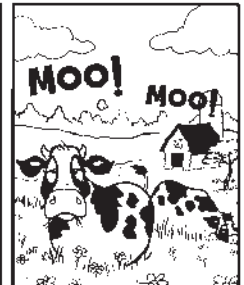
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Price Reduced

1600-29 Rhododendron Dr. - \$239,500

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



Price Reduced

65 Shoreline Dr. - \$695,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2145 SqFt. Shelter Cove gated community. Minutes to beach. With added bonus 16x26 sq ft hobby room. #3745-168626712



Price Reduced

11445 E Mapleton Rd. - \$745,000

3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2440 SqFt. Five-acre riverfront property offering privacy, versatility, large shop, and endless potential. #3738-363944680



Price Reduced

87977 Kelsie Way - \$188,000

0.88 acre lot. Big beach area lot with septic and water already installed! #3741-329648580



Price Reduced

309 Laurel St. - \$349,000

3616 SqFt Commercial building. Versatile property with two buildings, dual addresses, roll-up doors, bathrooms, and multi-use potential. #3762-417596323



90 Outer Dr. - \$299,000

3 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, 936 SqFt. Gated coastal community home with amenities, deck, garage, storage, and nearby beach access. #3770-770508845



2372 S 22nd Ct. - \$565,000

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2113 SqFt. Move-in ready home with updates, spacious living areas, pellet stove, on a cul-de-sac. #3769-768863492



1600-293 Rhododendron Dr. - \$164,000

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 728 SqFt. Great opportunity for affordable living in gated community with amenities and peaceful environment. #3757-644263031



1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$315,000

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



89555 Shore Crest Dr. - \$439,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Meticulously maintained, spacious home with floor-to-ceiling windows, and an abundance of parking. #3732-270810465



1601-534 Rhododendron Dr. - \$375,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2280 SqFt. Manufactured home with attached garage, sun porch, workshop and covered RV/boat storage. #3729-220740617



1751 Willow Lp. - \$505,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1500 SqFt. Updated home with RV parking, modern finishes, efficient upgrades, and inviting outdoor space. #3771-175687121

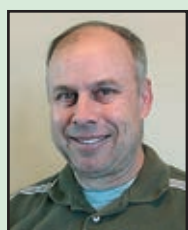


1699 27th St. #5 - \$79,000

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



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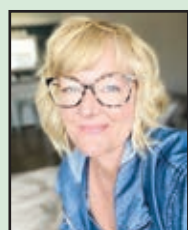
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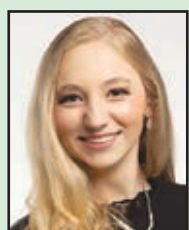
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