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Rhody King and Queen crowned

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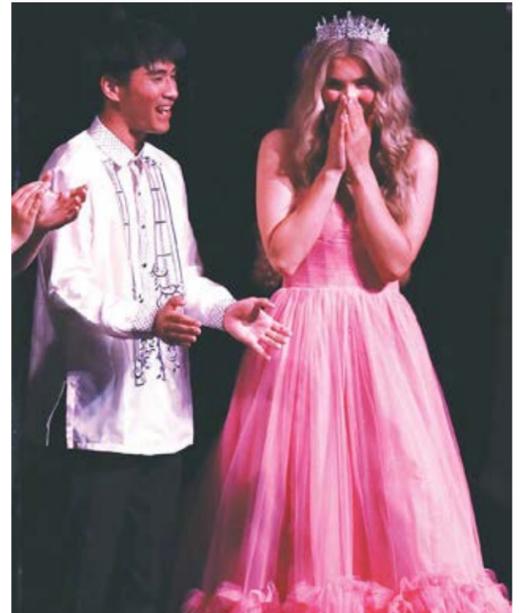
Florence Events Center filled to the walls for the 2025 Coronation of the King of the Coast and Queen Rhododendra. Following talent, formal wear and impromptu questions, Joel Sissel and Ashlyn Hart were crowned King and Queen.

Emcees Matt Templeton of KEZI News and Venessa Buss, 1989 Queen Rhododendra, introduced judges Rep. Boomer Wright, Bushnell University Director Carrie Gillies, OrCal President Steve Horn, Chamber Board President

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Joel Sissel and Ashlyn Hart, 2025 King of the Coast and Queen Rhododendra. Go to our website, thesiuslawnews.com for dozens more photos of the Coronation event.



Ashlyn Hart reacts to the announcement that she was selected to be Queen Rhododendra as Nayt DeLeon applauds. Tony Reed photos.

Rhody Days kicks off at the port



The 2025 Rhododendron Days festival started in "coasty" weather but it didn't stop folks from coming out to the carnival at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot on opening night. Lines were short at first but stacked up later on as kids and adults went on rides, played games and enjoyed carnival food. Unfortunately, most Rhododendron Days events, including the car show, Rhody Show, parades, motorcycles and more took place after our print deadline. Look for a full wrap up of Rhododendron Days events in the next issue. Tony Reed photos.

School District may make budget adjustments in June

State budget uncertainty offers some hope for laid-off employees

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The Siuslaw School District Board of Directors held approval of its final budget until the June meeting pending further review of state budget numbers.

While about 14 positions were affected in some way by budget restructuring, the

number of actual layoffs was reduced to four in the final budget.

Director Josh Haberly asked which additional budget cost led to the elimination of the four positions. District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said there were three major reductions, each amounting to losses of \$250,000 to \$300,000 each.

In an email prior to the board meeting, Grzeskowiak broke down the reductions as follows:

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Memorial Day Observance

Join in honoring the memory of those who sacrificed everything so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today. Come to Veterans Memorial Park May 26 at 1 p.m. The ceremony is free to the public and people are encouraged to attend. The park is located at the corner of Kingwood and Bay Street. For more information contact Richard Lewis, DAV chapter 23, at 541-901-9268.

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Challenges and Opportunities Abound for Three Mile Prairie

Submitted by
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PART TWO OF SIX

An unmarked path off of Rhododendron leads to a perhaps lesser known jewel in Florence's crown: Three Mile Prairie County Park.

AN ADVOCATE COMES FORWARD

That we even know of the problems facing Three Mile Prairie is at least in part because of Mike Allen. A retired Radio Physicist, former Navy instructor, and avid political activist, Mike Allen has made protecting Three Mile Prairie something of a pet project for himself. The current vice chair of the Lane County Parks Advisory Committee,

Mike (with the assistance of his supportive and long-suffering wife Pat) has been actively fighting not just for Three Mile Prairie but other natural places in Lane County as well. He founded the Friends of Harbor Vista group and along with Pat have adopted a section of Rhododendron Drive to clear it of trash. He's become something of an expert on Three Mile Prairie and its surrounding properties.

For years now Mike has been reaching out to individuals, organizations, and local governments to try and stir up interest in the wetlands, and that effort is beginning to bear fruit. Mike established the Friends of Three Mile Prairie group in the spring

of 2024, an important first step for further cooperation with Lane County. He's brought together several of the people doing informal work in the wetland, as well as other interested citizens and disparate groups who've done work in the park as part of larger projects.

He isn't the only person working on Three Mile Prairie's behalf. In addition to the unidentified trailbuilders and at least two known anti-invasive vigilantes (names withheld), there is also the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative.

A group of volunteers who "collaboratively support, guide and promote Oregon dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand, unique

habitats and dunes processes" unique to the Central Oregon Coast, ODRC does work clearing invasive species from the delicate and shrinking habitat they seek to protect. They've organized a number of work parties to do such clearance in the dunes within and around Three Mile Prairie and are actively collaborating with Mike Allen and the Friends group he organized to take further action on the park's behalf.

One of the members of the ODRC, former school teacher Jim Grano, has also been attempting to mobilize young folks within Florence and Western Lane to get involved in restoration activities. There will be a

work party on Wednesday, May 21st of middle and high-schoolers to clear Scotch Broom in Three Mile Prairie, an event Grano has been essential in organizing.

Allen has his eyes on other opportunities, as well. He's reached out to the Siuslaw Watershed Council, a restoration and environmental nonprofit that does a wide variety of work, from restoring salmon populations to educational outreach, rural infrastructure projects to running a summer camp for elementary-aged children. One of the many hats they wear is as trail maintenance professionals, and Allen has reached out to them to ask about doing repairs on the loop trail in Three Mile Prairie.

Utilizing their services would require a considerable amount of grant money, however, which as of yet hasn't materialized.

There's also the Trailkeepers of Oregon, a group Allen spoke about at length. TKO is "a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect and enhance the Oregon hiking experience through stewardship, advocacy, outreach and education." One of their main services is organizing volunteer effort to repair and maintain trails across the state.

Next week's article takes a look at the potential future development of the property and the County's recent involvement.

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POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department officers responded to the following calls from May 7 to May 13.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

At 8:22 a.m., a caller reported vandalism damage to the new bathrooms at Miller Park. Officers arrived to find vandalism scratched on the wall and feces left in a sink.

At 10:38 a.m., a subject being sought by police turned himself into Florence Police Department.

At 11:19 a.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Highway 101 for a report of vandalism

to a vehicle. A report was taken.

At 3:02 p.m., officers responded to the area of eighth and Kenwood Street for a report of an abandoned vehicle. Vehicle had been tagged because it was left on the street. The vehicle was later towed.

At 5:19 p.m., a caller reported that his roommate had left his apartment and had not been seen again. Officers were told that the subject left items at the residence, including the signed title to his vehicle and a last will and testament. Subject was found deceased on a Forest Service road north

of Florence. Medical examiner was contacted and Sheriffs detectives are investigating.

At 7:31 p.m., an officer on patrol stopped to assist a motorist on 43rd St.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

At 10:21 a.m., a caller reported that his vehicle had been scratched last month and that his insurance company required a police report. Officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 101 to take the report.

At 12:34 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of ninth Street for

a report of medication's missing from residence. Case remains under investigation.

At 1:36 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and Munsel Lake Road for a report of a motorcycle in the ditch. Oregon State Police assisted when the actual location was found to be out of city limits. Motorcyclist was reportedly uninjured.

At 1:46 p.m., a caller reported receiving a phone call from a subject claiming to be an Amazon representative. Caller disconnected when the person began asking about bank information.

Oregon Coast Highway. Subject fled and was able to elude the officer.

At 3:11 a.m., officers responded to the area of Rhododendron and Lighthouse Way reported an abandoned vehicle. Vehicle was marked for towing, but when officers returned later, it had been moved.

At 9:11 a.m., officers were called to a business on Highway 126 to assist with a subject there. Officers found the subject had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest for failing to appear in court. Subject was taken into custody.

At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Highway 101 for a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner told officers the car had been loaned to a relative who

left it outside of town near Herman Peak. It was reported that when he returned to get the car it was found to have been burned. Case remains under investigation.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

At 9:01 a.m., officers responded to the area of 43rd St. west of Highway 101 for a report of an abandoned vehicle. Officers found a dilapidated, abandoned travel trailer. Trailer was later towed from the scene.

At 11:07 a.m., officers responded to the 2600 block of Highway 101 for a report of an abandoned bike trailer. Officers were able to identify the trailer, and contact the owner. Trailer was later returned.

At 12:32 p.m., a caller reported that a possibly intoxicated subject had gotten into a vehicle and driven away from Bay Street, heading east. All officers were out of position to respond. Vehicle was not located.

At 1:58 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Sianno Loop for a report of damage to a vehicle. Officers found someone had scratched "ass" into the paint. Report was taken.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

At 6:10 p.m., officers responded to the area of 6th St., and Highway 101 for a non-injury traffic accident.

John Hyder

1928-2025

After a long battle with vocal cord cancer, one of the greatest generation, has passed on to be with Jesus.

John was born in Vancouver WA. to George and Elsie Hyder, joining two sisters Georgie and Montana and a brother Joseph. The family moved to Portland around 1930 where he grew up attending Arleta Grade School then on to Franklin High School. Upon graduation he joined the Navy, where he proudly served on Guam then on the U.S.S. Curtiss AV4. When on leave, he was introduced to Lila Van Slyke by her cousin and husband who he had gone to school with. Their friendship grew and in May of 1950 they were married, yes 75 years ago, at Laurelwood Methodist Church in Portland OR. John started his career in transportation in Portland. This took them to Seattle WA., back to Portland, to Los Angeles, Glendora Ca., Norcross Ga., Oakland CA. and Brea CA. where he finally retired in 1992 from Transway International as Vice President of Operations. John and Lila finally returned to their beloved Oregon Coast in 2000 where they settled in Florence.



