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Celebrating Earth Day at Miller Park

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Despite the threat of rain, many residents and kids came out

to Miller Park on April 22 for Earth Day, sponsored by Florence ORganizes. Blossoms from nearby trees blew through the event, which featured tables

and information from many local organizations, including Trailkeepers of Oregon, Siuslaw Watershed Council, the Siuslaw Public Library, Oregon

Coast Humane Society, Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program,

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Council voices support for education

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

At its regular meeting April 20, the Florence City Council voted by resolution to support education and acknowledge its importance to the community and economy.

Councilor Jo Beaudreau opened, saying, "Education plays a huge role in our community and how we interact with each other, and our economic vitality."

"I am proposing this because we all have a shared value of education," she said, "and when we ... all know that that working to making sure each of our generations that we have, learn more and do better and have critical thinking skills in researching, that will make us better, as well as future generations. By publicly announcing

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Superintendent responds to bond concerns

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

In recent weeks, residents have expressed support or opposition to the School Improvement Bond measure, which, if passed, will fund the construction of a new high school and repairs and construction at the elementary school. Whether in the comments section of social media, letters to the editor, or other

means, some claims involving numbers and costs have raised questions.

When asked, District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak responded to some of the concerns.

RENOVATION ESTIMATES

During a resolution approved by the Florence City Council on April 20 to support education, Councilor Robert Carp took a moment to explain his

dissenting vote. At the time, he said no information had been provided as to the cost of renovating the High school, rather than replacing it.

When asked, Grzeskowiak said one of the original concepts researched in October and November of 2024 was a repair & renovation of the current high school.

However, no proposal was made to ask for a bond to cover renovation costs, as it

was decided that a replacement bond was preferable.

He said a total renovation cost of the current building was estimated at \$83,940,730 back in November 2024.

Grzeskowiak said the estimate included all the necessary seismic and code upgrades and noted that much of the work would need to take place while the school is open and students

See **BOND**, Page A7

Police arrest one inside store

On April 17 at 11:53 p.m., Florence Police received a report of an alarm activation at the Buy2 market located at 1839 Hwy 101. Officers responded and observed an open window on the side of the building and saw a male suspect inside the closed business. Officers challenged the suspect through the open window and were able to safely place the suspect in custody. The suspect, identified as Brian Woolston, entered the business through an unlocked window and had placed numerous stolen items in a large duffel bag. Woolston was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun while committing the burglary. It was also discovered that Woolston had several warrants for his arrest from different jurisdictions within Oregon. Woolston was initially lodged in the Florence City Jail and then transported to Lane County Adult Corrections.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Sgt Litterell or Officer Couture at 541-997-3515.

Suspect: Woolston, Brian James, 42 was charged with

See **ARREST**, Page A6

Symphony musicians perform for SES

Students at Siuslaw Elementary School got a special treat April 20 when a woodwind quintet from the Eugene Symphony performed in their gym. Eugene Symphony Association's Education & Community Engagement Director Katy Vizdal introduced the musicians and performances, asking each musician hold old they were when they started practicing. On average, they were just older than sixth graders. Students gasped loudly and collectively when the quintet performed a surprise performance of the Harry Potter theme and also enjoyed pieces from Frozen and Toy Story.

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Are we there yet – understanding patient advocacy

By **BOB HORNEY**

Last fall, the word I received was that PeaceHealth would not contact or reach out to the person who asked me to contact PeaceHealth for them UNLESS she had put me on her Contact List. PeaceHealth wouldn't even call her to explain the situation. How helpful is that? She didn't know what she was supposed to do and no one would tell her. I didn't even know what to tell her. It was like a secret.

Trying to get this Patient Advocate thing clarified was a BEAR! Biggest hurdle – PeaceHealth personnel

I encountered didn't know what I was talking about (Patient Advocate). The only Advocate in the PeaceHealth system was for End of Life (Advanced Directive). Following 2 trips to the clinic, it was determined that the patient could call the clinic and ask for their choice to be added to their Contact List. Or they could simply take their choice with them to an appointment and have them added to their Contact List upon registering.

Then when I called Home Health seeking help for a neighbor, Bradley "Brad" Filter, Charge Nurse went one step

further. He called the neighbors I was calling about to see if it was ok to add me to their Contact List and discuss their situation with me. Brad called me back and said I was now on their Contact List. That was a major step forward. I want to also point out that Brad had been in contact with them several times that morning, so it was not a "cold" call. Nevertheless, it showed that Brad's full attention was vested in his patient's well-being and nothing was going to get in his way.

That brings me to my next question... If I had reached someone who had not spoken with my neighbors prior

to my call, would they have reached out like Brad did? I'm going to say, "Probably not." Unbeknownst to me, my neighbor was already enrolled in Home Health, so he was actually a patient under Brad's care. I did have their phone number in my hands just in case Brad needed it. I didn't ask my neighbor if Home Health had been in touch with him yet because neither he nor his wife mentioned receiving any care from PeaceHealth since returning home from the Salem area.

With all the above being said, I behaved like our average resident who is most interested in

seeking help for someone rather than stopping to check the PeaceHealth rules and regulations for doing so. It would make such a difference if everyone at PeaceHealth responded in a way similar to Brad. There are several scenarios I can picture that would work:

First, I need your name, birth date, phone number and address. Next, please give me the name of the person you are calling about. Now, do you have their phone number with you? If you do, please share it with me and I will try calling them. If not, please ask them to call this phone number (_____) and ask to speak with

me, (_____). If they can't make the call, please ask them if you can make the call for them (on their phone and at their residence) so I can ask them if they consent to you being added to their Contact List which gives me permission to speak with you about them.

I'm sure there are many more ways to make this work, but I'm ready to call a halt to this topic and move on to others. However, I will stay tuned-in and provide updates as necessary to keep us informed as we all do our best to watch out for each other in our caring town of Florence, Oregon.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from April 14 to April 20

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

At 1:15 a.m., officers made a traffic stop in the area of Highway 101 and 126 to find the driver had a warrant for his arrest from Douglas County. The subject was arrested for the warrant and cited for driving while suspended.

At 10:58 a.m., officers assisted sheriff's deputies with an eviction in the 1700 block of 43rd St.

At 12:53 p.m., a caller reported hearing a verbal dispute in the 3900 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived, contacted the involved parties, and separated them for the evening.

At 8:12 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a fight going on. Officers arrived to find a dispute occurring between a male and a female. Officers found that the male had a felony warrant for his arrest. The male was arrested for the warrant, for Harassment, and Assault 4.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

At 2:26 a.m., a caller in the 600 block of Siano Loop reported seeing someone in their yard. Officers arrived and found no one in the

yard, but determined the caller had a warrant for his arrest. The caller was taken into custody.

At 3:02 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report that a vehicle had been stolen. After a short investigation, it was determined that the vehicle had been towed.

At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report of damage to a vehicle. Officers arrived and were told that upon coming out of a store, the driver discovered their rental car had been scratched with a key. A report was taken.

At 11:12 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle heading toward Florence on Highway 126 that was unable to maintain its lane. The caller lost sight of the vehicle. Officers posted at the edge of town but did not see the described vehicle enter the city limits.

At 12:59 p.m., officers responded to the 3100 block of Highway 101 for a call reporting that a male subject planned to confront someone else believed to have committed theft. Officers contacted all subjects, and no further action was

needed.

At 1:44 p.m., officers responded to a stalled vehicle blocking Highway 101 in the 2900 block. Officers discovered the driver was out of gas and assisted him in getting to a station.

At 11:09 p.m., officers responded to a stalled car in the 900 block of 101. The driver told officers he was out of gas. Officers helped him get more so the vehicle could be moved.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

At 2:46 a.m., a caller reported hearing loud music and people in the 400 block of Laurel. Officers responded to the area but could hear no music or people. No further action was taken.

At 6:35 a.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 1400 block of Spruce Street. Officers determined the death to be natural, with no signs of foul play, and the medical examiner was notified.

At 8:49 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Highway 101 for a report of a subject refusing to leave a store. Officers arrived and showed the subject out.

At 11:40 a.m., officers responded to the 4000 block of Highway 101 for a report that a service dog had been mistreated. Officers were unable to speak to the responsible party, but contacted a manager who said the dog appeared fine.

At 11:47 a.m., officers

assisted DEA, ATF and Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT) agents as they were executing a search warrant in Florence.

At 1:36 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that dogs had been left tied to a shopping cart rack. The dogs were no longer there when officers arrived.

At 3:02 p.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report of harassment. The officers spoke with two transient subjects, both of whom claimed the other was bothering them. Subjects were advised to stay away from each other.

At 6:35 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of 15th St. for a report of a dog bite. Officers were told that a subject came to the door of the house, and when it was opened by a child, a dog rushed through and bit the subject. Officers checked the dog's vaccination records to find that it had proper shots. The subject did not want to press charges.

At 7:47 p.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a woman inside a store rearranging things. Employees asked her to leave, and she would not. Officers arrived, escorted her out, and told her not to return.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

At 7:28 a.m., Florence PD was asked to check

its Flock cameras for a vehicle reported stolen from outside the area. The request was later canceled.

At 8:57 a.m., officers located a store shopping cart and a scooter in the area of 2nd and Kingwood. The cart was returned to the store, and the scooter was placed in storage at the police department.

At 3:44 p.m., dispatch received a call from a motorist saying they were en route to the hospital with a subject with possible cardiac issues. The caller was advised to drive carefully and re-contact dispatch if the subject's condition worsened.

At 9:57 p.m., officers responded to the 500 block of Myeena Loop for a report of theft from a vehicle. Officers are following up on the case.

At 9:53 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Highway 101 for a reported burglary in progress. Officers observed a subject inside a store and arrested him. (See Page A1)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

At 12:14 a.m., a caller reported possibly hearing two shots in the 300 block of Oak Street. Officers arrived in the area and listened, but heard nothing suspicious.

At 3:35 a.m., a caller reported seeing a juvenile female walking on Highway 101. Officers arrived in the area, and a motorist indicated her

location. Officers contacted the juvenile, who said she was out to meet a friend. Officers transported to the juvenile home.

At 11:57 a.m., A caller reported a possible road rage incident and assault on Highway 101. Officers were able to stop one of the described vehicles to find the driver had a cut on his face. The case remains under investigation.

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At 4:38 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the 4900 block of Highway 101. Officers found the driver to have a warrant from Lebanon, Oregon. After contacting the authorities there, officers cited and released the driver.

