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Jerry Rust, top center, held a town hall to talk about improving the Florence LCC Campus. Tony Reed photo

Ideas floated for LCC Florence campus

By TONY REED
Siuslaw News

Several ideas came to light during an April 3rd town hall meeting as to ways to expand and improve programs at the Florence campus. The meeting was hosted by the campaign to elect Jerry Rust to the Lane Community College Board.

Rust is a candidate for the May 20 election. He is also a former county commissioner and is running for position 1 on the College Board of education. Rust was joined by board

member Austin Fölnagy, Lane Community College Board of Education Chair Zach Mulholland and departing director Denise Diamond. Diamond is the current director for Zone 1, representing the western end of Lane County, particularly the Florence campus. Rust and candidate Jeffrey Cooper will run for that open seat.

ALL EARS

Mayor Rob Ward said Lane Community College has been a good friend to Florence for a long time. Noting that he was an advisory member for the College Board about 10 years ago, Ward said the campus has an important role to play.

Rust opened the town hall by asking, "What do you want to see? I think we can generate some good ideas that will be useful in pursuing this conversation as we go along."

"One of the things they did back in the day that I'd love to see come back is that they used to run a great elder hostel program. They would have lighthouses on the Oregon coast or would do whales and they would have 50 to 60 people sign up for those programs." Ward said all participants were seniors and retirees, and were excited to learn new things in the programs. Ward joked that Rust is essentially a Florence resident, as he lives nearby.

Mulholland, whose family roots are in Florence, noted that in the college reduced its programming significantly during Covid, but the facility has been remodeled since to bring it up

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Woman jailed after arson attempt

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A Texas woman is being held (as of April 3) in Lane County jail after an alleged arson attempt on a vehicle north of Florence.

"On March 28th at about 12:40 p.m., a Lane County Sheriff's deputy responded to a reported arson on Sutton Outlet Road near Florence," a Lane County Sheriff's Office release stated. "A person running in the area returned to their vehicle and found a sock burning in the gas tank cap. He was able to extinguish it, and fire responded to ensure it was extinguished."

According to the report, the victim saw a female, later identified as Elizabeth Louise Jeffery, 33, of Texas, walking away from the area.

"A US Forest Service employee was in the area, and Jeffery climbed on top of their vehicle," the report said. "The deputy and an Oregon State Trooper were able to convince Jeffery to get down, and found she was in possession of a sock

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Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate Brokers Honored



Eight local real estate brokers at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate were recently honored for their 2024 production within the Coldwell Banker global network, according to company

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

Coldwell Banker system.
Aric Sneddon earned the International Sterling Society award placing him in the top 16 percent of all Coldwell Banker brokers internationally.

Missy Johnson,
Randy Paredes, Justin

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Rhody Court visits Oregon House of Representatives

The Rhododendron Festival is an annual tradition in Florence, Oregon. 2025 is the 118th year of the Rhodies Festival which is held every May as the beautiful Rhodies are blooming on the Oregon Coast.

Rep. Boomer Wright was honored to have the 2025 Rhododendron Court visit with him this week in the House of Representatives. The Princess and Princes are outstanding high school seniors. who represent the Festival and the Florence community.

Princesses: Sophia Montoya; Claire Lindell; Ashly Hart; and Macali Lade (not present). Princes: Travis Clark; Storm Engel; Nayt Deleon; Joel Sissel; Charles Nelson.

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POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from March 25 to April 1

TUESDAY MARCH 25

At 7:57 a.m., officers received a report of a subject camping near a business along Highway 101. Officers arrived to move the subject along.

At 9:51 a.m., a subject came to the front desk at the police department to inquire whether a particular encounter would put him in violation of a restraining order. Subject was told it would not, and no arrest was made.

At 10:42 a.m., officers observed a subject in the 2000 block of Highway 101 they knew to have a warrant. The subject was placed under arrest.

At 11:02 a.m. officers responded to the area of 8th Street and Wecoma for a report of stolen gasoline.

At 2:52 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 2nd Street for a report of a vehicle accident. Officers found two vehicles involved, only minor injuries. Three citations were issued.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26

At 5:25 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of 1st Street for a report of loud noise coming from the water treatment plant. Officers spoke to staff who said the light humming noise was typical and determined that no violations of city ordinances were occurring.

At 7:40 a.m., officers responded to a report of a person in distress in the 2900 block of Highway 101. Officers contacted the subject to find they were fine, but had active warrants. Subject was taken into custody for a felony warrant from Benton County and a misdemeanor warrant from Marion County.

At 12:02 p.m., officers arrived in the 1700 block of 43rd Street for a report of theft. After a short investigation, officers determined it was a civil issue over payment in a private sale.

At 1:44 p.m., a subject brought a vehicle to the police department saying it had been hit while it was parked in town.

At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Highway 101 for a report of criminal mischief. officers found an ongoing dispute between subjects, one of whom claimed gas had been siphoned from a vehicle and lug nuts loosened.

At 7:14 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 Block of South Oak Street to perform a civil standby during a separation.

At 7:42 p.m., a dog was brought to the police station that "looked like Toto." Dog was taken to the shelter.

THURSDAY MARCH 27

At 5:34 a.m., officers responded to the hospital to take a report for an assault that occurred outside city limits.

At 7:24 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of 17th Street for a report of theft from a

vehicle. Owner told officers that the doors were not locked and various items had been taken from responded to the 1500

a report of fraud. Caller

had been using his card,

At 5:17 p.m., officers

causing it to be placed

on hold. Case is under

responded to the 3900

a reported dog bite. No

injuries occurred, but a

At 10:36 p.m., a caller

reported finding a phone

in Old Town. Phone was

turned over to the police

At 8:50 p.m., officers

responded to the 1100

Officers determined it

was a civil issue regard-

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

At 10:44 a.m., a caller

reported that a vehicle

had been located at the

mission in Eugene. Case

was referred to the Lane

County Sheriff's Office.

At 7;03 p.m., a phone

was turned into the police

department. Officers were

able to contact the family

At t9:18 p.m., officers

responded to the area of

2nd and Maple Street for

a report of illegal camp-

MONDAY, MARCH 31

At 9:51 a.m., officers

were summoned to the

Municipal Court to arrest

a subject with a warrant.

responded to the 4,000

or a death investigation.

Officers reported nothing

was suspicious in nature.

At 1:45 p.m., officers

responded to the area of

Street for a report of ille-

At 3:18 p.m., a sub-

ject came into the police

being harassed over social

At 7:10 p.m., officers

responded to Three Rivers

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

At 10:13 a.m., officers

rooms on Bay Street for a

report of a subject bang-

ing on the wall. Officers

who said he was simply

At 10:26 a.m., a Code

contacted the subject

Enforcement officer

responded to the area

of Pine Street and 20th

Street for a report of an

abandoned vehicle in the

At 2:43 p.m., a caller

in the 1400 block of Pine

Street reported that some-

one went into a yard and

stole a bag of aluminum

At 3:19 p.m., officers

responded to the area of

the Bay Street gazebo for

a report of a disorderly

subject there. Officers

were told a subject was

panhandling in the area.

responded to the 1500

Block of 9th Street for

laying on the sidewalk

arrived to find it was not

At 6:11 p.m., officers

responded to the area of

the Bay Street gazebo

carrying a guitar and

wrapped in a blanket,

being disorderly. Officers

investigated but found no

violations. Subject was

advised of city codes.

for a report of a subject

a report of a woman

unclothed. Officers

as reported.

At 3:26 p.m., officers

talking loudly.

area.

responded to the bath-

Casino for a report of a

dispute occurring there.

department to report

15th Street and Spruce

gal camping.

block of Highway 101

At 10:30 a.m., officers

of the owner.

ing in the area.

stolen from Florence

ing a pending sale of a

Block of 8th Street for a

report of a stolen vehicle.

report was taken.

department.

vehicle.

investigation.

At 8:52 a.m., officers responded to the 3400 block of Lilac Street for a trailer in a driveway that had trash blowing from it. Officers contacted the owner and counseled them on securing the trash.

At 11:52 a.m., a caller near the gun range reported hearing rapid fire shots. Officers checked but found nothing in violation of law.

At 12:19 p.m., a subject turned in a phone that had been found downtown. Officers checked the phone, found the owner and returned it.

At 1:34 p.m., officers were responding to assist sheriff's deputies for a report of a subject with a knife. According to reports, one officer was involved in a traffic accident while responding with lights and siren activated. No injuries were reported and Oregon State Police are investigating the accident.

