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Florence Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Bettina Hannigan explains the value of tourism marketing to a full room at Florence Events Center. Tony Reed photos.



Council adjusts Fee Schedule, may extend developer discount

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

In the first of three public hearings on June 15, the Florence City Council voted 4 to 1 to continue the City's deferral program ordinance for System Development Charges on newly-built homes. Since there was no unanimous consent at the first reading on June 15, the ordinance moves to a second reading at the next regular council meeting.

According to staff reports, staff presented the City Council with background last June and information regarding temporary exemptions of System Development Charges (SDCs) for homes, as well as the opportunity to defer payment of SDCs until final building occupancy.

"Since July 2018, the City has provided temporary partial exemptions of SDCs for homes based on the square footage of the dwelling with the understanding that the exemptions will expire on June 30th of the following year unless extended by City Council," the report stated.

The last ordinance extended the exemption and deferral program until June 30, 2026.

According to Public Works Director August Murphy, this year saw the development of 28 homes requiring permits for construction. Of those 28 homes, 19 benefitted from the SDC extension program, due to being under 1,800 square feet in size, he said.

"Additionally, four homes that are larger than 1,800 square feet are located in Stonefield Court, and they only pay sewer, stormwater, and street SDCs since they are served water from Heceta Water PUD. As of May 29, 2025, the City provided a total of \$121,238.01 in exemptions during FY 2025-26," the report stated, noting that the following years showed amounts ranging from \$49,000 to \$180,000 (rounded).

Murphy said that since the program started, the City has provided a total of \$976,631.80 in exemptions.

"To illustrate what the impact of these exemptions represents for each of the utilities or transportation system, here are examples of what \$100,000 in SDC funds will pay for in capacity-increasing projects: in water, the construction of 416 lineal feet of 12-inch water main or 10 percent of a new groundwater well. And waste water, construction of 330 lineal feet of 12-inch sewer main, or 20% of a new sewer pump

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Community leaders honored at Siuslaw Awards

FROM FLORENCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The 19th annual Siuslaw Awards took place Thursday, June 18, at the Florence Events Center, recognizing local businesses, nonprofits, entrepreneurs, and community leaders for their outstanding contributions to the Florence community and surrounding region. This year's "License to Lead" celebration featured a James Bond-inspired espionage theme, with attendees

embracing the 007 spirit of leadership, innovation, and mission-driven success.

Several hundred guests gathered at the Florence Events Center for an evening of recognition, networking, and celebration honoring those whose efforts help make Florence a

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Before and during dinner, attendees had fun visiting and posing for 007-themed photos.



Heceta Lighthouse work continues



Inside the giant lens, the light is currently turned off.

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

The Heceta Head Lighthouse remains dark as mechanical repairs continue inside.

According to State Parks Communications Manager Lauren Wirtis, the light has been turned off since late March. While ships no longer use shore lighthouses for nighttime navigation, the light has remained in operation. Built in 1893, the light can shine a beam visible for up to 21 nautical

miles, according to the State Parks website.

According to mechanical diagrams submitted by State Parks, the entire light and lens assembly sits on a rotating platform, supported by metal carriage wheels.

In a previous interview, Park Manager Hylah Furnish said the carriage wheels have worn to the point where the gears that rotate the assembly are out of alignment.

Since lighthouse

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Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students get a big boost from three Rivers Foundation

At its awards luncheon, the Three Rivers Foundation gave \$6,990 to Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students, a local organization that helps keep students' lives stable when times get tough.

When local families face housing instability or sudden financial stress district students feel it immediately. School becomes harder, stability slips, and all too often these systems meant to help cannot move fast enough to meet the moment. Safe shelter for Siuslaw

Students exists to be ready when such things happen, with flexible, unrestricted community support.

For Safe Shelter, Suzanne Mann-Heintz said the organization's funds have been low at a time when family costs are extremely high.

In addition to helping with costs, Safe Shelter also holds clothing drives where parents can get new undergarments for kids, browse used clothes and

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Romney Speerschneider, Suzanne Mann-Heintz and Aftyn representing Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students, hold a check from Three Rivers Foundation. Photo provided

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We can solve the puzzle – Are you with me, Peacehealth?

By **BOB HORNEY**

Two words, (Support Person), spoken to me at the June 8 Patient Experience Meeting have provided an opportunity to answer the questions that I have been seeking in a couple recent articles: specifically, “How do we patients notify PeaceHealth that we have chosen someone to accompany us to medical appointments.” They got me so energized that my immediate research ran me headfirst into a block wall. Say what?? Well, I went looking for the Oregon Law that authorizes a Support Person (441.049) and found that it applies only to hospitals – all licensed hospitals. That was, however, only a minor setback. Plowing forward, I

found NOTHING that said it couldn't also be applied to clinics. So, with the door now open a crack, Bob charged right on through it with his total intent being, you guessed it, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center officially designating Support Person as found in ORS 441.049 in effect throughout its entire healthcare presence in Florence.

Having one system throughout our PeaceHealth Healthcare in Florence makes sense from every angle as I see it. To go from “are they listed in your Contacts” when at the clinic and then switch to “have you selected a Support Person” when at the hospital or emergency room just doesn't make sense to me.

Since the law as written

addresses the Support Person only at the hospital level except for emergency room use, I did more “thinking” about where this was taking me than “writing” about it. That was probably a good thing and wise use of my time since it was no doubt responsible for me going directly to the PeaceHealth website and seeing if it had any references to Support Person. Actually, I got there by asking my Copilot that very question and the answer popped right up in the Patient Rights and Responsibilities section. To be very honest and straightforward, I doubt that I would ever have found those words being left to my own searching.

After reading what PeaceHealth wrote, I think

I can safely say it basically repeated the ORS 441.049 law. Support Person is mentioned 3 times with no information about choosing a Support Person for the patient's visits to the clinic. The title of the PeaceHealth information, however, does mention Hospitals and Clinics. The value of having a Support Person available and “in training” (smile) during the patient's more frequent (hopefully) trips to the clinic than the hospital would be a real asset if and when the patient ended up entering the hospital. Not only learning their way through the healthcare system, but maybe even more by bonding into a team with the patient. That would be a huge asset for the patient's care team.

I have a goal in mind for all of this – get us all on the same page with our healthcare messaging. I want this to be “out with the old and in with the new.” I will get into this more next week, but Support Person has a much more defined role than the current Contact, plus with ORS 441.049 being in place for emergency room use and hospitalizations, we should have this information front and center for everyone. Don't make us wait until we are in the midst of pain and suffering and then ask us if we have a Support Person to call. I want to jump on this!

When it comes to changes in our healthcare that affect us at the ground level, we deserve and need time to make those changes.

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department respond to the following calls from June 9 to June 15

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

At 1:02 a.m., officers observed a vehicle northbound on Spruce Street, believed to have been associated with another case. While officers followed the vehicle, it reportedly committed several moving violations, including running a stop sign. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, and the driver sped away, later missing a turn and taking out a road sign. Officers were able to stop the vehicle and found out the driver was not intoxicated, had a valid license, and had no warrants. The driver was cited for the moving violations and given a date to appear in court.

At 8:22 a.m., a caller

in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive reported seeing suspicious persons on their ring camera. Officers observed the footage but could not see the subjects in detail. Patrol was increased in the area.

At 10:27 a.m., a caller reported encountering a vehicle while driving that did not merge and scratched their vehicle. However, the caller could not get a license plate or further information about the other vehicle, which had left the area. A report was taken.

2:55 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of 24th St. for a report that a firearm, which had been surrendered to a subject who later died, may have been

stolen by another party. The case remains under investigation.

At 8:49 p.m., a caller in the 100 block of Maple reported a car alarm going off for a long time. Officers arrived in the area but found the neighborhood quiet.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

At 3:21 p.m., a caller reported that a lawn chair was taken from a porch in the 1300 block of Spruce.

At 4:13 p.m., a caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the area of Rhododendron and Redwood. An Oregon State Police trooper was in the area and handled the call.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

At 8:44 a.m., officers responded to the 100 Nopal for a report that guns were taken from a vehicle.

At 11:27 a.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of Highway 101 for the reported theft of a vintage jacket.

At 10:36 a.m., a subject came into the police department to surrender BB guns for destruction.

At 1:19 p.m., a business in the 2300 block of Highway 101 reported that a subject stole shoes from the store. Officers were following up at last report.

At 2:31 p.m., a caller reported an intoxicated subject in the 700 block of Highway 101 who was attempting to drive. Officers located

the vehicle and arrested William Downey for DUII.

At 7:41 p.m., a caller reported seeing a very young child accompanied by an older child driving a motorized chair in the area of 9th Street. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the described subject.

At 7:59 p.m., a business in the 3300 block of Highway 101 reported a theft of about \$60 worth of merchandise. Officers were following up.

At 8:43 p.m., a business in the 1700 block of 20th St. reported shoplifting. Officers reviewed the footage and contacted the suspect, who said he had paid for the items. Officers said he must go back to the store and show a receipt to prove it. When the subject refused, he was cited for theft 3.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

At 2:45 a.m., officers responded to the area of 12th and no Paul for a report of loud music. Officers arrived and could hear music, but when they knocked on the door of the residence, a voice said: “We're turning it down and going to bed.” No further action was taken.