Through the years John was active with the Elks, VFW, American Legion, the Mason's and of course the United Methodist Church wherever they were located. In 2017 he was selected to participate in the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight to Washington D.C. This once in a lifetime honor was made even more special when his son (also a Navy veteran) was asked to participate as his guardian.

John is survived by his wife, Lila; son, John (Linda) Hyder; daughter, Bobbie Hyder all of Florence OR; grandson, Timothy (Brittany) Hyder of Winston Salem NC; granddaughter, Emily (Tim) Gardner; great grandson, James Gardner; great granddaughter, Kennedy Gardner, all of Malta NY; Niece, Lynn (Lee) Aronson of Portland and by many who called him Dad and Friend. We will be forever grateful for the care, compassion and support provided by the Doctors and Nurses at OHSU, WVCI, PeaceHealth and Hospice. Those we love are never more than a thought away, for as long as there is a memory, they will live in our hearts forever.

Yumiko Hicks

Yumiko Hicks went to heaven in the early morning of May 10, 2025 after suffering from a pulmonary embolism. She will be remembered as a woman of strong Christian faith, full of life, deeply loving and devoted to her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of thirty years, Jeremy, and two beautiful children, Holly and Joshua.

A viewing was held on May 15th at Dunes Memorial Chapel.



We pray those who knew Yumiko were influenced by her deep love of God and enthusiasm for life, and that God's comfort is with you at this time.

Hazel Marie (Mildren) Vacura

Feb. 7, 1948 - April 23, 2025

Hazel Marie (Mildren) Vacura, our beloved Mom, Gramma, Sister, Aunt and friend began her next journey on April 23, 2025 from Florence, OR.

Hazel was born to Irene and Orville Mildren on Feb. 7, 1948 in Kalispell, MT. When Hazel was one, the family moved to Plains, MT where she was raised along with her 2 sisters, Nancy and Lucille. Hazel graduated from PHS in 1966 and attended Kinman Business University in Spokane, WA. She fell in love with Warren Vacura and they eloped on January 25, 1968 before he was deployed to Vietnam. When he returned from his tour, they lived on the AF base in North Carolina for his final year in service. Then they moved to Kalispell for two years before returning to Plains where he was in business with his father at Vacura Motors. During that time, Hazel was the bookkeeper. She was also involved with the local VFW ladies auxiliary and the United Methodist Church, including a love of church camp that she introduced to others. Their family was blessed with 3 daughters; Janice, Trisha and Diana.

Warren passed away in 1983, after losing a 10 month battle with cancer. Three years later, in 1986, Hazel and the girls moved to Florence, OR, to be near the ocean. They immediately found a strong sense of community, including her beloved United Methodist Church family where she was involved in UMW,



Covenant Group/PALS, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, and many other leadership roles over the past 39 years. She was a founding volunteer of the Florence Free Lunch program and active in PEO.

Being a mom was her pride and joy. She loved being at all of the girls' sporting and band events. As a grandma it was the same, always there cheering them on. She never let an opportunity pass to let them all know how much she loved them. Hazel was a talented seamstress and knitter, an avid reader, and she loved crossword puzzles. She earned a living by sometimes working multiple jobs including bookkeeping, managing a small retail shop, and owning her own small business. She has been described as kind, loving, generous, the Methodist caregiver (as she often went to the hospital to sit with others), thoughtful, patient, and brave.

Hazel is survived by her daughters Janice (Ken) Gormley, Trisha (Jon) Holden, Diana (Jeff) Michna, grandchildren Garrison and Allison Gormley, Lainey and Alex Goss, Laurel and Jesse Holden, Gwen and Laurel Michna, sisters Nancy (Bill) Chalgren, Lucille (Ron) Walters, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service will be held in Florence, OR in May. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Free Lunch Program of Florence UMC.

Kay Francis Runkle

February 1, 1939 - May 3, 2025

On May 3, 2025 Kay Francis Runkle walked into the loving arms of Jesus, she was 86 years old.

Kay was born February 1, 1939 in Durrant, Oklahoma to Dorothea and F.L. James, after his passing in 1953 Dorothea married Albert Bradley. Kay was blessed with two loving "Daddies" in her life. Kay lived her life full of color and passion. She had the opportunity to live in numerous states and left her wonderful mark on each place she passed through. Her faith in Jesus shaped her into an even more lovely woman with each passing year. In her life she was a loving daughter and sister, a beloved wife, a faithful mother, and adoring grandmother and an ever-loyal friend.

Her accomplishments were many including owning and operating a restaurant on the Seal Beach pier, having an interior design business, a director of a senior activities center, church secretary/counselor, women's bible study leader, and co-led small groups alongside her husband Rick.

Above all her accomplishments and successes was her deep and abiding



relationship with Jesus. While she lived, she was a powerful example of what Jesus can do in a person's heart and life. It was evident to all who knew her that she had a living, breathing relationship with the God of creation and it changed her life daily for the better. In her passing Kay is a vivid reminder to live each day in bold faith, she lived her life with joy and enthusiasm and was a constant source of encouragement to all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband Rick Runkle, daughter Sarita Baker-Brown (Jake) Baker-Brown, son's Steven (Betty) McClenny, Brian McClenny, Bradley (Mattie) McClenny, Dan Brown, daughter Judy Brown, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren in which she impacted greatly with her love and support.

Until we meet again Kay...

"This is the day that the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.



LETTERS

On May 9, SHS Soundwave Choir went to Oregon State Choir Competition in Corvallis. They brought home a 4th place trophy. Their director, Mr. Johnston, won 5th place in this competition as a student 10 years ago to the day, as a student. Today, he helped our students go to State, and bring home their very first trophy. On a side note, there was excitement, as SHS tied with a Choir 3x their size, making it necessary to shoot rock paper scissors for which Choir would take home the existing trophy... SHS sent their best, and won

that contest as well, with all the dramatic flare. Pictures and cheers continued throughout the night of the rock paper scissors match, which is now posted on the Choir Competition website...congratulations Soundwave Choir and Mr. Johnston

*Candice Hester
Florence*

We'd all be better without DEI (hiring on the basis of race vs qualifications). I worked as a manager the Government for 10+ years. I was taught not to discriminate against people of color and hire

the best qualified. Not sure about this DEI stuff where they say that I had to hire unqualified workers based on color or sex. I never saw it.

I'd just hired the best. I did not demand their loyalty. It was quite the opposite, I was the one that had to be loyal to them, give them every opportunity to achieve. Times have changed. Now, it seems loyalty is the main qualification, above ability. Example, the Surgeon General, without a medical degree. As long as you pledge loyalty. Maybe its not DEI, but

KTRGAJ (Kiss the ring, get a job?)

I don't think this is going to work out well, especially when we've lost so many dedicated government employees based on their registered voting record or speaking up. A competence and brian drain. Seems government employees have lost their 1st right amendments.

The Rulers and Billionaires don't care. We are being sold that we have too many dolls, and suck it up for patriotism.

*Steve Williams
Florence*

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 12

At 10:27 a.m., a caller reported an elderly male driving poorly northbound on Highway 101. Caller was unable to provide a license plate number, and officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 11:13 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving northbound on Highway 101 from milepost 193 that was tailgating and unable to stay in its own lane. The caller followed the vehicle outside city limits and the call was turned over to Oregon State Police.

At 12:10 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver in the 4400 block

of Highway 101. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and determined that the driver was not intoxicated, but that a possible road rage dispute had occurred.

At 3:16 p.m., caller reported that five days before, another car had hit his vehicle in a parking lot.

At 9:34 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 31st St. for a report of harassment occurring. Officers arrived to find an ongoing family dispute.

At 10:04 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of 16th St. for a report of loud music. Officers contacted the

responsible party and the issue was resolved.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

At 9:39 a.m., officers responded to the Municipal Court for a subject who had come into court and had missed a previous court date, resulting in a warrant for his arrest. Subject was taken into custody and sent to meet with the judge.

At 4:06 p.m., officers responded to Highway 101 near shore Pines to assist with a disabled vehicle.

At 7:16 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Maple Street for a report of a fight occurring. Officers arrived to contact

to intoxicated subjects who said the dispute had been only verbal in nature. No further action was taken.

At 8:08 p.m. officers responded to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a report of neighbors banging and shouting at each other. Officers arrived to find that a verbal dispute had occurred. Subjects were counseled and no further action was taken.

Officers also responded to 7 reports of illegal camping, conducted six welfare checks, responded to 15 parking complaints, and made 63 traffic stops. Since January 1, Florence Police Department has responded to 7582 calls.

Aging healthfully and lifestyle expo

Join us on Saturday, June 14th, at the Florence Events Center from 10 am to 3 pm for an exciting opportunity at the Healthy Aging – Healthy Living Senior and Lifestyle Expo!

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living, insurance, finance, veterans affairs, housing, government services, transportation, and recreation.

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and cooking demonstrations, and participate in in-depth discussions focused on mental health and financial planning. This is more than just

an expo; it's a stepping stone to a healthier, happier you. Mark your calendar and join us for a day full of inspiration and knowledge!

ONLINE POLL

LAST WEEK, WE ASKED

WILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BE TAKING PART IN RHODY DAYS FESTIVITIES? THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS.

