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Siuslaw streak leads to state playoffs

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One of the mantras for Siuslaw's boys basketball team this season was that "the toughest team wins." A few early league losses only seemed to strengthen Siuslaw, and in the final games of the season, the Vikings showed just how tough they could be.

After beating Douglas in the final league play game, Siuslaw also bested South Umpqua in the league playoffs to reserve their spot in the state championship bracket. Speaking after the win against South Umpqua on Feb. 21, Head Coach Dylan Perry lauded the team's commitment to the program's tenets.

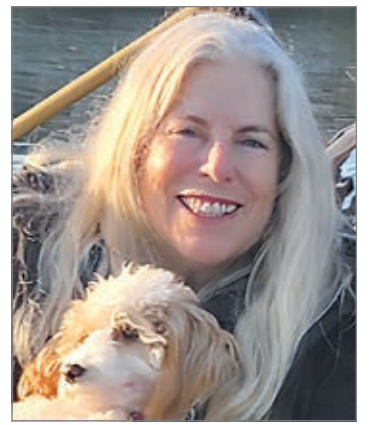
"The tenacity and grit of our guys have really stood out to me the most during this late-season run," Perry said. "This group of young men continued to buy into the things we had been preaching about all season long that would make us successful. We always talk about the 'toughest team wins', and these boys embodied that spirit."

After starting league play 2-3, Siuslaw faced an uphill battle to climb the Far West standings. In the face of a postseason free campaign, the Vikings rose to the occasion, winning five straight league games to earn home court advantage for their game to go to state in the league playoff against South Umpqua.

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Asher Borgnino sends a reverse layup to the backboard during the Feb. 19 game against Douglas. Tony Reed photo



Angelina McKinsey.
Photo provided

Whitmore Classical Academy hires Principal

FROM SIUSLAW VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

Whitmore Classical Academy is pleased to officially announce the hiring of their new Instructional Principal, Angelina McKinsey.

"This is a huge moment for Whitmore Classical Academy. The work to start a charter school began in 2022, the charter was signed in 2024 and we are now opening our doors in 2026 with a high energy, professional, and experienced instructional principal ready to hit the ground running," Board President, Kay King said. Angelina McKinsey has a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, from Sonoma State University, a master's in Educational Leadership from California State University,

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District discusses 4-day school week

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Siuslaw School District board members and staff discussed the idea of going to a four-day school week at the regular board meeting on Feb. 11.

During his regular presentation on the adoption of the school calendar for the 2026-27 school year, Grzeskowiak first noted that a late Labor Day

in 2026 may make for a long school year. He explained that school typically starts after Labor Day, but doing so this year would push the school into late June, when most families want to start their vacations.

However, Grzeskowiak said a staff member recently suggested revisiting the possibility of a four-day school week.

"Realistically, we haven't talked about it since Mapleton

went to a four-day week," he said. Grzeskowiak said for discussion, he created a four-day week calendar for the 2026-27 school year.

He said if the board were interested, a survey would be circulated to gauge community and parent interest.

He explained that the week would go from Monday to Thursday, and students would still have Monday off during three-day weekend holidays.

He said teachers would have a work and grading day every other Friday.

"It takes the student day and makes it longer," he said, explaining that the 4.5 to 5 hours of Fridays would be absorbed into the Monday to Thursday week. By splitting the time each day, adding about a half hour to the start and the end of the day, making the bell

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Shelter ready for more cold

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Even though the rain clouds cleared and the weather warmed up after the cold spell mid-February, the Florence Emergency Cold-Weather Shelter will still have a place to bring people indoors, should the weather turn cold again. FECWS president Taylor Kohn said the shelter housed 13 people on Feb. 19, after being open for four days.

Kohn previously said the number of guests may have been a record for the first few nights from Feb. 16 to Feb. 18.

"The last two nights we have had 15 people each night. We can fit 20," she said Feb. 19.

"For having that many people, it has run very smoothly,"

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Home & Garden Show Returns with more plants

The 28th Annual Florence Home & Garden Show returns to the Florence Events Center on Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th, bringing two full days of home improvement ideas, garden inspiration, specialty products, and family-friendly fun. Presented by Coast Radio KCST & KCFM, this year's theme is

"Love Where You Live."

Show hours are Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is just \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids, with children under 12 admitted free. Visitors can also take advantage of free admission on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., making it easy for everyone to attend.

"We should have our biggest selection of plants and yard art ever at the show," said Show Director Jon Thompson. "We have our Centerpiece with Laurel Bay Gardens and new this year is Erwin's Specialty Plants from Eugene. We've also added several new vendors with new products and services like All American Lawn &

Garden tools, a new excavation company, and a flag & pole company just to name a few."

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The Florence Home & Garden Show brings together a wide variety of contractors,

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Do I need a Healthcare Advocate- Clues to look for

By **BOB HORNEY**

We have spent a couple weeks looking at the importance of advocacy in healthcare, so let's get down now to the nitty-gritty. We'll pull over to the side of the road and get the cart behind the horse (where it belongs). Here we go again:

How do we go about deciding if or when we need to start looking for a Healthcare Advocate? That is a very good question which may also mean we are close to admitting we can no longer advocate for ourselves.

That admission can be a painful one that some of our elderly residents may not want to or even be able to make. "Oh, I can still manage my healthcare visits by myself." I see this fairly often in Florentine Estates when out walking with my Rollator. I see others walking who are one slip from disaster and suggest

they could use something like I use. The most frequent response is, "Oh, Bob, I'm not ready for that." I hear it so often that I call retirement: "The Age of Denial."

This gets especially difficult when living alone, which most of us will eventually face. As I said in one of my recent articles, we need to watch those little changes because they add up. Unfortunately, when living alone we are much less likely to notice slippage in our mental capabilities than when living with our spouse or other family members who would notice it. Keep in mind what I said in a recent article – If you can't advocate for yourself and don't have someone else who is advocating for you, your healthcare will suffer. We are depriving our healthcare providers of valuable information they need to care for us. So, with this in mind, let's take a look

at potential clues that could give us a heads-up that it is time to start looking for some help – as in a Healthcare Advocate.

Out of the whirlwind of a doctor's visit, consider how well you advocate for yourself by thinking about these questions:

Do you leave appointments more confused than when you arrived? Can you remember what the doctor said? Do you remember the adjustments (if any) your doctor wants you to try before they see you again? Did you have questions you were going to ask, but forgot?

Can you clearly explain your symptoms or medical history? Can you describe what's wrong? Do you recall when the symptoms started? Are you getting all the important details to your doctor? How about describing any problems with meds?

Are you feeling overwhelmed during

appointments? Do you find yourself shutting down because you can't keep up? Do you just nod in agreement without really understanding? Have you had any feelings of being intimidated? Are you losing your train of thought as things zip along?

Do you avoid making medical decisions? Do you defer those decisions to your provider? Are you no longer capable of weighing risks and benefits? Do you put off needed care? Do the choices feel too big? Does making medical decisions scare you?

These questions are enough to get us started thinking about our ability to do our own advocating. It is a difficult decision but think of it in these terms: The Healthcare Advocate that we select is there to assist us – not take over. More clues next week and more about how a Healthcare Advocate assists us.

Siletz Tribe donates \$3,050 to CROW

Children's Repertory of OR Workshops, Inc. (C.R.O.W.) was honored to accept a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund, for a new Arts & Literacy program entitled Storywing. This program is a direct collaboration between Siuslaw Elementary School and C.R.O.W.

Storywing's goal is to strengthen literacy through the performing arts while fostering mentorship across grade levels. The program provides elementary students with greater exposure to the Arts while empowering C.R.O.W.'s talented teens to step into leadership roles. Together, the Storywing troupe rehearses, performs, collaborates, and uplifts younger students who will one day follow in their footsteps. Students in grades 3-5 are excited to see their original writing "come alive," further supporting OR state writing standards and enticing creativity, imagination, skill building, and teamwork.

On February 6th, 2026, C.R.O.W. Board member Karen Trujillo, and Artistic Director and Founder, Melanie Heard traveled to Chinook Winds and accepted a check from the Foundation in the amount of \$3050.00 to support the development of this program. A portion of these funds are allocated to student honorariums, further supporting the teen students who freely give their time and talents to the program.

