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# Two projects coming together in Florence



Construction at the the Elm Park Apartments has reached a point where one can visualize the footprint of the entire complex. Tony Reed photos.

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If it's been a while since you visited the police department or the Justice Center on Greenwood Street, you may be surprised to see how quickly the Elm Park Apartments are taking shape there.

Construction started at the end of 2025 and multi story structures now occupy the two square blocks Northwest of the justice center.

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The bottom floor of an 86-room Wyndham Microtel-branded hotel is rising from the ground across from the Florence Events Center.

# First Citizen nominees announced

## Luncheon will Celebrates Legacies

The community is invited to celebrate the past – and the future – at the Florence First Citizen & Future First Citizen Luncheon on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Since 1967, the Florence First Citizen has recognized the achievements of Florence community members and Siuslaw High School students who have made Florence a safer, kinder, and more connected community. Their work has created and sustained entities such as the Siuslaw Public Library, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, the Florence Events Center, Lane Community College Florence Center, the Power of Florence Day of Service, the Kiwanis Flag Program – as continuing the work of service organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, Delta Gamma, P.E.O., Elks, and many others.

This year's Legacy of Leadership event honors five First Citizen nominees for their lasting impacts through 2025 as well as the Future First Citizen nominees from Siuslaw High School for 2025.

The First Citizen Nominees are: • Dale Edwards • Gayle Sisson • Sally Wantz • Mike Webb • Greg Wood

The Future First Citizen Nominees are: • Nyx Harklerode • Adylin Holbrook • Danin Lacouture • Camden Linton • Jacob Mann

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE MARCH 31 EVENT.**

Tickets to the Florence First Citizen Legacy Luncheon are now on sale through The Good Deed Project, <https://www.thegooddeedprojectflorence.com>.

The ticket price of \$30 includes lunch and the Awards Ceremony. The event will recognize past First Citizens and honor the inspiring stories of this year's nominees. Events sponsorships are still available by emailing [thegooddeedproject501c3@gmail.com](mailto:thegooddeedproject501c3@gmail.com). Additionally, full tables of 8 are available for \$300, which includes sponsoring a meal of a First Citizen nominee.

**FIRST CITIZEN NOMINEE BIOS**

**Dale Edwards**

Dale Edwards came to Florence to "fill in" until a lead

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# Sheriff's Deputies arrest several in Florence



On March 4th at 7 a.m., deputies assigned to the Lane County Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT), detectives, the West Lane district deputy, Florence Police officers and an Oregon State Trooper served a search warrant at a residence in the 2200 block of 12th Street in Florence. The suspects were believed to be involved in numerous burglaries and thefts in the west Lane County area.

The West Lane district deputy authored the search warrant based on his investigation. SRT was used for the

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# Western Lane Crisis Response team goes above and beyond

A recent call for help became a powerful reminder of what is possible when compassion, teamwork, and community leadership come together.

When Western Lane Crisis Response (WLCR) received a request for assistance from a local senior struggling to live safely in her home, it marked the beginning of something extraordinary — not just a response, but a community rallying around one of its own.

For years, Mrs. M had been living alone while quietly

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# More Clues to Consider – Do I Need a Healthcare Advocate Yet?

By **BOB HORNEY**

If you had a chance to check out last week's clues, you have a jump-start in making sure you stay on top of your healthcare. As I've noted, and bears repeating, if you can't advocate for yourself and don't have someone who can reliably step in, you're at risk of falling through the cracks of a system that is already too complex for most people to navigate. Just in case your "jury is still out," I have listed a few more clues to help you along.

Are you now forgetting details that you used to remember with no problem...things like medication schedules and changes, lab appointments, which doctor said what (this is a real clue as we age and make use of multiple doctors). How about misplacing (nice word for losing) test results and other medical paperwork).  
Are you able to speak up when something feels wrong during a health care visit? Can you stop the provider and ask for more explanation or simply say I'm not comfortable with that? If you find

yourself unable to push back a bit, ask questions or express your concerns – when you know you should because something feels wrong – those are signs you need support.  
Do you notice others filling in the gaps for you?  
These can be especially important clues for those living alone only because you don't have someone else in your house reminding you of your skill slippage. Comments such as "You already told me that," or "That's not what you told me last time," may indicate your