At 4:54 p.m., officers responded to the area of 10th and Laurel Street for a reported possible hit and run accident. The vehicle sustained damage to the mirror, but it was unknown if it was caused by another vehicle.

At 5:40 p.m., officers responded to the 4100 Block of Munsel Creek Road for a report that a subject was trying to break into a mailbox. Subject was located and arrested for criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

At 6:02 p.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of Highway 101 for a report of shoplifting. Officers are examining video and the case remains under investigation.

At 9:54 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Maple Street for a report of a dispute occurring. Officers arrived to find two intoxicated subjects in a verbal dispute and separated them for the evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

At 12:31 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a report of a subject yelling at people.

At 2:18 p.m., officers responded to the 4800 block of Highway 101 for a report of a hazard in the

roadway. At 2:41 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject and downtown florence. Subject was gone when officers arrived.

At 2:43 p.m., officers responded to the 4300 block of Highway 101 for a reported Hit and Run accident. Officer spoke to the caller who said her car was hit in a shopping Center parking lot.

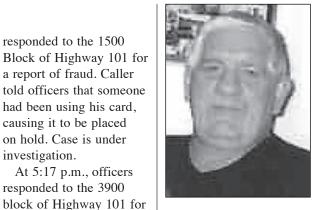
At 6:49 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report that a female subject was breaking stuff inside a store. Officers arrived and arrested the subject for criminal mischief.

At 10:40 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Highway 101 for a reported possible overdose. Officers administered Narcan to the subject, who then regained consciousness and appeared otherwise ok.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

At 10:47 a.m., officers

OBITUARIES



WALTER HOMENYK

In memory of Walter Homenyk (1956-2025) from Mapleton, OR, age 69, celebration of life will be held at Cross Roads Church at 1:00pm on the 12th of April 2025.

ROSEMARY GOODWIN

Rosemary Goodwin went to live with our lord on March 10th, 2025. She is survived by her husband, George of 66 years and daughter, Machelle and is preceded in death by her children Lean and Kevin Goodwin. She was devoted to her garden and her many friends and Florence United Methodist Church. A memorial fund has been established at the United Methodist Church. Services will be held March 12th at the Florence Presbyterian Church at 1:00 pm April 12th, 2025.

ARCHIE HORNFELT

Archie Hornfelt age 95 of Florence passed away March 24th. Arrangements are being held at Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

Climate change, nonnative species pose double trouble for native species, study shows

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Climate change could pose a dual threat to native species by reducing their suitable habitats and increasing predation pressure from non-native species, a new study by Oregon State University researchers finds.

The effects of climate change and biological invasions on the geographical distribution of native species have been studied separately, but their combined effects remain overlooked, said Ivan Arismendi, an associate professor in Oregon State's Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences.

The new study, published in Global Change Biology, begins to change that. The researchers found that future climate conditions will reduce habitat suitability for native and non-native species, but an increase in habitat overlap might exacerbate the negative effects of non-native species, potentially leading to local extinctions of native species.

"Climate change and biological invasions are increasingly affecting ecosystems globally,' Arismendi said. "It's critical to understand their combined impacts so that we can anticipate and adapt management strategies that account for shifting interactions between native and non-native species."

Using ecological niche models, which are computational tools that use environmental data to predict where species live, Arismendi, Guillermo Giannico and Arif Jan developed a framework to assess how climate change influences the range of and habitat overlap among species.

For the study, they

evaluated the invasion of non-native smallmouth bass and northern pike in the Pacific Northwest and their impact on native redband trout and bull trout. While they focused narrowly on those species, they noted that the model could be used to study other species and geographic regions.

They found that the distribution of suitable habitats for redband trout, bull trout, smallmouth bass and northern pike will undergo reductions under future climatic conditions, and this will be accompanied by these species shifting to higher elevation habitats, where the water is colder.

"Cold water refuges in upstream areas will serve as converging zones for native and non-native fishes," said Jan, a doctoral student at Oregon State. "Past research has documented predatory interactions toward salmonids by smallmouth bass and northern pike where their habitat overlaps. This means potential yearround predation and competition pressures during the early life stages of salmonids."

The researchers fear that this increased negative interaction could lead to local extinctions of native salmonids, similar to what has happened in southeastern Alaska and other parts of the world.

"This study highlights the need for integrated management strategies that address both direct and indirect effects of interactions among species," said Giannico, a professor of fisheries at Oregon State. "Our approach is simple and cost-effective for prioritizing habitats for the early detection and monitoring of invasive species and their potential future impacts on native species."

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Get caffeinated for kids

Staffing management of Cassie's coffee, located at Highway 101 and 18th street, will be supporting the backpack for kids program. On Monday April 14th, every cup of coffee sold will result in a donation to The food backpack for kids program.

Food Backpack for Kids

is a collective of local community members who distribute food to schools for students who need it, with the goal that no child goes hungry. For more information

about the program and how you can help, go to https://foodbackpackforkids.com/



LETTERS

It's a common claim by Government officials that they may violate our rights in the name of national security. The Signalgate controversy raises a new test to our rights: The Administration risks national security in order to preserve its ability to repress its citizens. The deportations to El Salvador raises its own issues. The Government knows who is a terrorist and we have to assume the truth of that assertion. We then have to accept their actions. The Government portrays it as an exceptional event even if the claims are false.

Signalgate is worse. The

Administration risks our compromise our security in order to violate our rights.

Thanks to Timothy Snyder, professor of History, Yale University. Most of this piece is derived from his works. He argues that invoking national security allows our freedom in order to get safety. The result is the loss of both our rights and our security.

> Michael Charlton Florence

I want to thank and commend the Siuslaw News, and specifically Tony Reed, for the excellent and

exhaustive piece on the Val Hoyle town hall appearance on March 19 which appeared in the March 26th issue of the paper. Equally well done was the article on the Tsunami Warning System which appeared in the same edition of the paper. A great touch including the message, printed in red, on how the layoffs are impacting their work. Well done.

> George Durant Florence

Florence sucks

Tim Cutting **Florence**

Child car seat clinic

CITY OF FLORENCE

The Florence Police Department and Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority, in partnership with Three Rivers Foundation, Kids Safe Northwest, and State Farm, is hosting a FREE Car Seat Clinic to help families ensure their children are safe on the road.

Car crashes are a leading cause of injury for young children, and

proper car seat installation is crucial for their safety. Certified technicians will be on-site to inspect, install, and adjust car seats to meet state safety guidelines. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their vehicle, car seat, and children for a hands-on safety check.

Need a car seat? A limited number of new and replacement car seats will be available for qualifying families at no cost, thanks to our

generous community partners.

This is a great opportunity to ensure your child's safety on the road—no appointment needed!

Date: Saturday, April 19th Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Miller Park For more information, contact Liz at 541-997-3212 or SRO Coons at 541-997-3515.

Let's work together to keep our little passengers safe!

CORRECTION

To Clarify: The March 26 Headline "Charter opening delay and Banned Book" referred to separate issues and should not be confused as suggesting the Charter School banned a book. The subsequent stories were separate and explained each in detail.

LOS COMPADRES

A mistake led to an incorrect headline in the April 2 issue. While the "old" Los Compadres building was demolished earlier this year, the "new" Los Compadres is still in business at 1161 Highway 101 in Florence. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience caused by

BEAUDREAU CORRECTION

While initially reported to this paper as occurring through March, the exhibit featuring the artwork of Jo Beaudreau will continue through April.

ONLINE POLL

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PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Announces New Chief Medical Officer

SUBMITTED by PEACEHEALTH

Matthew Bzdega (Bahze-gah), MD has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, effective April 6.

As CMO, Dr. Bzdega will be serve as a member of the local executive team and be responsible for leading quality, patient safety, and patient experience at Peace Harbor. He will also work alongside Peace Harbor's Chief Administrative Officer, Jason Hawkins, and other stakeholders to ensure compliance and alignment with strategic initiatives.

Prior to his new role, Dr. Bzdega served as the CMO for PeaceHealth Medical Group at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center in Ketchikan, Alaska. He began his career at the University of Florida, Department of Anesthesiology, as the General Anesthesia Assistant Clinical Professor and OPS



MATTHEW BZDEGA

Anesthesiologist before joining PeaceHealth in 2017 as the Anesthesiologist Department Chair for PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

Dr. Bzdega earned his bachelor's degree in Applied Physics, with a Minor in Applied Math, from Emory University and his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine where he also completed his residency in anesthesiology.