At 9:40 a.m., a caller reported that his grandfather's Computer and phone had likely been the target of attempted scams. Officers counseled all parties on methods to avoid being scammed.

At 11:44 a.m., a

business in the 1500 block of Highway 101 reported that a bicycle had been locked out front for weeks. Officers arrived and took possession of the bicycle, which is now being stored at the police department.

At 2:40 p.m., callers reported a subject possibly flashing passers in the eastbound lane of Highway 126. Officers located the described subject, who said he was having stomach problems and needed to relieve himself. Officers could find no evidence of him doing so and advised him of the laws regarding public urination and defecation.

At 3:08 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle in the 2200 block of 23rd St. which they felt posed a risk to children playing in the area because of how it was balanced on jackstands. Officers contacted the vehicle owner, who said he would take care of it.

At 3:23 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Airport Road for a reported theft of vehicle license plates. A report was taken, and a follow-up was conducted.

At 5:07 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Maple for a report of a dispute occurring. Officers found a civil dispute over tenancy. One tenant asked that the other be trespassed from the residence. Officers informed all parties that that would not be possible.

At 5:44 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Highway 101 for a report of an intoxicated subject. Officers arrived and located the subject, and gave them a ride to a safe location.

At 9:04 p.m., callers reported a dirtbike racing up and down Highway 101 between the 3500 and 3900 blocks. Officers arrived to find the dirt bike had left the area.

At 11:49 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a missing dog.

While on location, officers received a call that the dog had returned home.

SATURDAY JUNE 13

At 12:15 a.m., a caller reported possible sexual abuse in the Florence area and left several phone numbers. Officers called the numbers but were unable to get further information or identify a possible victim.

At 1:34 a.m., officers attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle southbound on Highway 101 near the Siuslaw River Bridge. Upon seeing officers turn around, the vehicle failed to yield and attempted to elude them. Officers discontinued the chase for public safety reasons.

(follow up with North Bend police tomorrow)

At 2:14 a.m., officers made a traffic stop on Highway 101 and arrested Ethan Hagle for DUII.

At 10:07 a.m., a subject came into the police department to speak to staff and was found to have a warrant for his arrest from Lane County probation. The subject was taken into custody.

At 11:59 a.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of 37th St. for a report of a dispute occurring inside a vehicle. Officers arrived to find the described vehicle and spoke with the people inside. The dispute was determined to have been verbal, and no further action was taken.

At 7:04 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of 19th St. to assist medical personnel with a patient.

At 10 p.m., officers responded to the 3600 block of Ocean Dunes for a report of a possible burglary in progress. Officers investigated and found no signs of forced entry or missing items.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

At 1:01 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male adult had been assaulted by three juveniles. Officers were able to identify the suspects, and one was arrested. The case remains under investigation.

At 5:13 a.m., dispatch received a report that a rape had occurred. Since the report said it occurred outside of Florence, the case was referred to the appropriate agency.

At 7:15 a.m., a caller in the 100 block of Highway 101 reported that a window had been broken in his vehicle sometime during the night. A report was taken.

At 9:29 a.m., a call reported that their



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Ralph E Saulsgiver Jr. age 95, of Florence passed away June 9th and he was born May 23, 1931, in Sacramento, CA. He was the child of Ralph and Inez Saulsgiver. He spent 34 years as a timber faller and 23 years as a commercial fisherman. He was deeply loved in his community as a commissioner for the Port of Siuslaw.

Palmer, Sheryl (Dave) Quail, Bud (Cathy) Saulsgiver, Kevin (Tina) Saulsgiver. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughters Donna Watson and Debbie Finnegan. At his request private cremational rites were held and contributions can be made in his honor to the American Heart Association in Ralph's memory.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of 65 years and children Deanna (Paul)



Flag Day Ceremony Success Despite Heat

By **CAL APPLEBEE**
Contributor

Extreme temperatures did not prevent a small group of locals who turned out Sunday, June 14th for the annual Flag Day Ceremony where torn and tattered American flags are retired by burning them, under flag code guidance. Conducted by American Legion Post 59

in Florence, the program was briefer than normal due to the extreme heat. Post Commander Mike Nielsen served as Master of Ceremonies. Shark Division - US Naval Sea Cadets of Florence posted colors. Both opening and closing prayers were delivered by Ardie Edwards. Florence City Counsel President Robert Carp delivered a brief message regarding the

history and significance of the American Flag. While members of the public as well as members of the American Legion conducted the burning ceremony of the several hundred flags, Len Larson delivered a moving message on the Vietnam Wall. Personnel from Western Lane Fire & EMS provided stand-by fire watch. The local ceremony is

held each year on June 14th, Flag Day, regardless of which day of the week the day lands on. Those who have flags needing retirement for next year can turn them in at multiple locations throughout the year including DAV Post 23 on 21st Street, Florence Elks Lodge 1858 on 12th Street, or Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority main station on Hwy 101.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

Last week My husband and I journeyed from Paradise California up to Florence Oregon to attend my grandson Ben's high school graduation. Well having attended many high school graduations in the past, I was so impressed with how Ben's high school goes all out - we entered the town of Florence and immediately saw pictures of each of the 126 graduating students lining Hwy 101 through the town. Ben's picture was one of the first ones and easy to see. Right in front of his favorite restaurant "the Hokilau." Then the day before graduation they bring them to the high school and place them right in front of the gym entrance. On graduation day we

are told that the ceremony starts at 7 but be there by 6 to get a seat - boy were they right. At about 5:30 my daughter texts you better get here now - people are lined up and the doors don't open to six. Full house, not a seat to be found. Promptly at 7 it starts the band plays pomp and circumstance and my tears start. The students enter - not as a parade but in pairs - and the whole gym celebrates every new entering pair with the same excitement. It was probably the longest I have ever heard pomp and circumstance played but it was so special. The graduating speeches were excellent! The school did it right - the school board delivered the diplomas; the students switched their tassels and

they tossed their caps - ending a night of excitement and expectation. At the end the parents were told they could take the pictures of their student home. Beautiful and meaningful - Thank you

*Jan Keller
Paradise, CA*

DEAR EDITOR,

Affordable? Housing is not a crises of affordability; but, of expectation and supply. All rentals and purchases are affordable since all get voluntarily rented or sold. Wanting a castle at the price of a hovel is a personal crises of expectation, not a failure of the market. Demanding someone else pay for it is a personal crises of

adultism, not a failure of capitalism. Either lower desires, increase means, and/or relocate. More supply results in lower prices. Ignoring this does not alter market supply/demand reality. Private contractors are motivated to build when rents/sales less build-costs yields better profit than investing elsewhere. Half the cost to build and operate housing is bureaucratic regulations and taxation; 200K\$ of the typical 400K\$ home. Some regulation is healthy and a few taxes needed; but, these have become smotheringly excessive. With private demotivated, let's have public agencies build/subsidize construction. But bureaucracies feed themselves and buddies first resulting in public efforts costing 2-5 times more. People pay that cost in higher taxes and lower freedoms. Only by keeping bureaucracies small can we keep their inherent negative affects minimal. Every agency is a business with a mandate to grow taking profits out through payroll, corruption, and privileges. It loves those who say "government should fix this", approve in Lane County 67% of tax measures, and refuse to become politically involved. Making housing expensive was caused by our agencies and they are using it to further grow in size, power, and profit.

*Keith Stanton, CCP
Florence*



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What is the 4th of July Porch Parade?

FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Let's celebrate together this 4th of July! We're inviting everyone in the community to join us in the fun by decorating their front porches. It's all about unleashing your creativity and spreading joy to your neighbors and friends.

Florence Habitat for Humanity will create a virtual map featuring all the registered porches, so you can plan a walk or drive to enjoy and share in the celebration. Community members and visitors can vote online until midnight on Saturday, July 4th.

Businesses, we want you to join in too!

REGISTER YOUR PORCH!

Registration is FREE!
 · Once you register, your home or business will be added to our Porch Parade Map.
 · The first 50 residential porches in the Florence area to register will receive a 4th of July Porch Parade lawn sign—look out for it to magically appear on your lawn!
 · Encourage your neighbors and businesses to get involved too!

STEP 2: DECORATE YOUR PORCH

Porches must be fully decorated by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1st and remain up through Sunday, July 5th. Judging will close at midnight on July 4th.

- Make sure your decorations are family-friendly!
- No porch? No problem! Decorate your lawn, sidewalk, windows, or any other visible space from the street.
- Let's make this 4th of July unforgettable by coming together to spread some community spirit and creativity!

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- Porch Decorations: All porches must be fully decorated by 12:00 PM (noon) on Wednesday, July 1st and remain displayed through Sunday, July 5th
- Content Guidelines: The decorations must be family-friendly. Displays should not focus on religious, political, ideological, or controversial themes. The focus should remain on fostering community spirit while staying at home. Businesses are welcome and encouraged to participate!

participate!

· Display Approval: We reserve the right to remove any displays that do not align with our guidelines or mission.