At 5:08 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report that keys had been stolen. Officers are following up.

At 5:49 p.m., the Newport Police Department contacted Florence dispatch to report a possible stolen

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From my perspective

While it would seem self-evident to say the City supports education, doing so a month before an election on a 30-year, \$139 million bond to build a new high school raises some eyebrows. However, in a 4 to 1 vote on April 20, the City Council did just that.

Dissenter Councilor Robert Carp called a resolution in support of education “politically motivated,” and voted “no” for that reason.

Councilor Sally Wantz said she did not see anything in the resolution that seemed politically motivated toward the effort to fund a new high school.

However, recitals 4 and 5 of the resolution state, “All students/community members in the Siuslaw area deserve safe, modern, and functional learning environments that support academic achievement, creativity, career and technical education, and student well-being. [And] Educators, staff,

and administrators require facilities and resources to effectively serve students and adapt to evolving educational standards and community needs.”

It later states, “This resolution is intended to express the City’s values regarding education and community wellbeing, economic impacts, and does not advocate for or against any individual’s vote.”

Surrounding it were innocuous phrases like “Quality public education is foundational to a healthy, resilient, and prosperous community,” and “The City Council affirms its support for public education as a cornerstone of the community’s present and future success.”

However, the resolution does not enact any action, ordinance, or policy, but only expresses an opinion that essentially goes without saying. Of course, we



all support education because no one wants to be a champion of its opposite.

While I don’t agree with Councilor Carp every time, I had the same feeling about the timing the moment I saw it on the agenda.

If the resolution was meant to show zero political motivation, why couldn’t it wait until after the election? Won’t supporting education still be important in June?

And why did some council members feel the need to “print it in its entirety in the paper?” In the interest of full disclosure, I received an email from Councilor Wantz the day after the meeting that read, “It sure would be nice to see this in the paper next week.” I feel it’s worth mentioning, because that almost never happens, and the City doesn’t typically ask that resolutions be published.

City Manager Erin Reynolds was correct in saying we, the newspaper, print what we can use from City press releases, but only paid advertising gets guaranteed space. She said the City has not purchased paid advertising space for such things before, but was still asked in an open meeting by Mayor Ward to investigate the cost. Should the City purchase a display ad, I will want to know exactly where the money came from.

Why? Because this paper does not work for the city government, it works for the people of this community.

I feel this was a subtle attempt to slide something that walks and talks like a political endorsement under Florence’s door. While it doesn’t seem entirely furtive, I can’t ignore that there was a lot of nudging going on.

Your opinion may vary, so I’ve included the entire resolution with the story for your consideration.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR

I am writing to express my support for the upcoming school bond proposal for Siuslaw Public Schools. As a retired educator, I know that investing in our schools means investing in the future of our community and our children. The funding provided by this bond will help ensure students across the Siuslaw district have access to safe, modern learning environments and updated tools that are essential for quality education.

Over the last two years I have watched administrators, educators, facilities staff, school building experts and parents as they discussed several options for repair or replacement. This current plan is the most cost-effective way to get the high school built, the elementary school upgraded, and sports and meeting areas enhanced. By supporting this bond, we can equip our teachers and students with what they need to thrive, from enhanced technology to improved classrooms and facilities. This investment will not only benefit current students, but also those who follow in the years to come, as well as the whole community!

I urge you to join me in voting “Yes” for the Siuslaw Public Schools bond. Together, we can have a lasting, positive impact on our schools and our community.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Kendall

DEAR EDITOR,

The Florence Warming Center completed the 25-26 season at the end of March. We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the support from the community, the night crew, the volunteers, guests, the city of Florence and FWC committee. We owe much to the generosity of an anonymous donor who made it possible to lease a space providing a consistent home

without the stress and work of daily set up, tear down and hauling supplies. What a difference this made so we could focus more on the needs of the guests and ensure all nights were covered. We were open a total of

13 nights providing meals and shelter to 41 (unduplicated) houseless neighbors. A duplicated count of 112 reflects the total numbers served on nights and mornings we were open. We were also able to connect guests with needed transportation, health and social services that helped make their lives better. Numerous volunteers and guests, too many to name here, provided food, transportation, cleaning, operations and support of many kinds.

We would like to give a shout out to Nosh’s and A & W for their generous donations of food.

We also wish to thank the owner of the building for their willingness and strong community-oriented values in leasing the building at a greatly reduced rate. They expressed satisfaction with our occupancy in doing everything we said we would do. We are also very grateful to our co-tenants who were supportive and reported no issues.

Florence Warming Center is a program under the Florence Emergency Cold Weather non-profit.

We will be re-grouping and considering future next steps in serving our houseless community.

We are inviting a community conversation on this May 20, 3-4:30 PM at the Library conference room.

Taylor Kohn,
Florence Warming Center

DEAR EDITOR,

We need improvements, not an expensive new school. This large bond could hurt (not help) the community.

• Florence is a retirement community where many seniors live on fixed incomes. Assessed values will increase by up to 3% a year under Oregon law, costing them more than

they can afford.

• A smaller \$40-\$50 million bond focused strictly on HVAC replacement, seismic hardening, security, and modular classroom removal is far more practical and affordable.

• Thirty years of new taxes shift the burden to future taxpayers (including young families) and hurt businesses and renters.

• Construction costs are at historic highs. A \$139 million project (actually \$269 million at 5% over 30 years) is vulnerable to delays, change orders, and inflation.

• The bond doesn’t hire more teachers, reduce class sizes, or improve programs. Shiny new buildings don’t raise test scores or graduation rates. Our emphasis needs to be on learning. We are already laying off teachers under the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) by borrowing to manage tax flow.

• Phonics instruction, early intervention, and a retention policy have transformed Mississippi’s education system, leading to significant improvements in student literacy and overall academic performance. We can do the same.

Sincerely,
Kathy McCullough
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

The current bond issue for the new high school is for about \$140 million dollars. It will be about 175,000 square feet and will accommodate 400 students (current enrollment) with some extra room for the possibility of future enrollment growth. It is purported to be state-of-art in terms of design, safety, etc.

By way of comparison, in 2024 a brand new North Eugene High School opened for students. The cost of the

facility was about \$135 million dollars, which was part of a larger \$320 million bond issue for schools. The school holds 1,200 students, has 52 classrooms, an auditorium, etc. It undoubtedly has all the design and safety features necessary incorporated into the school.

The tax base to support the Eugene school is obviously larger, thus the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value is \$.66 whereas the rate for the new Florence school will be \$ 2.50 per \$ 1,000 -four times as much.

I might be inclined to vote for this anyway because, if you can believe all the reports, they did a TERRIBLE JOB building this thing 30 years ago. However, I must ask, since the District has taken three runs at this recently, did they look around and talk to anyone in Eugene about how they might scale the project down to accommodate 1/3 the number of students at North Eugene High?

Ralph Nichols
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

You know what I love about Florence? I love the sunrises, running into friends at the store, amazing food and services, and our great small town feeling. But most of all, I love our “can do” spirit. Over the years, we have built a hospital, a new library, and the Florence Events Center. We helped raise money for the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, the Senior Center, and Miller Park. Many of these projects required voter approval for bonds, resulting in heated discourse for and against these projects. What would our town be like without our hospital and our library? What if our children were

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Oregon Coast Humane Society Honors 2025 Volunteers of the Year

FROM OCHS

Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) recognized its 2025 Volunteers of the Year at a Volunteer Celebration on April 4 at the Woahink yurt meeting room. More than 60 volunteers attended the event, which included lunch, raffle prizes, and an awards ceremony.

This year's honorees are:

- Tim McGinnis — Shelter Volunteer of the Year
- Frank Elswick and Meghan Lewis — Community Events Volunteers of the Year
- Bonnie Kelley — Thrift Store Volunteer of the Year
- Sandra Rankin — Veterinary Clinic Volunteer of the Year (new for 2025)

Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson praised the recipients for their dedication and wide-ranging impact.

McGinnis was recognized for his exceptional commitment to shelter dogs, running and walking them four to six times each week. Beyond the trails, he also supports estate sales, donation pickups and deliveries, and hands-on projects.



Tim McGinnis

Elswick and Lewis were honored for their leadership and versatility across OCHS programs. In addition to volunteering at the shelter, thrift store, and Paw-liday store, they also support animals who have transitioned to a local sanctuary. The pair has led major improvement projects, including interior painting at the veterinary clinic and parking



Frank Elswick and Meghan Lewis

lot striping at multiple OCHS locations.

Kelley was celebrated for her outstanding customer service and compassion at the OCHS Thrift Store. She creates a welcoming environment for shoppers, often connecting with those who need extra support, while designing displays that help drive sales benefiting shelter animals.



Bonnie Kelley

Rankin, the inaugural recipient of the Veterinary Clinic Volunteer of the Year award, has been involved for decades. Today, she assists with data entry and helps educate pet guardians on post-surgery care, ensuring animals and their families are set up for success at home.

In 2025, OCHS volunteers contributed more than 29,000



Sandra Rankin

hours of service—the equivalent of approximately 14 full-time employees. Thompson noted that volunteers are essential to daily operations and inspire staff to do their very best for the animals in their care.

To learn more about volunteering, visit the OCHS shelter, thrift store, or veterinary clinic, or go to www.oregoncoasthumane.org.

LETTERS

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still at the old middle school with the walls falling apart? I remember that day in 2001 when

our children opened the doors to the new Siuslaw Middle School building. I remember the smiles, the laughter and the eagerness to learn because our town believed in our children. Just like our Planet Earth, there is no Plan B for the

security and trust that we owe to our children. It is time. Please join me to vote yes on Measure 20-379, for our schools and for the livability of our amazing town.

*Lisa Walter-Sedlacek
Florence*

DEAR EDITOR,

My family was so excited to move to Florence three years ago...until we stepped inside the high school. We nearly reconsidered the move.

While we're ultimately glad we came, it's embarrassing that this is the facility our community offers its students and families. Our kids deserve better. More people are recognizing that we can't afford to scare away health care providers, professionals and families with subpar facilities. (If you haven't toured the high school, I encourage you to do

so and see the reality firsthand.)