Of course, it's our favorite annual event..... 36.4 percent
We'll be there for certain parts of it.....18.2 percent
Probably not, it's hard to find parking in Old Town.....36.4 percent
We have other plans this year.....9.1 percent

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AARP Bill to Protect Older Workers Passes Oregon Senate

Legislation to address workplace age discrimination heads to Governor

The Oregon Senate has passed a bill that would address workplace age discrimination in hiring practices on a vote of 20-9. The bill (HB 3187 A-Eng.) passed the House last month and now heads to Governor Tina Kotek. It makes it

unlawful employment practice for an employer to require or request disclosure of an applicant's age, date of birth or graduation dates until after an initial interview.

The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Nathan Sosa (D) and received bi-partisan support with almost 40 additional sponsors. AARP Oregon staff and volunteers collected nearly 4,000 signed petitions across

the state in support of the legislation.

AARP Oregon State Director Bandana Shrestha praised the bill's passage. "This marks a significant step in protecting the rights of older workers. I am proud of the hard work of AARP staff and volunteers, and grateful to community partners and AARP members statewide who helped us reach this important milestone. We look forward to the Governor's signature

as the final step in this process."

AARP research across the country has consistently shown that older workers take longer to find that next job. Here in Oregon, 55% of Oregon workers 40+ have seen or experienced workplace age discrimination. More than 50% of those who had applied for a job were asked about their age, date of birth or graduation date, which is a barrier to getting a foot in the door for

an interview.

AARP Oregon Director of Government Relations Andrea Meyer noted the bipartisan support in both the House and Senate and acknowledged the chief sponsors. "We thank all sponsors of the bill, particularly two of our Chief Sponsors, Sen. Deb Patterson (D) and Rep. Nathan Sosa (D) who carried HB 3187 on the Senate and House floor. Older workers deserve to be treated fairly, based on their skills and

experience, not their age. We are ready to move forward and continue our fight to protect older workers from workplace age discrimination."

About AARP Oregon: AARP Oregon is dedicated to empowering people aged 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a strong presence in the state, AARP Oregon advocates for policies that improve the lives of older adults and their families. Learn more at: aarp.org/or

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Peace Harbor and Western Lane EMS to host free Dunes Day

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center's Trauma Program, in coordination with Western Lane EMS, are excited to invite our community to our second annual Dunes Day event on May 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Goose Pasture ATV staging area.

This event is FREE and open to the public and will feature several exciting highlights:

- Free Stop the Bleed Training
- Raffles of offroad safety equipment and Stop the Bleed Kits (raffle tickets are free for all who attend!)
- Free snacks!

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Florence awarded grant for memorial

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Funded projects include a monument in Stanfield's Veterans Memorial Park, a Revolutionary War Memorial within the Beaverton Veterans Memorial Park, A Gold Star Memorial in Ryan J Hill Memorial Park in Keizer and creation of the Oregon Airport Memorial Gateway in Florence.

This competitive grant program was created by the Oregon legislature in 2005. Applicants must be local or tribal governments and the memorial must be on public land.

The Florence City Council approved the grant application in Early January.

For more information on the Veteran and War Memorials grant program, the project was first identified in 2019. Grants were applied for in 2020 but due to the pandemic and other issues, no projects were awarded.

It was disclosed to the Council that the memorial will be dedicated to those who served in peace and war, and specifically, Brigadier General Benjamin King, a Florence resident with a long military history, including as a WWII Ace, An aviator serving in Europe and the Pacific, as well as Korea and Vietnam.

The project will consist of vegetation clearing; site work; stone monument; pathways, including concrete pathways with 'Marston matting' pattern; benches; grass meadow; contoured 'sand beach'; flagpole; and stepped amphitheater style seating.

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It takes a lot of people to keep the Friends of Florence cancer bus rolling five days a week, giving cancer patients free rides to and from radiation treatments in Eugene and Springfield.

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About 25 volunteer drivers get behind the wheel of one of FOF's two buses once or twice a month for half-day runs. It's a job that takes a special kind of person - one who can show empathy in good times or bad, give a smooth comfortable ride, and always be ready for unforeseen emergencies.

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And all appreciate the words of gratitude from passengers—people often too sick to drive themselves or unable to afford other transportation to a month or more of treatments.

Friends of Florence relies on other volunteers, too. These are people who do things like maintaining the buses or scheduling drivers. And so the buses roll on, powered by good friends looking to serve.

Learn more about Friends of Florence in the next issue of the Siuslaw News. Or go to friendsofflorence.net.

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For a 12-week guide to building your emergency kit, visit www.lanecounty.org/prepare.

This message is brought to you by the West Lane Emergency Operations Group.

City receives Oregon Resilience Hubs & Network Grant purchase

CITY OF FLORENCE

This City of Florence received delivery this week of the new Airman SDG 52kW Diesel Generator made possible through the Oregon Resilience Hubs & Network Grant award. The City is excited to add this important piece of equipment into our Public Works fleet to support resiliency and emergency management efforts.

In April 2024, the Florence City Council authorized the City to apply for funding from this Grant related to the City's resiliency around proving vital services for the City's wastewater pump stations during a power outage event. The City's application requested up to three portable, trailered generators. The City was awarded grant funding for one of these generators, with the award amount of \$69,585.00.

ABOUT THE GRANT

The Oregon State Legislature allocated \$10 million in funding for the Oregon Resilience Hubs and Network Grant through House Bill 3409 Section 86 during the 2023 Regular Session. "Resilience Hubs and Networks" refers to:

- Resilience hubs - Locations in the community that are a part of the community's daily life, serving community members each day as well as during emergency response and recovery efforts.
- Resilience networks - The groups of people, facilities, organizations, resource providers or service providers who support the purposes of a resilience hub location. The Grant was intended to support both these community locations and the people and organizations that come together to make their community stronger.

ABOUT THE CITY APPLICATION PROJECT - PUMP STATION GENERATORS

The Florence Wastewater Treatment Plant was built in 1999. It is designed to treat 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD), average dry weather flow and a wet weather average daily flow of 4.3 MGD. Presently, the City experiences an average flow of 0.85 MGD. The wastewater system is comprised of approximately 71 miles of sanitary sewer lines, 39 pump stations, plus 32 STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pump) stations, and serves over 4,000 customer connections.

The Wastewater Division of Florence Public Works is responsible for collecting and conveying wastewater from customers to the treatment plant in a well-maintained collection system, free of stoppages and spills.

As outlined above, the wastewater collection system includes many miles of wastewater pipes and numerous wastewater pumping stations. The pumping stations provide a means of moving wastewater from areas lacking gravity sewer lines to an adjacent area where gravity lines exist. These pumping stations are dependent on power in order to keep the materials moving from the customers to the treatment plant.

During a power outage, those 39 pump stations require emergency power generation to maintain the system pumping materials to the wastewater treatment plant. The three major pump stations located at Driftwood Shores, 52nd Street, Ivy Street, and Siuslaw Village have dedicated emergency generators to power those. The Wastewater Division currently has four portable generators to operate the remaining 35 pump stations. During a power outage event, the Public Works crew rotates these



four generators and utilizes the Combination Sewer Cleaner to manually pump out stations without the generators.

Often conditions that result in power outages are those that involve wind storms, winter storms, or other weather events. These types of events have high demand on the Public Works crew to keep the water and wastewater systems operations – both at the plants and throughout the community, sand roadways, clear downed

trees along and across the roads, clear debris, ensure the stormwater system is operational, traffic control, assessments, and other tasks. The additional equipment will build resiliency of our infrastructure network to ensure that we prioritize the seven pump stations with the highest flow during an emergency that results in a power outage. This will allow the City to utilize our limited crews and equipment for other tasks related to the event and power outage.



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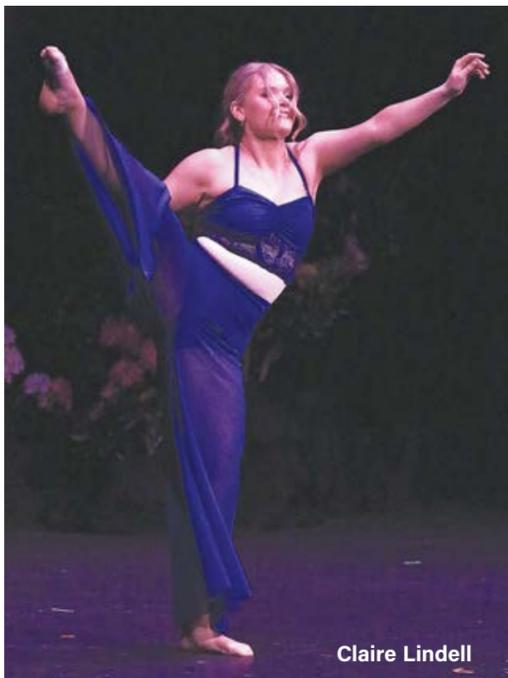
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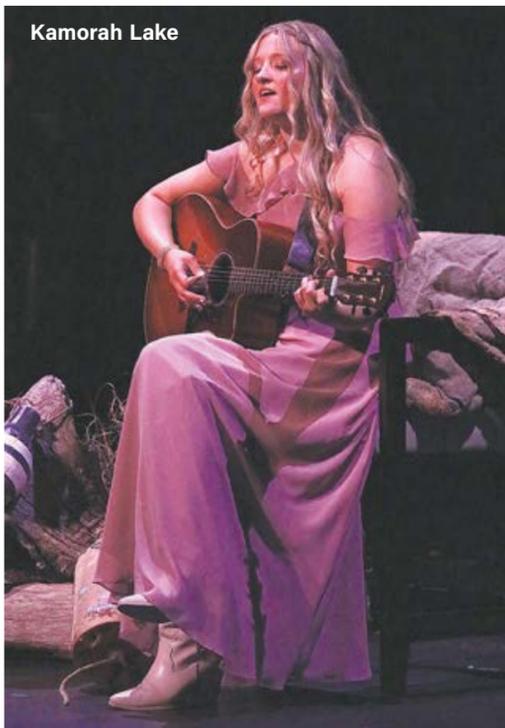
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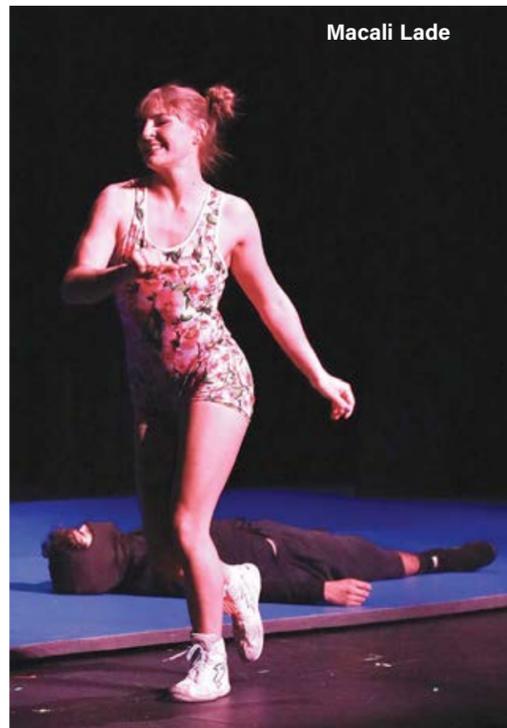
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RHODY