Melanie Heard said, "It was truly inspiring to be in a room where more than \$250,000 was awarded to 52 worthy organizations serving our region. We are deeply grateful to STCCF for its continued commitment to supporting nonprofits and strengthening our communities."

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The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from February 17 to February 23

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

At 6:20 a.m., a caller reported a male subject walking in and out of traffic in the 5400 block of Highway 126. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the described subject. No other calls were received.

At 10:37 a.m., a caller reported losing a wallet in the 3200 block of Highway 101.

At 10:16 p.m., officers assisted Oregon State Police with a traffic stop in the area of Highway

101 and Heceta Beach Dr..

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

At 8 a.m., officers responded to the 4400 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject in the warming center was being disruptive. Officers arrive and ask the subject to leave. No further action was taken.

At 12:23 p.m., a caller reported that a subject stole one of the cold-weather ride flags from along Highway 101.

Officers were able to locate the subject and charged him with theft three for the flag and improper use of 911 (subject called 911 on the arriving officers).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

At 8:41 a.m., a caller reported that a subject known to them often drives while intoxicated. Dispatch took down the information.

At 11:19 a.m., officers assisted state police for a disorderly subject near the Coast Guard station. Officers made contact with the subject and warned him not to return.

At 1:09 p.m., an officer stopped a speeding vehicle in Florence to discover parents were en route to the emergency room with a child having a medical emergency. Officers assisted them in getting to the hospital.

At 2:30 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a child on Oak Street who had missed their bus. The officer gave the child a ride home.

At 4:05 p.m., officers on patrol in the area of Park Village observed a subject known to have warrants. Upon checking, it was confirmed that the subject had a warrant from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.

investigation.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

At 9:42 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report of a shoplifter screaming inside a store. The subject was arrested for theft and disorderly conduct.

At 4:36 p.m., a subject brought in a wallet and debit card that had been found near Coastal Highlands. Officers found a name inside the wallet and attempted to call, but got no answer and a full voicemail box.

At 1:09 p.m., a caller reported a bicyclist in the 2900 block of Oak Street weaving and getting too close to cars. The caller felt the subject may be intoxicated. Officers made contact with the bicyclist and found that he was not impaired. No further action was taken.

At 4:51 p.m., a caller reported going into a business near 9th Street and Highway 101. The caller said he left his wallet in the store, but when he returned, it was gone. The case remains under investigation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

At 1:21 a.m., a subject called 911 to ask questions about public utility issues. The caller was warned not to use 911 for non-emergency issues.

At 10:40 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Highway 101 for a reported smash-and-grab theft. Officers were told that someone had broken a window of a work van and stolen tools, sometime over the weekend.

At 9:24 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle peeled out in the area of Spruce Street and sped away. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.


At 11:44 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle previously reported stolen had been taken again. Case remains open for follow-up.

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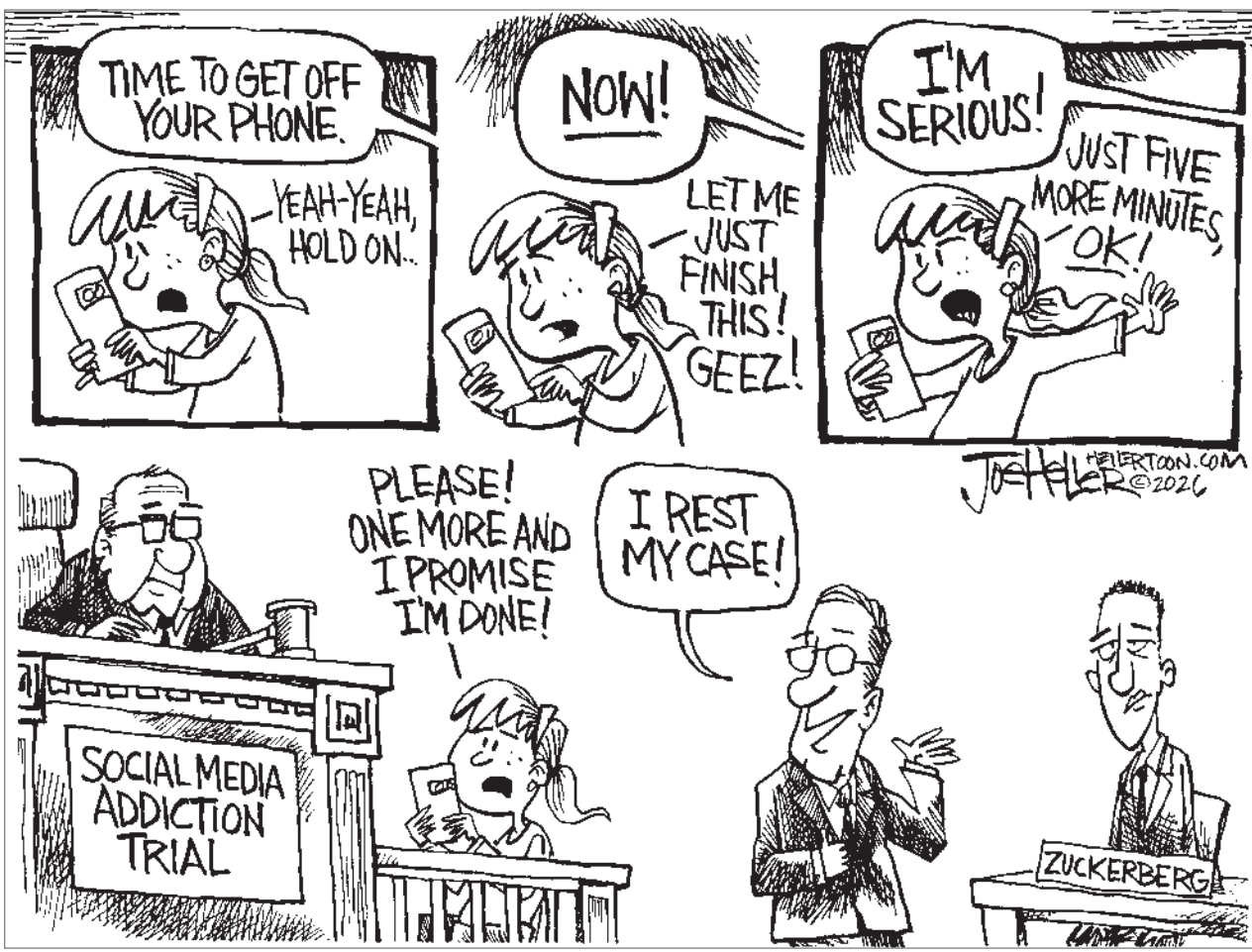
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

At 9:49 a.m., a caller in the 1500 block of 8th Street reported finding someone's luggage stashed behind his garage. Officers disposed of the items.

At 1:18 p.m., officers located a broken-down vehicle in the area of Highway 101 and 9th Street. Officers helped push the vehicle off the roadway, with assistance from Oregon State Police.

At 5:11 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 126 for a report of a dog bite. Officers were able to locate one dog in a car, and were told that it had bitten another dog, and the owner of that dog had been bitten by his own dog while trying to break up the dogs. The case remains under

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Oregon publishers fighting threats to open meetings laws

By **THERESE BOTTOMLY, RETIRED JOURNALIST,**
 For Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association

Oregonians are increasingly losing faith in their government and institutions. All too often, it feels like actions are taken without any notice or public input.

A bill racing ahead in the current legislative session would only heighten that unease. It has the potential to create huge loopholes in Oregon's longstanding open meetings law, enacted more than 50 years ago in recognition of the public's right to know what government is up to.

Oregonians should contact their legislators to urge them to reject these hastily considered revisions, which – if enacted – would mean more of the public's business would be done in a shroud of secrecy.

The legislation, House Bill 4177, is an attempt to help those who serve

on public boards and commissions. That is commendable, because the many volunteers who give time to local school boards, planning commissions and city councils deserve clear guidance.

This proposed law does the opposite, however. Instead of clarity, it sows confusion.

Currently, the open meetings law has several provisions that underpin its guiding principle – that deliberations and decisions on government policies must be done in view of all Oregonians.