This bond is not a luxury, nor is it asking for the moon. It's about providing safe, modern, and functional learning spaces. The school lacks basics many communities take for granted—no cafeteria, no adequate large-group meeting space like an auditorium, and the classrooms lack both space and the electrical capacity needed for modern technology. Even necessary repairs are complicated by outdated systems and structural limitations. (ie: the appalling primary bathrooms can't even

be remodeled because of asbestos concerns and fear of losing plumbing fixtures due to new ADA codes. (And there are only nine total female stalls as is!) These aren't small fixes; they're signs of a building that is no longer viable.

This is an investment for the future and well-being of our entire community. We're in a time where we must compete with other communities for students, families, and other professionals—including teachers. Strong schools don't just serve students; they strengthen property values, attract families, support local businesses, and help ensure a vibrant future. Outdated, inadequate facilities do the opposite.

Yes, bonds come with a cost—but the cost of doing nothing is far greater. This is a long-overdue investment in Florence's future. For our students, our families, and the strength of our community, I urge you to support this bond measure. Saying yes to the bond says yes to an investment that will deliver tremendous returns for the entire area.

*Spencer Lake
Florence*

DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

I work locally in our hospital, and over the years I have seen far too many physicians and other professionals leave our area due to concerns about the quality of our schools and the lack of priority placed on families and children.

Our children deserve a strong education, and investing in our schools is essential. We must also recognize the broader impact this has on our community. When we fail to support our schools, families and professionals choose to move elsewhere, making it increasingly difficult to attract and retain the skilled individuals our town depends on.

By investing in education, we are investing in Florence's future—helping to build the kind of thriving, vibrant community we all want to live and work in.

Please consider supporting our schools. We need your yes vote on measure 379.

*Sincerely,
Kerry Shannon*

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POLICE

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vehicle heading into Florence with directions to arrest the driver. An officer on patrol observed the vehicle and conducted a felony traffic stop. The officer determined the driver was not the person sought by NPD. However, the driver did have a warrant from Parole and Probation, and he was taken into custody. Officers seized the vehicle and advised the registered owner.

At 8:19 p.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Hemlock for a

reported assault. Officers arrived and separated the subjects. Officers determined no assault occurred.

At 9:37 p.m., a caller reported dirt bikes with no lights riding in the area of 16th and Pine. Officers arrived but were unable to locate the described bikes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

At 3:02 a.m., officers and fire personnel responded to the 87,600 block of Highway 101 for a reported home fire. Personnel arrive to find the Home fully engulfed. The owner told officers that the dogs may still be inside the structure.

Officers looked, and the dogs were found shortly afterward.

At 5:51 p.m., officers were en route to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a female harassing customers. The response was canceled en route because the subject left.

At 6:51 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of 11th St. for a report of two females in a dispute. Officers separated the subjects and determined there was no threat. No further action was taken.

At 7:42 p.m., a caller reported juveniles knocking on doors and leaving rocks in mailboxes

in the area of 8th and Kingwood. Patrols were increased in the area.

At 10:07 p.m., officers responded to the area of Quinn's and Highway 101 for a report that a subject had broken the window on an RV, and a dispute was occurring. Officers contacted the owner of the RV, who said the other subject had locked him out, so he broke the window to make entry. Since it's not illegal to break your own window, officers counseled the subjects, and no further action was taken.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

At 10:50 a.m., a city worker reported damage

to bathroom doors at Miller Park.

At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the 8th Street bus stop for a report of a subject possibly smoking controlled substances with a glass pipe. Officers contacted one subject at the bus stop, who said another subject was there and they had smoked marijuana to celebrate 420.

At 3:08 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a report of a subject possibly doing drugs in the bathroom. Officers contacted the subject and warned him not to return.

At 3:48 p.m., a caller reported that an ex had

posted photos of her on a modeling website. An officer contacted the ex to find photos had already been deleted.

At 4:25 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a reportedly intoxicated and disorderly subject. Officers determined the subject should be taken to the hospital, based on his level of intoxication.

At 7:32 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report of dogs in the area.

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EARTH

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Baha'i of Florence, Elders Climate Action, The City of Florence, Florence Indivisible.

At one table, kids were able to make their own creations using natural materials, while just around the corner, kids enjoyed dancing with streamers, popping flying bubbles, and just having fun in the park. Many attendees could be seen carrying complimentary tree seedlings that were prepared and ready to plant. When the pizzas

arrived from Abby's, a line immediately formed at the table as the smell wafted over the crowd.

The event preceded an Arbor Day/ Earth Day community cleanup event on April 25, where volunteers removed invasive ivy, scotch broom, and other plants from the City's walking trails, roadways, and parks. Volunteers met at the Siuslaw River Estuary Trail parking lot. The event was the result of a partnership between the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) and SOLVE.



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ARREST

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a Controlled Substance, False Information to a Police Officer, Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass. Woolston was also arrested on a warrant for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle out of Lane County Circuit Court, Failure to Appear

on a Weapons Offense out of Marion County Circuit Court, Failure to Appear on a DUII out of Clackamas County Circuit Court and a Parole Violation on a Carrying a Prohibited Weapon offense from Multnomah Community Corrections.

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BOND

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are in class. Asked later, he said that the cost would also require a bond measure.

ESTIMATED COSTS WERE:

- English / Social Studies \$2.989 mil
- Library \$1.9 mil
- Commons & building center \$3.13 mil
- Math/Science \$1.1 mil
- Band/Choir/Art/Lecture Hall \$3.93 mil
- CTE Shops \$4.16 mil
- Gym \$9.36 mil

All seismic renovations were estimated at \$26,542,945. All other mechanical systems - HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc. - and then refreshing the fixtures in the building were estimated at \$57,397,785, according to notes from the renovation discussions.

He said the renovation would essentially add nothing to the school.

“These costs were just for the current footprint of the high school; no additional classroom spaces or alterations to the general configuration of the building,” he said. “This was

the cost to simply refresh the high school to current building codes.”

He said there were two other variations of the primary renovation plan that included building new classroom room wings at the north end of the school property.

“Those classrooms would have been used as classes were shuffled during an incremental remodel,” he said. “New classrooms would be required as other areas in the main building were renovated, and there would have been additional construction costs for those classroom blocks.”

Grzeskowiak noted that renovation plans were also discussed with City planning officials at that time.

CLASS SIZES

In response to comments from the April 8 School board meeting, asserting that enrollment numbers have been falling, and that the high school average class size is 13, and that the regular attendance is 56 percent.

“The class size as reported on the state report card is the MEDIAN, not the average class size,” Grzeskowiak

responded. “The claim about daily attendance was also incorrect. The figure of 56% stated in the last board meeting is the percentage of high school students who attended 90% or more of school days. It is not how many students are present on any given day.”

He explained that the Regular Attendance metric was used in a calculation with the Median Class size to incorrectly state how many students are present on any given day. He said the students present on any given day would be the Average Daily Attendance multiplied by the total student population.”

Grzeskowiak said the following information had also been sent to the school board for information.

“There are students assigned to Independent Study Classes for credit recovery during the day. Many teachers have 1 to 3 students assigned to them as they supervise credit recovery classes. This increases the number of total sections, driving the MEDIAN down.

“Upper Division Electives at the High School also tend to be smaller. There are fewer

students who have met the requirements, and many tend to be laboratory or CTE classes, which are smaller for safety reasons.

Some class sizes at Siuslaw West are also much smaller than the MEDIAN, which further drives down the calculation.

“When I extract our schedule from Synergy, I get the MEDIAN of 13 students, but this is not the average class size for core classes.

“There are 86 classes with 6 or fewer students. These classes are either upper-end elective / college courses, special education, independent study / study skills, or “stacked” classes. When those classes are excluded from the class roster, the average class size is now 16 students per class.”

LEVY RATE, INTEREST

Asked to respond to a claim that after 30 years of interest, the school will cost approximately \$240,000,000 to \$275,000,000, Grzeskowiak said that interest estimate was higher than the reality.

“Schools and Municipalities borrow the “par amount” - which is

the cost of bonds at construction, and this sets the assessment rate for property taxes,” he said “Over the next 30 years of the bond maturing there is interest paid on initial par amount, which is where the investors in the bond market make their profit from the sale of the bonds to finance the project.

Total interest on the initial sales of bonds over 30 years is estimated at \$196 million, about 141% of the par / project cost.”

He said a similar type of calculation occurs when someone takes on a mortgage, since the total amount paid over 30 years is much more than if someone could have paid cash at the time.

If the purchase price of a home was \$365k, the estimated mortgage payments over the years as a function of interest will be about \$220k, making the total cost of the home over 30 years \$585k, he illustrated.

Grzeskowiak said the claim that total project cost is the Par Amount (139 million) plus the Total Interest (196 million) for a total “cost” of \$335 million is way too large, and was over the bond rate analysis by 40 percent.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Addressing claims that enrollment and student populations are shrinking in Florence, Grzeskowiak said projections show the opposite.

“The district worked with the Lane Council of Governments to get a population estimate in December for bond planning,” he said. “While the population is falling today, it will level out by 2030 at about 1130 students from our current 1180 students across the district. The high school will still have about 400 students by then.

He said the idea that the high school is declining is not entirely accurate, as it is estimated to grow back by 20 students in the next four years.

“Whether there are 380 students today or 400 students in 2030, the physical and systems status of the current building will only continue to decline,” he said.

A full description of the bond is online at <https://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/page/go-bond-2026>

This School Improvement Bond will be on the May 19, 2026, general election ballot as Measure #20-379

COUNCIL

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that we all agree that education is an important topic to the community, it shows that we have that shared interest.”

Beaudreau said that while the resolution seemed unconventional, she felt community relationships, civic engagement, and economic development are vital in rural coastal communities.

She said workforce readiness, bringing back former residents, and resident well-being were other benefits of education. Beaudreau said some studies have shown that adult learners participating in classes may even extend their life expectancy.

MOTIVATIONS QUESTIONED

After a quick discussion about publication options, Councilor Robert Carp took a moment to explain his dissenting vote.

“My vote is going to be ‘no,’ and the reason being is that this is a politically-motivated resolution to influence the vote that’s coming on May 19, with the school bond issue,” he said. “The school bond has never given the community the opportunity to know what it would cost to fix the school. Of all the information that is going out is what it would cost for a new school.”

Mayor Rob Ward acknowledged the comment, saying other council members probably don’t see it that way. Councilor Sally Wantz said she thought the resolution was rather “easy-going, very nice, a lovely resolution.”

“I didn’t see anything pointing toward anything in that regard,” she said.