· Registration Limit: Only one registration per household is allowed.

· Social Media Participation: To participate, share your display by tagging @ FlorenceHabitat or using the hashtags #4thOfJulyPorchParade, #FlorenceStrong, #HomesCommunities Hope, and #HFHH.

· Photo/Video Consent: By sharing photos or videos of your display on social media, you grant Florence Habitat for Humanity permission to use your images or footage across any platform.

· Judging: Displays will be judged through Saturday, July 4th.

· Winner Announcement: The winners will be announced on Sunday, July 5th.

· Winner Recognition: A special ribbon will be placed in the yard of the winning displays after judging.

Sponsorship \$200 – deadline is June 26th



Hard Hats & Heels Gala

FROM FIRST STEP FLORENCE

Saturday evening June 13th at the FEC, First Step Florence hosted their 3rd GALA to raise funds for the "ground work" (literally) to be able to bring in two duplexes onto the FSF property located north of Munsel Lake Road. Paving the street from 101 to Spruce, pouring drive-ways and foundation slabs will be forthcoming thanks to the amazing sponsors and donors represented



throughout the GALA! FSF had a goal of \$100,000 for the GALA and they met their goal! With much gratitude to

over 100 who arrived, along with individuals, groups, organizations and businesses lending support.

Beach cleanup July 5th Heceta Beach Park Florence

Fireworks are an integral part of the Fourth of July. Oregon state laws allow certain fireworks to be bought and used but NO fireworks are allowed on county, state or federal lands such as parks,

wilderness areas, forests or beaches.

For the past four years, members of the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) have been cleaning up Heceta Beach County Park beaches on July 5th. The amount of firework debris (sometimes still burning) is astonishing and has an enormous impact on the wildlife and ecosystem along the shoreline and in the ocean.

This year on Sunday July 5th, EMAC, in collaboration with County Transfer and Recycling (CTR), Lane County Parks and Driftwood Shores, will be hosting a SOLVE Dirtiest Day of the Year Clean Up Event at Heceta Beach Park.

The event starts at 9 am and all the supplies will be provided.

Please register at SOLVE - <https://bit.ly/48GZksy>.

CTR will also be providing special designated garbage carts located at both entrances to the park so people will be reminded to remove their

garbage from the beach.

FLORENCE'S FIREWORKS SHOW

Both Oregon State Parks and the City of Florence encourage all residents and visitors to attend the managed Florence Chamber of Commerce Fireworks display instead of bringing fireworks to the beach.

The event starts at 10 pm at the Port of Siuslaw in downtown Florence. More details can be found at <https://florence-chamber.com/events/annual-events-festivals/july-4th/> Join EMAC, CTR and Lane County Parks for a Happy July 5th Beach Cleanup on the Dirtiest Day of the Year.

Thanks to Driftwood Shores and Surfside Grill for providing volunteer appreciation coupons after the event. About EMAC The Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager for the City of Florence. EMAC supports the development of programs and actions that promote healthy, environmentally sound practices for the City and the broader community. The committee prioritizes education, community outreach, and collaborative partnerships, working to strengthen local understanding of environmental issues and advance sustainable solutions.

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SHELTER

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even donate outgrown kids' items. The next clothing drive will be Aug. 12 and 13 in Siuslaw Middle School and Aug 19 at Mapleton School.
 For more information about Safe Shelter and ways you can help, go online to safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org/

July 4 Fireworks over the Siuslaw River

FROM FLORENCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Enjoy your Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks display over the Siuslaw River! Gather along the waterfront in Historic Old Town Florence and enjoy a dazzling

show reflecting across the river as the night sky lights up with color. Arrive early to explore local shops, enjoy dinner at one of Florence's waterfront restaurants, and find the perfect viewing spot for this beloved Fourth of July tradition.

Wind Ensemble to play on the coast

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble will be playing a star spangled celebration entitled "Americans We" at the Florence Events Center, Sunday, June 28. The ensemble will then go to the Yachats Commons Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m..

Then, the music will return to Florence Saturday, July 4 at 1 p.m. inside the Florence Elks Lodge. Donations are suggested but admission is free.



Healthy Aging – Healthy Living Senior & Lifestyle Expo Coming to Florence

The Healthy Aging – Healthy Living Senior & Lifestyle Expo returns to Florence on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

This free community event is designed to connect people with valuable resources, services, and information that support

healthy, independent, and active living. While the expo is geared toward older adults, it is also an important event for family members, caregivers, adult children, and anyone helping a loved one navigate the opportunities and challenges that come with aging.

Visitors can explore a

wide variety of exhibitors featuring healthcare services, wellness programs, housing options, financial resources, safety information, volunteer opportunities, recreation, and much more. Educational presentations and opportunities to speak directly with local professionals make this a one-stop

resource for planning today and preparing for tomorrow.

Whether you are looking for resources for yourself, a parent, a spouse, or another loved one, the Healthy Aging – Healthy Living Senior & Lifestyle Expo offers valuable information and connections for every

stage of life.

And be sure to enjoy FREE ice cream while you visit the expo, courtesy of our generous community partners.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Siuslaw Consulting jenna@siuslawconsulting.com or 541-590-9093.

Vendor booths are still available for businesses, nonprofits, and service organizations that want to connect with seniors, caregivers, and families throughout Western Lane County. Space is limited, so interested vendors are encouraged to reserve their booth soon.

POLICE

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roommate had been gone for an unusually long amount of time. During the investigation, another call came in for a disoriented subject in the Florence area. Officers were able to find the subject, confirm it was the missing person, and transport them to the emergency room.

At 12:41 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Highway 101 for a reported fight in progress. Officers investigated and found no subjects had weapons. However, none wanted to talk to officers or press charges.

At 5:27 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Harbor Drive for a report of a dog inside a car. Officers got the dog out of the car before the owner arrived. The owner was counseled on leaving animals in cars on hot days.

At 9:07 p.m., a caller reported that a child had

stepped on the family dog's tail and the dog bit the child. The caller said the bite did not break the skin and that the dog was up-to-date on his shots.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

At 9:21 a.m., officers were responding to the 200 block of Highway 101 for a report of a dog in a car when the call was canceled.

At 9:48 a.m., officers assisted US marshals in the 3100 block of Highway 101 while they arrested a fugitive from Montana.

At 10:56 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of Highway 101 for a report of an unruly

subject in a business who had kicked an employee and was being aggressive. Officers made contact with the subject at taser point and arrested him for harassment, disorderly conduct, and trespassing. While being held at the jail, the subject reportedly trashed his cell and flooded the floor. Charges were added.

At 1:21 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of 7th Street for a report of a possibly stolen vehicle, which was last seen last month. Vehicle information was entered into the data system as stolen.

At 2:05 p.m., a caller contacted dispatch to ask about a notification he'd

received alleging there was a warrant for his arrest and that the phone could be paid for using Bitcoin. The caller said he purchased Bitcoin but did not send it. Officers informed the subject that the notification was a scam and advised him not to send payment of any kind.

At 5:25 p.m., officers responded to Harbor Drive for a report of a dog inside a car. When officers arrived, they found the windows cracked and the air conditioner on. No further action was taken.



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COUNCIL

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station. In stormwater, the construction of 225 lineal feet of 30-inch stormwater pipe. In the streets, the construction of 1250 lineal feet of multi-use path or 12.5 percent of the signal at Munsel Lake Road and Highway 101.”

Murphy said the ordinance allows for deferment of the SDC charges until homes achieve final occupancy, and it continues the exemption program for another year.

DISCUSSION

When asked by Councilor Robert Carp if the SDCs are collected at the end of a project, Murphy clarified that exemptions are just that.

“The exemptions, by percentage, are a discount rate and are not collected,” he replied.

“So, we’ve given, in the eight years this ordinance has been in play, \$976,631.80?” Carp asked, getting an affirmative reply from Murphy.

Saying she had supported the ordinance since it began, Councilor Sally Wantz asked staff if any developers had expressed that they would not have gone forward with a project without the deferment.

“And would they pursue it more aggressively if we gave them more of a

Fiscal Year	Exemptions
2018-19	\$179,989.38
2019-20	\$148,905.14
2020-21	\$177,929.03
2021-22	\$45,428.69
2022-23	\$56,785.86
2023-24	\$71,928.76
2024-25	\$174,426.93

A list shown to the council outlined the exemption amounts given yearly since 2018.

discount?” she asked. “We are in the market of doing housing, and if we think this could really stimulate housing, should we consider a different rate?”

Mayor Rob Ward said he was not in favor of changing the rates, saying the current exemption balances what is taken from the city.

“I don’t think I would be in favor of increasing discounts at this time,” he said.

City Manager Erin Reynolds interjected to

say City and planning staff communicate with developers regularly and remind them of deadlines and potential changes. She also said that in previous years, and as recently as last year, developers had approached the council to ask that the discount be extended.

Noting that several economic factors exist, Reynolds said housing starts have slowed this year, even with the program in place.

“It’s a tool in the

toolbox that has proven to play a role for the city,” she said.

With no public comment, Councilor Carp noted that the next agenda item, increased fees for City services, saying the city is offering discounts to developers while increasing fees for residents and businesses.