Serial communications about an upcoming matter are expressly prohibited. That means, for example, a city councilor cannot speak privately to another councilor and then have a series of secret conversations with other councilors. Current law makes clear such discussions must occur in public.

The proposal legislation muddies the water about what is allowed.

Even Susan Myers, the executive director of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, said some of the proposed changes gave her "heartburn."

The legislation would create a new and flawed definition for "deliberation," eliminate "serial communications" from the definition of "convening" a meeting and enumerate myriad activities that would be allowed without any public access.

Replacing a clear, bright line (Do the public's business in public) with a slapdash list of poorly defined or undefined activities is foolhardy.

These changes undoubtedly would lead to unintentional ethics violations by well-meaning volunteers. Communications related "purely to procedural matters" would be allowed but what is purely "procedural"? The legislation does not offer definitions of key terms.

The proposal says

requirements of the open meetings law would not apply to conversations made "for the purpose of gathering information related to a decision that will be deliberated upon or made by the governing body."

That alone creates a gigantic loophole in the requirement for transparency and the current prohibition on secret deal making.

Myers, the ethics commission director, gave an expert and clarion warning in her testimony: The changes would lead to political wheeling and dealing behind closed doors, in direct opposition to the law's existing requirement for public accountability.

"This exception would allow governing body members to meet in private and/or communicate privately with each other, outside of any public meeting, in order to gather information," she said.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

In the 2/18 edition of the paper, page 4, the contributions from Rep. Val Hoyle and Rep. Boomer Wright are juxtaposed above each other lending to easy comparison: Hoyle delivered almost \$17 million dollars directly to various Lane County cities while Wright offered utilizing Dolly Parton's Library foundation to bring free books to young kids. Thanks to Dolly Parton for her generosity.

Here are my questions to Rep. Wright: after these books are delivered what else are you going to do for these kids? How about making them safe in their schools from frequent and random shootings? Are you working on delivering a free and robust child care system for these same kids and their working parents? What about working on a stable and funded health care

system for these kids and their families?

Did you protest when the administration cut off allocated monies to Mapleton and Florence for much needed water and safety projects? Did you protest when the administration cut off wind and solar projects to Oregon resulting in you now recommending going back to nuclear power plants that can threaten the health of all of us if/when there's a challenge?

Other than continually engaging in vitriolic language and walk outs from your job place in Salem, try working harder on finding common ground to benefit all Oregonians, not just engaging in performances for those in your own party.

*Renee LoPilato
 Florence*

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public.

The group is sponsored by the FUUF Animal Ministry and is facilitated by Licensed Professionals who are animal lovers with training in grief work.

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Lucky Days at Backstreet Gallery

Spring brings a beautiful collection of art by glass artist Kristin Anderson and weaver Teresa Zook. Join the celebration at their reception, 3 to 5 p.m., March 14. Enjoy guitarist/singer, Josh Mottley, with his list of 400+ songs from the 50s to the present. Wine and tasty treats enhance your appreciation of the amazing art on display.

Kristin Anderson's interest in color and light first attracted her to fused glass. Exploring new things prompts her to create different pieces that highlight the material's scientific chemical properties. Working as an engineering director, she began her adventure with glass. She enjoys the counter-balance between analytic techniques and exploring new techniques while she lets go and just goes with the flow.

Experimentation with the combing process added another aspect to Kristin's work. She often uses straight lines—the combing process adds curves. Expect to enjoy her gleaming glass art pieces, from elegant pendants, decorative wall hangings, plates, picture frames,



to refined business card holders, wine stoppers, ornaments, and garden décor. See how her glowing night lights and art pieces glimmer.

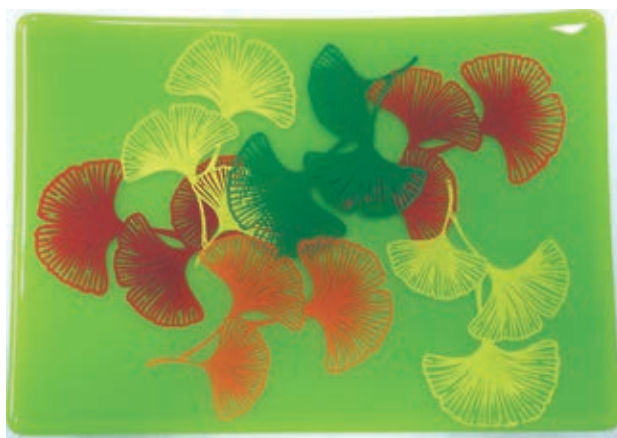
As an ardent supporter of the arts in Florence, Kristin combines her love of art and her love of working with artists, youth, and the elderly to help them enjoy art in their lives.

Kristin is the treasurer of Backstreet Gallery and is an active member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

It was later in life that Teresa Zook discovered

the creative energy inside that needed expressing. It is about having a peaceful setting — a happy place — with room to feel the freedom that stimulates the creative juices. Visual stimuli — textures, colors, everything that nature presents in all its glory—that's her inspiration.

Retiring in 2014, Teresa moved to Florence to be closer to siblings. In 2017, a friend invited her to a weaving class for beginners at the Eugene Textile Center. She was hooked, and



weaving became her passion. Picking a color scheme, she designs as she weaves, using one of three sizes of table looms.

This year, Teresa added a new dimension

to her weavings. She has added embroidered images from nature, such as mushrooms, birds, whales, and jellyfish. Using a felting needle, she applies them to the weaving.

Most of her unique weavings hang from driftwood. "All of my final creations are a result of what I feel and what I see during the process—my experience. I hope they bring smiles to the viewer."

Meet these two artists and other fine artists at the reception on March 14 at Backstreet Gallery. The Gallery is located at 1421 Bay Street and is open daily 11a.m. to 5 p.m. If interested in becoming a member, applications are available online at www.backstreetgallery.org and at the Gallery.

HOPE Community Homes topic at FACC

The March 4th 2026 regular meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition will feature Jacon Taylor, Development Manager with Saint Vincent dePaul's HOPE Community Homes, Oregon's first non-profit factory-built home manufacturer. He will explain their innovative contribution to solving our affordable housing crisis.

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FACC's regular monthly meetings start at 10:45 am in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library District, 1460 9th Street in Florence, and adjourn by noon. Hybrid meetings offer an opportunity to participate with Zoom. After the speaker and a short business meeting,

all those attending, whether in the room or joining by Zoom, have an opportunity to share upcoming events, needs, and opportunities to learn or participate.

FACC's mission is to improve the quality of life in Western Lane County through partnerships, networking, volunteerism, community involvement, education, and awareness. As an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) membership organization it has been at this work for over 25 years.

FACC meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served.

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For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for classes, please call or visit FRAA Art Center on Maple Street. All classes held at FRAA Creative Center (2/25/26)

City of Florence launches EMAC speaker spotlight series

The City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is proud to announce the launch of its new Speaker Spotlight Series, beginning Wednesday, March 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak Street.

The inaugural event features Justin Gast from the Oregon Department

of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Materials Management Program. Gast is a materials management specialist with Oregon DEQ's Materials Management Program, currently focused on implementing the Recycling Modernization Act. Over his 20-year career, he has worked at both local and national levels, including roles with Resource Recycling,

Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling, and The Recycling Partnership.

Gast will present "Where Does Oregon's Recycling Go? The Importance of Responsible End Markets Under the Recycling Modernization Act." This 60-minute presentation will give residents a clear look at what happens to their recycling after it leaves the curb.

Gast will highlight Oregon's most commonly recycled materials, explain how Responsible End Markets ensure safe

and environmentally sound processing, and discuss how new fleet technology supports statewide contamination-reduction efforts in partnership with DEQ, CAA, local governments, and service providers. Attendees will enjoy snacks and refreshments, have access to additional educational materials, and can participate in giveaways and an opportunity drawing.

All community members are welcome.

More information is available on the City of Florence website:

<https://www.ci.florence.or.us/365/EMAC>.