Backstreet Gallery Dives into Al

AI springs into the season with the April Exhibition—an all-member Backstreet show of over 20 artists entitled "AI—Artistic Intelligence." Attend the 2nd Saturday reception on Saturday, April 12, from 3-5 p.m. and enjoy the best art on the Oregon Coast with wine, snacks, and easy-listening music with singer/keyboardist/bassist Jeff Lovejoy.

Prepare to be captivated by the amazing Gallery filled with unique artistic work in a multitude of subjects and media. You'll find something to pique every interest.

Painterly artists create masterful, dynamic, tranquil, and inspired pieces in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and ink. Photographers capture breathtaking moments of serenity, drama, and strong effects of light on unique subjects and nature. Distinctive textural weaving, quilting, and paper painting collages provide a three-dimensional impact along with the decorated gourds and one-of-a-kind ceramic works varying from decorative to practical.

Lustrous glass pieces, stained- glass lamps, beautiful jewelry and extraordinary beads will capture your attention. Throughout the show, appreciate the attention to detail, composition, and color from vibrant to subtle, and enjoy a bit of whimsy here

The Backstreet authors present a diverse book collection that spans suspenseful novels, to local attractions (like our bridges,) and historic events, from exciting memoirs to humor, and poetry—a variety to

and there.

interest every literary

Also, don't miss the opportunity to explore the popular collection of one-of-a-kind, or and bookmarks. Find just the perfect one to express your most personal sentiments.

Meet the artists and learn about their techniques, processes and motivations at the up-coming reception. The Gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists interested in membership can pick up an application at the Gallery or online at www. backstreetgallery.org.

Florence First AND Future First Citizen Nominees Announce

The Florence First Citizen Committee is excited to announce a special banquet that will celebrate and recognize the Florence First Citizen and Future First Citizen leaders in our community.

Florence First Citizens are individuals who prioritize service over self, dedicating their time, expertise, and thoughtful energy to enhance our community's quality of life. These awards are given to community members of the Florence area who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through their

actions and dedication to the community over the years. They may be quietly contributing to your organization with ideas and time, or they could be leaders within your group, working diligently to bring new ideas and

projects to fruition.

We will also recognize a senior high school student as Florence First Citizen, who exemplifies civic involvement and contributes to the welfare and improvement of Florence and/or the surrounding communities.

scholarship from the Marteen Wick Scholarship Fund.

Formerly part of the Siuslaw Awards, this event will highlight the generosity and commitment of individuals in the Florence community who have selflessly contributed to its growth and prosperity.

This year's nominees for Florence First Citizen are Carol Bennett and Steve Skidmore. The nominees for the Future First Citizen are Macali Lade, Kamorah Lake, Macy McNeill, Storm Engle, Claire Lindell and Addison McNeill.

This special recognition banquet will take place on April 29th at the Florence Events Center from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and include a delicious light lunch and sweet treats. They can be purchased online at www. thegooddeedprojectflorence.com. The deadline is April 18th.

Please join us in celebrating all the amazing community members who put Florence first.

POSTPONED

Florence Food Share Game On: Hollywood Nights Fundraiser

Dear Supporters,

We know how much you were looking forward to our Game On: Hollywood Nights event on April 11th, and it truly saddens us to announce that due to lower-than-expected ticket sales, we must postpone our event until this summer.

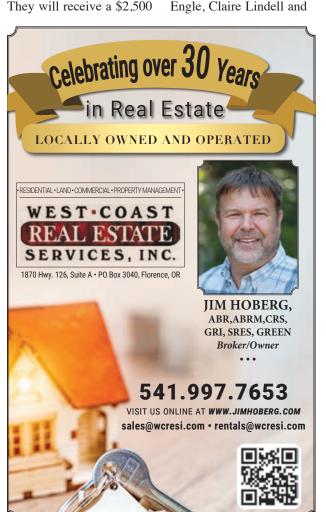


However, this decision wasn't taken lightly; we are committed to creating a remarkable fundraiser that is not only successful but also incredibly enjoyable for all of you! We want to ensure that when we gather, it's an unforgettable evening filled with fun, excitement, and community spirit. For those who have purchased individual tickets and VIP table holders, we invite you to reach out to Colin Morgan at 541-997-9110 or email colin@florencefoodshare.org for details.

We are eager to see all of you this summer and can't wait to come together for a fabulous event that supports our mission. Stay tuned for a spectacular experience that you won't want to miss!

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Together, we can make this event a huge success!





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Thousands of Oregonians slam Republican senator's attempt to end mail ballots

JULIA SHUMWAY Oregon Capital Chronicle

Thousands of Oregonians submitted letters opposing a Republican senator's longshot attempt to ask voters whether to repeal the state's decades-old mail voting law, swamping the Legislature's website on Monday.

The outcry against Sen. David Brock Smith's Senate Bill 210 could serve as a preview of what's to come if his proposal or a separate initiative led by one of Brock Smith's Republican rivals makes it to the 2026 ballot. Oregonians have voted entirely by mail since 2000, after nearly 70% of voters approved switching to mail ballots in 1998.

A quarter-century later,

and after Republican party leaders including President Donald Trump spent years spreading debunked claims of voter fraud, Brock Smith argued that Oregon voters should get to decide again.

"I think it's time, which is why this is a referral for Oregonians to either reaffirm or deny vote by mail in this state," the Port Orford Republican said during a Monday hearing of the Senate Rules Committee.

The bill, which is unlikely to advance in the Democratic-controlled Senate, would ask voters to approve switching from mail voting to in-person voting on Election Day beginning in 2028. It also would repeal multiple recent laws aimed at making voting easier, including laws that added

prepaid ballot-return envelopes and allowed the counting of ballots mailed and postmarked by Election Day that arrive at clerks' offices up to a week later.

Brock Smith's proposal would allow people to vote by mail if they're unable to vote in person on Election Day — if they ask for the ballot at least 21 days before an election and submit a valid Oregon driver's license, driver permit, state identification card, U.S. passport or military identification card.

Supporters of Oregon's electoral system have long praised the state's voteby-mail system for its convenience. Oregon turnout in both presidential and midterm elections far exceeds the national average, even after automatic voter registration added hundreds of thousands of eligible but unengaged voters to voter rolls beginning in 2016.

But proponents of ending mail voting, including Rep. Court Boice, R-Gold Beach, said convenience

shouldn't be the goal of the state's electoral system.

"The folks that I represent, the majority, want voting and Election Day to be about responsibility, not about convenience," Boice said.

Renee Asher lives in rural Coos County, one of the southwest Oregon counties Boice and Brock Smith represent. She attended the hearing virtually to say that she and other neighbors support Oregon's mail voting.

"I live in a rural community with a lot of people that lack accessibility or ability to get to a polling center," she said. "We don't have polling centers here. You have people that work multiple jobs, as I do myself, (and we) do face voter intimidation in our area. I think that it would be a big mistake to repeal mail-in voting."

Asher was also one of the more than 11,000 Oregonians who submitted written testimony ahead of Monday's hearing, temporarily breaking the Legislature's website and slowing it to a crawl for most of the day. More than 85% of the letters submitted opposed Brock Smith's bill, while testimony in the hearing was more evenly split.

Ayla Hofler said she drove 100 miles from her rural home near Banks to testify for the bill, which she considered the most important of the thousands of bills lawmakers introduced this year.

"We all come out of

the hills just fine to vote," Hofler said. "We're ready to train our volunteers and get on with the old way. We know what it's like to have somebody stand in front of us, check our signature, know who we are, put a ballot number to our ballot, and it's all tallied on the same day."

Sen. James Manning, a Eugene Democrat who lost the Democratic primary for secretary of state last year, said he spent his campaign traveling the state and talking to voters about how the system could be better. Most of the people he talked to liked voting by mail, especially after the paid postage law he championed a few years ago, he said.

"I'm trying to figure out if this is an issue looking for a problem, because I don't see it here in our state," Manning said. "I think that this is a national movement to try to make something of nothing."

Registered Oregon voters automatically receive ballots at their homes, and they can choose to return them by mail, dropping them in a ballot box or turning them in at their county elections office. They can also opt to vote in person — each county elections office must have at least three private voting booths for voters who want the experience of filling out a ballot in a polling place.

Erin Otey, a night shift nurse at a skilled rehab facility in Oregon City, said she came to testify against the bill on behalf

of her patients who are able to exercise their right to vote because they receive ballots by mail.