“Is that fair play?” he asked. “The City started the system development charge exemption in 2018 and has given... almost a million dollars in exemptions. It’s time for this to stop.”

Carp suggested waiting for the completion of a consultant report on the city’s financial situation, due in September. He also suggested relocating the transient lodging tax at a rate of 30% to the chamber of commerce, 30% to the Florence events center, and 40% to the city general fund for streets and infrastructure.

“Also, let’s wait for the new hotel to kick in revenue in 2027,” he said. “These ideas can start the way of offsetting cost increases.”

Wantz noted the consultant report may agree or disagree with the developer discount. She asked if it could be stopped at that time with a new resolution, if recommended by the consulting firm.

Councilor Mike Webb suggested that while the ordinance creates a short-term loss of funding that could be used elsewhere in the city, the long-term benefit of taxes from increased growth may be greater.

Carp felt the comparison was not applicable, saying, “Our roads, our infrastructure, are in need. Continually waiving SDC fees just makes it harder for us to maintain our roads and infrastructure”

Webb responded to say that those homeowners are then paying monthly utility bills and taxes that can be used for infrastructure.

“Permit fees are high,” Webb said, “and they are a disincentive for development, and it does harm the purchase price that a buyer is willing or able to pay.” Making a balancing scales motion with his hands, Webb said it’s an either/or proposition.

“Discontinue this program, and you may see a drop in expansion and new building, and we could act at that point in time, but we do have to understand that the intent of this program was to create more housing, which does feed the whole snowball,” he said.

After a short discussion about specific properties and rates, Reynolds said the conversation is, in part,

philosophical, regarding ways to help grow communities and development.

“It’s certainly not a zero-sum game, as your discussion has pointed out, and there are valid points to all sides of this conversation,” she said. “There’s not a silver bullet to how we answer the housing conversation, as we’ve certainly been grappling with this since 2018.” She said Florence was one of the first cities to roll out such a daring program, and other cities have done so since, making it seem more normal.

“Everyone in Oregon has realized we are in a housing crisis,” Reynolds said, reminding that city staff was ready to go in whatever direction the council would choose.

FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED, ALSO 4 TO 1

According to staff reports, “The attached fee schedule increases most fees by 2.7 percent, which is the CPI in February 2026, and, if approved by Council, will take effect on July 1, 2026.”

Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer opened the hearing by reminding that the city funds many of its services with directly related fees. The cost of providing services is evaluated yearly, and adjustments are made annually, even though the city uses a biennial budgeting process.

LAST YEAR

She said that last year, effective July 1, a 2.7 percent consumer price index increase was enacted for most charges and fees. A \$5 per dwelling and commercial unit public safety fee to fund critical public services.

The Street Maintenance fee increased by \$2.30 while water, wastewater, and stormwater fees remained unchanged. System Development Charges increased 2.1 percent, and business license fees were increased. Staff billing rates were also adjusted based on the adopted salary schedule. Among other fees, the city’s public safety fee was increased to \$10 and was scheduled to increase again this year.

PENNIES

The staff report noted that in most cases, fees have been rounded up or down to the nearest nickel to account for the discontinuation of pennies. However, in regard to flat fees per service, fees were rounded to the whole dollar in most cases.

“They aren’t making pennies anymore, she noted. If you’ve gone to many stores, you may have notice they are either rounding up or down for those transactions, or to just illuminate having pennies in their prices altogether. What this means for the fee schedule is that it can create an accounting nightmare on the back and where you are constantly adjusting up or down, based on the pennies.” Messmer said some fees were rounded to the whole dollar, based on feedback from customers, who said it would be easier than worrying about change. However, when it comes to ongoing services such as a utility bill, penny amounts will still apply, she said.

FEES

She said the 2.7% consumer price index increase is the same amount as last year, and will apply to most fee increases.

“For year two of the budget, Water, Wastewater,

and Stormwater service charge rates were budgeted to increase 3%, since those utilities were not increased in year one of the biennium to lessen the impact of the Public Safety Fee for customers,” according to staff reports. A \$1 increase to the street maintenance fee was added along with the previous one to help close the gap of not having a fee adjustment last year, Messmer said.

The public safety fee increased, as budgeted, to \$18 per residential or commercial unit. Those will appear on bills in August.

She said that while some business license fees increased, others went down. Staff billing rates were also adjusted based on the salary schedule.

Messmer said special event staff time was a new proposed fee, used to cover special events held at non-staffed city facilities that require special site security or operational needs. She said that while the city does not charge to hold special events at parks, Summer events take place at the airport, which is the city’s secured facility. She said a city staff member has been needed on-site to check people in and out and monitor compliance with rules. The new fee would essentially cover the cost of having that staff member at private events there.

Messmer said that while right of way franchise fees exist in the city code, they were inadvertently missed in last year’s budget. As discussed out there previous council meeting, there is no increase to solid waste fees.

DISCUSSION

Councilor Robert Carp asked if any outreach had been made to the hangar association about special event staffing. City Manager Erin Reynolds said the association is aware of the proposed fee and the need for city staff on-site in order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration rules. She said the only alternative would be to no longer have special events at the airport, due to the burden on city staff.

Asked by Councilor Jo Beaudreau about business license fees, Messmer said they are charged to all businesses in the city, and that City staff will be updating software soon, which will slow the rate of fee increases by reducing costs. She said the current software has received a lot of complaints from business owners that it is hard to use and creates issues. More information will come soon, she said.

In response to Boudreaux’s suggestions that incentives could be given to new businesses, Messmer said it’s very difficult to track, partly because if a business license lapses, it renews licensing as a new business.

Based on past experience regarding discounts, it’s easier to manage if all businesses are treated the same, Messmer said.

After some procedural discussion about public records requests, Councilor Carp reiterated his earlier comments and cast the dissenting vote.

Messmer also noted that for customers, the adjusted fee schedule will be “more user-friendly” than the information that was given to the council before the meeting.

The third public hearing was to approve the closure of the street for the city’s Block Party on July 17.

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AWARDS

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“Tonight we celebrated the innovators, leaders, and community heroes who carried out the year’s most important missions for our region. From breakthrough business achievements to extraordinary acts of service, this is the night we honor the operatives who make the greater Florence area thrive.” –Bettina Hannigan

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED:

Rookie Agent Award The Rookie Agent Award recognizes a business less than five years old that has quickly established itself through entrepreneurial spirit, quality service, and a growing impact on the community. Nominees included Lovejoy’s Restaurant & Tea Room, Oregon Coast Humane Society Veterinary Clinic, JSE Maintenance LLC, Marisa Hawk Designs,

Inc., and Happy Taco. This year’s recipient was Oregon Coast Humane Society Veterinary Clinic. Q’s Innovation Award Inspired by James Bond’s legendary inventor, the Q’s Innovation Award honors organizations that demonstrate creativity, forward-thinking ideas, and innovative solutions that advance Florence and the surrounding region. Nominees included Our Coastal Village, Inc., Siuslaw Outreach Services Inc., TR Hunter Real Estate, and Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA). This year’s winner was Our Coastal Village, Inc.

Operation Heartbeat Award The Operation Heartbeat Award recognizes a nonprofit organization whose dedication and service have strengthened the Florence community through meaningful programs, outreach, and support. Nominees included Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment, Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool, Florence Elks Lodge 1858, and Rotary Club of Florence. This year’s recipient was Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool.

Double O Impact Award The Double O Impact Award is presented to a for-profit business that goes beyond the call of duty by investing in the community and making a lasting positive difference through service, partnerships, and philanthropy. Nominees included Florence Motorsports, Florence Shipping



George Henry, of Coast Broadcasting, talked about his new role as Chamber Chairperson.

Solutions, Three Rivers Casino Resort, and Siuslaw Consulting, LLC. This year’s winner was Three Rivers Casino Resort.

Distinguished Service Award The Chamber’s Board of Directors presented its Distinguished Service Award to an individual whose extraordinary support, leadership, and commitment have directly strengthened the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its mission. This year’s recipient was Steven Price.

Outstanding Ambassador Award The Florence Ambassadors serve as goodwill representatives for the

Chamber and the City of Florence, welcoming visitors, supporting local businesses, and assisting with community events throughout the year. This year’s Outstanding Ambassador Award was presented to Igor Kuszniarczyk for his exceptional dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to promoting Florence and supporting fellow businesses.

Chamber Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship The Chamber Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship recognizes a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated initiative, vision, and entrepreneurial potential as they



President/CEO Bettina Hannigan explains the value of a dollar when invested wisely. Tony Reed photos.

prepare to pursue future business and leadership opportunities. This year’s scholarship recipient was Brooklyn Beecher.

Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award Named in honor of the founder of Johnston Motors, the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award recognizes a business that exemplifies excellence through outstanding customer service, professionalism, innovation, and community involvement. Nominees included Sand Master Park - Sandboarding, Ocean Grinds Coffee Co., BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, Waterfront Depot, and Driftwood Shores Resort &

Conference Center. This year’s winner was BeauxArts Fine Art Materials.