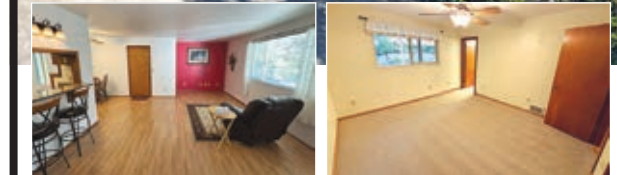
Upcoming EMAC Speaker Spotlight Series Events EMAC will host three additional presentations throughout 2026, each highlighting a different environmental topic and community partner:

1. Wednesday, May 13 — David Kollen, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation Topic: Insect Apocalypse A deep dive into pollinator decline, biodiversity loss, and what communities can do to protect vital insect populations.
2. Wednesday August

12 - Jerin Dinkins, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Food Systems Specialist Topic: Save the Food: From Farm to Fork Learn more about the DEQ 2026 Food Waste Prevention Week, September 28 to October 4.

3. Saturday, November 14 — Rachel Freeman, Oregon Shores Topic: King Tides Featuring a hands-on Marine Debris Mosaic Workshop exploring coastal stewardship and creative reuse.

More information about each event will be shared as dates approach.



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Details are limited on Post Office construction

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Several readers have asked about the construction happening around the east end of the Florence Post Office. About two weeks ago, construction personnel could be seen planting long metal poles into the ground along the sidewalk and around the loading area. The poles have since been left and have caution tape strung between them



Sturdy metal poles have been installed around the Post Office in Florence, generating inquiries from residents. Tony Reed photo

Officials in the Florence office declined to comment and forwarded all inquiries to Janella Herron in Washington, the media contact listed on the USPS website.

"USPS is reviewing the parking lot layout and exploring options to enhance safety and security for employees and Postal Service property," Herron replied Feb. 26. "As part of that effort, we are moving forward with plans to install fencing. We are still in the early

planning stages and coordinating with the City of Florence on this project, so no additional details are available at this time."

Justification for the work "to enhance safety and security" is yet unknown. However, on Sept. 16, Florence Police officers responded to the Post Office for a report that some vehicles had damage caused to fuel lines.

According to the US Post Office website, while other community

notification processes are required, some procedures related to customer service facilities do not apply.

"Repairs and alterations are projects that do not expand the footprint of the space, such as painting, repairs, replacement, or upgrade of the facility or its equipment, paving, striping, or other repairs to the parking areas and landscaping," it says.

More information will be published as it's released.

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materials to create and take a project, plus a fun filled day with old and new friends! Register at our website: www.florencehabitat.org.

For questions you can call Misty at 541-902-9227 x101.

SCHOOL

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schedule 7:45 am to 3:30 p.m.

He said some balance would need to happen, because of bus schedules, after-school programs and sports. Grzeskowiak said Monday holidays would result in a three-day week, and Friday would remain off.

Grzeskowiak estimated that a four-day week could save the district only \$100,000 to \$125,000 a year in operational costs, but potential benefits for teachers and students may justify it.

All in the room seemed to acknowledge the concerns for parents working five or more days a week. Grzeskowiak said if enough parents found it unmanageable, the district would not do it. He said that while the Mapleton community was able to manage the number of kids out of school on Friday, their district is much smaller than Siuslaw's.

Directors Maureen Miltenberger and Tamara Cole agreed that it would be good to hear from the community on the issue. Director Tom Posegate said he also agreed, but said he could foresee a lot of potential problems.

High school Principal Mike Harklerode said the issue would require more discussion than could be had at a board meeting.

"I think this is going to clobber school spirit," he said. "If it's presumably a Friday that's off, and we have so many sporting events on Friday. We use Friday to launch into those things. It messes with weekend festivities like Prom and homecoming."

He added that while it's nice to think that teachers would be using Fridays to catch up or stay ahead of their work, it may not be so easy to do.

Elementary School Principal Amy Flora said that younger grade level students often have a hard time coming back to school after a long break, and also expressed concerns about information retention.

Posegate added that giving kids an extra day in a town where there's already very little to do could be problematic.

Chair Brian Lacouture said while he could see pros and cons of the proposal, he also agrees that it should be put out to the public for discussion.

"I don't think anything is lost by getting some feedback on this," Harklerode said.

Posegate suggested that if it's put to the community and parents' house a proposal, it should be made abundantly clear that it's just an idea, not a plan in progress.

If the board decides to open a five-day week before Labor Day, school will start on Aug 31 at the High School and

Sept. 1 for the lower grades. That schedule would end the school year on June 10.

The after Labor Day option would start school on Sept 8 at the high school and Sept. 9 for the lower grades. That option would push the last day of school to June 17.

The board opted to push the calendar to a third read in March, pending survey results from the community.

CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Siuslaw Valley Charter School will open its school year with a four-day week in 2027 at its new location in Florence.

SVCS President Kay King said the board recently opted for Whitmore Classical Academy to do so based on parent support.

"We will have Fridays off, but not really 'off,'" she said. "We'll have enrichment activities and also some remedial things like field trips, and maybe give teachers some time for prep."

She said the schedule is still being worked out.

"We reached out to all of our enrolled students' parents, and it was overwhelming," she said. "There was no question that they wanted the four day school week."

King said the school is looking closely at its scope and sequence models to ensure a four-day week can meet all state requirements.

WALK THE WALK

At the Siuslaw Board of Directors meeting, Sylvia Hand, a "part-time senior," expressed that she wants very much to walk at graduation and asked the board to reconsider its policy regarding dual-enrolled students.

She said that while the majority of her credits came from homeschooling, five of her credits came from Siuslaw High School.

She said she is the captain of the varsity cheer team, the president of the environmental club, the secretary of the key club, and an active member of SHS interactive club.

"You will be walking at graduation," Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said to her. "We just need another policy for me to link them together at a policy meeting."

He later added that the policy committee needed a few more policy changes to consider, rather than holding a meeting on a single topic. Grzeskowiak said he and principal Mike Harklerode had already discussed the idea.

Asked if there is still time before graduation, Grzeskowiak said yes, adding, "Even if there wasn't, I still have the authority to say yes."

"Knowing your parents, I can't imagine homeschool is a walk in the park," Board Chair Brian Lacouture commented, making her laugh out loud.

PRINCIPAL

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East Bay, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.

Dr. McKinsey has worked as an elementary school teacher, a physical education teacher, a middle school assistant principal, a virtual academy assistant principal, a district coordinator and an elementary school principal. She has also owned a farming business and a publishing company.

Her educational focus is on ensuring that all students enjoy learning and develop strong work ethics to achieve their dreams. She enjoys playing golf, walking on the beach and hiking with her husband, cooking farm-to-fork style meals, helping others, and spending time with friends and family. Angelina's husband John continues to practice and teach law, specializing in contract and environmental law.

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"Everything we do at Whitmore Classical Academy is mission driven," King said. "We've looked through that lens as we have considered our building design, our hiring, and our schedule and calendar. We are excited to move from planning to operations. Most importantly,

we can't wait to hear the voices of students in our building."

Lottery applications for K-3 fall enrollment are available now online at whitmoreacademy.com.

HOME

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SHELTER

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she said. "We have a well-trained night crew, who are paid staff, and they do a great job making sure people are supervised. This will be our fourth night. The first night we had 11, and then 15 on the last two nights. I think that might be a record, except for when First Presbyterian Church ran it years ago."

On Feb 25, after the cold stretch, she said the final consecutive night saw no issues, but one subject was asked to leave for being disruptive.

"It's nice when they can stay multiple nights because it gives their nervous system a chance to calm down, and the bedding stayed there so they had their little place where

they liked to be," she said, "so it gives them a sense of familiarity."

Kohn said the shelter has the lease until the end of March, so that all the bedding and supplies can be left in the building, rather than packed into a trailer.

Kohn previously said that while looking for a suitable building months before, an anonymous donor contacted FECWSC and offered to help pay rent if a more stable building could be found. She said staff contacted the owner of the building, who lives in Coos Bay, who happily agreed to rent it out. She said FECWSC was able to rent the building for less than half of what it would typically cost, and the donor paid for it.

She did not have a count of how many individuals were helped over

the four-day cold snap, but estimated that more than 3/4 of the guests were there for multiple nights.

Asked for the most common comment from guests, Kohn said it was expressions of gratitude.

"It was such gratitude for having the place open, where they felt welcomed," she said, noting

that when people came in, they were immediately offered tea or coffee and a snack, along with a place to put their belongings and rest.