self-advocacy skills are not what they used to be. And, as we are learning, when our self-advocacy skills slip, so does our healthcare and, ultimately, our health.  
Today's final clue is most often, but not always, visited on those living longer lives than the average bear. Usually, the longer we live, the more we will require a greater number of providers. At this stage we call them "specialists" (for good reason) to keep us going. So, at this point, we will have those specialists to keep track of

and likely multiple medications they need to know about. We honestly can't expect them to know what medications each of them are prescribing, so it is more important for us to have an updated list of medications whenever we see our regular provider or any of the specialists. If we are unable to do that, we may be putting our own health at risk. We do know that many of the drugs we use are not compatible with each other and can have bad results when combined, so if you can't keep up with all that multiple specialists

require of us, this is another clue that the time is here to get advocacy support. Heed it – don't delay!  
Now for a few final notes: Needing a Healthcare Advocate is not a sign of weakness. It's a sign of wisdom. It means you understand that healthcare today is a team effort and going it alone – especially as we age – is a gamble we don't need to take. Our goal is very simple: stay safe, stay informed and stay in control. A good advocate helps you do exactly that.

## POLICE LOG

*The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from February 24 through March 2*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

At 4:54 p.m., officers responded to a report of harassment via Facebook. Officers are continuing to follow up.  
At 5:22 p.m., a caller reported a juvenile riding a scooter in the 2000 block of Highway 101 on private property. The caller said the juvenile threatened him after being told he could not ride there. Officers contacted and counseled the juvenile.  
At 8:03 p.m., a caller reported being bitten by a dog while making a delivery in the 1200 block of ZebraWood.

4300 block of Highway 101. Officers advised the rider that it's illegal to ride a dirtbike on public roads.  
At 6:33 p.m., officers made a traffic stop in the area of 15th St. and Highway 101. Officers made contact with the subject in the vehicle was found to have a misdemeanor warrant from Curry County. The subject was taken into custody.  
At 8:15 p.m., a caller reported that two juvenile boys had left the house but only one came home. The other was located soon afterward and found to be OK.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

At 11:09 a.m., a caller reported losing a wallet with ID in the 2000 block of Highway 101.  
At 11:42 a.m., medical personnel were called to the 3300 block of 31st St. for an unresponsive elderly male. Life-saving measures were unsuccessful. Investigating officers found no signs of foul play and notified the medical examiner.  
At 4:07 p.m., officers observed a dirt motorcycle on the roadway in the

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

At 12:06 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving westbound on Highway 126 at mile marker 6 that was driving at excessive speed. Officers observed the described vehicle when it entered Florence, but it showed no signs of erratic driving or impairment. No further action was taken.  
Add 7:04 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Juniper for a reported dispute. Officers interviewed both involved

subjects, who gave contradicting reports.  
At 7:12 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a report of subjects sleeping in a doorway. The property owner did not wish to press charges but asked that the subjects be moved along.  
At 12:30 p.m., an officer was flagged down in the 1500 block of Willow Loop for a report of a dog found in the area. Officers were able to locate the dog's owner and return it.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

At 8:54 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle had broken down in the intersection at Highway 101 and 126. Officers arrived to help push the overheated vehicle off the roadway.  
At 9:07 a.m., a caller reported that a subject or three dogs was beating them in the 2000 block of Spruce Street. Officers arrived and located the subject and his dogs. Witnesses in the area told officers they had seen no such behavior from the subject and that the dogs appeared well taken care of. No further action was taken.  
At 10:42 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of Spruce to assist a subject whose wheelchair had become stuck.  
At 1:47 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of harassment. Officers found it to be an ongoing civil issue between two subjects.  
At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Maple Street for

a report that a tenant had become nonresponsive but was revived with Narcan. The caller said the subject became upset and physically threatening. Officers arrested the subject for physical harassment.  
At 6:02 p.m., a caller reported that they were driving in the area of Rhododendron and Saltaire, but a driver behind them was tailgating and flashing its lights. The caller said the vehicle turned off, and he could not get a license plate number.  
At 7:20 p.m., officers responded to Kingwood Drive for a report that a vehicle had stopped in the roadway after being unable to maintain its lane. Officers arrived to find the driver having a medical issue. Medical personnel were summoned and took the subject to the hospital.  
At 8:21 p.m., a caller reported going into a store in the 4700 block of Highway 101 and that when he came out, his vehicle was missing. Officers were able to find the vehicle nearby in a different parking spot than where the caller claimed it had been parked.  
At 8:38 p.m., officers stopped a bicycle with no headlights on Highway 101 and found the writer had a misdemeanor warrant from the Springfield Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
At 1:53 a.m., officers on patrol in the 1500 block of 12th St. observed a subject known