The Siuslaw Awards remain one of the Florence area’s premier business and community celebrations, bringing together leaders from across the region to recognize achievement, inspire innovation, and celebrate service by those whose efforts contribute to the continued success of Florence as Oregon’s Coastal Playground.

Editor’s note- A followup on the ceremony presentations is pending for the next issue. More photos appear on our website and social media pages.

HECETA

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parts aren’t manufactured, they needed to be re-engineered.

State Parks had to order basic metal and have a machinist create new carriage wheels from it.

The lighthouse is 56 feet tall and sits 206 feet above the ocean. Its proximity to Highway 101 makes it one of the most photographed lighthouses on the West Coast. While it can be seen from a distance across the bay, it can also be viewed up close.

A half-mile hike from the parking lot at Cape Creek leads to the grassy area below it. A small gift shop about halfway up offers water and refreshments for those who need a break.

As of press time, no estimate has been given for when it will light up again.

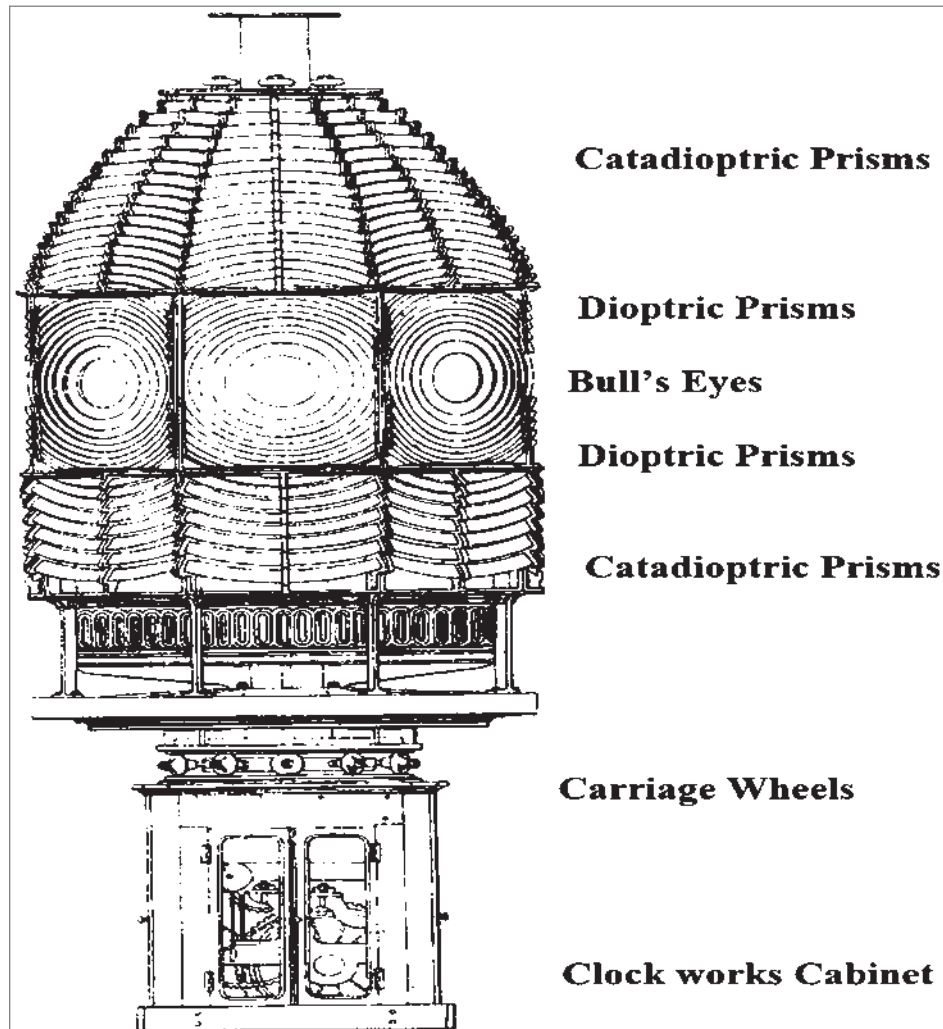


Diagram: the giant lens assembly sits atop a rotating platform that has been turning for decades and decades, but now needs its carriage wheels replaced.



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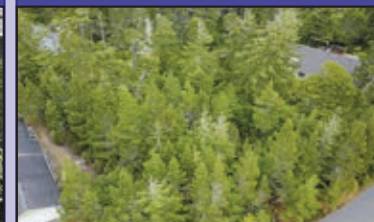
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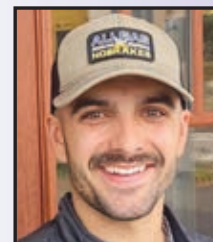
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Low3:18 a.m.....0.6
 High.....9:42 a.m.....4.5
 Low 2:33 p.m.....2.6
 High..... 9:04 p.m.....6.9

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Low4:11 a.m.....0.1
 High.....10:52 a.m.....4.7
 Low 3:27 p.m.....3.0
 High..... 9:46 p.m.....6.9

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Low4:58 a.m.....-0.3
 High.....11:48 a.m.....4.9
 Low 4:20 p.m.....3.2
 High..... 10:27 p.m.....7.0

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Low5:40 a.m.....-0.6
 High..... 12:34 p.m.....5.1
 Low 5:08 p.m.....3.3
 High..... 11:07 p.m.....7.0

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Low6:19 a.m.....-0.9
 High..... 1:14 p.m.....5.3
 Low 5:52 p.m.....3.3
 High..... 11:46 p.m.....7.1

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Low6:55 a.m.....-1.0
 High..... 1:50 p.m.....5.4
 Low 6:33 p.m.....3.3

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

High.....12:24 a.m.....7.1
 Low7:30 a.m.....-1.1
 High..... 2:24 p.m.....5.5
 Low 7:12 p.m.....3.2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

High.....1:02 a.m.....7.1
 Low8:04 a.m.....-1.1
 High..... 2:58 p.m.....5.7
 Low 7:50 p.m.....3.1

THURSDAY, JULY 2

High.....1:40 a.m.....7.0
 Low8:37 a.m.....-1.0
 High..... 3:30 p.m.....5.8
 Low 8:29 p.m.....2.9

FRIDAY, JULY 3

High.....2:18 a.m.....6.8
 Low9:09 a.m.....-0.8
 High..... 4:03 p.m.....5.9
 Low 9:12 p.m.....2.8

SATURDAY, JULY 4

High.....3:04 a.m.....6.4
 Low9:53 a.m.....-0.6
 High..... 4:41 p.m.....6.1
 Low 10:15 p.m.....2.4

SUNDAY, JULY 5

High.....3:51 a.m.....6.0
 Low10:27 a.m.....-0.1
 High..... 5:12 p.m.....6.3
 Low 11:09 p.m.....2.1

MONDAY, JULY 6

High.....4:45 a.m.....5.5
 Low11:03 a.m.....0.4
 High..... 5:46 p.m.....6.6

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Low12:10 a.m.....1.6
 High.....5:50 a.m.....5.0
 Low11:43 a.m.....1.2
 High..... 6:24 p.m.....6.9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Low1:16 a.m.....1.1
 High.....7:08 a.m.....4.7
 Low 12:32 p.m.....1.9
 High..... 7:10 p.m.....7.2

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Low2:23 a.m.....0.4
 High.....8:38 a.m.....4.6
 Low 1:32 p.m.....2.6
 High..... 8:03 p.m.....7.5

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Low3:29 a.m.....-0.3
 High.....10:04 a.m.....4.8
 Low 2:40 p.m.....3.1
 High..... 9:01 p.m.....7.8

OCHS brings humane education program to Wildflower Montessori School

On June 10, Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson and Dr. Janel Montes, DVM, visited Wildflower Montessori School in Florence to provide students with a hands-on introduction to animal welfare, veterinary medicine, and the humane treatment of animals.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of interactive learning stations designed to teach responsible pet care and introduce them to careers in animal welfare and veterinary medicine. Students had the opportunity to wear a veterinarian's jacket while examining animals, scan stuffed animals for microchips, study animal bones and X-rays, and practice bandaging techniques on stuffed patients.

The program was offered to both the morning and afternoon classes. During the morning session, two cats adopted from OCHS

returned as special guests, allowing students to observe and participate in basic wellness examinations under the guidance of Dr. Montes. During the afternoon session, students performed similar examinations on two OCHS kittens while learning about the unique needs of young animals, including proper handling, socialization, and preventive care.

The hands-on experiences gave students a firsthand look at how veterinarians assess an animal's health and highlighted the importance of routine veterinary care. Students were encouraged to ask questions, practice observation skills, and learn how compassion and responsible care can improve the lives of animals.

"Humane education helps children develop empathy, responsibility, and respect for animals," said Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director of Oregon Coast Humane Society. "By

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Kyle Kotaich goes from grate to great

By **DON HUNT**
Siuslaw Hall Of Fame Inductee, 2023

Siuslaw High track and cross country coach Chris Johnson had high hopes for Kyle Kotaich when he joined the Vikings' cross country team in the fall of 2002.

A tall, lanky lad with a long and silky-smooth stride, Kotaich had dominated the running circuit in middle school. But early in his freshman year, Kotaich stepped on a drainage grate while on a training run near Woahink Lake, tore ligaments in his left ankle and missed the entire season.