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Beth Rudometkin, PR professional and rancher Casey Roscoe and Jenna Bartlett of Siuslaw Consulting and other local recognitions.

Buss explained that the Court has been very active in the community this year and recently returned from a trip to Salem where they were introduced on the House Floor by Rep. Boomer Wright.

“The court made meaningful connections with the Florence community, speaking at Florence rotary, Soroptimist and city Council meetings,” Templeton noted. “They also visited residents at Sherwood and Spruce Point.”

“Another highlight of the court’s experience was their effort to build strong relationships with the business community, through mock interviews,



Ashlyn Hart



Sophia Montoya

hosting a rhododendron court sponsored event, and a personal thank you tour where sponsors received a visit from a Rhody Court sponsor,” Buss said. “They truly connected with the people who sponsor this festival year after year.”

covered in her medals, trophies and other wrestling awards.

Ashlyn Hart performed an energetic cheer dance that ended with the splits on stage.

Sophia Montoya gave a heartfelt monologue called, a Family Reflection.

Claire Lindell performed a dance number entitled Hometown Glory.

Kamorah Lake performed a guitar and vocal song entitled, Of the Tides and the Trees.

Nayt DeLeon, explained and performed “Tinikling,” a sort of high-speed jumprope with consequences, where one dances between thick bamboo poles as they are

rhythmically pounded on the ground and snapped together.

Travis Clark danced around a lightpole and park bench as he sang “Fly me to the Moon.”

Charles Nelson performed his own version of Evolution of Dance, including everything from the Twist and Macarena to the Nae Nae.

Joel Sissel played a medley on the piano entitled “Thunderstorm.”

QUESTIONS

Lade was asked “What’s something you care deeply about?”

“My family means the entire world to me. My brother and my sister were actually on the stage with me when I was doing my talent [performance],” she said. “They’ve always been there for me and they just are such a big part of my life. We have moved from three different cities in about a year and they have always stuck with me and been there for me. They’ve been my support system since I was little, so definitely, my family.”

Asked about his aspirations and plans for the future, Nelson replied with a smile.

“I would say to have a beautiful family, a nice job and a big old house with a two car garage,” he said. “I just hope I have a beautiful life with a beautiful family and some children and that’s it.”

Claire Lindell was asked to recall her greatest accomplishment so far.

She said it was being awarded the opportunity to be a USA staff member at cheer summer camp. “That’s also where I earned the title of all American cheerleader, something I hold personal to me, but our instructor over the year awarded me the opportunity to become a USA staff member, which will help me further my love for the sport, and coaching as well. I spend a lot of my time coaching other girls now and it’s something that means a lot to me that I get to give back to another generation in the future. Being

TALENT

The talent competition started with a surprise by Macali Lade that turned into an exciting body-slammng demonstration as she flipped, carried and pinned several ninja-clad attackers who ran at her from the wings. As ninjas laid motionless across the stage floor, Lade rolled out her credentials- a large board

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recognized for that on her and for my skills as a captain or something that meant the world to me and I'm so grateful for it. Hopefully you'll see me being a camp instructor in the next few years.."

Sissel was asked to name a place he's never been, but would like to go.

"I really want to go to Rome," he said, "because there's so much history there." He said he and his brother Ian share the dream of visiting Rome together. Sissel incited laughter by adding that along with it's vast history, Rome has great food.

Lake was asked, "Would you choose inner beauty or outer beauty in another person and why?"

"I would choose inner beauty. I think it's so much more important to develop your soul and to be connected with who you are," she said. "I think that part of your energy is also how you display that, but not in a way that needs to be judged by others. I really care about people's

personality and how unique people are and I think that can be developed internally."

With developments in space travel making it a possibility for more people, Engel was asked if he would like to travel into space.

"I would not like to travel into space," he replied firmly, to a wave of laughter and applause. "I would rather focus on issues that affect people here on Earth than focus on things that are not a problem, as of yet."

Montoya was asked to name a quality she looks for in a good friend. She said those qualities came to her from her grandmother.

"The values of compassion, kindness and trustworthiness that I see in my two best friends who are here tonight, have inspired me to be the best I can be and not only me, but those around us. I hope that every friend, every person, will strive to be a kind, respectful and nice as they are."

Clark was asked what advice he would give in the future to seniors thinking of applying for the Rhody Court.

"what I would tell them is that no matter



Storm Engel

how afraid they might be, or how much anxiety they might have, they are going to be able to get through it and it's an experience they will never forget," he said. "My advice to them is just smile."

Hart was asked to recall the best compliment she's ever received.

"The best compliment

was any time someone said I deserved something," she said. "There's all the times where I can achieve great things but I used to think maybe I didn't deserve that or maybe that wasn't meant for me, but then my best friend and family will say, 'No, you deserve that and take a moment to appreciate what you've done.'

Having people who stand by my side and say when I deserve something, even when I may not, is really helpful."

DeLeon was asked what he likes most about himself and why.

"Well, I like everything about myself," he replied, to a wave of applause. "I like that I am the way I am and I like my culture, especially." He said he embraces his culture and loves showing America, and the world, how beautiful it can be to those who take the time to actually look.

In the formal dress category, princes and princesses were accompanied across the stage. Junior Princesses Alyssa Lukachev, Maren Ferguson, Hattie Decker, Lilia Galvan-Hernandez and Lily Hamer were accompanied by their fathers.

THE ENVELOPES, PLEASE

Junior Princesses were recognized for the most button sales this year, with Hattie Decker taking first place. She received a backpack full of fun prizes and gift certificates.

Hart and Sissel also received the \$750 Ambassador Scholarship,

presented individually, for going above and beyond in their public interactions since joining the Rhody Court.

"It honors those who best demonstrate professionalism, audience awareness, engagement, enthusiasm for the festival in confident representation of the court," Templeton read.

Lake took top honors in the talent category to screaming applause from the audience. DeLeon received a similar reaction for taking first place in the talent category. Each were awarded \$500.

Runners up were Nelson and Lade, who will take over for the king and queen should they be unable to fulfill their duties. Each received \$1,000.

The new King and Queen were crowned by 2024 King and Queen Cort and Cate Wagonner. The Queen's cape and King's oar were bestowed by Mayor Rob Ward.

They will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

It was also announced that the Jones family of Florence awarded and additional \$500 each to every student who tried out for and served on the court this year.

SCHOOL

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"To balance the budget for next year, there were position reductions. The budget is being impacted three primary factors:

A) Loss of enrollment; overall, enrollment is down by about 25 students across the district

B) Increase in PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) costs to the district; rates are going up, while at the same time the local PERS bond is expiring next year.

C) Reduction of federal funds; the district is anticipating a reduction in the Title I funds of 25% in October. Title I funds are funds targeted to assist students in schools with poverty rates greater than 40% to provide extra support."

"Expenses are up and revenue is down,"

Grzeskowiak told Haberly, "and we have fewer kids in the district. We had some natural consolidation to begin with, but we also had about a 3 percent budget gap and that's what we absorbed with those [with] reassignment to open positions and closing out others."

The four employees receiving notice were the High School Auto Shop, the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Coordinator, the District Librarian, and the High School Credit Recovery positions.

Grzeskowiak explained that the reduction in federal Title I funding prompted the reduction of one classified support aide in the middle school and five in the elementary school.

When Director John Barnett asked if the primary driver of cuts was the PERS costs, Grzeskowiak replied that enrollment was a bigger factor.

"It's been about 10 to 20 kids, and has settled in at about 25 in the last two years (at roughly \$11,000 per student), so that's \$260,000 and our 25 percent reduction in Title I cuts is about \$275,000 and the PERS increase ends, so we can't run that any further into next year. The PERS increase hits us twofold. The rates are going up, but also at a time when we're coming off of rate credit with the bond ending. With that bond ending possibly before June of next year, we still have to pay debt service on it. That's a big hit."