"These people are bedbound," she said. "And even people that are housebound wouldn't have the opportunity to get to an in-person place, and it would put their health further at risk by exposing them to germs and viruses that could actually end their life."

Catherine Stearns, a retired state worker from Corvallis, said she brags to her out-of-state friends about Oregon's higher voter participation rates and the state's innovative approach to elections, including being the first state to adopt mail ballots and automatic voter registration.

"In my opinion, Senate Bill 210 takes a giant leap backwards to a time when things worked only for some of the people," Stearns said.

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Wyden Co-Sponsors Resolution Underscoring Role of Local News Amid Threats to Free Press

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) today announced he is co-sponsoring a resolution designating April 2025 as "Preserving and Protecting Local News Month" to highlight local journalism's vital role in U.S. democracy, particularly as news outlets face mounting threats and intimidation from the Trump administration.

"The cornerstone of democracy is a free and

fair press. Among this administration's blatant threats, exclusions and intimidation, it's more important than ever to protect these vital local information outlets in Oregon and nationwide," Wyden said. "Trump has made it painfully clear he thrives best in dark, deceitful places, which is why I'll keep spotlighting our First Amendment rights whenever they are threatened

by authoritarian wanna-bes. As the son of a journalist and an elected official who knows full well the need for reliable local news, I'll always fight for a free press and the crucial service it provides in maintaining healthy and vibrant communities."

In addition to Wyden, the resolution was led by Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) and co-sponsored by Senators Angus King (I-Maine), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), John Fetterman (D-Pa.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.).

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PFLAG to Host Public Forum April 15 at Library

Instead of its regular April meeting, PFLAG will host a public forum Tuesday, April 15, featuring organizations and groups besides PFLAG who are open and affirming to the LGBTQ+ community in town. The forum, to be held in the Bromley Room of the

Siuslaw Public Library

from 6 to 7:30 p.m., will hear from representatives from the health fields, education, civic and community groups, and open and affirming faith communities. The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be available.

PFLAG, which has been active in Florence since 2011, is a member of the Florence Area Community Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce. Its supporters have marched in the Rhody Parade for a dozen years and in the Yachats La-de-da Parade with PFLAG-Oregon Central Coast of Newport for six

PFLAG-Florence is an

affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization working to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

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

Sadie Clark earned the President's Circle award, placing her in thetop 7% of all Coldwell Banker

brokers internationally. And finally, John

Barnett received the coveted President's Elite award placing him in the top 2% of all Coldwell Banker brokers internationally.

In addition, the local firm owner Andy Johnson and his firm once again (forthe 10th consecutive

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that matched the burnt

After additional investigation, Jeffery was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail. According to jail records, she remains in custody for two counts of attempting to commit a crime (ORS 161.405) for arson 1 and assaulting an officer.

Jeffery was also arrested, booked and released from Coos County jail on March 17, for attempting to commit a crime in Coquille, which was unspecified. Two days before, on March 15, she was arrested for criminal



trespass in the 2nd degree, according to Coos County Jail records.

Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Wallace said it didn't appear that Jeffery had her own vehicle at the time of

Wallace wanted to specify, based on inquiries from others, that the vehicle involved in the attempted arson was not a Tesla Cybertruck, which should have been clear with regard to the sock being placed in the gasoline filler cap.



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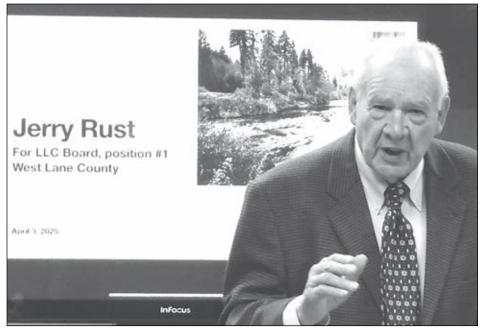
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to seismic code, and "now is the time to reinvest in our satellite campuses and make sure that we are bringing programming that people in the community really want and care about."

Fölnagy is also a current director, representing eastern Lane County. He is also the president of the Oregon Community College Association representing all 17 community colleges in Oregon.

Saying he is very fond of the Florence campus, Fölnagy said there are many opportunities for improvement in the next four years, including the potential for creating consortiums between LCC and other community colleges. He said that doing so could bring additional programs into the campus or make them available to local students.

"I also want to look for opportunities for us to expand a small business development center that we support and is a program that we operate out of our community college. I'm actually Amazed by the number of businesses that are in Florence. In many of these businesses, the business owners want to retire. Then that business goes away, and those services are not available in the community. Where are there opportunities



to help those owners be able to sell it to a new owner to continue that business and continue those services they offer to the community? If we are able to expand a small business development center here, we would be able to help someone who wants to start a business create a business. Those who want to expand their business here would be able to do so. Those who want to sell their business to another person to help continue that service, and to continue to grow and prosper within it." Additionally, he said he wanted to look for opportunities to bring more of the community to the campus, saying he's open to ideas.

IDEAS FLOATED

Along with the previously mentioned ideas for an elder hostel, a small

business development center, and a community college consortium, community members in the room gave a variety of ideas for expanding services and programs, courses and finding donors/funding. It should be not noted that none of the colleges administrative staff or teachers were at the meeting, which Rust said was simply the first step in working toward making the ideas happen.

Noting that Florence is right in the middle of the Oregon coast, Rust suggested that by reaching north, south and east to combine resources, it may be possible to produce locally affordable, high quality education.

"I sure would like a class that shows seniors how to use their smartphones," he smiled, as

most in the room laughed. One commenter said community colleges

provide non-credit classes, which are not reimbursed by the state, but are paid for through the student tuitions. She said the campus does not have academic credit classes that lead to certification and occupation, what classes that will continue to a college or university. She said many of those programs are subsidized or reimbursed by the state.

"Be aware that when we talk about doing things for seniors, that doesn't bring any income and is not subsidized by the state, so the other courses are the ones that lean towards certification for students," she said.

Fölnagy responded by noting that Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs lead to employment and certification. Noting Florence's proximity to the ocean, he said options like marine biology and tourism tend



to present themselves.

"That's where consortiums come in," he said. "We can offer CTE programs in this community at a lower cost."

Fölnagy also noted that the Eugene campus has a culture of community with the students and faculty that colleges and universities don't have, meaning their graduates don't stay in the communities where they studied.

"At Lane Community College, we've created a culture of getting people to stay in the Eugene, Springfield area," he said. "Let's create that here."

It was commented and discussed that many of the best and brightest students from Florence High School don't tend to stay in Florence, as it doesn't have much to offer them.

Another commenter said the Florence campus doesn't seem to have a student body presence, or a sense of community among the students. She suggested creating ways that students could better interact, help each other with studies and so forth, and by building on that, the campus could then begin to expand programs and services, using ideas created through communication between students.

Another commenter noted that the prevalence of online classes also creates a sense of disconnect between the community and the campus. She said that when more people come to the campus, it

becomes more integrated and connected to the community.

"It's very challenging to shift from all online and a generation of students who have done a lot online to building community and having a student body and, well, bodies over there, "she

GIVE 'EM CREDIT

Rust said some high school students will be graduating soon with earned credits they can use toward college.

Mulholland noted that a mid-may work session will be held to discuss expanding partnerships with K12 schools to create more pre-college courses for high school students.

"There's two aspects to that," he said. "There's high school teachers teaching college level classes in high school where the students get dual credit for both their high school and towards their college degrees. The other is free courses for graduating high school seniors. We currently offer one free course to graduating high school seniors. We have a really strong interest in expanding that into two or three courses."

Mulholland said some students in Eugene are close to graduating from high school, and need only three more classes to achieve an Associate's Degree.

"If Lane Community College can offer those three free classes, we could graduate our high school seniors with Associates degrees," he

Other ideas were discussed, such as Eastern Asian language classes, marine biology courses, and medical classes along with challenges in transportation. It was suggested that if a public bus system could bring students back and forth to the campuses in Florence and Eugene, students could use that time on the bus to study rather than drive. It was suggested that connecting Lane Community College to organizations like Future Farmers of America and 4-H, would be another way to keep local students in the area After High School.

"This isn't the last chapter, this is just the beginning," Rust said at the end of the town hall. "We're going to do something."

The LCC board will meet in Florence at the campus April 16 at 6 p.m.

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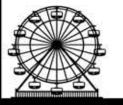


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Secluded hilltop 1 owner home in Florentine Estates. Spacious triple wide with vaulted ceilings, move in ready. 2+ Bed/2 Bath, 2016+ SF.