"We were looking at Kyle as possibly being

our No. 2 runner as a freshman, he was that talented," said Johnson.

Injuries would haunt Kotaich throughout much of his career at Siuslaw, but he was healthy enough to finish fifth at the state cross country meet as a junior in 2004 and third in 2005. And on a sweltering day at Hayward Field in May of 2005, Kotaich blazed to a lifetime best of one minute, 55.33 seconds to win the 800 meters at the Class 4A state track meet.

Because Kotaich had a habit of getting hurt, Johnson put him on a training regimen that focused more on speed and interval work than on distance runs. Kotaich

rarely ran more than 30 miles in a week. Many distance runners log three times that much. And he never ran more than six miles at a time.

The 2026 Siuslaw Sports Hall of Fame induction is Friday, Aug. 21, in the Siuslaw High School main gym. Doors open at 5 p.m., ceremony at 5:30. Admission is free. A donation to Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club is encouraged.

Instead, Kotaich focused on middle distance speed work, often running a series of 500-meter intervals at 90 percent effort.

"I had to really believe in that kind of training and that strategy," said Kotaich. "It

was frustrating at first because I wasn't running very fast and I wasn't winning many races. But Johnson kept telling me to believe in the plan."

Late in the season, the plan began to pay off. Kotaich ran 1:57 to win the 800 at district — knocking nearly two seconds off his previous best — and then sliced nearly two more seconds off that time a week later at the state meet.

Kotaich remembers being exceedingly nervous in the warmup area before the state race, surrounded by the other runners.

"They hold you in this bullpen area with the other runners for about 20 minutes,"

said Kotaich. "It's a tough situation but I did everything I could to stay calm. I remember thinking just believe in your training and do your best."

Kotaich knew his main competition would probably come from Coquille sophomore standout Joshua Frasier, who was known for his killer finishing kick over the final 100 meters. To overcome it, Kotaich would have to shift into a higher gear earlier in the race.

"I was feeling really good with about 300 meters to go and so I just took off," said Kotaich. "I saw an opportunity to get around the guy in

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Delayed fisheries disaster funding released, Oregon to receive \$2.4M

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced the allocation of \$123.6 million in fishery disaster relief funding after more than 18 months of delay.

The announcement follows Oregon Congresswoman Val Hoyle's June 3 questioning of NOAA's Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere during a House Natural Resources Committee hearing, according to a release from Hoyle's office.

"This is a win for our fisheries, our

communities and the families of the workers who depend on fishing for their livelihoods," Hoyle said. "Make no mistake: the delay in releasing these funds was devastating to our communities. Relief in these situations must be delivered quickly and comprehensively. Whatever administrative loophole, bureaucratic red tape or staffing reduction caused this delay in the first place must be examined to ensure it never happens again."

The funding includes \$2.4 million for the 2023 Oregon Ocean

Commercial Salmon Fisheries disaster.

The State of Oregon will now be able to develop a spend plan and distribute funds to impacted fishermen and seafood businesses.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, Governor Kotek requested the Department of Commerce declare a federal fishery resource disaster in response to the federal closure of Oregon's commercial ocean salmon fishery for the 2023 season.

Hoyle joined in that effort, urging[SH3]

[DE4] then-Secretary Raimondo to expeditiously approve the Governor's request.

The federal fishery resource disaster process requires NOAA to determine a fishery disaster has taken place and then the Office of Management and Budget must also agree to allocate funds.

Congress provided \$300 million in fishery disaster assistance funds in December 2024, but those funds had not yet been released. Last year, Hoyle demanded Director Russell Vought promptly release money

for Oregon's fishermen. Funds were finally allocated this month, shortly after Hoyle's line of questioning in committee, the release states.

Congresswoman Hoyle is the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee's Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee. You can watch her exchange with NOAA witness Dr. Petty here.

In December 2024, Hoyle voted for the FISHERIES Act to help expedite the distribution of federal disaster relief following fisheries disasters.



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Community Briefs

WLCF seeks scholarship applicants

The Western Lane Community Foundation is now accepting applications for Continuing Education Scholarships for the upcoming academic year.

Scholarships are available for students attending traditional four-year colleges, community colleges, and approved trade schools. Students pursuing careers in health care, arts and education are especially encouraged to apply. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and applicants are automatically considered for which they qualify. Scholarship criteria vary by fund and may include academic achievement, financial need, field of study, or the educational institution being attended.

The application process includes information about your educational background, career goals, and financial situation. Applications are being accepted now through July 22.

To learn more and apply online, visit www.wlcfonline.org/

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Our Odyssey and Our Personal Pilgrimage

Each of us is on an epic journey. Like pilgrims and travelers throughout history, we move through seasons of joy and sorrow, certainty and doubt, seeking places we call home. Yet home is often more than a destination—it is a sense of belonging, purpose, and connection. Along the way, we are shaped by the people we meet, the challenges we face, and the lessons we learn. A pilgrimage is a journey that changes us. The path is rarely straight, and the destination is not always what we expect. Yet each step offers an opportunity to grow in wisdom, compassion, and understanding. Our odyssey is not only about where we are going, but about who we are becoming. Join us at FUUF this Sunday, June 28, 2026 to explore your epic journey.

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PFLAG Planning Summer Events

The regular meeting Monday, June 8 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall included logistics planning for summer events, including the personal appearance by Ben Green, author of "My Child is Trans, Now What?" who will speak on Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. The event is free and is co-sponsored by PFLAG and the Library. Prior to Ben Green's appearance, PFLAG will host a "pop-up potluck" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Miller Park.

Then, on June 19, PFLAG will table at the Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Florence Organizes. This year, event will be held at the pavilion at Honeyman State Park, East Woahink Day Use Area, from 10 to 2. There will be food, games, speakers, songs and lots of fun for all ages.

On July 4, PFLAG will once again partner with PFLAG Central Oregon Coast (Newport) to march in the Yachats Chamber of Commerce La-de-da Parade at noon on Ocean Avenue. This non-mechanized parade is a charming classic of zaniness, and PFLAG Florence has been

a participant since 2015. If you can't march, come and watch. Marchers assemble in the Yachats Presbyterian Church parking lot around 11 a.m.

PFLAG also expects to table at the Farmers Market on the Waterfront (dates to be set), and during the Power of Florence Day July 18 on the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

PFLAG will continue to hold regular meetings on the second Mondays of the month – July 13, August 10, and September 14 – during the summer at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meetings are free and refreshments are available.

PFLAG Florence is one of more than 400 chapters in the largest national organization serving the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them.

SHS Class of '86 Reunion

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 will celebrate their 40-year reunion the weekend 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.

Don't miss Florence's Healthy Aging - Healthy Living Senior & Lifestyle Expo!

Join the fun June 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florence Events Center on Quince Street for a lively and informative community event focused on healthy aging and living well.

Attendees can explore

health screenings, wellness information, retirement resources, local services, and more — all designed to help improve quality of life for seniors, caregivers, and families.

Plus, enjoy FREE ice cream while supplies last!

The expo is produced by Siuslaw Consulting and sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor, Oregon Pacific Bank, and ATRIO Health Plans.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

City Block Party to return

The City of Florence is excited to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Community Block Party on Friday, July 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. in historic old town Florence. The 2026 community block party will be held on Bay Street between Laurel Street and the Siuslaw River Bridge. A free concert will be provided from 6 to 10 p.m. by the band 5 guys named Moe.

We will again be inviting our partner agencies and organizations to set up throughout the block party area, as well as fun activities for people of all ages. Our six previous block parties have been made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. As we plan for 2026, we are again looking for this support to assist in providing this amazing event for our community.

Two days left of Kite Fest

Look to the skies as the Florence Kite Festival returns to the beach at Driftwood Shores! Enjoy four days of colorful kite displays featuring flyers from around the region, meet the kite enthusiasts behind the creations, and bring your own kite to join the fun. Don't miss the spectacular digital nighttime light shows and other family-friendly activities by the sea June 24-25 at the Driftwood Shores Resort & Conference Center



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for native plants and animals; so it is an important location to continue our efforts to remove invasive Scotch broom. It is approximately 0.4 miles uphill on the trail to the worksite. After the event, it is a short walk to an outstanding viewpoint of large, open sand dunes with the ocean in the

distance. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes for hiking on the sand and bring work gloves, water, and snacks. Please bring shovels, hand saws, or loppers if you have them. If you don't, ODRC will have tools you can borrow. Day use fees are waived for volunteers at this event.

If you have questions about the event, email info@saveoregondunes.org. **Directions:** From Florence, take Hwy 101 South approximately 32.8 miles to the John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead. Turn right (west) into the trailhead. From Reedsport, take

Hwy 101 South approximately 10.5 miles to the John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead. Turn right (west) into the trailhead. From North Bend, take Hwy 101 North approximately 13.0 miles to the John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead. Turn left (west) into the trailhead. The Oregon

Dunes Restoration Collaborative's mission is to collaboratively support, guide and promote Oregon dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand, unique habitats, and dunes processes that benefit the plants, animals and people who live and play in this special place.