She said that while it's too early to predict the next time temperatures will fall into freezing or life-threatening range, the shelter stands ready for the rest of the month.

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Siuslaw girls seize 8th win



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Senior Night was extra sweet for Siuslaw's girls, as they not only celebrated senior Mia Snyder, but also their eighth win of the season.

It was a landmark victory for the Vikings, and their 8-17 overall record is one of the best seasons in recent memory for the program. In Head Coach Amanda Richard's first season at the helm, she architected a solid improvement on last season's 3-21 mark.

On top of that, Siuslaw's 3-7 record in the Far West League is the best since the Vikings went 4-8 in

the 2013-2014 season. Thanks to wins against Douglas and South Umpqua, Siuslaw ended the season as the fourth-best team in the Far West League, their best placement since the Far West was reformed a few years ago.

The Vikings secured that achievement with their biggest league win of the season, taking down Douglas by 21 points in the season finale on Feb. 21.

Junior Aidell Cadet was instrumental in the 41-20 win against the Trojans. Cadet led the way on the boards and score sheet for Siuslaw, notching 17 points and seven rebounds. Siuslaw



controlled the game from the tip, going up 10-3 in the first quarter,

but they exploded on offense in the next frame.

In the second quarter, See **WIN**, Page B2

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

High.....12:50 a.m.....7.8
 Low.....6:51 a.m.....1.1
 High.....12:45 p.m.....7.4
 Low.....6:58 p.m.....0.1

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

High.....1:18 a.m.....7.9
 Low.....7:30 a.m.....0.8
 High.....1:28 p.m.....7.0
 Low.....7:29 p.m.....0.7

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

High.....1:46 a.m.....7.8
 Low.....8:08 a.m.....0.6
 High.....2:11 p.m.....6.6
 Low.....7:58 p.m.....1.5

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

High.....2:13 a.m.....7.7
 Low.....8:47 a.m.....0.7
 High.....2:56 p.m.....6.1
 Low.....8:26 p.m.....2.2

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

High.....3:40 a.m.....7.5
 Low.....10:28 a.m.....0.8
 High.....4:44 p.m.....5.6
 Low.....9:54 p.m.....2.9

MONDAY, MARCH 9

High.....4:10 a.m.....7.3
 Low.....11:15 a.m.....1.1
 High.....5:41 p.m.....5.2
 Low.....10:23 p.m.....3.5

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

High.....4:46 a.m.....7.0
 Low.....12:15 p.m.....1.4
 High.....6:56 p.m.....4.8
 Low.....10:58 p.m.....4.0

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

High.....5:34 a.m.....6.7
 Low.....1:30 p.m.....1.6
 High.....8:44 p.m.....4.7

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Low.....12:04 a.m.....4.4
 High.....6:44 a.m.....6.5
 Low.....2:48 p.m.....1.4
 High.....10:19 p.m.....5.0

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Low.....2:04 a.m.....4.5
 High.....8:11 a.m.....6.4
 Low.....3:51 p.m.....1.1
 High.....11:02 p.m.....5.3

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Low.....3:33 a.m.....4.1
 High.....9:26 a.m.....6.6
 Low.....4:39 p.m.....0.6
 High.....11:30 p.m.....5.7

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Low.....4:34 a.m.....3.5
 High.....10:24 a.m.....6.9
 Low.....5:18 p.m.....0.3
 High.....11:55 p.m.....6.2

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Low.....5:22 a.m.....2.8
 High.....11:13 a.m.....7.1
 Low.....5:53 p.m.....0.0

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

High.....12:20 a.m.....6.6
 Low.....6:05 a.m.....2.0
 High.....11:58 a.m.....7.3
 Low.....6:25 p.m.....0.0

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

High.....12:46 a.m.....7.1
 Low.....6:45 a.m.....1.2
 High.....12:42 p.m.....7.3
 Low.....6:58 p.m.....0.1

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

High.....1:12 a.m.....7.6
 Low.....7:25 a.m.....0.4
 High.....1:27 p.m.....7.3
 Low.....7:30 p.m.....0.5

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

High.....1:40 a.m.....8.0
 Low.....8:06 a.m.....-0.1
 High.....2:14 p.m.....7.1
 Low.....8:04 p.m.....1.0

Siuslaw streak leads to state playoffs

PLAYOFFS

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The crown jewel win of the regular season came in the finale against Douglas on Feb. 19. Out to avenge their earlier loss to the top league-ranked Trojans, Siuslaw took the court in front of a packed Florence crowd. In the early stages of the game, Douglas started hot, jumping ahead by as many as 16-6 after one, and going up by as much as 14.

Siuslaw dug in on defense and got back into the game, bringing the score within two going into half, down 22-20. Micah Blankenship led the way for the Vikings, scoring 17 points, and was helped by Owen Burtt and Jericho Lake, who notched 12 and 10 points, respectively. In the second half, the Vikings grabbed the lead in the third quarter and held on through the finish line. The Florence faithful cheered their team to victory, exploding after each Viking



basket. "The support from our community has been nothing short of special. Our student body has been outstanding at our home games, yelling and chanting, making it very difficult on opposing teams with our home court advantage," Perry said after the final home game against South Umpqua. "Our gym has

been packed full the last two games and that is something special that not a lot of athletes get to experience in their career. Thinking back to when I played, those are the moments that really stick out to me, when the gym is full, and you can't even hear yourself think. I am super grateful to our student body and community



for supporting us in this late-season playoff run."

While Douglas had already locked up the top spot in the Far West, the win was no less impressive and was a sweet bit of revenge for a Vikings team that barely lost to the Trojans in overtime during their first meeting.

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Next up, the Vikings took on South Umpqua on home court to see who would take the second automatic bid to state out of the Far West. The Vikings battled it out with the Lancers

See **PLAYOFFS**, Page B2



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PLAYOFFS

From Page B1

until the end.
It was tight down the stretch, with South Umpqua coming back from double digits to take the lead in the fourth quarter, but Asher Borgnino saved the day for Siuslaw, scoring the game-winning layup with under 20 seconds on the clock to secure the 56-55 win and a trip to state.
Those points were just Borgnino's second and third of the game, but they couldn't have come at a better time.

"It means a lot to everyone in our program to earn a state playoff berth this season. The boys should be very proud of themselves for the effort and attitude they have displayed this season," Perry said. "I always try to tell them that we are a process-oriented team, not a results-oriented team. I am proud of the work and dedication to get better each and every day this season, and because of that approach, the results fall into place."
Leading the way in the stat column for the Vikings was Jericho Lake, who registered 19 points,

seven rebounds, and four assists. Once again, Micah Blankenship played a crucial role, notching 15 points. Also scoring in double figures was Tom Morgan with 11.
The win against South Umpqua brought Siuslaw's record to 17-9 on the season, and granted them a spot among Oregon's best 3A teams in the state championships. Ahead of their playoff game against Santiam Christian, Perry noted how appreciative he was of everyone who made this run possible this season.
"I would like to thank all of my players within

the Siuslaw basketball program for always showing up and working hard over the long season. This is a great group of young men that are going to do great things in life well beyond basketball," Perry said. "I would also like to give a shout-out to our players' parents for raising such great young men. It's been such a pleasure to get to coach them along the way. I'd also like to thank my assistant coaches Nick Johnson and Mike Brandow; they have been instrumental in our success this season, and they deserve just as much credit as anyone

in this. They are great coaches but even better people!"
Siuslaw's first round matchup was against #15-ranked Santiam Christian on Feb. 24. It was a tight game through the first half, with Siuslaw behind 36-30 going into the break. In the second half, the Eagles proved tough to contain, and they ended up soaring to a 72-53 victory. Despite the loss, it was a momentous season for the Vikings, notching their second 17-win season in a row and qualifying for the state playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

WIN

From Page B1

Siuslaw put together a run that would put the

game out of reach for good, and outscored Douglas 19-3 in the period. Leading 21-6, Siuslaw scored eight unanswered points to take a 29-6 lead into

the break. It would be 33-6 before the Trojans would score again. A key ingredient in Siuslaw's win was their control of the paint, hard work on the glass, and defensive intensity. The Vikings pulled down 37 rebounds, blocked three shots, and pilfered 11 steals.
While the Trojans would outscore the Vikings 14-8 the rest of the way, the result was not in doubt, and the Vikings cruised their way to their historic win.
In addition to Cadet's

high-flying heroics, Siuslaw had other players contributing on the scoresheet. Other players who scored for the Vikings were Avey Hulet (6 points), Sophia Stymans (4 points), Maren Hughes (4 points), Ryleigh Panschow (4 points), McKenzie Ulrich (2 points), Mia Snider (2 points), and Maely Chiang (2 points).
When Richards took the position as head coach, she knew it wasn't going to be easy.
"Rebuilding this

program will be a challenge, but it's one I believe in wholeheartedly. With the strength of our female athletes and the support of our community, I know we can build something special—together," Richards said last April when she was announced as the new head coach.
In her first season, the strides the team has made have been evident, and with a team graduating just one senior, it looks like the future will be bright for Siuslaw's girls.