“I can maybe see where you’re coming from. I think it’s important at this time, I mean, we have a new charter school trying

to come in, we have a new high school, we have people coming in for and against, and it’s just an opportunity for the council to say we value education. There are pieces and parts in there that cover all aspects of education, which is why I will be voting yes.” Carp said he questioned the timing.

With no further discussion, the council voted 4-1 to approve the resolution.

The text of the resolution reads as follows:

A resolution from the City of Florence City Council expressing support for education and acknowledging its importance to the community and economy.

RECITALS: 1. Quality public education is foundational to a healthy, resilient, and prosperous community.

2. In rural communities such as Florence and the Siuslaw Region, strong schools play a critical role in local economic stability by helping attract and retain families, supporting workforce development, and strengthening the long-term vitality of local businesses and industries.

3. Strong schools play an important role in contributing to workforce readiness, civic engagement, economic vitality, and the overall well-being and socioeconomic status of residents of all ages.

4. All students/community members in the Siuslaw area deserve safe, modern, and functional learning environments that support academic achievement, creativity, career and technical education, and student well-being.

5. Educators, staff, and administrators require facilities and resources to effectively serve students and adapt to evolving educational standards and community needs.

6. The City of Florence recognizes that informed civic participation is essential to a healthy democracy and

encourages residents to engage with public information about issues that affect the community now and for our vibrant future;

The City Council of the city of Florence resolves as follows; 1. The City Council affirms its support for public education as a cornerstone of the community’s present and

future success.

2. The City Council acknowledges the importance of continued investment in education to meet the needs of students, educators, and the broader community.

3. This resolution is intended to express the City’s values regarding education and community

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SYMPHONY

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horn, Daniel Yim on bassoon, Dieter Koch on oboe and Carol Robe on clarinet. The performance came after an April 16 visit where musicians introduced students to a variety of instruments.



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<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>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>88830 SHORELINE DR.</p> <p>Oceanfront fixer w/beach views and miles of sandy beach. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 3335 SF.</p> <p>\$799,000</p>	<p>94671 JOHNSON RD. MARCOLA</p> <p>5 acres of privacy! New HVAC system. Cherry wood floors. Floor to ceiling fireplace. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1470 SF</p> <p>\$649,900</p>	<p>1600 RHODODENDRON DR. #218</p> <p>Well kept home with lots of natural light. Newer extra deep garage provides plenty of storage. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 960 SF.</p> <p>\$235,000</p>
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<p>1651 29TH ST.</p> <p>Completely remodeled and move-in ready! Large fenced yard + covered patio. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1076 SF.</p> <p>\$390,000</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>5270 NOPAL ST.</p> <p>Like new. Former model home-never lived in. Quiet neighborhood. 3 Bed/2 Bath. 1404 SF</p> <p>\$398,000</p>	<p>88390 BELLEVUE DR.</p> <p>Stunning newly built home on over 6 acres of trees and dunes. RV hook-up with 400 amp panel. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1940 SF</p> <p>\$965,000</p>	<p>34 BONNETT WAY</p> <p>Spacious Pacific NW contemporary style. Amazing center atrium. 1 level home. 4 Bed/3.5 Bath, 4224 SF.</p> <p>\$1,025,000</p>
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<p>18156 HIGHWAY 36 • BLACHLY</p> <p>Coastal ranch on 22 creekfront acres. NW designed custom home. Shop w/ full bath. 2 + Bed/3 Bath, 2952 SF</p> <p>\$879,000</p>	<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>1601 RHODODENDRON DR. #654</p> <p>1993 Golden West double-wide. New roof in 2024. All appliances included. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1080 SF</p> <p>\$310,000</p>	<p>1960 40TH ST.</p> <p>Charming home on .22 acre corner lot. Newer woodstove and new roof in 2023. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1541 SF</p> <p>\$429,999</p>	<p>TL 5700 FAWN VIEW LANE</p> <p>Construction beginning soon on this Fawn Ridge East home! Floor plan can be customized. 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 1956 SF</p> <p>\$767,000</p>
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<p>32 EASY ST.</p> <p>Stick-built home with great floor plan. Enjoy Coast Village amenities. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1028 SF.</p> <p>\$290,000</p>	<p>3760 HWY 101 #16</p> <p>Clean, cozy, well maintained home with upgraded features. Matching garden shed for storage. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 840 SF.</p> <p>\$69,997</p>	<p>3760 HWY 101 #1</p> <p>Live large in cute little park model on the Oregon Coast. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 840 SF</p> <p>\$113,000</p>	<p>5938 VIEW LOOP</p> <p>2 level chalet w/ Mercer Lake access plus oversized garage & workshop. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2110 sq. ft.</p> <p>\$484,000</p>	<p>301 MANZANITA DR.</p> <p>2000 Silver Crest home. Vaulted ceilings & plenty of natural light. Enjoy Florentine Estates amenities. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1782 SF.</p> <p>\$450,000</p>
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Low5:41 a.m.....0.2
 High.....11:58 a.m.....6.0
 Low5:32 p.m.....1.7
 High.....11:44 p.m.....7.4

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Low6:20 a.m.....-0.3
 High.....12:45 p.m.....6.0
 Low6:08 p.m.....2.0

FRIDAY, MAY 1

High.....12:14 a.m.....7.5
 Low6:56 a.m.....-0.6
 High.....1:28 p.m.....6.0
 Low6:43 p.m.....2.4

SATURDAY, MAY 2

High.....12:43 a.m.....7.4
 Low7:30 a.m.....-0.8
 High.....2:09 p.m.....6.0
 Low7:16 p.m.....2.7

SUNDAY, MAY 3

High.....1:12 a.m.....7.3
 Low8:05 a.m.....-0.8
 High.....2:50 p.m.....5.8
 Low7:49 p.m.....3.0

MONDAY, MAY 4

High.....1:43 a.m.....7.2
 Low8:41 a.m.....-0.7
 High.....3:31 p.m.....5.6
 Low8:21 p.m.....3.2

TUESDAY, MAY 5

High.....2:16 a.m.....6.9
 Low9:18 a.m.....-0.4
 High.....4:14 p.m.....5.4
 Low8:56 p.m.....3.4

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

High.....2:52 a.m.....6.7
 Low10:00 a.m.....-0.1
 High.....5:01 p.m.....5.2
 Low9:38 p.m.....3.6

THURSDAY, MAY 7

High.....3:32 a.m.....6.4
 Low10:46 a.m.....0.2
 High.....5:54 p.m.....5.1
 Low10:33 p.m.....3.7

FRIDAY, MAY 8

High.....4:21 a.m.....6.0
 Low11:38 a.m.....0.5
 High.....6:50 p.m.....5.2
 Low11:48 p.m.....3.7

SATURDAY, MAY 9

High.....5:22 a.m.....5.7
 Low12:33 p.m.....0.7
 High.....7:44 p.m.....5.4

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Low1:10 a.m.....3.4
 High.....6:38 a.m.....5.4
 Low1:28 p.m.....1.0
 High.....8:30 p.m.....5.8

MONDAY, MAY 11

Low2:21 a.m.....2.8
 High.....8:00 a.m.....5.3
 Low2:20 p.m.....1.2
 High.....9:10 p.m.....6.2

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Low3:20 a.m.....1.8
 High.....9:16 a.m.....5.4
 Low3:10 p.m.....1.3
 High.....9:46 p.m.....6.8

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Low4:12 a.m.....0.9
 High.....10:22 a.m.....5.6
 Low3:57 p.m.....1.5
 High.....10:22 p.m.....7.4

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Low5:01 a.m.....-0.2
 High.....11:22 a.m.....5.9
 Low4:44 p.m.....1.8
 High.....11:00 p.m.....7.9

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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 Low5:30 p.m.....2.1
 High.....11:40 p.m.....8.3

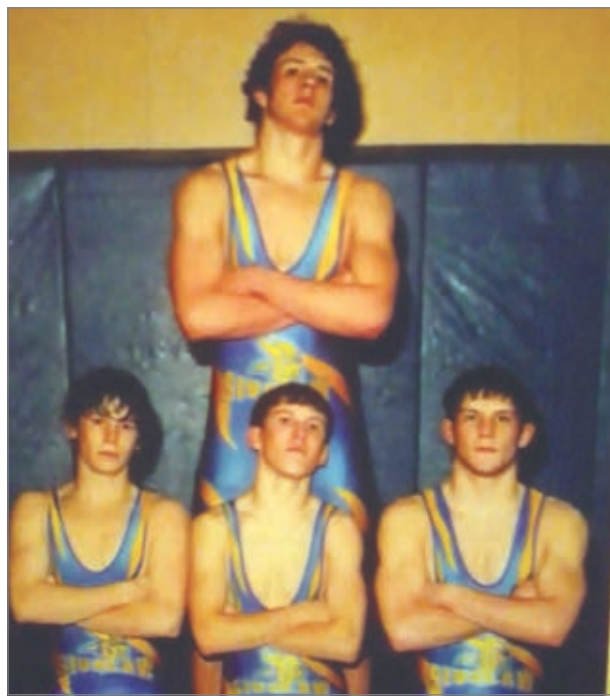
Former Siuslaw wrestler back on the mats

Will LOHRE
 Siuslaw News

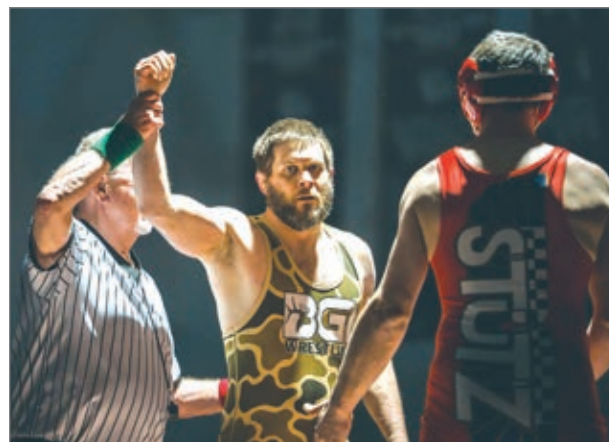
It's been 21 years since Ryan Thompson donned the blue and gold singlet of the Vikings, grappling on the mats and competing for Siuslaw High School.

Now, more than two decades later, Thompson is back to wrestling, competing in the Knucklehead Wrestling League, an adult league that has allowed him and others to rediscover the joys of wrestling.