IT'S ABOUT FUNDING

Student Representative Seamus Burke noted that some in the community have suggested staffing

cuts were made for reasons other than than budgetary necessity.

"If you have to sit with someone and tell someone they've lost their job, that's not something you do willy-nilly," Grzeskowiak replied. "You do it because it's a necessity and it's the only thing you can do." Burke agreed, adding that it was an issue he wanted to clear up.

Grzeskowiak noted that the budget needs to be approved by June 30 of each year, and suggested the budget be extended to a second read at the June Meeting. He explained that state revenue forecasts came out the day of the meeting, May 14, and it was uncertain how the final state budget will pay out.

"Typically, we have a

much better concrete feel on that at this point in the year, and right now we don't, especially there's a significant downturn in the economic forecast from just when I read the summary this morning, so we are going to see what the final number ends out and we also need to

know about our SPED CAP (Special Education Funding) enhancement, if it is going to change from 11% and go up."

Grzeskowiak said it's possible that late changes in funding could allow the district to recall and rehire some of the positions set for layoff.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Low 1:45 a.m. 2.5
 High 7:18 a.m. 5.5
 Low 1:50 p.m. 0.5
 High 8:35 p.m. 6.4

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Low 2:54 a.m. 1.6
 High 8:41 a.m. 5.4
 Low 2:44 p.m. 0.9
 High 9:17 p.m. 7.0

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Low 3:54 a.m. 0.5
 High 9:57 a.m. 5.5
 Low 3:36 p.m. 1.3
 High 9:58 p.m. 7.5

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Low 4:49 a.m. -0.6
 High 11:06 a.m. 5.7
 Low 4:28 p.m. 1.8
 High 10:40 p.m. 8.1

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Low 5:40 a.m. -1.5
 High 12:07 p.m. 6.0
 Low 5:20 p.m. 2.2
 High 11:23 p.m. 8.4

MONDAY, MAY 26

Low 6:30 a.m. -2.1
 High 1:05 p.m. 6.2
 Low 6:11 p.m. 2.5

TUESDAY, MAY 27

High 12:07 a.m. 8.6
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 High 2:01 p.m. 6.3
 Low 7:02 p.m. 2.8

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

High 12:54 a.m. 8.6
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 High 2:56 p.m. 6.2
 Low 7:53 p.m. 3.0

THURSDAY, MAY 29

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

High 2:35 a.m. 7.9
 Low 9:47 a.m. -1.7
 High 4:43 p.m. 6.1
 Low 9:43 p.m. 3.1

SATURDAY, MAY 31

High 3:29 a.m. 7.3
 Low 10:36 a.m. -1.1
 High 5:35 p.m. 6.0
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

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MONDAY, JUNE 2

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TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Low 3:22 a.m. 1.4
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 High 9:18 p.m. 6.5

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Low 4:12 a.m. 0.8
 High 10:21 a.m. 4.7
 Low 3:31 p.m. 2.4
 High 9:54 p.m. 6.7

Will LOHRE
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The spring softball and baseball seasons are at an end for the Vikings, and, unfortunately, neither team was quite able to navigate the choppy waters of league play to a playoff berth this season.

In their final home games of the season, both the boys and girls weren't quite able to snatch a win in front of the Florence faithful. The result of both programs' final two games away at Glide on May 16 is not known at the time of press, but even with back-to-back wins, those results would not propel either squad into the playoff picture.

Though the end of the year is always the end of a chapter, let's take a look back at how the teams fared during the regular season, and where they ended up, along with some of the

key results during 2025.

SOFTBALL

It looked to be a tough season for the Vikings, as a pretty young squad took time to get their legs under them, but May brought some exciting results and showed the growth of the program this year.

Despite having just four seniors and a roster made up largely of sophomores and freshmen, the Vikings showed tremendous fight down the stretch. After starting the year 0-8, the Vikings captured their first win against Reedsport with a 4-1 W on Apr. 9.

Another difficult stretch saw them lose nine in a row, but when May rolled around, the Vikings flipped the script and put together

a winning streak! After losing a pair of tight games to Sutherlin on Apr. 29 and May 2, the Vikings got their revenge. Playing the second game of a back-to-back against the Bulldogs, Siuslaw put together an inspired 17-7 win.

They followed up that win with their best performance of the season, going on the road and putting a 19-3 beatdown on Coquille. The final game of the win streak came against Coquille again on May 9, when they bested the Bulldogs 11-3. Coquille ended up taking an 11-18 win in the next game that same day, but the two wins against the Bulldogs brought Siuslaw to four wins on the season.

Going into the final

two games against Glide on May 16, the Vikings had a record of 4-19 overall and 3-10 in league play. In the Far West League, the Vikings were ranked fifth of the six teams in the conference, and were ranked 32nd of the 39 teams.

BASEBALL

Siuslaw's baseball team has also won four games this season. Two of the Ws have come in league play, and two in the pre-season. Going into their final two games against Glide on May 16, the Vikings were 2-8 in league play and 4-15 overall.

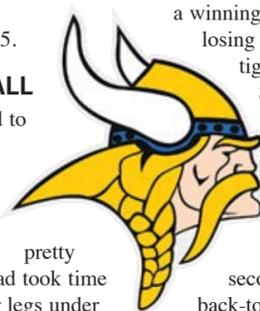
Siuslaw's last win came in an away game against Sutherlin on Apr. 29. The game was a 10-8 thriller that saw the Vikings fend off a late rally from the Bulldogs to hang on. Jacob Mann again stuffed the stat sheet. In five plate

appearances, Mann had two hits (including a double), two RBIs, and a base on balls. In addition, Mann scored two runs and was even hit by a pitch, notching an impressive .800 on-base percentage.

Joel Sissel also had some sparks flying off the bat, as he notched three hits, including a triple, which allowed him to showcase his speed. Speaking of speed, Max Reynolds showed the burners off, not only smashing a triple but also stealing three bases to boot.

All in all, the game was an offensive showcase for the Vikings, as they registered an impressive 11 hits en route to their 10 runs. It was 9-5 going into the bottom of the sixth before the Bulldogs put up three runs to bring the

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"Voice of the Vikings" wore many hats

by **DON HUNT**

Few inductees who have been handed the keys to the Siuslaw Sports Hall of Fame have been more qualified than Bob Sneddon, who served as the "voice of the Vikings" in basketball or football – or both – since 2002.

If Florence generated a Hall of Fame for residents who contributed in activities that weren't focused on sports, Sneddon would surely occupy a seat at that table, too. The Florence native and 1975 Siuslaw High graduate has volunteered his time with the chamber of commerce, planning commission, city council, ambulance board, school board and volunteer fire department. He also served as an auctioneer – often with his father, Blair – at fundraising

events in Florence and across the state, beginning in 1989.

Add to that Sneddon's full-time job as a disc jockey at Coast Radio KCST-KCFM, and it makes one wonder when he found time to breathe.

Sneddon called his last football game for the Vikings last November and retired from the radio station in August.

Sneddon acquired a lot of fond and funny memories while calling games for the Vikings, including a football contest at Molalla in 2009 in which he and broadcast partner Lance Haberly barely made it to the opening kickoff due to a crash along Interstate-5 that delayed them for almost an hour.

Sneddon did the pre-game show in his car – fortunately much of

it was a pre-recorded interview with Vikings head coach Tim Dodson – before pulling into the parking lot with the teams warming up.

Sneddon had called Molalla Athletic Director Dave Luce – his cousin – while stuck in traffic. Luce met Sneddon and Haberly at a staff parking lot at the stadium and then peeled back fencing for the pair to slip through just as the national anthem was being sung.

"Lance started doing play-by-play as he backed up the stadium steps," recalled Sneddon, who was serving as the color analyst at that time. "It was crazy but we never missed a play."

Another amusing game came on the hardwood at the Class 3A state tournament in 2003. At that time,

Sneddon wasn't on the air but was keeping statistics for play-by-play man Mike Hill. The Vikings were matched up against a very talented Tillamook team that would go on to win the state title. Siuslaw coach Bob McBeth felt the only chance the Vikings had in the quarterfinal matchup was to hold the ball for long periods of time and slow the game down. Siuslaw won the tip and held the ball for nearly the entire first quarter. Finally, with 10 seconds left, the ball went to Josh Thomas-Dotson and he fired up a shot that missed, leaving the score at 0-0.

"There was no action, just Dylan Perry holding the ball on his hip for the whole quarter," said Sneddon. "Hill was beside himself. What do you say after a minute

or two? So he put a mike in front of my face and said, 'Can you help me out.'"

**THE
 CHEESEMAKERS
 WENT ON TO A
 43-32 VICTORY.**

Sneddon encountered a health scare in late March of 2021 when he suffered a stroke while calling a game during a Covid-19 shortened football season. Sneddon made it through the game with broadcast partner Randy Paredes but was having trouble getting words out.

"I didn't think much of it at the time," said Sneddon. "But I got up the next morning and knew something was clearly wrong."

Sneddon checked himself into the Florence hospital and spent Easter

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Siuslaw High School Mario Kart Team Captures Oregon State Esports Championship

Undefeated Vikings sweep 2024-25 season, top Sherwood High 3-1 in best-of-five finale!

The Siuslaw High School Vikings raced into school history on March 10, winning the OSAA-partnered PlayFly Esports State Championship for Mario Kart 8 at the University of Oregon. The victory capped a flawless 9-0 season for the four-member squad.

Led by Captain Husky Scribner and teammates Ethan Spencer, Maddy Condi, and Holden Kurth, the Vikings

downed Sherwood High School 3 – 1 in a best-of-five match that featured six randomized tracks per set, each run over three laps. Siuslaw's balanced driving and item management sealed the program's first state title after finishing runner-up last year.