to have warrants for his arrest. Officers detained the subject and determined he had an active felony state parole warrant and took him into custody.  
At 3:29 p.m., officers responded to the 87,600 block of Highway 101 for a report of harassment. Officers found an ongoing civil situation. All subjects were counseled not to maintain contact, and no further action was taken.  
At 8:21 p.m., he called and reported a dispute between subjects in the 600 and Sianno Loop. While investigating, officers were approached by another subject who said he had been involved in a dispute inside a vehicle. No subjects involved wanted to press charges.  
At 11:09 p.m., a caller reported that a seven-year-old child had escaped from home and run off. The child was located at a local store, and was OK.

description.  
At 6:45 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject was damaging plants, planters and other things in the area. The subject was located and taken into custody for criminal mischief.  
At 7:50 a.m., a caller reported that his passenger window had been broken in the 4500 block of Highway 101. A report was taken.  
At 10:55 a.m., a caller reported that someone had put large boulders near the road in the area of Park Village that may cause a traffic hazard.  
At 1:37 p.m., a caller reported a dog in a car in the 400 block of Laurel. Officers arrived to find the car's windows down and the dog in no distress.  
At 6:25 p.m., a subject turned in a debit card that had been left in an ATM in Florence. Officers contacted the bank. Employees said they would contact the owner.  
At 6:54 p.m., an officer stopped in subject on a bicycle in the 2200 block of 11th St. The subject was found to have a misdemeanor warrant from Lane County Circuit Court, and he was taken into custody.  
At 7:48 p.m., a call reported a vehicle tailgating and driving erratically in the mile marker 2 area of Highway 126. The caller could give no further information about the vehicle, so it could not be identified.  
At 9:54 p.m., dispatch received a holdup alarm in the 1800 block of Highway 101. Officers spoke to the employee, who said a subject had tried to rob the business with a handgun. Officers located the subject, who was in possession of a BB pistol. The subject was arrested for robbery. The case remains under investigation.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

At 12:48 p.m., a caller reported that his wallet had been stolen while he was in a store in the 1600 block of Highway 126. It was determined that his card had been used in another store nearby. The case remains under investigation.  
At 3:45 p.m., a caller reported losing a purse in the 300 block of 9th Street.  
At 4:59 p.m., a caller reported being bitten by a dog in the woods near Dunes City. The call was referred to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

At 3:14 a.m., a call reported seeing subjects smoking meth in a car in the 1500 block of 12th St. Officers arrived in the area but could not find a vehicle matching the

## Pet of the Week



### QUINCE

Quince is the last puppy from his litter, and is ready for a family. He was raised in a foster home where he was around kindergarten students and other dogs, so we believe he will be a great addition to any family - two-legged and four-legged. He loves adventures on our trails and spending time with his favorite people. Stop by the shelter or apply online if you'd like to meet this very special boy!

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# Using the iNaturalist App with Dina Pavlis

The Siuslaw Public Library is pleased to present Dina Pavlis discussing the iNaturalist app, which helps millions of people learn more about nature on Sat., March 14th, at 1 pm, in the library's Bromley Room.

iNaturalist is a popular, free, social network and community science platform (app and website) designed to record, identify, and map observations of plants, animals, and fungi worldwide. iNaturalist was launched in 2008

and in 2014 it became an initiative of the National Geographic Society and the California Academy of Sciences. Since 2023 iNaturalist has been independent non-profit organization.

iNaturalist helps you identify the plants and animals around you while generating data for science and conservation. You can get connected with a community of millions of scientists and naturalists who can help you learn more about nature.

What's more, by recording and sharing your observations, you'll create research-quality data for scientists working to better understand and protect nature.

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

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

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

This program is free and open to the public.