OCHS

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giving students hands-on experiences with veterinary tools and animal care, we hope to inspire compassion and help them become lifelong advocates for animal welfare."

Oregon Coast Humane Society regularly provides humane education opportunities throughout the community as part of its mission to promote animal welfare, strengthen the human-animal bond, and create a more compassionate community for both pets and people.

More photos and information about the humane education program can be found on the Wildflower Montessori School's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wildflowerms/>

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HOF

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front of me along the rail and took the lead."

Kotaich kept the lead to the finish, holding off a hard-charging Frasier by about three meters. Frasier was clocked in 1:55.45.

"I was kind of shocked that I had won," said Kotaich. "I had been working for this since junior high. It was such a great feeling."

Kotaich was equally happy in the fall of 2004 when the Vikings claimed the state cross country

title. Adam Pino (second), Kotaich (fifth), Connor Vaccaro (16th), Kotaich's older brother Adam (23rd) and Jack Lindsay (25th) all finished in the top 25. Torey Wenham and Brian Stevens rounded out the squad.

"We really had an awesome team dynamic," said Kotaich. "We pushed each other when necessary but we also helped each other. There was never any jealousy or conflict. We had a goal of winning a state title as a team and we weren't going to let any drama get in the way of it. Of all the teams I've been a part of, that

one was the most fun and rewarding. We weren't the most talented team but we had a great desire and a great coach who could get us there. It was so cool to stand on the team podium that day."

As a senior, Kotaich finished third at the state cross country meet while the Vikings took fourth as

a team. In track, he came down with bronchitis a week before the state meet but managed to finish third in the 1,500 and sixth in the 800.

Kotaich went on to a successful college career at Willamette University. He helped the Bearcats to Northwest Division and West Regional

championships in cross country as a freshman, and was nationally ranked at the Division 3 level in track in the 1,500, where he had a best of 3:53.

Meanwhile, the drainage grate that Kotaich stepped in on the Woahink Lake course has officially been named "Kotaich Gulch" by Johnson. Proceed at

your own risk.

The 2026 Siuslaw Sports Hall of Fame induction is Friday, Aug. 21, in the Siuslaw High School main gym. Doors open at 5 p.m., ceremony at 5:30. Admission is free. A donation to Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club is encouraged.

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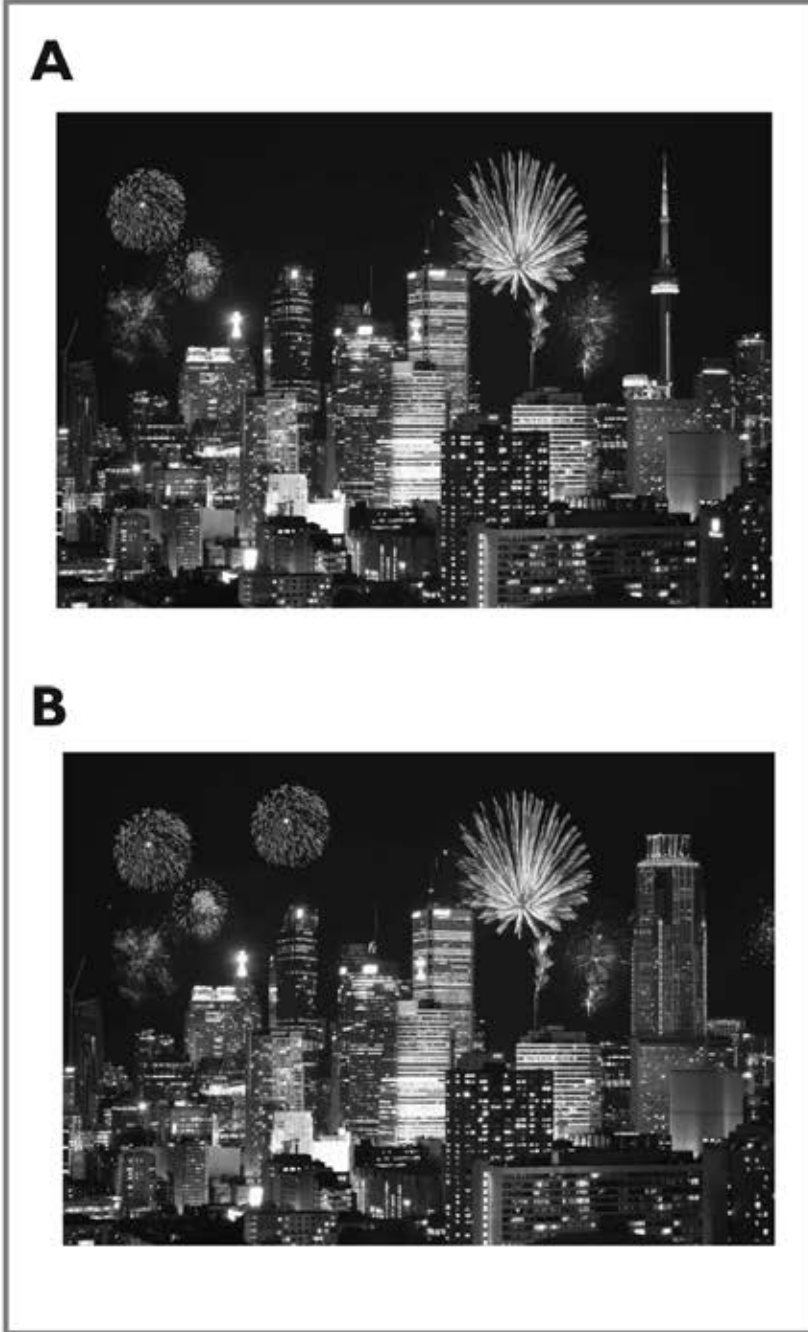
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1812: France declares war on Russia, starting Napoleon's invasion.

1911: George V and Mary of Teck are crowned King and Queen of the United Kingdom.

1986: Diego Maradona scores the famous "Hand of God" goal in the World Cup.

NEW WORD

IGNITE

to catch fire or to cause to catch fire

Holiday FACT:



In 2026, the United States will celebrate this big and exciting event on July 4.

Answer: 250th anniversary

How they say that in...

- English:** Pop
- Spanish:** Pum
- Italian:** Scoppio
- French:** Bruit
- German:** Knall

Did You Know?

Modern fireworks use metallic salts for color and can reach temperatures 15 times hotter than boiling water.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Fireworks

FATHER'S DAY FUN WORD SEARCH



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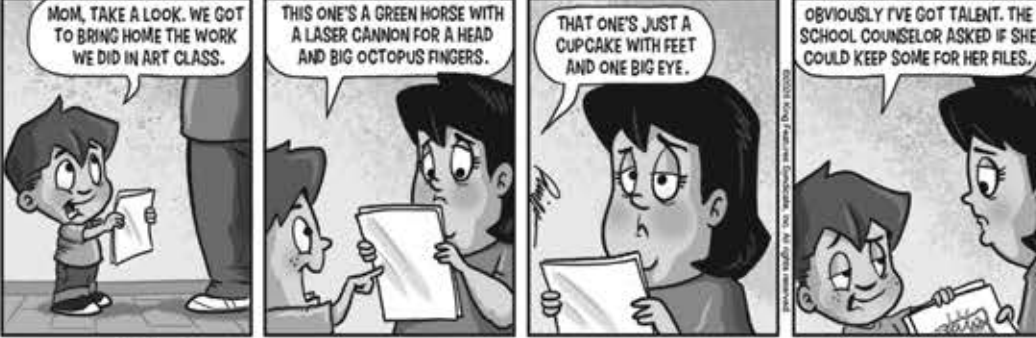
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SLAM!



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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: V equals S

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 ESBWWZ KLXS BYF OSX XPS
 LEOS XN SQGSWWMVP MX,
 M KEZ "PNU BFNEYBGWS!"

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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!

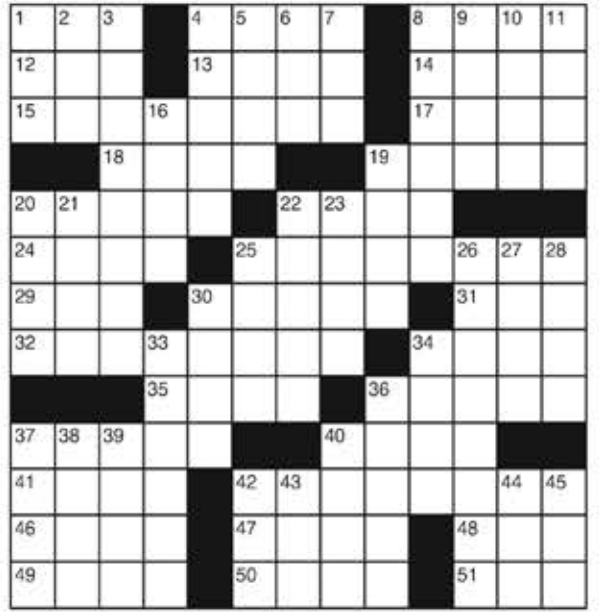
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Caught ya!"
- 4 Spring melt-down
- 8 Baby's bed
- 12 Barbecue seasoning
- 13 Meditative exercise
- 14 Verdi heroine
- 15 Muffin-like treats
- 17 General — Chicken
- 18 Couturier Christian
- 19 Bracelet site
- 20 Liniment targets
- 22 "Arrivederci —"
- 24 One-named supermodel
- 25 Castle features
- 29 Unruly group
- 30 Ram
- 31 Solidify
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- 34 Taj Mahal site
- 35 TV host Kelly
- 36 Analyze
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- 41 Honker
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- 46 Scrambled wd.