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iNaturalist is a popular, free, social network and community science platform (app and website) designed to record, identify, and map observations of plants, animals, and fungi worldwide. iNaturalist was launched

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Dina Pavlis is an iNaturalist Ambassador. The Ambassadors are passionate iNaturalist community members who share iNaturalist in their local regions through talks, events, and partnerships with local organizations. They introduce new people to the iNaturalist

platform and onboard them to submit high-quality observations, help with identifications and data stewardship, and excite them to keep contributing.

Dina Pavlis has lived and played on the Oregon Coast for over 20-years. Besides being an iNaturalist Ambassador she is an author (including Secrets of the Oregon Dunes), hiker, outdoor enthusiast, and nature photographer.

This program is free and open to the public.

PFLAG hybrid meeting addresses LGBTQ safety issues

PFLAG Florence welcomes teacher and facilitator Erika Leonard via Zoom to members and friends for a fact-filled, eye-opening program around the issue of LGBTQ+ community safety leadership on Monday, March 9. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Florence United Methodist Church but will also be available online for those unable to attend in person.

Erika Leonard is the community education director for KidPower International, of which PridePower, an adult/teen safety program and sponsor of the program, is a subsidiary. The live online workshop will cover topics like staying calm and confident when you don't feel like it and preventing, avoiding or de-escalating dangerous situations.

The program also covers setting and protecting personal boundaries and managing emotional triggers to think clearly. The program hopes to help participants to stay emotionally safe in the face of rude, thoughtless, threatening or offensive comments.

To join online, email pflagflo@gmail.com to get an electronic link to the program. The program is approximately one hour, followed by Q&A. To attend in person, Florence PFLAG's regular meeting site is located at the corner of Second and Kingwood, one block west of Highway 101. The event is free and refreshments will be available.

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The Food Backpack For Kids program is pleased and honored to announce that the Joseph E. Weston Foundation (collaborating with the Oregon Community Foundation) has granted a generous \$5,200 to the ongoing program of feeding at-risk, food insecure school children in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts. This grant impacts all of Florence and Mapleton and will help us make a difference in the lives of our children and our community. The gift of funds is greatly appreciated.

Food Backpack For Kids is a collective of local community members who distribute weekend food to schools for students who need it with the goal that no child goes hungry. The Food Backpack For Kids program is a continuous program with no completion date nor sunset target. For more information about the program, go to <https://foodbackpackforkids.com>.

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Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

10	8		33
	11	9	22
6		5	15
18	23	29	

5	4	9
6	11	2
15	8	10

Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1910: French aviator Raymonde de Laroche becomes the first woman to receive a pilot's license.

1936: Daytona Beach and Road Course holds its first oval stock car race.

1979: The compact disc is demonstrated for the first time.

Food FACT:

True or false?
There is no perfect diet for everyone.

Answer: True; experimentation may be needed

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

EHLTYHA LMSAE

Answer: Healthy meals

NEW WORD

REFINED

with unwanted elements removed by processing

How they say that in...

- English:** Protein
- Spanish:** Proteína
- Italian:** Proteine
- French:** Protéine
- German:** Eiweiß

Did You Know?

A combination of various foods, with a good deal of vegetables and fruits, is part of a healthy and balanced diet.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Smoothie

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WORDS

- BOWL
- CARE
- CAT
- COMPANION
- DOG
- FAMILY
- FEEDING
- HELP
- HOME
- INSTRUCT
- LEASH
- MEDICINE
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- SNUGGLE
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- WALKS
- WELFARE

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

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by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



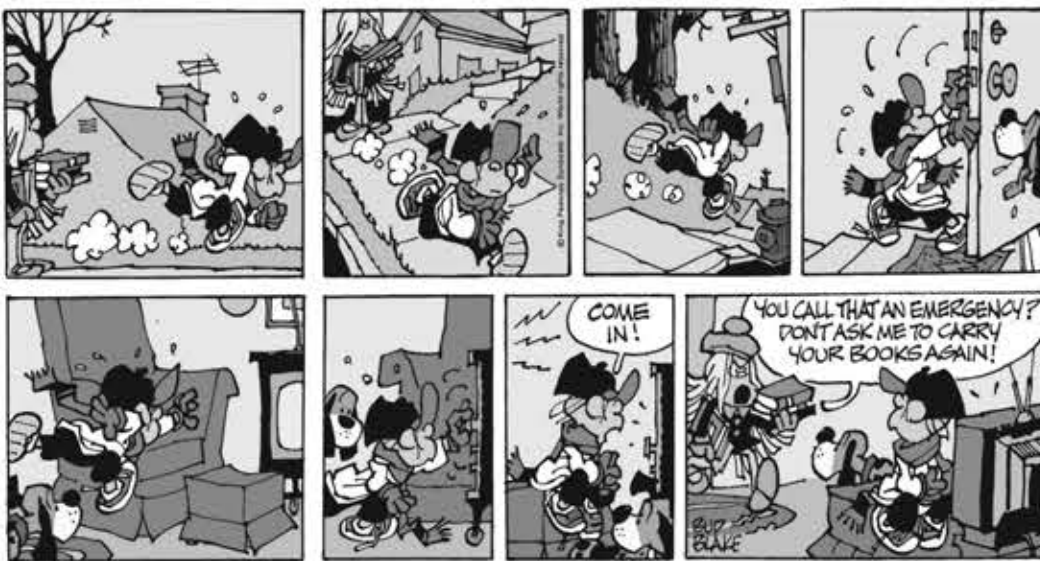
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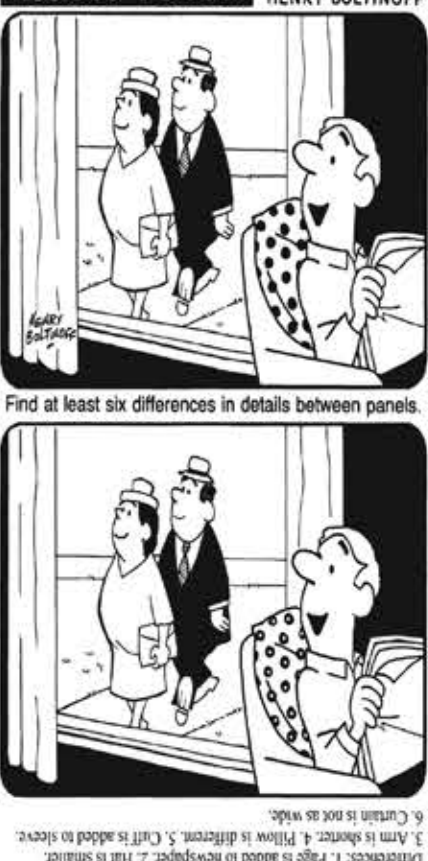
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals H

IONYGBM YFPNYC CNQT GT
 QRGWR FJFYXENBX ONJFP
 PGTZGTZ PMWYFB RXLTP NI
 DYMGPFF: DPMOL EFMWR.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lawn coating
- 4 Daring deeds
- 9 Droid
- 12 "That feels so good!"
- 13 Host
- 14 Ruckus
- 15 Type of cable
- 17 Sine qua —
- 18 Feathery wrap
- 19 Garish
- 21 Mellow yellows
- 24 Winter blanket
- 25 Mauna —
- 26 Fire sign?
- 28 Emulate Scott Hamilton
- 31 Grecian vessels
- 33 Evergreen tree
- 35 "Zounds!"
- 36 Army doc
- 38 Karaoke prop, for short
- 40 Assoc. Friendly
- 43 Crude dwelling
- 45 Brit's word of surprise
- 47 Where Ger. is
- 48 Help
- 49 Timepiece attachment