The roster's cohesion dates back to freshman year, when the team began competing together in lunch-hour tournaments and after-school scrimmages. An Honorable Mention is extended to Jaydee Beggs, whose work commitments prevented him

from completing the season but whose early-season play contributed to the team's momentum.

Founded in 2020, Siuslaw's fledgling esports program now fields teams in Super Smash Bros. and Rocket League alongside its title-winning Mario Kart

roster. The program emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, and STEM career pathways, giving students hands-on experience in streaming production, analytics, and event management. Under Coach Patrick Looney's direction, the program builds teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship, turning competitive drive into shared success both in and out of competition.

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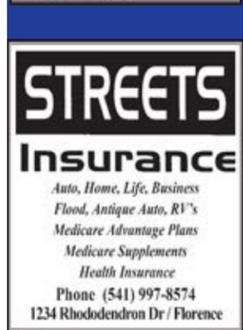
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Community Briefs

Yachats Art Show and reception

The annual art show at Yachats Commons will feature 11 artists' work. The reception is the night before on May 23 from 5-7 with appetizers and drinks (no alcohol). The show takes place May 24 from 10-4 and is open to the public. There is no charge for the show and the reception.

Giant Garage Sale For Kids in the Arts

"Trinkets & Treasures are so much fun to snoop through! Come to C.R.O.W.'s Giant Garage Sale Fundraiser and find something you never knew you always needed!" said Melanie Heard, C.R.O.W.'s Artistic Director and Founder. The event will be held at the C.R.O.W. Center for the Performing Arts (3120 HWY 101 in Florence) on Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th from 9:30 to 2:30. Many local families have donated a myriad of useful items to the cause, including tools, toys,

books, records, housewares, kitchenware, gift items, costumes, garden items, and much more! All proceeds support youth scholarships and upcoming events for C.R.O.W. such as the award-winning Haunted Maze and the 2025 Holly Jolly Follies. Cash or credit accepted. Donations are deeply appreciated. No early birds, please. "Come and help our C.R.O.W. kids fly even higher by buying something nifty at our Giant Garage Sale Fundraiser!" For more information, visit www.crowkids.com/garagesale

Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors Meeting

A regular meeting of the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at the Siuslaw Public Library located at 1460 9th Street in Florence, OR. The public is welcome to attend in person, and virtual attendance and written comment submission

options are also available. A complete agenda and additional information is available online at siuslawlibrary.org or by calling 541-997-3132.

Introduction to Death Café

The Siuslaw Public Library is pleased to host "death doula" Karuna Sams as he presents "an introduction to death café" on Wed., May 28th, at 10:30am, in the library's Bromley Room. The library has been hosting regular meetings of the Death Café, a place to meet, eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death for some time. The objective is to "increase awareness of death with a view to helping people making the most of their 'finite' lives." Death Café is sponsored by the Lane Linn Benton Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative. In this program Karuna Sams will provide an overview of Death Café, including its history, its objectives, who goes to a Death Café and why, and what would someone experience in participating in a Death Café. This introductory program is intended for those who

would like to learn something about Death Café before deciding to attend one.

Karuna Sams is a life-long teacher and lecturer and has spoken internationally for over 20 years on emerging healthcare technologies. He has a PhD in cell and molecular biology from the University of Kansas. He has been a hospice volunteer as well as a practicing death doula, offering a variety of end of life services through his company Karuna Doulas. This program is free and open to the public. For more information about the program, please contact the library at (541) 997-3132.

Community donates over four tons of food

On May 10, the Florence community came together for the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, resulting in an impressive collection of 9,415 pounds of non-perishable food. Organized by our local Florence Letter Carriers, they played a pivotal role, collecting donations left by mailboxes and getting them to Florence Food Share crew at the post office. This remarkable haul will help restock the shelves at Florence Food Share, which serves as a lifeline for over 4,000 individuals in Western Lane County, preventing hunger and providing essential nourishment year-round. The generosity of Florence residents underscores the community's commitment to supporting neighbors in need. "We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our community," said Colin Morgan, Executive Director of Florence Food Share. "The 9,415 pounds of food collected will make a tangible difference for families, seniors, and

individuals facing food insecurity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our postal carriers and every resident who donated." The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, the nation's largest single-day food collection event, relies on the dedication of postal workers and the goodwill of communities like Florence. The donations will directly support Florence Food Share's mission to ensure no one in the area goes hungry. Florence Food Share invites the community to continue supporting its efforts through volunteering, monetary donations, or food contributions. For more information, visit www.florencefoodshare.org or call (541) 997-9110.

Florence Schools Calendar

The following events will be taking place at Siuslaw Elementary, Middle and High Schools until summer break.
May 21 – SHS Scholarship Night – Florence Events Center, 6 p.m.
May 22 – 5th Grade Open House at Siuslaw Middle School, 5 to 7p.m. - This is the open house for students and parents for 5th graders to come and explore the middle school.
May 23 – Siuslaw HS Band Concert, Florence Events Center, 7p.m.
May 28 – Elementary Music Concert – 4th & 5th Graders; Florence Events Center, 6 p.m.
May 29 – Siuslaw HS Choir Concert, Florence Events Center, 7p.m.
June 4 – Siuslaw MS – STEAM Fair – student projects related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics – 5 to 7pm
June 5 – SES Choir & Band Concert – All grade levels; Florence Events Center, 6pm
June 6 – Graduation, Siuslaw HS – 7p.m.



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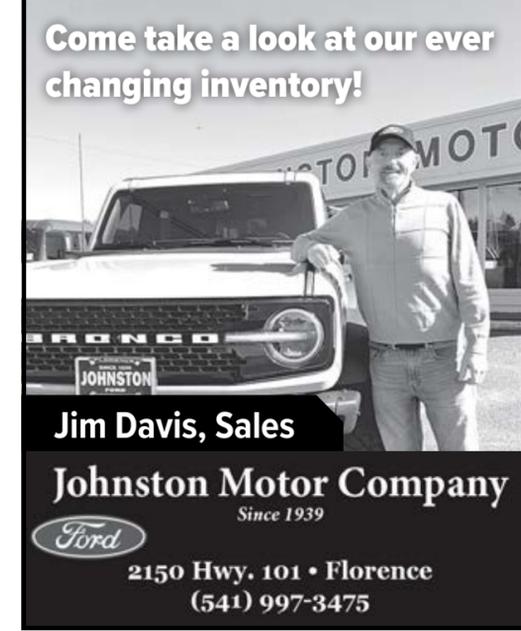
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NORA KENT**

Angela Palmer and her team of Shimmy Mob dancers participated in the World Wide Belly Dance Day on Saturday, May 10th at the Viewing Garden on Bay Street in Old Town. They beckoned folks passing by to come watch their dance, Gypsy. Following the dance, donations for Siuslaw Outreach Services were taken from the audience. Shimmy Mob is more than just a dance event—it's a global movement dedicated to supporting victims of domestic violence and promoting a

message of empowerment and community. Angela Palmer shared "Shimmy Mob shines a bright light on the issue of domestic violence and has created an incredible amount of awareness for the local resources available to survivors. Some residents never even knew there was help for them in our county until we started doing ShimmyMob. Each year, our community welcomes us and supports our awareness and fundraising goals. We're now to the point where people contact ME and ask if it's time to donate! But more importantly,

when this team of amazing, beautiful, committed women (and men) hits the streets, when we dance as one, when we CELEBRATE the power of togetherness, I get to witness how we inspire others to hope for, believe in and achieve change. That's the whole reason I continue to lead a ShimmyMob team, year after year. And I could not do it without my local and my global Shimmy Mob community." If you want to contribute to supporting victims of domestic violence and Siuslaw Outreach Services go to <https://floresos.org/>.



New \$5K Matching Challenge from New Life Lutheran Church!

Florence Food Share is absolutely thrilled to announce that, in celebration of their impressive 75th anniversary, the New Life Lutheran Church is stepping up with a generous offer—matching all donations up to \$5,000! Florence Food Share operates on property owned by New Life Lutheran and leases it for \$1 a year. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together and maximize our impact. New Life Lutheran Church is challenging each

of you to contribute. Your donations will be doubled, helping to support the vital work of Florence Food Share! Imagine the difference we can make together: Every dollar you donate will be matched and go further than ever before. The challenge deadline is June 25, 2025. Join us in this meaningful challenge! Contributions to Florence Food Share can be made by check made payable to Florence Food Share at P.O. BOX 2514, Florence, OR 97439, or dropped off at 2190

Spruce St. in Florence, next to the New Life Lutheran Church. Funds can also be given securely online at FlorenceFoodShare.org. Remember to indicate on your check, cash, or card transaction that your donation is for the NLLC challenge. Let's unite and make a significant impact for those in need within our community! Thank you for your support; we can do so much because of you! For more information, contact Morgan at 541-997-9110 or email info@florencefoodshare.org.

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Proposed federal SNAP cuts would leave Oregon families hungry, governor and senators warn

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregonians will go hungry if congressional Republicans plow forward with plans to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and shift costs to states, senators and Gov. Tina Kotek warned on Tuesday.

Kotek and Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley joined a press call Tuesday with three other Democratic senators and the head of a Vermont anti-hunger group to discuss proposed cuts to SNAP, the food benefits used by 42 million Americans and more than 700,000 Oregonians.

Congressional Republicans on Monday night unveiled a plan to cut federal SNAP spending by at least \$230 billion, mostly by shifting costs to states. But

states including Oregon can't afford those shifts, Kotek said.