- 7 Existed
- 8 40 winks
- 9 Jeopardize
- 10 Teen fave
- 11 Pyramid part
- 16 Carriage
- 19 You love (Lat.)
- 20 Goals
- 21 "Let's go!"
- 22 Indian yogurt dish
- 23 Unrefined metals
- 25 Get ready, briefly
- 26 Paint finish
- 27 Prefix with byte

- 28 Do in
- 30 Neat as —
- 33 Plug parts
- 34 Now, on a memo
- 36 Makeup brand
- 37 Scorch
- 38 Highly rated
- 39 Baby carriage
- 40 Duelist Aaron
- 42 Youngster
- 43 MGM rival
- 44 Eastern path, for short
- 45 Boston team

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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: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a pet pig named Arnold Ziffel?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries make up Scandinavia?
- MONEY: When was the euro currency introduced?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for myocardial infarction?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Egyptian god of the underworld?
- MOVIES: What is the building whose steps Rocky Balboa climbs triumphantly in the movie "Rocky"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be water signs?
- GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in a game of Jenga?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Petrified Forest National Park?
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 Today's Word
 3. Carve; 4. Spread
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Answer

King Crossword

Answers

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Down

1. Curved line
 2. "Ben- —"
 3. Middle
 4. Printing errors
 5. Farmer, at times
 6. Literary rep
 7. Existed
 8. 40 winks
 9. Jeopardize
 10. Teen fave
 11. Pyramid part
 16. Carriage
 19. You love (Lat.)
 20. Goals
 21. "Let's go!"
 22. Indian yogurt dish
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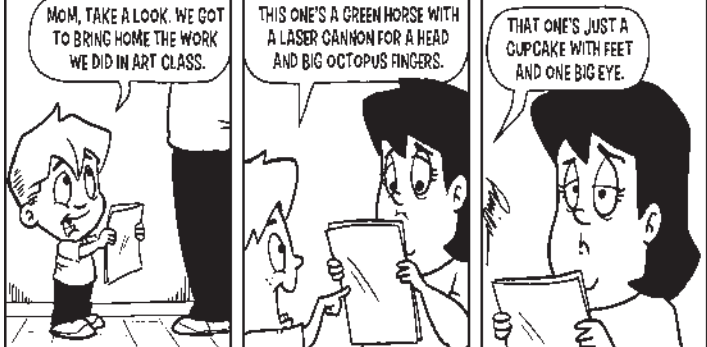
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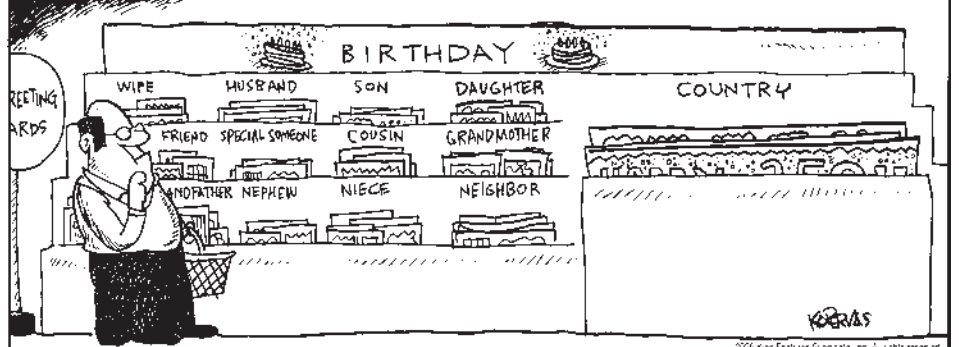
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High Cortisol Causes Patient To Feel Awful Amid Normal Tests

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've been feeling just awful. My doctor put me through the normal tests, and all were good. A neurologist recommended that I get a cortisol test. I did, and it showed a high cortisol level. I'd never heard of this. Would you explain what high cortisol is, how it's treated, and if there are any natural cures or therapies? — S.K.

ANSWER: Cortisol is a critical hormone that is needed for the function of many body systems. Without cortisone, the body can't respond to stress, and a stressful event can literally kill a patient.

A medical condition called Addison's disease is when the body can't make cortisol (a type of steroid called a glucocorticoid). People with this condition need to take replacement cortisol or a synthetic form daily, and they need to take higher doses when under stress to prevent this. Addison's disease was most often caused by tuberculosis, but the leading cause of Addison's is an autoimmune disease of the adrenal cortex (where cortisone is made). People usually feel weak and tired with Addison's.

Cushing's syndrome is the opposite, where the body makes too much cortisone. The most common cause for this is a benign tumor. In Cushing's syndrome, the list of possible symptoms is seemingly endless, but fatigue and muscle weakness, weight gain in the abdomen but muscle loss in the limbs, and skin and hair changes are common. People can experience the same problem when taking high doses of cortisol or similar steroids such as prednisone, hydrocortisone or dexamethasone.

A cortisol level of 18 isn't diagnostic of Cushing's but almost certainly excludes Addison's disease. Depending on the time of day, cortisol levels can be between 5-25 mcg/dL, so a level of 18

mcg/dL in the morning may be normal. People with high levels of stress tend to have high to normal cortisol levels.

In contrast, a level of 18 mcg/dL at bedtime would be a very concerning sign for Cushing's. If your doctors were worried about Cushing's, additional testing could be recommended such as a 24-hour urine cortisol test, a bedtime salivary cortisol test, or checking the blood cortisol after suppressing its release with medication.

An endocrinologist is the expert in making the diagnosis and treating diseases of the adrenal hormones, including Addison's and Cushing's.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm 77 years old and concerned about getting a prostate biopsy. My last PSA test jumped from 2.25 to 3.75 ng/mL, and an MRI came back healthy and normal with a PI-RADS code of 2. My urologist suggested a biopsy to be sure that everything is OK, but he also felt comfortable if I wanted to wait six months and get another PSA test done.

I am in good health, exercise regularly, and am not on any medications. Also, can strenuous bike riding affect my PSA score? — W.B.

ANSWER: A PI-RADS score of 2 means that there's a small chance of clinically significant prostate cancer. The best estimate of your risk is between 4% and 6%. One question I'd ask is whether you'd undergo surgery if a biopsy showed cancer. Surgery is associated with a worsened quality of life; erectile dysfunction and incontinence are common shortly after surgery and persist in many men.

The evidence suggests that in men over 75, surgery doesn't improve their length of life. In a large study, the length of life was actually decreased in men over 75. Radiation treatment is a reasonable alternative for men with symptomatic prostate cancer, so in the unlikely event that you develop symptoms from prostate cancer, this would be a reasonable approach.

Also, bike riding (250 miles over four days) had an increase of less than 0.1 ng/mL for a PSA test.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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2. Bowling score	--- K ---	Zebra's mark	--- P ---
3. German river	--- I ---	Swiss river	--- O ---
4. Excuse	R --- ---	Spring or Fall	S --- ---
5. Milk container	--- R ---	Ohio city	--- N ---
6. Skirt fold	--- T ---	Bag	--- D ---
7. Spiritual request	R --- ---	Actor	L --- ---
8. Ms. Dogencores	E --- ---	Actor Woody	A --- ---
9. Out of date	--- A ---	Shoulder wrap	--- O ---
10. Irish greenery	O --- ---	Shrewd	E --- ---

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Even Exchange answers

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2. Strike, Stripe	7. Prayer, Player
3. Rhine, Rhone	8. Ellen, Alien
4. Reason, Season	9. State, Stale
5. Canton, Canton	10. Clover, Clever

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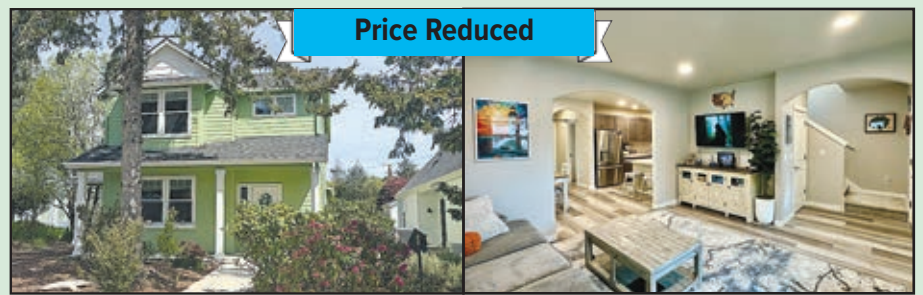
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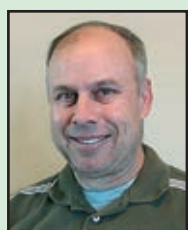


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