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13						14	
15		16							17	
		18			19		20			
21	22	23			24					
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31		32	33	34	35					
36			37	38	39		40			
		41		42	43	44				
45	46				47					
48			49	50			51	52	53	
54			55					56		
57			58						59	

- 54 Blasting stick
- 55 Follow
- 56 Luau dish
- 57 Sneaky
- 58 Reading lights
- 59 Bradley and Asner
- 6 Fed. health law
- 7 Camping shelters
- 8 Family cars
- 9 Something to jump on
- 10 Skunk's defense
- 11 Theater award
- 16 Jurist Fortas
- 20 Stirred
- 21 Grad
- 22 "Encore!"
- 23 Range of radio frequencies
- 27 Skirt edge
- 29 Like lemons
- 30 Jittery
- 32 Thailand, once
- 34 Gets smart
- 37 Embroidery yarn
- 39 Waterpark slides
- 42 Actress Loy
- 44 Wall St. whiz
- 45 Tub session
- 46 Queue
- 50 Doctrine
- 51 Mimic
- 52 Silent assent
- 53 Insult

DOWN

- 1 Apply cream
- 2 Listener
- 3 "— goes there?"
- 4 Soft felt hat
- 5 Diplomat's post

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
- MOVIES: Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
- LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
- TELEVISION: What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
- HISTORY: Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
- GEOGRAPHY: Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
- ANATOMY: Which human organ stores bile?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
- MATH: What is the next prime number after 7?

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DESSERT

Today's Word

3. Teach; 4. Stench

SCRAMBLERS

L	V	A	L
M	E	D	E
R	E	A	L
M	O	L	A
R	L	A	R
S	O	L	A
R	O	A	S
T	S	P	O

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

praise: Psalm Beach, singing sacred hymns of which everybody loves Florida resort town in answer

CryptoQuip

answer

- Maine
- George Washington
- Lord Maximus Farquard
- Virginia Woolf
- Heck
- Florence Nightingale
- Malaysia
- The gallbladder
- "I think, therefore I am"
- Eleven (11)

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



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!

- Bane: RESCU
- Melody: DOHRC
- Coach: ETCHA
- Smell: THENCS

TODAY'S WORD

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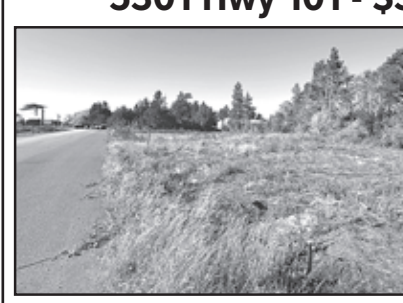
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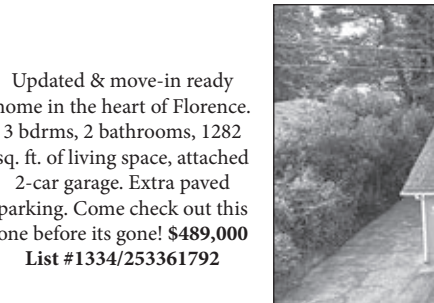
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TSN26-120 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF LANE

In the matter of the estate of, KATHRYN E. MCFALL, DECEASED Case No.: 26PB00699 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at

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P. O. Box B, Florence, Oregon, 97439, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Scott T. Bailey, Attorney at Law, P.C. at P.O. Box B, Florence, Oregon 97439. Dated and first published March 04, 2026. Scott T. Bailey Attorney for Personal Representative

TSN26-113 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

First Step Florence-Solutions for Housing Security is applying to the USDA Rural Development, Community Facility Grant Program for funding of a transitional housing project to include four housing units on the property owned by First Step Florence at 5260 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439. The estimated total project cost for four units is \$400,000. First Step Florence will hold a board/council meeting open to the public to discuss the application and provide an opportunity for the public to comment. The meeting is a requirement of the USDA application. The meeting will be held at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 9th Street, Florence OR, March 25, 2026, at 5:30pm- 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Sandy Craft, Community Development Liaison, at 541-590-2325 or sandy@firststepflorence.org

TSN26-117 PUBLIC NOTICE:

CLAIMS against the estate of DONALD MURRAY HARVEY of Florence, Oregon, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB01505, are required to be presented, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, NANCY HARVEY at 3285 MUNSEL LAKE RD, Florence, Oregon 97439 within four (4) months from the date of publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the

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Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Daniel T. Garner, 625 Highway 101, PMB 350, Florence, OR 97439.

TSN26-116 INVITATION TO BID CITY OF FLORENCE

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BEACON AND WIND CONE REPLACEMENT A.I.G. PROJECT NO. 3-41-0019-020-2025

Sealed bids for Florence Municipal Airport, Beacon and Wind Cone Replacement Project, A.I.G. Project No. 3-41-0019-020-2025 will be received by August Murphy, Public Works Director, at the Public Works Facility located at 2675 Kingwood Street, Florence, Oregon, 97439, until the bid closing time of 11:00 a.m., local time, on the 24th of March, 2026, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders shall submit the required first-tier subcontractor disclosure form within two hours of the bid closing time. Bidders must submit or disclosure statements are received after the stated times will be considered non-responsive, and their bids will not be considered. The scope of work being considered is: 1. Replace existing tip-down pole and Airport Beacon with new foundation; 2. Replace existing Wind Cone with new foundation; 3. Pull new conductor(s) from power source to Airport Beacon; and 4. Pull new conductor(s) from power source to Wind Cone. The Contract Documents, including the specifications and above project may be reviewed and examined at the offices of the City of Florence Public Works Facility located at 2675 Kingwood Street, Florence, Oregon, 97439 on working days, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Bidding documents can be downloaded at www.questcdn.com under Login using QuestCDN #10032771 for a non-refundable charge of \$22.00. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading this digital project information. Technical questions shall be directed to Sydney Schroeder, E.I.T.,

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Century West Engineering Corporation, (541) 322-8962. Contractors must be qualified in accordance with the applicable parts of ORS 279C in order to enter into a contract with the City. Among other factors that will be considered, the City will only award a contract to a contractor that is able to demonstrate that they have completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance, and that demonstrate that they have a satisfactory record of integrity. The City may investigate to determine the qualifications of the bidders as part of the evaluation of the bids, and the City may reject a bid that does not comply with the prescribed requirements. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities, and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the City. The City may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements and may reject for good cause any and all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest. AUGUST MURPHY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CITY OF FLORENCE. Dated at the City of Florence, this 25th day of February, 2026.

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of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.), U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Assurances, and other relevant civil rights statutes, regulations, or authorities, including any amendments or updates thereto. This may include, as applicable, providing a current Title VI Program Plan to the FAA for approval, in the format and according to the timeline required by the FAA, and other information about the communities that will be benefited and impacted by the project. A completed FAA Title VI Program Award Checklist is required for every grant application, unless excused by the FAA. The Sponsor shall affirmatively ensure that when carrying out any project supported by this grant that it complies with all federal nondiscrimination and civil rights laws based on race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, disability, genetic information, in consideration for federal financial assistance. The Department's and FAA's Office of Civil Rights may provide resources and technical assistance to recipients to ensure full and sustainable compliance with Federal civil rights requirements. Failure to comply with civil rights requirements will be considered a violation of the agreement or contract and be subject to any enforcement action as authorized by law. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, including any amendments thereto, apply to this contract. It is the policy of the City of Florence to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is to be held at 11:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday of March, 2026, at the Florence Municipal Airport Office located at 2001 Airport Way, Florence, OR 97439. Interested prime and subcontractors are encouraged to attend. At this meeting, questions concerning the Contract Documents and the proposed work will be discussed. A tour of the project site will be conducted after the meeting, and which, no other formal tours or site visits will be scheduled. This project is for a public improvement subject to the prevailing rates for wages and benefits of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, or by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is greater. The City will not receive or consider a bid unless

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the bid contains a statement by the bidder that the bidder will comply with ORS 279C.838 or 279C.840. Contractor licensing under ORS 468A.720 for asbestos abatement is not a requirement of this project. No bid shall be considered unless the bidder is licensed by the Oregon Construction Contractors Board or the State Landscape Contractors Board. Bids must be submitted on the prescribed forms and must be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed in favor of the City in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. Each Bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and payment bond, each in the full amount of the contract price. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of the bid as specified above. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities, and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the City. The City may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements and may reject for good cause any and all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest. AUGUST MURPHY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CITY OF FLORENCE. Dated at the City of Florence, this 25th day of February, 2026.