\$489,000



Charming Home with Modern Upgrades! Open floor plan with fresh new look. Plenty RV space. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1434 SF

\$565,000





Siuslaw Riverfront, Historic charm & modern updates. 2.1 ac. w/ 300 FT of riverfront property. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2353 SF.

\$859,000

42 PARK VILLAGE DR.



Town center location. Vaulted ceilings, covered back patio and fenced yard. \$20K+ roof inlcuded, 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1342 SF

\$399,900

3 WATERFORD DOWNS CT.



Charming single story cottage on the 9th fairway at Ocean Dunes Golf Course. Wind protected patio. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1534 SF.

\$499,950

83126 SILTCOOS STATION RD.



Beautifully maintained cabin on Siltcoos Lake. Wood accents and cedar siding. Expansive deck Accessible only by boat. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 960 SF

\$525,000

1301 20TH ST.



Bright open floor plan, modern kitchen. 2 fireplaces. Quiet dead-end street. Garage + workshop. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1797 SF \$485,000

90778 SOUTHVIEW LANE



Stunning ocean & coastal views in gated Southview community. Dual primary suites. A must see! 2 Bed/2.5 Bath, 3134 SF

1680/84 22ND ST.

\$1,329,000

87179 MUNSEL LAKE RD.



Cottage with Munsel Lake views & fishing a few steps away. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1028 SF \$415,000

4788 STONEFIELD CT.



Currently under construction. Perfect blend of style and functionality in this home design. 4 Bed/2 Bath, 2258 SF.

\$659,000

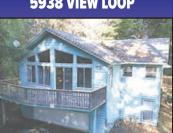
4773 STONEFIELD CT.



Newly constructed. Quality finishes throughout. Large primary suite. Enjoy the outdoors under covered patio. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2046 SF.

\$675,000

5938 VIEW LOOP

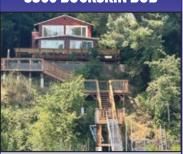


2 level home w/ Mercer Lake access plus oversized garage & workshop. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2110 sq. ft. \$549,000



Duplex/investment opportunity. Units are well maintained w/ long term tenants. 2 Bed/1.5 Bath 1040 SF each.

\$475,000



Siltcoos Lakefront cabin with boat dock! 3 Bed/2 Baths, 1560 SF \$789,000

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Cozy riverfront home. 1950's charm with modern updates. Hardwood floors. 2022 roof. 2 Bed/2 Bath 1548 SF each.

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6010 LITTLE WOAHINK DRIVE



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51 SHORELINE DR.



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1868 TAMARACK ST



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\$469,000

211 HARBOR ST. #32



Enjoy river views from this 3rd floor east facing condo. Secured parking garage. 1 Bed/1.5 Bath, 960 SF

\$399,000

648 JUNIPER ST.



Cottage style home that blends vintage charm with modern comforts. Newer forced air heat pump system. 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 1305 SF

\$368,000

1150 HEMLOCK ST. #D-14



Conveniently located townhouse. Low maintenance yard and move-in ready. 2 Bed /1.5 Bath, 1004 SF \$269,997

246 HORSESHOE BEND



Bunk house with bath + vintage travel trailer. Covered porch and deck. \$129,900

1260 10TH ST. #5



Ideally located in the heart of Florence. New kitchen, flooring and paint. Upcoming carpet upgrade. Assigned parking. 1 Bed/1 Bath, 541 SF

\$173,000

89492 SUTTON PLACE



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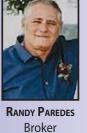
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Tide Table Siuslaw River Entrance saltwatertides.com

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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SATURDAY, APRIL 19

High	4:04 a.m	6.7
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Low	4:17 a.m.	1.5
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FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Low	5:09 a.m	0.4
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Vikings learning lots in the early season

Will LOHRECountry Media, Inc.

There have been some choppy waters to start the Vikings' baseball season, but with a predominantly new crew swinging the bats for the team, Head Coach Derek Wells is happy with what he's seen from his squad.

Through the first five games, a look at the winloss column doesn't tell the whole story of Siuslaw's early season. Though the team started 1-4, losses against Pleasant Hill and Bandon came down to a mere one-run difference, indicating how close the Vikings were to being 3-2.

For Wells, those tight losses are valuable stepping stones for a Vikings team that is finding its feet.

"I'm pleased to see how close we are to being the team I know we can be; it takes game experience to know what you need to work on to become a team that ultimately wins those close games," Wells said ahead of the team's

Apr. 5 doubleheader against Sweet
Home. The result of those games is not known at the time of press.

Siuslaw finished the

2023-24 season with an 11-12 record and qualified for the first round of the state playoffs, where North Valley knocked them out. The Vikings graduated four seniors, and Wells said that this season, they've added a lot of new faces to the varsity squad.

With low numbers this year, Wells said there isn't a JV squad this year, and eight of his 14 players come

in with no varsity experience. However, this is a good blend of age ranges on the team, which

promises
some solid
building
blocks
for this
season and
the future. The
make-up of the group
is three seniors, five

juniors, two sophomores, and four freshmen. Given the new composition of his team, Wells is keeping his expectations in check, ready to roll with punches as the season goes

along.

"Of course, every year
as a coach, your expectations are high coming into
the season, but with that, I
understand with eight newcomers, there will be some
ups and downs," Wells said.

Despite some

inexperience, the team is not short on talent. Senior May Reynolds returns for the Vikings, bringing with him the skills and mentality that have made him a two-time all-league infielder during his time at Siuslaw. Siuslaw also benefits from the return and development of junior Zak Nilles. Nilles is a righty on the mound and also a sure-handed shortstop for

Another key contributor is Junior Jacob Mann. Wells said Mann is "a great leader on and off the field." In the 7-6 win against Toledo on Mar. 29, Mann put on an impressive all-around performance. Showing some of the muscle that the Florence community has seen in his wrestling, Mann smashed two doubles and got on base in each of his four at-bats. In addition to knocking in three RBIs, Mann also showed his ability to paint

the Vikings

the corners as a pitcher, striking out eight batters.

Two of the freshmen to keep an eye on are Michael Fitzsimmons and Coleman Weidman. Wells said that each is showing promise, and he believes both have the potential to be "all-league athletes in their varsity careers."

With plenty of the season left, Wells and his staff are focusing on what they can control. And in the end, whether it's victory or defeat, Wells wants his athletes to come away having enjoyed the experience, regardless of the result.

"As a coach, of course, the goal is to win games, but the most important [thing] to me is after a win or after a loss, these young men go home with a smile on their face and are enjoying their time as a varsity baseball player at Siuslaw High School," Wells said.



Old Town Park - Gazebo Replacement

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This spring, Old Town
Park, commonly known as
Gazebo Park, on Bay Street
will get a minor facelift
as the City of Florence
retires the old structure
and builds a replacement. The materials for the
new Gazebo have finally
arrived! The gazebo is

actually a kit from Amish Country Gazebos that was ordered back in September 2024, thanks to a grant from the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors. Before the new gazebo can be installed, the old one must come down. The City has scheduled demolition of the existing gazebo to begin April 8th. Once the old

structure has been removed, the area will need to be prepped for the concrete pad and foundation for the new gazebo will sit on. Once the foundation and slab have been poured, it will need 7 days to cure. After the 7-day curing period, Public Works staff will start assembling the new structure. Our target is to have the

gazebo completely finished and ready to greet guests by Rhody Weekend.

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top priority, especially for our visitors, our residents, and City staff working the site. For more information and project updates, when they are available, follow the link https://bit.ly/ OldTownGazebo

Make sure to get out the first weekend of April and say a farewell to the old gazebo!

Nesting boxes invite birds to hatch babies in home gardens

It would be nice to say, "Hang a birdhouse and they will come," but attracting wild birds to nest in your yard isn't quite so easy.

Don't get discouraged if your nesting box doesn't draw birds the first year, said Dana Sanchez, wildlife specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. Move it to a new spot and put up more than one to give birds a choice.

It's most important to get the size of the entrance hole correct, she added.

Don't hang it and forget it. Check the box regularly to see if birds are being stalked by predators.

"The entrance diameter is really crucial so that target species can get in, but also to diminish the opportunity for birds to be attacked by predators

See **BIRDS**, Page B4



Bird house in tree stands and demonstration forests planted by OFRI at the Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon. Build or buy appropriate nesting boxes to draw the birds you prefer to your garden. Photo by Stephen Ward.