"We just do not have the kind of money that it would take to maintain the program at the current level if these cuts go through," Kotek, also a Democrat, said. "It will just not happen, and people will go hungry in Oregon."

The details of congressional Republican's budget reconciliation proposal arrived just before Wednesday's release of Oregon's May revenue forecast, which state budget-writers will use to craft the next two-year budget. Lawmakers are bracing for a downturn tied to tariffs, federal funding cuts and economic instability.

The federal proposal means that the taxes Oregonians pay to the federal government will not return to the state to help their neighbors in need, Kotek

FAST FACT

More than 700,000 Oregonians receive aid from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

said. Kotek, who started her career as a policy advocate for the Oregon Food Bank, said she saw firsthand what it means for people to skip meals to afford rent or medicine and knows how fragile food security is for many.

"When you cut SNAP, you're not cutting bureaucracy," she said. "You're cutting a child's dinner. You're cutting their breakfast. You're cutting their family's dignity."

Every dollar spent on SNAP generates another \$1.50 to \$1.80 in economic activity at grocery stores, farmers' markets and other local businesses, Kotek said. Without that money, stores could close and people could lose their jobs.

Merkley said Oregon stands to lose about \$400 million under the proposal to shift costs from the federal government to states. And Wyden decried potential cuts to SNAP and Medicaid as a "double whammy" for health care.

About 1.4 million Oregonians are covered by Medicaid, or the Oregon Health Plan. Republicans proposed instituting work requirements and withholding funding from states like Oregon that cover health care regardless of immigration status and cover gender-affirming care.

"The combination of less

food assistance for seniors and kids, and then Republican cuts in Medicaid, is a prescription for a sicker America," Wyden said. "What we're talking about is health care 101: You need access to food to be healthy, and you need access to timely healthcare when you're ill."

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/05/13/proposed-federal-snap-cuts-would-leave-oregon-families-hungry-governor-and-senators-warn/>

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New Life Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Challenge Grant for local non-profits

"The best birthday presents are the ones we can give to others." At least that's the conclusion that the congregation of New Life Lutheran Church here in Florence came to when they decided to turn their 75th anniversary party plans into something else.

"New Life has been trying to plan our 75th anniversary party for two years," says Pastor Jennifer Yocum, "but there was just no energy for it. We talked about catering something fancy within our building, or renting a food truck for a community picnic, but nothing felt right."

What eventually felt right was to take the \$5000 that had been budgeted for a party and turn it into a challenge grant to support Florence Food Share (which sits on property owned by New Life, and leased to Food Share for \$1 a year) and to gift another \$2500 to support Bright Beginnings Pre-School which shares the church building at 2100 Spruce Street. Bright Beginnings plans to leverage their gift into a scholarship fund to help defray tuition costs.

"That's \$7500 total for 75 years," Rev. Dr. Yocum says with enthusiasm, "but that's just our gift. We really want to see the challenge grants to Food Share and Bright Beginnings matched by the community to make those contributions truly significant." The challenge grant deadline is June 25, 2025.

"New Life has a long and proud history of contributing to our community," she said. "We were instrumental in creating Florence Food Share and in supporting Florence Habitat for Humanity. Our members were leading agents in getting the local hospital built. We continue to support Siuslaw Outreach Services, First Step Transition Housing, Pregnancy and Parenting Services and scholarships through our foundation endowment, and we support Bright Beginnings with under-market rental space."

New Life members recall a time when they were able to swing hammers and do the heavy lifting to support major activities, but changing demographics have called the congregation to think about themselves differently.

"We're focused on building connections with God, with community, and with each other," Yocum says. "We want to be a place where all feel welcomed and inspired by God's grace. These 75th Anniversary gifts to Florence Food Share and Bright Beginnings are a part of that inspiration."

If you feel inspired to contribute to the 75th Anniversary challenge grant, please send your contributions to Florence Food Share or Bright Beginnings Preschool noting New Life 75 in the memo or notes. If you have questions, please send us an email at NewLifeLutheranSecretary@gmail.com.

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VIKINGS

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Store in 2017, but returned to Coast Radio as an afternoon disc jockey in 2021, where his heart had been all along.

Following his stroke, he returned to the press box in the fall of that year, just in time to broadcast Siuslaw's run to the state title. His two favorite games in his career occurred during that magical season – Siuslaw's 41-40 win over Junction City in which the Vikings rallied from a 40-14 second-half deficit, and the nail-biting 14-9 state championship game victory over South Umpqua that completed an undefeated season.

The 2025 Siuslaw High School Hall of Fame Induction will take place on August 22nd, 2025, in the Siuslaw High School Gym. Doors open at 5 pm, and the ceremony will begin at 5:30. Admission is free, but a recommended donation of \$10 to the Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club is encouraged.

SEASONS

From Page B1

game within one, 8-9.

The Vikings ended up putting one final run up in the top of the seventh, and the Bulldogs couldn't muster any more scores, with the game ending 10-8. It was Siuslaw's highest scoring game of the season, and they got the win they deserved.

Going into the final match day with Glide, Siuslaw was the fifth-ranked team in the Far West league and ranked 33rd of the 42 teams in OSAA's 3A rankings.

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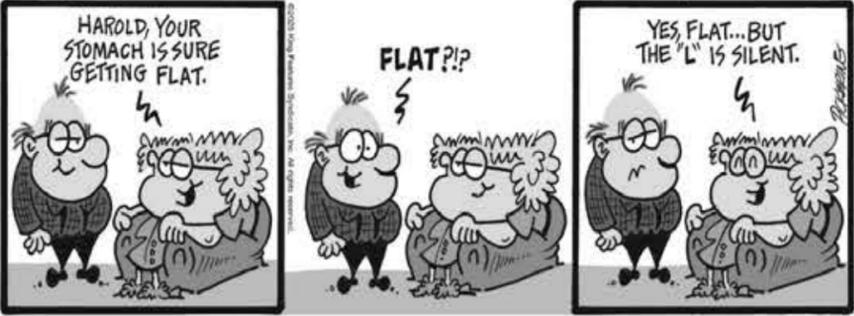
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CryptoQuip

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Clue: T equals X

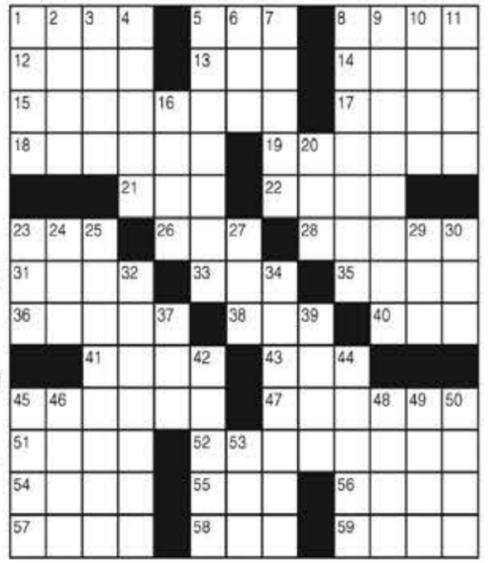
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King Crossword

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- 1 Eve's man
- 5 Agt.'s take
- 8 Summit
- 12 C&W artist McEntire
- 13 Geological period
- 14 Linguist Chomsky
- 15 Magnificence
- 17 Leslie Caron role
- 18 Next in line
- 19 Business goal
- 21 Poetic contraction
- 22 Feudal laborer
- 23 Rx writers
- 26 Actor McKellen
- 28 Cardio-boxing routine
- 31 Nest egg choices
- 33 Vat
- 35 Foolproof
- 36 Picture puzzle
- 38 Diner order
- 40 "Awesome, dude!"
- 41 Muscat's land
- 43 Summer mo.
- 45 Spud
- 47 Scan again
- 51 Help a hood
- 52 French title
- 54 Go sightseeing



- 5 Views slyly
- 6 French vineyard
- 7 Infield covers work
- 8 Long-haired cats
- 9 Hairdresser
- 10 Creche trio
- 11 Send forth
- 16 Roman 602
- 20 Pensioned (Abbr.)
- 23 Soviet space station
- 24 Dad on "Black-ish"
- 25 1942 Hitchcock thriller
- 27 Gist
- 29 Bikini half
- 30 British ref.
- 32 Java neighbor
- 34 Total non-sense
- 37 Perched
- 39 Calendar abbr.
- 42 Wanderer
- 44 Big smiles
- 45 Bits of butter
- 46 Reed instrument
- 48 Fair-hiring org.
- 49 Mystique
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- 53 Mine material

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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.

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- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)?
3. HISTORY: Which decisive battle ended the Revolutionary War?
4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited in the United States?
6. TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state is Glacier National Park located?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first vice president to die in office?
10. SCIENCE: What are elements like neon, helium and radon called?

- Answers
1. Uniform resource locator
 2. Moaning Myrtle
 3. The Battle of Yorktown
 4. George Orwell
 5. Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 6. "House, M.D."
 7. Copenhagen
 8. Montana
 9. George Clinton
 10. Noble gases

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Credo 2. Flare; 3. Nimble; 4. Laden; solution

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Hoping it would be lucky enough to be played by a Dakota tribe member, the seed exclaimed "Shoux sow me!"

King Crossword

Answers

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!