"The Knucklehead gives athletes the chance they never had or something to keep chasing after high school. I wish it had been a bigger thing 20 years ago," Thompson



Thompson during his time at Siuslaw High School. Vikings' legend Nick Lutz is in the rear, and Thompson is on the right. Courtesy photos from Ryan Thompson



Thompson after winning a recent bout in the Knucklehead Wrestling League.

said. "There are some absolute STUDS that have come out of the woodwork to get on these cards for matches, from kids in college right now, to guys like me who have not competed in 20-plus years. I have

loved combat sports my whole life, and wrestling has definitely shaped me into the man I am today."

Thompson was a four-time state-qualifying wrestler for Siuslaw High

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Siuslaw baseball nabs first league win

Will LOHRE
 Siuslaw News

Siuslaw's first league win was one of redemption, as the Vikings bounced back after consecutive defeats against South Umpqua/Days Creek to beat the Lancers on Apr. 17.

The win came in the third Far West League game of the season, and the Vikings flipped the script against the Lancers after back-to-back 10-0 defeats against the same opponent. This time, the Vikings were the ones to get the last laugh, winning 6-3 over seven innings.

Much of the action played out in the early stages of the game, but the Vikings built the lead early and held off any charges from the Lancers down the stretch.

Batting first, Micah

Blankenship got on base with a sharp eye, staving off a strikeout with a foul ball on a full count, and seeing the pitch outside the zone to get on first base. He would score during the next at-bat, as Torelan DeSantis got on base thanks to an error, and Blankenship got home on the same play.

Jacob Mann was next to get on base for Siuslaw, showing off the guile with a bunt, and the wheels to make it to first. Coleman Weidman stepped up next and smacked a line drive single to left field, getting DeSantis home and Mann into scoring position at third. Mann would score Siuslaw's third run of the game on a groundout from Colin Barnett, bringing the score to 3-0.

In the bottom of the inning, the Lancers answered right back with

three runs of their own, bringing them level, 3-3, with the Vikings after one.

Undeterred, Siuslaw opened up the second inning with another walk. Leighton Wieboldt walked to first and advanced to third on a wild pitch and then an error. He subsequently scored off a sac fly from Blankenship, giving the Vikings the 4-3 advantage. On defense in the second, Siuslaw pitcher Jacob Mann held the Lancers to three at-bats: a groundout and then two flyouts.

Mann spent all day on the mound for Siuslaw, holding South Umpqua/Days Creek to zero runs after the first inning. He finished the day with two strikeouts while giving up six hits and walking just three batters. While Mann only had two

strikeouts, he kept the Lancers off balance for the whole game, with 61 of his 96 pitches being strikes.

In the third, Siuslaw added to their 4-3 lead. Michael Fitzsimmons and Mann led off the inning with leadoff singles, quickly advancing to second and third after a Weidman sacrifice bunt. Fitzsimmons scored on a groundout, and during the next at-bat, Mann managed to cross home plate after a wild pitch, making it 6-3 to the Vikings. He would be the last runner to score for the rest of the game.

Though both squads registered hits over the next three and a half innings, neither could quite harness the momentum to get players around all four bags.

It ended up being a comprehensive

victory for the Vikings, as Siuslaw out-hit and out-scored the Lancers. Siuslaw finished with nine hits, led by Weidman (3 hits, including Siuslaw's only double), Mann (2), and Fitzsimmons (2). Barnett totaled the most RBI for the Vikings with two, while Blankenship and Weidman each added one.

The win avenged two scoreless defeats at the hands of the Lancers, and Siuslaw held a 1-2 Far West record after the defeat. Overall, the Vikings held a 7-6 record in the wake of the win, with three games against Douglas looming.

The results from the Apr. 23 and 24 games against Douglas are unknown at the time of press, and they will be back in action against Sutherlin on May 1.

Art Exposed ReVision Installs New Exhibit

From **THE CITY OF FLORENCE**

The City of Florence's Art Exposed Rotating Outdoor Art Gallery is installing six new pieces of art on Highway 101 this spring. Art Exposed is a dynamic bi-annual rotation of public art that improves the livability of the Florence area, creates a unique sense of place, and enhances community identity, while also providing an increased economic impact for visitors and residents. Art Exposed offers the community a chance to view interesting, fresh artwork every two years at a low cost, while providing artists with an opportunity to display and sell their work to a wide audience. Since 2018, the City of Florence Public Arts Program

has installed public art throughout Historic Old Town Florence. In 2024, the Florence Public Arts Committee expanded the program up to Highway 101 into Florence Urban Renewal Agency's ReVision Florence Streetscape.

The six locations in this gallery are called Art Exposed ReVision Florence, <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/Art-Exposed-ReVision-Florence>. The Florence Public Arts Committee opened a Call for Artists in December 2025. Committee review began upon the call's completion on March 1, with a public meeting held on March 9 to introduce all the submissions. From there, the Committee selected the finalists for

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The City of Florence Art Exposed ReVision Florence 2026-2028 gallery has begun installation, with Diego Harris' "Heart of the River" corten steel sculpture coming to Location #3 - Nopal Street. The six sculptures coming to Highway 101 are available for sale and will be up for the next two years.

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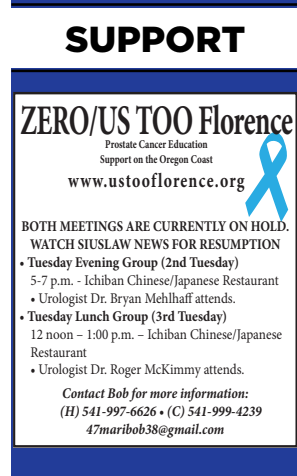


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Community Briefs

Lane County Cultural Coalition Seeks Members from West Lane

Lane County Cultural Coalition (LCCC) is currently seeking members to represent all areas of the county, including West Lane. Made up of 12 representatives from across Lane County, the Coalition's primary task is to distribute over \$30,000 of Oregon Cultural Trust grant funds to arts, heritage, and humanities projects. This is a great opportunity to impact Lane County's vibrant cultural community. Successful applicants will serve a three-year term from July 2026 through June 2029. Coalition meetings are held approximately quarterly. Visit <https://laneculture.net/> for details and the application form. Applications are due by May 8th at 5pm.

Garden Club Plant Sale correction

Florence Garden Club members are gearing up for the annual plant sale, in May. The sale always takes place the day before Mother's Day, so plants are fresh and vibrant! (Plant Sale is May 9, held at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St., Florence)

At the April meeting, members will be undertaking final preparations for the sale, such as identifying plants with plant tags, writing up care sheets (which will go home with the purchaser) and signing up for work shifts. Proceeds from the plant sale go to fund scholarships for local graduating high school students who choose to study horticulture, oceanography, marine life and associated life sciences. Social time begins at 12:30, the meeting begins at 1pm and ends about 2:30pm. Visitors are welcome at no cost.

Siuslaw Library seeks community input at May town hall meetings

The Siuslaw Public Library will hold two town hall meetings May 8-9 to share community feedback gathered during the strategic planning process. Library staff have spent the last month asking community members about their hopes and dreams for the region. For those in Upriver Siuslaw, join the Town Hall Friday, May 8, from noon to 2 p.m. for a provided lunch at the Mapleton Lions Gym, 88158 Riverview Avenue, Mapleton. Florence community members are invited on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florence library. Dr. Audrey Barbakoff, the library's planning consultant, will

give a short overview of what the library staff heard from the community through the community conversations and survey, and will invite participants to add to the information. "This is a chance for our community to review what we've learned so far," said Library Director Meg Spencer. "We'll be asking, 'Did we get it right?' before we move on with our strategic plan." Community members will be invited to share additional feedback. The meetings are free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. Refreshments will be provided.

Learn more about the Siuslaw Public Library Strategic Plan at <https://www.siuslawlibraryplan.org>, email SiuslawLibraryPlan@siuslawlibrary.org, call the library at 541-997-3132, or stop by the Florence or Mapleton locations.

Compost Workshop & Soil pH Testing at Florence Food Share Garden

OSU Extension Service is hosting a free compost workshop on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop is open to the public and will be held in the production garden behind Florence Food Share at 2190 Spruce St. in Florence. The event will be outdoors and will be held rain or shine. Oregon State University

Extension Service Lane County Master Gardener volunteers will provide the training. This hands-on workshop is suitable for beginning to experienced composters. Topics will cover the basics of how composting works, which materials to use, and different methods and types of compost bins available. Bring your questions! Local Master Gardeners will be present to answer composting questions. Soil samples for pH testing will also be accepted at the event. Cost is \$2 per sample, cash only. Bring 1 cup of dry soil for each sample (limit of three, please) in a plastic bag, labeled with your name and the sample location, e.g. blueberry bed. Test results will be available within two weeks.

For more information about composting and gardening, contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County Master Gardener Plant Clinic at: 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene, (541) 344-5859, lanemg@oregonstate.edu.

Wildflower Montessori School Summer Camps

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ART
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Art Exposed ReVision Florence at their regular meeting on March 30. All materials for those meetings are available under "Public Arts Committee" at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/AgendaCenter>. Congratulations and welcome to the selected artists and their works:

- Location #1 – Highway 126: Harold Linke, "Sky's the Limit!"
 - Location #2 – Eighth Street: Kirk Seese, "The Pollinator"
 - Location #3 – Nopal Street: Diego Harris, "Heart of the River"
 - Location #4 – Maple Street: CJ & Katen Rench, "East to West"
 - Location #5 – Laurel Street: David "Davingy" McGraw, "Blue Jig and Jag"
 - Location #6 – First Street: Rick True, "Translucent Perch"
- The Public Arts Committee thanks all the artists who applied to participate in this round of Art Exposed. Information on those submissions is available in the meeting materials listed above. Each of the selected pieces represents a variety of styles, designs, and types of sculptural artwork. All will be part of the ReVision Florence Streetscaping Corridor on Highway 101 for the next two years. The artists will each receive a \$1,500.00 stipend and their work will be marketed to the community and out of the area. If a piece sells, the City of Florence retains 30% of the proceeds to reinvest in the Public Arts Program. Installation of Art Exposed ReVision Florence began in April and will continue this spring. The art will be on display through 2026. This summer, look for news on a Walking Tour of the six new sites of Art Exposed. Press Release – Art Exposed ReVision Florence 2 As the new works rotate in to Art Exposed, the City of Florence also says goodbye and thank you to the artists who have shown their work on Highway 101 since 2024: Helena Chastel, Harold Linke, Lin McJunkin, Rick True, Steve Tyree, and Susie Zeitner. Learn more about the Art Exposed program at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/Art-Exposed>.