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'Caution - Rough Roads Ahead' ODOT states in new report

JEREMY C. RUARK Country Media, Inc.

Oregon's highway system is facing ongoing challenges as the condition of many roads continues to decline, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation's 2024 Pavement Condition Report.

The report highlights that while 87% of Oregon's 18,000 lane miles of pavement are still in fair or better condition, the quality of roads is slipping, with the percentage of "good" pavement reaching its lowest point since 2001.

The report points to a significant decline in the number of roads classified as in "good" condition. Over the past decade, the amount of pavement rated as good has decreased, and without adequate maintenance, many roads in fair condition are at risk of deteriorating into poor condition within the next few years.

ODOT's goal is to preserve the condition of Oregon's highways through regular maintenance.

"As roads age, maintenance needs become more complex and costly," ODOT states in a release. "Timely maintenance, such as resurfacing and crack sealing, are the most effective way to prevent roads from further deterioration and to extend their service life."

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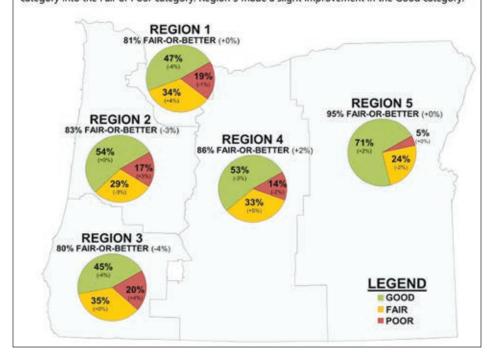
Pavements are load-carrying structures that degrade over time due to the cumulative effects of traffic, weather, and material aging. To keep them properly maintained and out of poor condition, they must be resurfaced or rehabilitated at periodic intervals.

Typical ranges of service life are 10 to 30 years for asphalt-surfaced pavements and 40 to 60 years for concrete pavements. When pavements are resurfaced at or before the end of their service life, degradation is typically confined to the surfacing only and theb pavement's foundation and base layers remain protected.

However, if resurfacing is delayed for too long, the pavement structure and underlying base materials can become excessively damaged and complete replacement (e.g. reconstruction) becomes necessary and can cost six to ten times higher, or even more. Timely maintenance and preservation are by far the most efficient way to preserve our investment.

In the past 20 years, ODOT has managed to maintain a paving cycle of about 25 years. However, this is set to dramatically increase to a 500-year cycle by 2030. This will limit

Figure 9 shows pavement conditions for each Region. Most Regions saw a shift away from the Good category into the Fair or Poor category. Region 5 made a slight improvement in the Good category.



the ability to repair and preserve many roads, particularly non-interstate routes, which will see fewer repairs moving forward.

Over the last 20+ years, Pavement funding has been relatively flat at around \$100 million per year, with supplemental funds adding another \$20 to \$40 million per year., according to the ODOT report's executive summary.

"With this investment, ODOT accomplished an average paving cycle of 25 years with pavement conditions holding steady, although we still weren't

able to get to the worst roads or the most expensive projects," ODOT officials state in the executive summary.

Pavement funding was significantly reduced in the 21-24 STIP cycle and going forward, approved pavement funding levels for the 27-30 STIP have been reduced even more and are only \$33 million per year.

"Even before considering inflationary effects, this funding level is about onethird of where it has historically been and translates to roughly one paving project per year. With funding through 2030, the equivalent paving cycle time is 160 years and after 2030 it is on a 500 year cycle, which is

unsustainable," the executive summary states.

"ODOT's structural revenue issue is forcing the agency to dramatically pull back on our pavement maintenance and preservation efforts," ODOT Delivery and Operations Administrator Amy Ramsdale said. "Without additional revenue or revenue reform, the quality of Oregon's highways will significantly decline in just a few years."

OTHER KEY FINDINGS

• The number of roads in poor condition has been increasing, with more expected to deteriorate in the coming years.

 Asphalt roads typically last between 10 and 30 years, while concrete roads last 40 to 60 years, depending on weather and maintenance.

• After 2027, non-interstate routes will receive little to no paving, affecting overall road quality.

The ODOT report emphasizes the importance of proactive maintenance to slow the deterioration of the state's roads and prevent more costly repairs down the road.

While ODOT officials said the agency has managed to meet key performance goals for pavement condition in the past, the growing backlog of maintenance needs and the increasing age of the state's roads present significant challenges in maintaining these standards in the future.

The outlook for state highway pavement is "caution - rough roads ahead," the executive summary states. "Without a change of course, there will be rapid declines in pavement condition, resulting in diminished safety and higher vehicle repair costs for Oregonians traveling on rutted and potholed roads. Also, Oregonians will pay more to repair failing pavement than it would have cost to preserve and maintain them in a state of good repair."

For more detailed information, visit the 2024 Pavement Condition Report on ODOT's website.

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Support urged to pass Food for All Oregonians legislation

JEREMY C. RUARK Country Media, Inc.

Over 200 advocates, community members, and coalition partners from all corners of Oregon took their voices to the Oregon State Capitol to urge lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 611 Food for All Oregonians.

Advocates met with 51 legislators, representing 75 districts, March 18, to push for what they described as critical bipartisan legislation that would ensure more Oregonians — including immigrants and refugees can access to vital food assistance.

As part of the Immigrant Justice Package, a key recommendation of the Oregon Hunger Task Force's Roadmap to End

Hunger and a priority of the BIPOC Caucus, Food for All Oregonians is a statewide movement to advance immigrant justice and ensure Oregonians have access to the food they need to thrive.

With more than 180 organizations backing the effort, backers of the legislation said the advocacy day demonstrated the overwhelming public support for ensuring that food assistance reaches Oregon's immigrant youth and elders.

Right now, one in six kids in Oregon is food insecure, and one in 13 Oregonians over 60 struggle to put food on the table. And last year, Oregon Food Bank saw 2.5 million visits to food assistance sites across the



Hundreds of community members from all corners of Oregon rally together before speaking with legislators.

region — alarmingly, visits from children rose by 30%. While food assistance sites

work tirelessly to meet this need, food alone cannot solve hunger — passing

policies like Food for All Oregonians is critical, according to Oregon Food

Bank President Andrea Williams.

"As a mother, I want to know that my kids - and all kids — have a stable, nourished future," Williams said. "Hunger should never be a barrier to learning, to growing, to thriving. Food for All Oregonians is our chance to create a stronger, healthier future for our children, our elders and our communities."

Food for All Oregonians would mirror the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), making food assistance available to youth and elder Oregonians who are excluded from the federal program due to immigration status, according to

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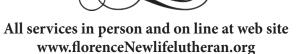
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Climate change coupled with migration of nonnative species pose threat to Northwest fish

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Some already threatened cold-water fish species in the Northwest will not only face shrinking habitat from climate change but will face growing pressure from invasive fish species fleeing their own warming and dwindling waters, according to modeling from researchers at Oregon State University.

The findings were part of a study published in the journal Global Change Biology by fisheries professor Guillermo Giannico, associate fisheries professor Ivan Arismendi and graduate student Arif Jan. The three found that climate change is likely to compel all kinds of species migration that could lead to increased predation, competition and some localized extinctions of once native species in the Northwest and globally.

Giannico said their models can be run on most species in the world. But for their recent study, the three zeroed in on the northern migration of non-native smallmouth bass and northern pike into threatened and endangered native redband and bull trout habitat in the Northwest. All four of the species are likely to lose habitat as climate change



A spawning redband trout from the Upper Klamath Basin. (Photo by Jonny Armstrong, courtesy of Oregon State University.)

accelerates and are likely to seek homes in colder water at higher elevations.

They created maps using ecological data that indicate the breadth of territory where each species lives and then modeled the impact of changing conditions such as higher temperatures and drought projected through 2070 to see how that would influence the range of all four species' movement and overlap.

"We forecast how these species would respond to those changing conditions by disappearing from certain regions that will be too warm for them, and appearing in others that maybe

today are too cold, but they would be more suitable in the future," Giannico said. "Because not all shifts are equal, there will be areas where they will be more crowded together, and they would overlap more, and areas where they wouldn't overlap that much."

Of great concern is the migration of aggressive and predatory northern pike into redband and bull trout territory, and the increasing likelihood the two will overlap more frequently.

"They all shift, but they end up shifting in a way that the amount of overlap in their distribution is going to be greater," Giannico

explained. "It's like you have less room to avoid nasty people at the party, and you end up being cornered in the same part of the room with the same people you don't enjoy, and you're all packed in the wrong place with the wrong companion."