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Charming .11 Acre lot located in the Coast Village gated community. This is a great opportunity for a vacation retreat or full-time coastal living. 36' Jayco trailer under cover, decking & fire pit. \$179,900 List #1274/510963383

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Brand New Construction on Dunewood Drive in the Reserve at Heceta Lakes. This three bedroom, 2 bath custom home has 2100 sq. ft. of living space, an attached double car garage and high-end finishes. \$975,000 List #1283/378512803

In town lot measures 26'x150'. Has paved Maple Street frontage and back alleyway access. Flat lot is clear and ready to build. City Services available. Mainstreet District A zoning. \$74,500 List #1264/24079224

Four bedroom, 2 bath home with 1554 sq. ft. of living space and a large paved driveway, detached single car garage. Fully fenced yard with private hot tub. 50' concrete RV pad with hookups. \$519,000 List #1232/24122444

Three bedrooms, 2 bath home with 1762 sq. ft. of living space and an attached double car garage. Features a dining, living and family rooms, open kitchen, and nice sized master suite with access to the back covered deck. \$469,000 List #1276/216064262

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proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Laurel L. Ferguson Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 1153 327 Laurel St Florence, OR 97439 Publication Date: May 21, 2025

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TSN25-145 NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ORDINANCE PASSAGE
On June 2, 2025, the City of Florence City Council will review and consider the ordinances concerning the following... Ordinance No. 6, Series 2025 - An Ordinance creating Florence City Code Chapter 1-18 regarding a public safety fee. Ordinance No. 7, Series 2025 - An Ordinance amending Florence City Code Chapter 9-1 related to the City's deferral and exemption programs for collecting certain systems development charges. This

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notice serves as official publication of the availability of the ordinance. The full text of this Ordinance will be available on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us, on or before Monday, May 26, 2025, or may be inspected at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101). Persons wishing to address the City Council may submit comments in writing or may provide verbal comments. Written testimony may be submitted by: 1. Email to the City Recorder at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us; 2. Mail to Florence City Hall; Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439 3. Drop off at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; or at the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall to the right of the main entrance. ** NOTE: Written comments must

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be received at least 2 hours prior to the start of the meeting (June 2, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.) to be distributed to the City Council and made part of the record. Citizens may provide verbal comments / testimony at the meeting either in person or virtually. In order to participate verbally at the meeting, citizens are required to complete a speaker's card at least 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting (June 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.). Speaker's cards are available online at www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-to-address-city-council-speakers-card, or by contacting the City Recorder via email at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us or by phone at 541-997-3437. For more information about this notice, or any Florence City Council proceedings, please contact City Recorder Lindsey White at 541-997-3437, or via

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TSN25-146 A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL LINCOLN PUD
will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. To review the meeting agenda, please go to clpud.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email info@clpud.org to make a request.

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- COLLAGEN
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- HYALURONIC
- MOISTURIZER
- OILY
- PEPTIDES
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- SEBUM
- SPF
- SUN SPOTS

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

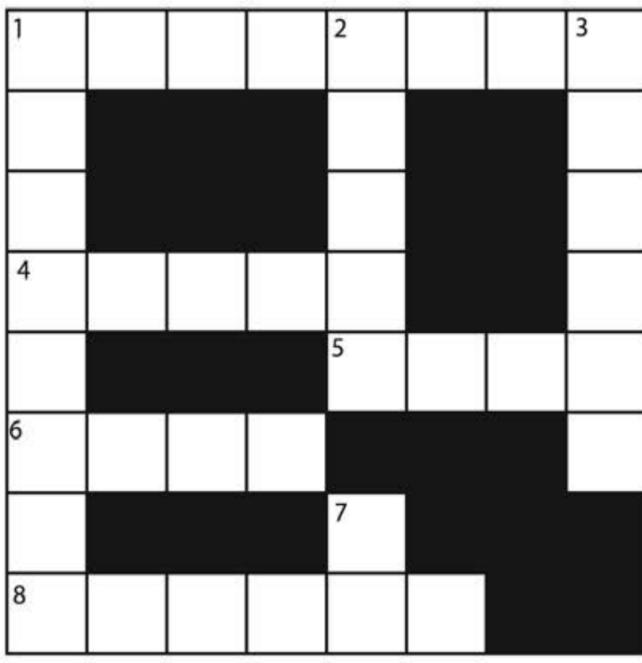


Food FACT:

The USDA advises cooking this beloved grilled food to an internal temperature of 160 F.

Answer: Hamburger

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Rear of a home
 4. Sandy area
 5. Rising and falling of the sea
 6. Place to pitch a tent
 8. Has a good time
- DOWN**
1. Style of slow-cooked food
 2. Luxury ship
 3. Evening meal
 7. The Empire State (abbr.)

Answers:
ACROSS
1. Backyard 4. Beach 5. Tide 6. Camp 8. Enjoys
DOWN
1. Barbecue 2. Yacht 3. Dinner 7. NY

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MAY 20

1609: William Shakespeare's sonnets are first published in London.

1862: Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act into law.

2012: An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.0 strikes northern Italy.

NEW WORD

SEAR

to burn or scorch the surface of something with high heat

How they say that in...

English: Smoke
Spanish: Humo
Italian: Fumo
French: Fumée
German: Rauch

Did You Know?

Propane and charcoal grills should only ever be used outdoors. A grill should be located away from the home or other structures.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Hamburger bun



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New Listing

88561 Collard Ln. - \$425,000

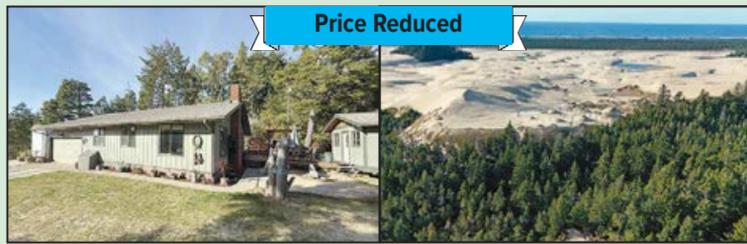
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1240 SqFt. Charming north lakes home with sunny deck, private setting, and extra parking for toys. #3657-334532758



Price Reduced

253 Outer Dr. - \$107,000

0.08 acre lot in Coast Village. Nice, cleared lot with updated power. Ready to build or park your RV on. #3583-24226963



Price Reduced

83720 Hwy 101 - \$625,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1096 SqFt. Ranch-style home, updated kitchen, 2 master suites, updated decks, newly built detached office space, 4.72 acre. #3621- 387092922



Price Reduced

11825 Fir Ave. - \$230,000

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1189 SqFt. Mapleton stick-built with mountain views, close to schools. #3650-530989194



5129 N Loftus Rd - \$1,345,000

3 Baths, 4000sqft. Newly built commercial building. 4 potential office spaces, ADA compliant, massive storage/work area. #3538- 24223879



179 Laurel St. D - \$230,000

859 SqFt Commercial building. Investment opportunity in Old Town with endless potential. Business and personal property not included in the sale. #3624-520183170



1495 8th St. - \$459,000

1722 SqFt Commercial/Residential. Prime location with lots of parking, alley access, and potential for various uses. #3644-752771591



1509 9th St. - \$350,000

1482 SqFt Commercial property, building only, currently leased to KXCR Radio Station. Perfect for an investment. #3641-766528305



95469 Hwy 101, Yachats - \$650,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2044 SqFt. Ocean-view home in Yachats! Vacation rental friendly, remodeled, spacious lot, near town! #3630- 608501985



918 7th St. - \$425,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1160 SqFt. Bright, inviting home with skylights, 2-car garage, garden beds, and alley access. Appointment only! #3651-191217323



75 Harbor St #204 - \$575,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1250 SqFt. Stunning riverfront condo in the heart of Old Town with panoramic views and luxury finishes! #3632-191540927



1088 Nopal St. - \$480,000

3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1378 sqft. Charming home with cozy wood burning stove, large deck, huge garage, and alley access. #3655-704115779



4604 Falcon St. - \$795,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2205 SqFt. Whimsical coastal gem with oceanviews. Fully furnished, artistic, and ready to enchant you. #3643-129967285



1601-277 Rhododendron Dr. - \$234,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 672 SqFt. Nicely kept home with separate bonus, bunkhouse and detached garage with shop. #3535-739599397



75 Harbor St. #304 - \$595,000

2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 1250 SqFt. Top-floor condo, river views, granite kitchen, gas fireplace. Enjoy elegant coastal living every day. #3642-577600768



85287 Hemlock St - \$799,000

6 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4414 SqFt. Ideal for multi-generational living on almost 19 acres. New paint, carpet, lighting and flooring. #3563-24062108



133 Shoreline Dr. - \$865,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2120 Sqft. New Construction in Shelter Cove! Quality craftsmanship and finishes. 3 bay garage with paved parking for boat storage. #3620-575874537



11801 E Mapleton Rd. - \$695,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2418 SqFt. Secluded living on 2.75 acres with a quarter mile of river frontage on the Siuslaw River. #3603-24320221



88416 1st Ave. #202 - \$235,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 497 SqFt. 2nd floor oceanfront studio condo. Great for investment or vacation getaway with Driftwood Shores amenities! #3635-242991486



100 Rhododendron Dr - \$849,000

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 1952sqft. Riverfront home with 3-car garage and RV parking pad. Potential for a boat ramp and dock. #3537-24452689



5218 Dunewood Dr - \$885,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2120 sqft. New Construction Jan 2025, on 0.4 ac in the Reserve at Heceta Lake, with a 3-car garage. #3576-24348410



5568 Woahink Dr. - \$485,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2016 SqFt. Private, wooded setting, den, ADU, 2-car garage, EV plug, and RV hook-ups. #3647-42711998



231 Horseshoe Bend - \$310,000

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 648 sqft. 2024 Park Model with additional building for guests, and another building for laundry. #3598-24607041



4817 Laguna Ave. - \$615,000

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1065 SqFt. Four tax lots 0.23 ac each. Beautiful Siltcoos Lake view property in Westlake. #3609-24665428



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