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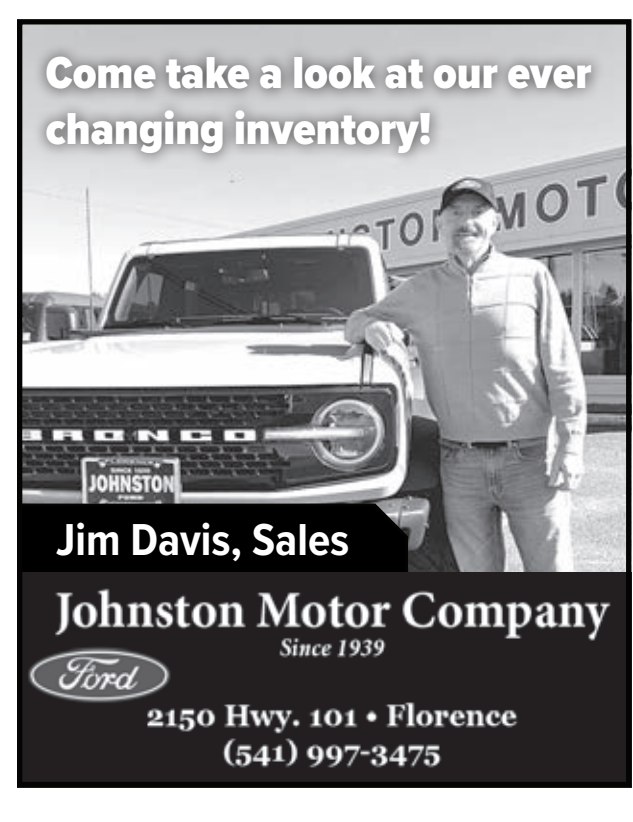
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Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate Brokers Honored

Eight local real estate brokers at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate were recently honored for their 2025 production within the Coldwell Banker global network, according to company officials.

Of the 100,000+ Coldwell Banker Associates worldwide, local brokers Aric Sneddon, Missy Johnson, Randy Paredes, Alva Bracey, Sam Johnson, Sadie Ward, Justin Young, and John Barnett all received recognition for their production placing them among in the upper echelon of the brokers in the entire Coldwell Banker system.

Sam Johnson and Randy Paredes earned the International Sterling Society award placing them in the top 16% of all Coldwell Banker brokers



Back row L to R: Justin Young, Missy Johnson, Sadie Ward, Aric Sneddon, John Barnett. Front Row L to R: Randy Paredes, Alva Bracey, Sam Johnson, Andy Johnson

internationally.

Justin Young, Aric Sneddon, and Alva Bracey, achieved the International Diamond Society award placing them in the top 10% of all Coldwell Banker brokers internationally.

Sadie Clark and Missy Johnson earned the President's Circle award, placing them in the top 7% of all Coldwell Banker brokers internationally.

And finally, John Barnett received the coveted President's

Elite award placing him in the top 2% of all Coldwell Banker brokers internationally.

In addition, the local firm owner Andy Johnson and his firm once again (for the 11th consecutive year) garnered top

distinction among the region as a "Premier Office – Gold designation" recognized as a top producing company for its size across the U.S. Only 7% of all Coldwell Banker offices achieve this recognition.

Johnson commented, "In our small coastal town of Florence, to have more than half of our brokers receive such coveted recognition in the Coldwell Banker system is truly remarkable. It is a result of their attention to detail and ability to connect with people and serve their needs." Johnson added, "It's an amazing accomplishment."

Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, one of Florence's longest established local businesses is located at 100 Highway 101. The local firm is in its 70th year in business

and has been an affiliate of Coldwell Banker, the nation's premier real estate network, since 1999. With more than 3,000 offices in 40 countries across the globe and more than 100,000 sales associates globally, Coldwell Banker Corporation is the world leader in luxury home sales and has consistently been an industry leader since its inception in 1906 in San Francisco, California.

Locally, Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate offers a global referral and marketing and online network among worldwide affiliates, and a dominant local presence in the real estate market. This past year in 2025, the firm was involved in approximately 42% of all dollar volume sold in the area – nearly twice the amount as its nearest competitor.



Thompson showing he's still got it after years away from the mats.

WRESTLING

From Page B1

School, wrestling all four years until graduating in 2005. Since 2006, he's been the Head Coach at Dog Pound Wrestling & MMA in Willamina.

The Knucklehead League has held three events so far at Willamina High School, drawing the crowds to support and cheer on wrestlers, and a portion of the proceeds goes to the high school wrestling program and the mat club. On top of that, \$5 from each ticket the wrestlers sell goes to the club of their choice, "a pretty cool deal," as Thompson describes it.

Thompson said the league has been taking the West Coast "by storm," but he discovered it because it began in the mat room where he coaches and trains. What started out as an alumni wrestling match at Willamina High School turned into something much greater.

Organizers Billy Bobb and Ray Carpenter pulled on connections to fight promotions to add some of the other bells and whistles that make the league what it is. Lights, DJs, announcers, and fans have helped make the Knucklehead League events exciting nights of wrestling.

"As of right now, they want to do matches every two months all year long. The roster of athletes grows each day, and the top guys in each weight class wrestle for a championship belt. There are light shows and walkout music; they're unlike any wrestling tournaments I have ever seen," Thompson said. "It has taken hold and is gaining speed at a rapid pace, so much so that athletes have to fill out applications now to enter the wrestlers' list from 125 lbs to

Thompson said. "It has been an unreal experience thus far. I can't wait to represent the Vikings and the dog pound in more matches and chase down the 145 title belt. As of right now, I am ranked #4 in a class higher than I plan to wrestle at!"

In addition to tons of young wrestlers on the mats, there are four seats reserved for competitors' family and friends, as well as two coach

spots. For Thompson, those seats are reserved for his wife, best friend, kids, and his uncle and cousin, Dan and Clint Fassold, two of his major inspirations for athletics and wrestling in general.

"[They] are literally the only reason I ever did sports, let alone wrestle," Thompson said. "Both out standing athletes and even better wrestlers."

While he has been in Willamina for a while

now, Thompson still stays close to his Siuslaw roots. Whether it's staying involved in some of the high school wrestling events or just enjoying the outdoor activities Florence has to offer, Thompson loves spending time in his hometown.

"I hand out awards most years at the Nick Lutz Memorial Wrestling Tournament at the high school. I still have a bunch of family there, and

we come down year after year to hunt and fish, and still come and camp in the sand," Thompson said.

So, maybe you'll see Thompson dirtbiking or four-wheeling among the dunes. Or maybe you'll see him competing on the mats at the Knucklehead League.

Knucklehead Wrestling League has a Facebook page and Instagram, as well as live stream and past events on YouTube.



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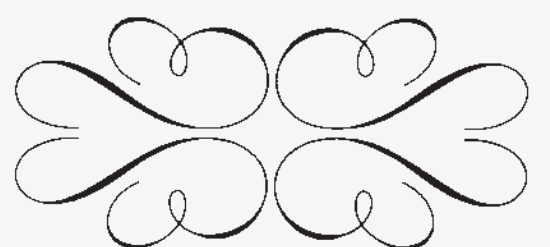
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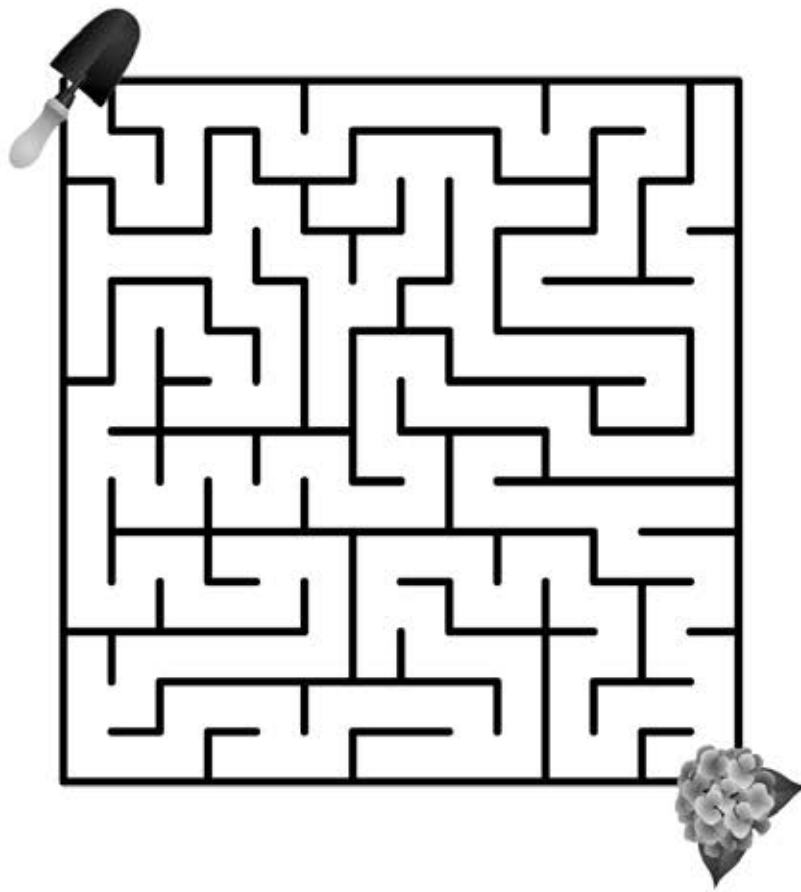


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1803: Thousands of meteor fragments fall from the skies of L'Aigle, France.

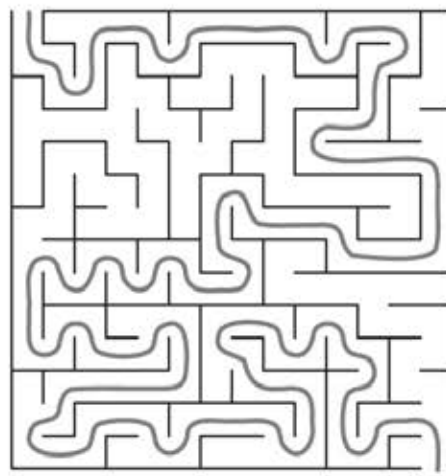
1865: Union cavalry troopers shoot dead John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln.

1956: The world's first successful container ship leaves Port Newark, New Jersey.