Giannico said researchers have long separately studied how climate change will compel the migration of some species and how native species respond to the introduction of invasive species. The modeling done by the Oregon State scientists is an effort to combine the two, and to show how species' habitats will overlap

as climate change compels both native and nonnative species in an area to migrate and cohabitate.

The researchers fear that this increased negative interaction could lead to local extinctions of some native salmonids, similar to those occurring among shrinking populations of bull and rainbow trout from invasive species in southeastern Alaska, Giannico said.

Senior reporter Alex Baumhardt covers education and the environment for the oregon Capital Chronicle. Before coming to oregon, she was a national radio producer and reporter covering education for American Public Media's documentaries and investigations unit, apm reports. She earned a master's degree in digital and visual media as a U.S. Fulbright scholar in Spain, and has reported from the Arctic to the Antarctic for National and International media and from Minnesota and Oregon for the Washington Post.

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will reduce the possibility

of damage if it falls. For

is a good alternative,

to the end of July.

Strong said. And now's

the time to get them up.

Nesting time for most birds

is primarily from mid-April

In the Extension guide

Build Nest Boxes for Wild

Birds," you'll find instruc-

ment recommendations and

box dimensions for about

18 species of cavity-nest-

ing birds, including house

wrens, chickadees, wood-

peckers, northern flickers,

purple martins, barn owls,

If you choose to make or

buy a birdhouse for one of

the 45 Oregon species that

build their nests in cavities,

which provide purchase for

predators. Though it's fun

to hang colorfully painted

boxes, Sanchez recom-

mends plain ones, which

birds seem to favor. For

cedar or redwood. Metal

can get too hot.

longevity, choose untreated

It's not necessary, but

you can line the box with

wood shavings or chips.

Some birds will use the material for nesting but

most will build on top of it.

Be sure not to use sawdust,

which soaks up water and gets matted down. Clean

birdhouses in fall or winter

with warm water to loosen

droppings. Buy or build a

so they're easy to partially

"Remember that a nest-

dismantle when it comes

time for cleaning.

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avoid those with perches,

nuthatches and western

bluebird.

tions on how to build a

simple birdhouse, place

"The Wildlife Garden:

others, hanging birdhouses

BIRDS

From Page A1

and competitors," Sanchez said. "Non-native birds

such as house sparrows and starlings are notorious for taking up residence in nest boxes intended for native birds. And some native birds will bully out other native birds."

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Don't hang it and forget it. Check the box regularly to see if birds are being stalked by predators. If so, you can add a block of wood with the same size hole at the entrance to create a tunnel that makes it difficult for other birds, squirrels, rats and cats to reach the babies. Other discouragements include a metal collar around the tree or post where the box is affixed or any number of baffles that you can buy or build. As always, the advice for cats is to keep them inside.

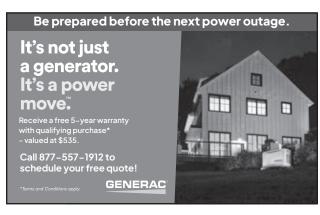
In addition to the simple enjoyment of watching mom and dad wing back and forth with food and nesting material and baby birds emerge from the nest, birdhouses are critical for mitigating habitat

loss, said Nicole Strong, a former Extension forester, how the regional director for Central Oregon. Birds prefer dead or dying trees - called snags - but not many urban or suburban homeowners want a dead tree in their yard for safety or aesthetic reasons. "If it's not a hazard,

leaving up dead trees gives great habitat for wildlife," Strong said. "As they decay they provide cavities for birds. And once the trees crumble and become downed logs, they provide food for insects, grubs and other wildlife. Sick and dead trees are healthy for the forest; they're part of the ecosystem."

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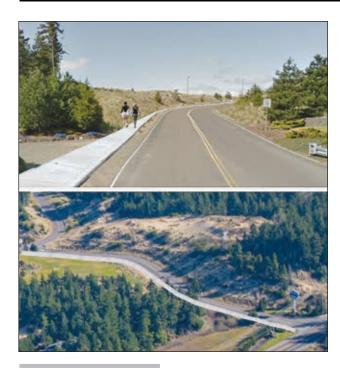
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ing box is just one piece of habitat," Strong said. "They need safe access and food and water nearby. Bird feeders can be a wonderful aid, but they must be maintained. Be consistent. Don't put them out and then take them away." Adding bird-friendly

plants to your garden and providing a variety of shrubs in different heights for shelter will help, too. Be sure to use bird baths to offer water.

Community Briefs



Included are renderings of the sidewalk and where it is to be constructed.

More to do at the Library

Do you have young people in your house? We've got more programs than ever for kids, teens, and tweens. Check out family storytime in Florence, which offers a chance for working families and kids of all ages to come to a fun evening of reading and crafts. Our Mapleton branch is starting a new bimonthly storytime for kids 0-5. Teens and

tweens get their own game night, craft night, and even a new Dungeons and Dragons group. Read on for all the details.

If you're still working on your taxes, we've got federal 1040 forms and booklets at the library. Our reference librarians can assist you in getting other forms as needed.

Are you an artist? It's almost time for Hang It All 2, our free community art show coming up in May. Everyone is welcome to submit a piece in any medium. See below for more.

See you at the library!

Casino installing highway access sidewalk

Some motorists may be wondering about the detour currently in place from Three Rivers Casino to Highway 126. The single lane detour started in late March, and is necessary to facilitate the construction of a sidewalk from the casino parking area to the highway. According to Three Rivers staff, construction equipment has been brought in from its partner, Knife River, which will remain through the first phase of the project. Traffic leaving the casino is detoured through Qa'aich Road.

From Page B3

a release from the Oregon Food Bank.

"Programs like SNAP are the most effective anti-hunger tools we have, lifting millions out of poverty each year and helping keep families stable. They also prevent houselessness by easing financial strain, lowering eviction risk and supporting families at risk of losing their homes," the release

"In Oregon, many people who rely on food assistance are also renters, making this a key strategy for housing stability," Williams said. "Washington and California have already expanded food assistance to ensure families and individuals are not excluded based on immigration status."

"Oregon has long been a place where we care for our neighbors and step up to meet big challenges," Sen. Wlnsvey Campos [D-Aloha] said. "Food for All Oregonians is a chance for us to live out those values — ensuring that every child, every elder and every family has access to the food they need. I'm proud to join advocates across the state in making this vision a reality."

Martha Verduzco, Director of the Immigrant Help Center and the Rural Organizing Project, said Food for All Oregonians is not just the right thing to do - it's a smart investment in Oregon's economy, noting that the USDA estimates that every \$1 spent on food assistance generates about \$1.50 in local economic activity, supporting businesses, jobs and wages across the state.

"This isn't just about food," Verduzco said. "It's about our humanity, our compassion, and our responsibility to each other.





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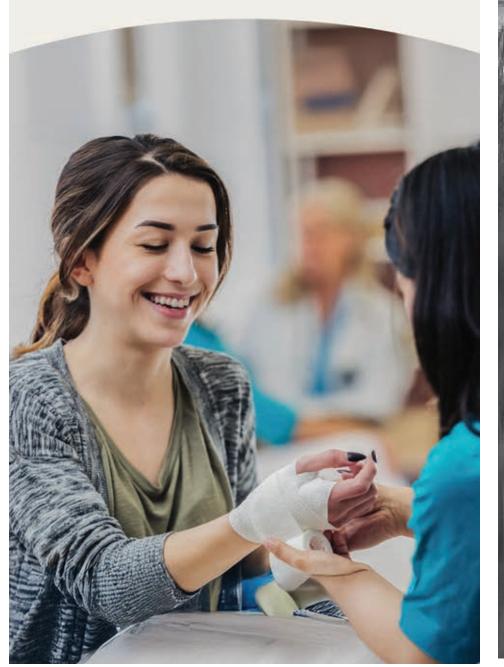
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BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE

They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.

How to play it safe: Never turn your back on the ocean.

WATCH THOSE LOGS

The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.

How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the

How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling

out to an interesting rock without knowing when the

tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

Know when the tide is coming in by $\underline{\text{visiting the}}$ tidetable website at the

Hatfield Marine Science Center

http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/ tides/tides.html

HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU

Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to

How to play it safe: Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS

Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.

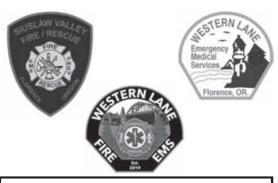
How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the

HEADS UP

Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and

How to play it safe: Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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Animal FACT:

The bulging eyes of of these animals allow them to see in front, to the sides and partially behind them.