TSN26-109 DEAR DUNES CITY PROPERTY OWNER,

This is to notify you that Dunes City has proposed a land use regulation that may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties. At 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 26, 2026 the Dunes City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Ordinance # 275 to issue a recommendation onto City Council. On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, the Dunes City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendation and take possible final action on Ordinance #275. Ordinance #275 will adopt a new Dunes City Development Code Chapter 155, which has been a work in progress for several years. Ordinance #275 will finally and officially adopt the new development code for Dunes City. Both hearings will be held at City Hall at 82677 Spruce Street in the Westlake area of Dunes City. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, text amendments and Findings of Fact are available for inspection at the Dunes City Hall and on the City's website www.dunescity.gov. Copies of the proposed Ordinance amendments and Findings are also available for purchase at a cost of \$.25 per page. For additional information, you may call the Dunes City Recorder at 541-997-3338. Measure 56 in 1998, Oregon's voters passed a law known as Ballot Measure 56, which requires legal notices, like this one, to be mailed to landowners when a change in land use laws might limit the use of their property. Generic legal language is mandatory for all mailings under Measure 56 law. The below sentence, "The City of Dunes City has determined that proposed land use changes may change the value of

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your property" is mandatory language that the City must include, however; the City of Dunes City does not know how these amendments might affect the value of your property, if at all. Phone (541) 997-3338 • 82877 Spruce St, Westlake, OR 97493 • PO Box 97, Westlake, OR 97493 • www.dunescity.gov

TSN26-107 PORT SEEKS BUDGET COMMITTEE

Member The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners invites applications from residents interested in serving on the Port's Budget Committee. Interested persons should obtain an application from the Port Office at 100 Harbor Street, or from the Port's web site: www.portofsiuslaw.com. Applications will be accepted until 5pm, Friday, March 13, 2026. Applicants must be registered voters residing within the Port of Siuslaw district. The district boundary encompasses most of the Siuslaw River watershed, including the communities of Florence and Dunes City, and extending upriver to Mapleton, Walton, Lorane, and Blachly. The Budget Committee is a standing committee of five members that sits jointly with the Port Commission to publicly review and revise the annual budget. The Budget Committee approves the budget and tax levy. The budget then goes to the Port Commission to be adopted. Committee members serve three-year terms which expire on June 30. A Budget Committee Member is expected to spend up to 20 hours that includes reviewing the budget and meeting 1-3 times from May through June each year. The annual meeting may be called to meet again during the year in the event of a significant budgetary change. Questions should be directed to the Port Office at 541-997-3426.

TSN26-108 PORT SEEKS COMMISSION APPLICANTS

The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will appoint a district citizen to fill the Position 2 vacancy created by the recent resignation of R. Dale Edwards. The term of the appointee will expire on 30 June 2027 at which time an elected successor will be seated. Persons wishing to be appointed to the Port Commission vacancy should obtain an application from the Port office at 100 Harbor Street, or the Port's web site www.portofsiuslaw.com. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm Friday, March 13, 2026. Applicants must be registered voters residing within the Port of Siuslaw district. Applicants may be invited for an interview. The Port of Siuslaw is a Special District authorized by Oregon law to help sustain the economic vitality of western Lane County. The district boundary encompasses most of the Siuslaw River watershed, including the coastal communities of Florence and Dunes City, and extending upriver to Mapleton, Walton, Lorane, and Blachly. The Port is the sponsor of the federal maritime investment in Lane County for maintenance of the channel, harbor, jetties, and navigable ocean bars. The Port also has significant authority under Oregon statute for local economic development and infrastructure projects that encourage job creation and tourism. The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners meet regularly at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Port office at 100 Harbor Street in Florence. Regular Port Commission meetings are open to the public. Questions should be directed to the Port office at 541-997-3426

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WITH
Dr. Keith Roach

Understanding Why People Still Die of Pneumonia

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why do people still die of pneumonia? With all the advances that we've seen in modern medicine, losing anyone to this ailment seems like such a waste. Is it a question of pneumonia being difficult to pin down because of the root cause, whether it's bacterial, viral or fungal? Is it due to a delayed diagnosis and/or delayed treatment? Is it the development of drug-resistant pneumonia strains? I just don't get why people still die from pneumonia or from "complications" of pneumonia. I'm a 73-year-old stroke and cancer survivor who is in relatively good health. How can I best avoid getting pneumonia myself? — D.K.

ANSWER: Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that is sometimes called a "lower respiratory tract" infection to distinguish it from an "upper respiratory infection," like bronchitis. The majority of pneumonias are bacterial or viral, but fungal pneumonia is a rare cause that is usually seen in hospitalized patients. You did a very good job of identifying some of the reasons why people still get very sick (and even die) of pneumonia. But an important additional reason is that there are some bacteria that grow very fast and are able to overwhelm the body's immune system within days. It is often true that late medical attention allows the infection to progress to the point where we still lose patients from pneumonia, even with all that modern medicine can offer.

Another reason is that when people are very frail, either because they are very old or have other underlying health conditions, the body's defenses are weak. Antibiotics can only do so much; doc-

tors still rely on the body to do most of the work by getting rid of the infection.

Drug resistance is a big problem, especially inside hospitals. I have seen cases where the bacteria are resistant to all the available antibiotics. There has been a race between the ingenuity of drug developers and bacterial evolution, and our ingenuity has been slowing down lately, with fewer types of antibiotics being discovered and released. Avoiding the unnecessary use of antibiotics helps reduce resistance.

The easiest thing a person over 50 can do to avoid pneumonia is to get the available vaccines, especially the pneumococcal vaccine (PCV20 or PCV21, called Prevnar). But for a person with health issues in their 70s, you should get the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19 vaccines. Because influenza damages the lung's ability to fight off infections, getting pneumonia after the flu is particularly dangerous, so the annual flu vaccine remains important.

Smoking also damages the lung's ability to fight off infections, so quitting smoking reduces pneumonia risk. Excess alcohol consumption also predisposes people to pneumonia, so men shouldn't exceed two drinks at a time (one drink for women).

Proper nutrition and good dental health are important for everyone. Diabetics should have their diabetes under good control. Chronic liver, lung, kidney and heart disease all predispose people to infections, so making sure that these are optimally managed reduces the risk further. Both cancer and its treatments can affect the immune system.

People who are at risk for pneumonia should know the signs and seek medical care quickly if pneumonia is suspected. Although the classic symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath can occur at any age, older people often experience confusion and a low fever. Their heart rates are often raised.

Some symptoms can be subtle — new falls, incontinence, and loss of energy. A significant, unexplained change in overall functioning might signify a serious infection like pneumonia and deserves an evaluation.

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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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Geometrical figure	A	English landowner	I
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3. Paper boundary	G	Lee or Gaye	V
4. Canoe oar	P	Cowboy's seat	S
5. Cherub	L	Wrath	R
6. Like snow	T	Whimper	N
7. Land property	T	In actual fact	L
8. Noggin	U	Knack	I
9. Gadget	G	Ponder	K
10. Wanted sign	S	Railroad attendant	R

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Even Exchange answers

1. Square, Square	6. White, White
2. Chili, Chili	7. Reality, Reality
3. Margin, Margin	8. Skill, Skill
4. Paddle, Saddle	9. Thing, Think
5. Angel, Anger	10. Poster, Porter



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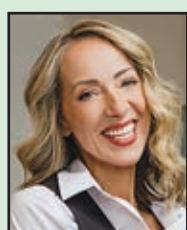
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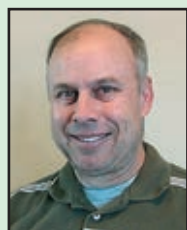
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