Nature FACT:

Several species of this plant can grow a few inches each day. Due to the rapid growth, it needs to be contained.

Answer: Bamboo



NEW WORD

CULTIVATE

prepare land to grow crops

How they say that in...

- English:** Shovel
- Spanish:** Pala
- Italian:** Pala
- French:** Pelle
- German:** Schaufel

Did You Know?

There are more microorganisms in a single teaspoon of soil than there are people on Earth.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Cactus

LOTS OF LAUGHS WORD SEARCH



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WORDS

- AMUSING
- BANTER
- CHUCKLE
- COMEDY
- FACETIOUS
- FUNNY
- GUFFAW
- HILARITY
- IRONY
- JESTING
- JOCULAR
- LEVITY
- MERRIMENT
- PARODY
- PUNCHLINE
- QUIP
- SATIRE
- SLAPSTICK
- SNICKER
- TEDIUM
- TICKLE
- UPROARIOUS
- WITTICISM
- ZANY

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

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



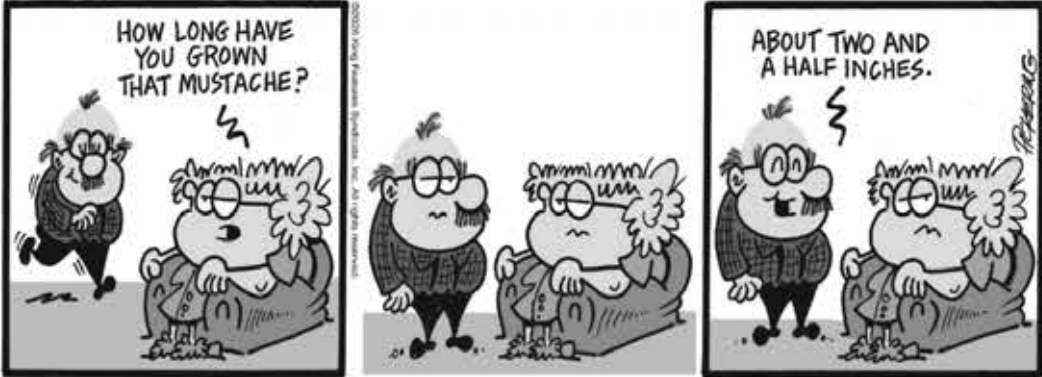
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CryptoQuip

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: L equals U

MWDG NZLGBOP FTGYTGY
 NDEDCOTBP OZP KBDGDHDH
 CEKNS-BTD KVKTOF, HTH WD
 MDKO KNLVV-ETGSF?

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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!

Stay: MARINE
 Chance: MODARN
 Fake: SOUPED
 Values: SCITHE

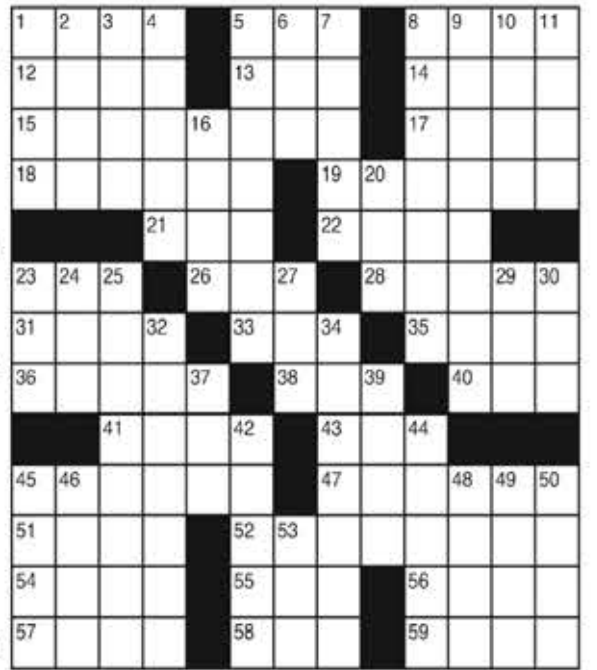
TODAY'S WORD: _____

"That one is in case you want another _____!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lopsided win
- 5 Have bills
- 8 Wan
- 12 Golden Fleece ship
- 13 Fix illegally
- 14 Final Four gp.
- 15 Speed
- 17 Teri of "Tootsie"
- 18 Actor Estevez
- 19 Looked closely (at)
- 21 Pitcher Maglie
- 22 Bath powder
- 23 Speed (up)
- 26 Poetic contraction
- 28 Period of rule
- 31 El-Masry of "Star Wars"
- 33 Bro, maybe
- 35 Stair part
- 36 Deeply touched
- 38 Its cap. is Brussels
- 40 "— outta here!"
- 41 "Dream on!"
- 43 Actor Holbrook
- 45 Locust
- 47 Talisman
- 51 Seethe
- 52 Maximum contents
- 54 Diminutive suffix



- 55 Hirohito's title (Abbr.)
- 56 One-named supermodel
- 57 Sun beams
- 58 Verbalize
- 59 Church section
- 7 Pharaoh's land
- 8 The "A" of UCLA
- 9 Shortage
- 10 Fast runner
- 11 Lawn party site
- 16 Pisa farewell
- 20 Jug handle
- 23 Zodiac animal
- 24 Comic Philips
- 25 Liveliness
- 27 Tease
- 29 "My word!"
- 30 "Science Friday" network
- 32 Secondhand deals
- 34 "Cheer up!"
- 37 Carried out
- 39 Tibetan monk
- 42 Confronts
- 44 "— di Lammormoor"
- 45 Driver with a handle
- 46 Tiny bit
- 48 Walk unevenly
- 49 LAX guesses
- 50 Broadway actress Daly
- 53 Docs' org.

DOWN

- 1 Gushing review
- 2 Utah city
- 3 Wrinkled fruit
- 4 Workshop
- 5 Baltimore
- 6 Humorist

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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: ♦♦♦

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is Indiana Jones' real first name in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
- LITERATURE: What is Charlie's last name in the children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What isthmus connects the Asian and African continents?
- MATH: What is the first prime number to follow 19?
- GEOLOGY: What type of rock is formed by cooled lava?
- TELEVISION: What is the title character's famous line in the TV detective show "Columbo"?
- BUSINESS: What company's stock ticker symbol is LUV?
- ASTRONOMY: Which four planets in our solar system have rings?
- HISTORY: About how many people worldwide were infected by the Spanish flu in the early part of the 20th century?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: If an animal eats only plants, what is it called?

NOINION

Today's Word

- 1. Remain; 2. Random
- 3. Pseudo; 4. Ethics

SCRAMBLERS

F	E	A	R	S
L	A	S	E	R
S	C	A	L	E
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D	U	C	A	L
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

When country singer celebrity Roy attended black-the affairs, did he wear Acurl-links?

answer

10. An herbivore population

9. Nearly one-third of the world's

8. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune

7. Southwest Airlines

6. "Just one more thing"

5. Igneous

4. 23

3. Isthmus of Suez

2. Bucket

1. Henry

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

R	O	U	T	O	W	E	A	S	H	Y	
A	R	G	O	R	I	G	N	C	A	A	
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+ + +			
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WITH **Dr. Keith Roach**



A True Statement About Cancer Causes Intense Worry in Reader

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your column every day. In a recent column, you wrote: "Since age is the major risk factor in getting cancer, it's likely that some people who were cured of their original cancer will later succumb to a different one."

This statement terrified me as I fall into this category. I had a lobectomy in 2009 to remove stage IA lung cancer that hadn't spread and for which I wasn't prescribed chemo or radiation. Annual CT scans since then have all been negative except for a pulmonary embolism in 2014, which resulted in a blood thinner prescription. I'm told that I will need to be on the blood thinner for the rest of my life.

Two years ago, my oncologist said that I could opt out of the scans and yearly visits since my chance of a recurrence was "less than 1%." (I think this was the percentage, or maybe I'm confusing it with something else she said.) Nevertheless, I decided to continue the scans and visits just to be on the safe side.

I rarely think about this cancer until it's time for a scan and a visit. However, your column shed new light on the situation, and as I said, now I'm scared to death. My first question is: Was it really necessary for you to include this statement since it was bound to frighten a great many people like me, who may not routinely worry about a 15-year-old cancer but will now most cer-

tainly worry?
My second question is: What can you say about my situation that may assuage my fears? — J.G.

ANSWER: I'm sorry to scare you. Every cancer survivor does know that cancer can come back. However, this risk goes down over time. How much and how quickly the risk goes down depends on the type of cancer. Your oncologist is right that for non-small cell lung cancer (I'm making an assumption), the risk is very low after 18 years. You should continue to follow her advice about follow-up scans.

What I was really referring to is that a person who's had cancer is more likely to get a new and separate cancer than the average person (who has about a 25% to 30% chance of dying from cancer). So, a cancer survivor should be diligent about following recommended screenings for other cancers, such as a mammogram, colonoscopy or PSA test (as appropriate for their age and sex).

Not all people (especially women) with lung cancer are current or former smokers, but those who are or were smokers should have careful exams of their mouths and throats. Lifestyle changes can also make a big difference with cancer risk, especially diet. A mostly plant-based diet reduces the risk of many cancers, and regular exercise helps as well. This is good advice for everyone — but especially those who have had cancer. Alcohol should be minimized or avoided entirely.

All of us live with the knowledge that we will die someday. Many people don't like to think about it, but physicians need to so that we can give our patients the best advice on how we can help them. For cancer survivors, this means being diligent about living wisely and getting the appropriate screening. It doesn't mean being obsessed with the possibility of an old cancer returning or a new cancer appearing.

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.