Answer: Frogs

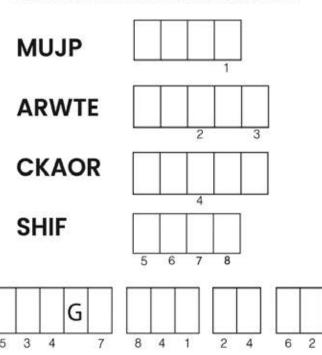
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Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.



Answer: Frogs hop to it





1606: The Union Flag is adopted as the flag of English and Scottish ships.

1900: President
William McKinley
signs the Foraker
Act into law, giving
Puerto Rico limited
self-rule.

1934: A 231 mile per hour surface wind is measured at Mount Washington.



jump or spring a long way



English: Frog **Spanish:** Rana **Italian:** Rana

French: Grenouille German: Frosch



Frogs are amphibians, which means they are cold-blooded. Their body temperatures change as the temperature of their surroundings



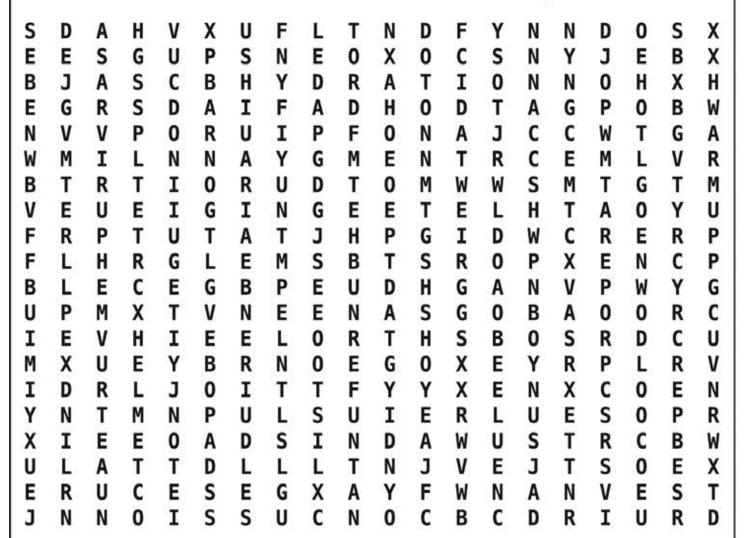


Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Frog

SAFE SPORTS WORD SEARCH

changes.



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

WORDS

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ACROSS

by Dave T. Phipps

NOTHING BUT LONG, HOT DAYS

SUNNING MY BACK, EATING SLOP AND TAKING LONG NAPS!

SPRING MUST BE HERE. THE FARM ANIMALS ARE

ACTING EXTRA WEIRD.

by Gary Kopervas

KERNAS

by Jeff Pickering

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King Crossword



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way

that each row across, each column down and each

small 9-box square contains all of the

numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Five Spot™

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- 1. TELEVISION: Who had a 1980s workout video series called "Sweatin' to the Oldies"?
- 1. ANATOMY: What is heterochromia? 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain of islands called?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK: What is Canada's national dish?
- 5. HISTORY: When was Facebook launched? 6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the
- shortest wavelength in the visible light 7. U.S. STATES: Which state has the
- most miles of interstate highway? 8. MOVIES: What type of fish is Nemo
- in the animated film "Finding Nem 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month is designated as National Ice Cream Month in the United States?
- 10. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?
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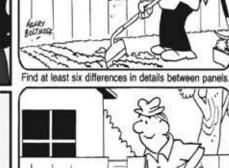
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thinner. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Window is Differences: 1, Tree is moved, 2, Hat is reversed, 3, Man is

I'M ALWAYS FOLLOWING ORDERS, CONSTANTLY UNDER PRESSURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS, AND USED TO

By Emi Burdge

I HAVE HIS WRITTEN CONSENT AND BLESSING RIGHT HERE!

FUNNY YOU ASK!

OF COURSE

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.

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Amber Waves

NO MORE COLD, SNOWY TEMPS

BRING ON THOSE WARM, SUNNY DAYS LYING IN THE COOL MUD!

IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, KATHY, WHEN LIFE KICKS

YOU, YOU NEED TO STEP UP AND KICK IT RIGHT BACK

SPRING IS HERE!

Out on a Limb

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Clue: J equals C

"MNSK NF DOA VSFCA."

SCRAMBLERS

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ARIES-Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you are going to take action on a project that has been on your mind for awhile, Aries. Trust your instincts, but make sure you are not moving too fast.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week brings an opportunity for intellectual pursuits, Taurus. You might think to enroll in a higher education class or a take a course on a specific hobby that has been on your mind.

GEMINI-May 22/Jun 21

Partnerships are key right now, Gemini. You might want to pursue new professional relationships. Embrace your ability and willingness to adapt and facilitate change. CANCER-Jun 22/Jul 22

You need to take care of your body and mind, Cancer. Now is as good a time as any to begin this pursuit. Even small adjustments can lead to long-term health benefits.

LEO-Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this is your week to look into matters of self-expression and creativity. Pour your energy into anything that gets you excited. Your enthusiasm may draw others in as well.

VIRGO-Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, home life takes center stage this week, and you might feel a strong desire to nurture your space. Decluttering and organizing could bring

more harmony to your home.

LIBRA -Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, you are able to express your thoughts with clarity and charm, which is why personal relationships often come easy to you. This week you may use this superpower to make friends.

SCORPIO-Oct 24/Nov 22

You may soon find yourself reevaluating how you spend your money or what you value most in life, Scorpio. This is a good time to check financial goals and adjust them.

SAGITTARIUS-Nov23/Dec 21

There is a sense of fresh energy surrounding you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been putting off something, now is the time to take the leap.

Capricorn, focus on rest and relaxation in the days ahead. You have been putting in a lot of work lately and now is a time to focus on your inner self and recharge.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Collaborations

could prove fruitful this week, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to lean on your social network when you need to get something done.

PISCES-Feb 19/Mar 20

You might be presented with a way to take your professional life to the next level, Pisces. Strategize about how to move forward in this regard, and think through all decisions.

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1509 9th St. - \$375,000

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5600 N Fork Siuslaw Rd. - \$450,000

15.66 acre lot. Large shop on this lot only one mile up the North Fork Siuslaw. Water, power and septic in. #3615-24205696



5170 Grand Ave. #26 - \$120,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1052 SqFt. This home's well-designed living space is perfect for those seeking a full-time home or coastal retreat. #3629-647504161



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



133 Shoreline Dr. - \$852,000

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



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



1198 Winsome Cir • \$599,999

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2246 SqFt. Lovely home in the center of Florence. Great floor plan on a quiet cul-desac. #3418-23197925



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



865 Western Way - \$510,000

3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2640 SqFt. Florentine home with chef's kitchen, and 40'x28' garage with 14' RV door. #3584-24217975



4817 Laguna Ave. - \$649,000 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1065 SgFt, Four tax lots 0.23 ac each.

Beautiful Siltcoos Lake view property in Westlake. #3609-24665428



85287 Hemlock St - \$849,000

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



5218 Dunewood Dr • \$865,000

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



89402 North Ln • \$380,000

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 960 SqFt. North lakes area home on .5 acre. Nicely updated home with room for gardening. #3558-24445997



11801 E Mapleton Rd. - \$699,900

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



25 Yearling Ct - \$839,000

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2,076 sqft living area. 3-bay, 780sqft attached garage. 0.33 acre cul-de-sac location. #3521-24314234



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



83720 Hwy 101 - \$700,000

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



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



9 White Tail Ct. - \$634,900

3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 1884 SqFt. Gorgeous custom home with upgrades throughout; solar, heated bathroom floors, high end appliances. #3625-713405916



63 Shoreline Dr • \$775,000

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2142 SqFt. Ocean and river view home in Shelter Cove. Large deck with views for entertaining. #3443- 23215919



Shoreline Dr #116-120 – \$40,000

0.35 acre lot. 5 lots in gated Kla-Ha-Nee. Investment opportunity. May be buildable once serviced by city sewer. #3328-22033562



Windjammer N #5700 • \$105,000

1.56 acre lot. One of the last lots in Heceta South. Seasonal pond views and underground utilities. Owner financing available.. #3570-24626661



826 Munsel Creek Lp. - \$175,000 0.18 acre lot. Florentine Estates gated, 55+, Rec.

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