Even Exchange
ANSWERS

1. Packet, Picket
2. Apron, Akron
3. Share, Store
4. Danger, Dagger
5. Braid, Brain
6. Prose, Prove
7. Middle, Riddle
8. Chick, Click
9. Revue, Reveal
10. Whist, Whist

999 PUBLIC NOTICES
TSN26-142 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE Budget Committee of the Siuslaw School District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Siuslaw Middle School Commons,

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2525 Oak St., Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public input. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on the district website or at the school district office, 2111 Oak St., Florence, Oregon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or on the district's website at www.siuslaw.k12.or.us. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Please see Siuslaw School District's Website for additional information and future scheduled budget meetings. Future meetings: May 13, 2026 - Board Meeting; Board Finalizes Budget June 10, 2026 - Board Adopts Approved Budget with Amendments Publication dates: 4/29 & 5/6/2026 - Budget Meeting/ Public Input

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the Budget Committee of the Port of Siuslaw, Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held at the Port of Siuslaw, 100 Harbor St in Florence and available via zoom link below. The first meeting will take place on May 20, 2026 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget documents may be inspected or obtained by contacting Kelly at 541-997-3426 or by email at kelly@portofsiuslaw.com and will be posted on our website at www.portofsiuslaw.com on May 8, 2026. Members of the public who wish to attend, view or need reasonable accommodations should contact Kelly, Administrative Assistant, at least 48 hours prior to the noticed meeting time, by phone at 541-997-3426

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TSN26-144 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Dunes City Council will be possibly adopting Ordinance 277 at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Dunes City Hall, located at 82877 Spruce Street in the Westlake area. Ordinance No. 277 is an Ordinance possibly adopting an amended Chapter 120 of the Dunes City Code Ordinance No. 206 previously created and adopted in 2010. Ordinance No. 277 is available for viewing at no cost at Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce Street, Westlake, Oregon, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Copies will be provided at a reasonable cost. Ordinance No. 277 is also available on the Dunes City web site at www.dunescity.gov. 4/29/26

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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.

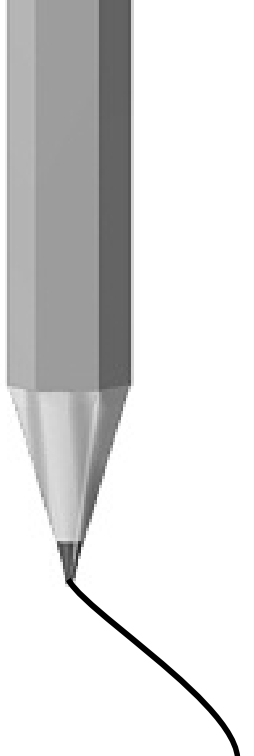
1. Small container	A	Fence style	I
2. Chef's bib	P	Ohio city	K
3. Portion	H	Ogle	T
4. Peil	N	Short knife	G
5. Twisted hairdo	D	Thinking organ	N
6. Writing style	S	Provide evidence	V
7. Center	M	Brain teaser	R
8. Halching	H	Hit it off	L
9. Resuscitate	V	Edit	S
10. Bracelet locate	R	Foursome card game	H

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The Garden Bug
Dogwood trees
These lovely trees thrive in "sun-dappled" environments that enjoy protection from hours of direct sun. They like being next to tall buildings or taller trees. The most crucial factor when planting dogwoods is water access; they have shallow roots, and even with shade these root systems will dry quickly. If the leaves are light-green, prickly, or crispy, more water is needed. - Brenda Weaver
Source: www.thetreecenter.com/flowering-trees/dogwood-trees
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This .75 Acre lot is a great opportunity to own a slice of nature. Surrounded by mature trees with a natural trail running through the land. Ideal for the Buyer willing to investigate uses & development options. \$49,900 List #1389/172549478



Charming 3 bdrm, 1 bath home with 1,024 sq. ft. of single level living. New roof in 2021. This home has lots of upgrades & a large enclosed back patio & spacious fenced yard. Double car garage. \$425,000 List #1368/368562667




PENDING
.27 Acre lot on the corner of Hwy 101 & Bellevue Drive north of Florence. Property has 120 feet of Hwy 101 frontage. Water & electric available, septic in unknown condition. \$96,500 List #1354/326940899




Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath home located in the Reserve at Heceta Lakes. 2472 sq. ft. of living space. 2-car garage with large upper flex-room. Primary suite with w-i-c, double vanity and shower. \$775,000 List #1385/306045104



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Be the first occupant in this modern & thoughtfully designed 3 bdrm, 2 bath home with 1689 sq. ft. of living space in the Three Mile Prairie neighborhood. Primary suite has soaking tub. Attached 2-car garage. \$445,000 List #1292/537909643

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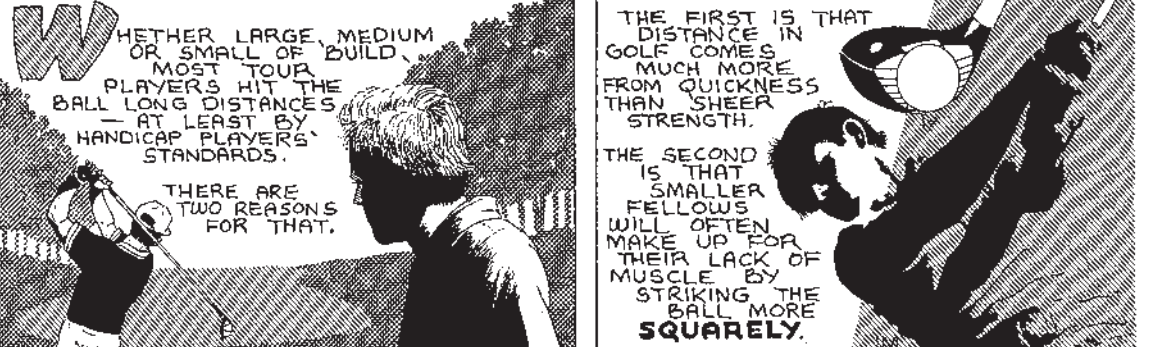
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



OH BOY, THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE GOOD WHEN I SHOW MY FOLKS MY REPORT CARD.
I REALLY NEED TO USE SOME "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE."
MY REPORT CARD CAME TODAY.
NOW DON'T GO BLAMING YOURSELF. YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



WHETHER LARGE, MEDIUM OR SMALL OF BUILD, MOST TOUR PLAYERS HIT THE BALL LONG DISTANCES - AT LEAST BY HANDICAP PLAYERS' STANDARDS. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THAT.
THE FIRST IS THAT DISTANCE IN GOLF COMES MUCH MORE FROM QUICKNESS THAN SHEER STRENGTH.
THE SECOND IS THAT SMALLER FELLOWS WILL OFTEN MAKE UP FOR THEIR LACK OF MUSCLE BY STRIKING THE BALL MORE SQUARELY.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

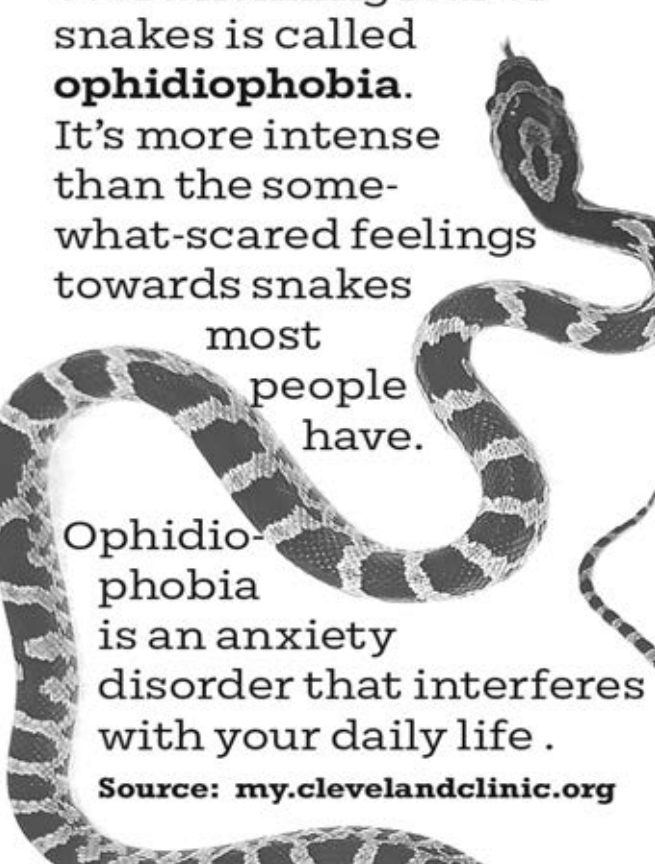


WHAT IF WE GOT IN A BOAT WENT OUT TO THE BEARING SEA, AND CRAB FISHED FOR 72 HOURS?
NAH, LET'S ORDER PIZZA AND HOT WINGS
LET'S DO SHOTS AND BINGE WATCH WHITE LOTUS
WHO WANTS NACHOS?!!
THE DEADLIEST COUCH

Fun Fact

Having an extreme, overwhelming fear of snakes is called **ophidiophobia**. It's more intense than the somewhat-scared feelings towards snakes most people have.

Ophidiophobia is an anxiety disorder that interferes with your daily life.
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New Listing

89510 Hwy 101 #16 - \$80,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 412 SqFt. Cute, lake view home in Buck Lake Park with sunny front deck and backyard garden. #3754-208663674



New Listing

2510 Willow Crest Ct. - \$699,900

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2348 SqFt. Beautifully appointed home with den, high ceilings, chef's kitchen, fenced yard, and RV parking. #3766-611796548



Price Reduced

290 Harbor St. - \$1,450,000

5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2201 SqFt. Restored 1894 Old Town cottage with new garage, ADU, luxury upgrades, modern comfort throughout. #3724-327759244



Price Reduced

2937 Munsel Lake Rd. - \$370,000

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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



Price Reduced

1647 12th St. - \$299,000

1660 SqFt Commercial building. Contractor's special with parking and outdoor shower, owner financing available, redevelopment potential. #3730-111752945



Price Reduced

129 Evergreen Ln. - \$380,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1172 SqFt. Florentine Estates fixer with flexible layout, workshop garage, and private setting ready for updates. #3760-474192263



5262 Nopal St. - \$425,000

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



87748 Terrace View Dr. - \$699,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1416 SqFt. Coastal living with ocean views, plus possible rental income from renovated lower-level. #3734-446288655



89510 Hwy 101 #23 - \$39,000-\$44,000

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2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1810 SqFt. Whimsical beach retreat, proven Airbnb income, ocean views, one block to sand. #3742-457960361



65 Shoreline Dr. - \$750,000

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



179 Laurel St #9 - \$449,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1272 SqFt. Old Town furnished condo with river views, private tower, balcony. Beautiful coastal living. #3749-672611193



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848 Wecoma Lp. - \$370,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1782 SqFt. Immaculately kept home and grounds, oversized garage, low maintenance landscaping. #3752-185646847



87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1866 SqFt. Secluded property with mature fruit trees, custom kitchen, bonus room, shop, and river access. #3714-272688773



89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000

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



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



1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$349,000

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