## LETTERS

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### The state of Climate Denial, National and local

The current state of climate denial remains a serious national and local concern, creating significant barriers to meaningful climate action. Recent developments show that denial continues to influence policy decisions despite overwhelming scientific evidence.

Climate denial gained renewed prominence during President Trump's administration, particularly when the Environmental Protection Agency's Endangerment Finding was rescinded and climate change was publicly dismissed as a hoax. This position marked a turning point, signaling federal retreat from acknowledging and addressing the climate crisis. The consequences of such denial are profound, affecting public health, environmental stability, and the well-being of future generations.

Scientific consensus remains clear: climate change is real, human-caused, and driven largely by greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide and methane. Without coordinated and sustained action from governments at every level, the risks to communities will continue to grow.

This reality raises an important local question: what is the stance of the Florence City government on climate change? Recent correspondence from Mayor Ward, issued on behalf of the City Council, suggests an alignment with climate denial rather than engagement or action (Siuslaw News "City Responds to Local Activist," 1-7-26).

This perception is reinforced by the city's failure to respond to sustained community advocacy. Over the past six years, citizen activists participated in 337 strikes, more than 2,500 people have signed a climate petition, yet their concerns have gone unacknowledged.

Further compounding the issue is the city's decision to limit meetings with staff, including the city manager, regarding climate-related topics. This restriction sends a strong signal of disengagement and is likely to discourage broader public participation.

By choosing inaction, the Florence City Council risks mirroring the climate denial seen at the federal level. The Council should publicly and clearly state its position on climate change and explain its refusal to pursue meaningful climate action, especially in light of strong community support for addressing the crisis.

Michael Allen  
Florence

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Troubling Ordinance for Dunes City:

Dunes City sent out a tiny print postcard dated 1/16/26 to let us know that it was proposing; "a land use regulation that may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties," to be presented by the Planning Commission in a public hearing on 2/26/26 before sending in onto to the City Council on March 18th. What it did not say is how massive Ordinance #275 (Chapter 155) really is— some 275 pages in all and very challenging to read, or clearly comprehend, to say nothing about how poorly it is written. The required notice appears in a few places in larger form too, but its intent is no more clear. DC has been working on it, by their own admission, since 2011 and it remains a rambling and confusing document. They attempted, and failed, to shove the, then massive Ord. #259 (Chapter 155), now the even larger Ord. #275 (Chapter 155), through during the height of Covid-19 in our area when it was risky to attend large public meetings at all.

The city, if you can rightfully call it that, since it provides so few services, is now trying to sweep massive changes past us again. Ord. #275 (Chapter 155) is no small thing; instead it is a vast multitude of important things that could change our way of life and property values for years to come. DC is suggesting measures that could threaten our unique environment, so that the city can benefit from its ever-increasing desire to develop on a larger scale and profit from us, in ways that most of us do not desire. If you are at all concerned about the many changes the city wishes to implement, come to the all-important meeting regarding Ord. #275 on March 18th, 6:00 PM, to express yourself, while we residents still have a voice in this ordinance at all.

Jeanne Jackson  
Dunes City/Westlake

became the undersecretary of the Navy early in his career and said his door was always open to "talk things over." This is a place where like-minded people can speak their minds with no worry about retaliation from others who disagree. We live at a terribly dangerous time, a time when our very democracy, protected by our Constitution, is being torn apart; when voting rights are being threatened; when thugs hired as government police agents are attacking our neighbors and ourselves; when each day more atrocities are happening than we can keep track of, and when fear of more to come is running rampant. It is a time when our country and all it stands for is being threatened my Trump and his MAGA supporters under the protection of what seems like the entire Republican Party, all of this being done with the sure and certain knowledge that no one will ever be held accountable for it. It is, indeed, as Citizen Tom Paine said, "a time to try men's souls."

Because of all this, we need a place where we can be resolute and stand firm. A place where we can share the concerns and fears we face, the insights we have, and what we need to do to stop the mad man in the White House. Senator Merkeley advised us to take some time out and rest between all the bad news. We can do that here, in our group, with each other; and we can know that in unity there is strength. Our purpose, then, is to be together and through it to gain the strength we need to fight. Though I did not know this last October when we started this group, I know it now. It is, indeed, profound in its simplicity.

Our next meeting, our fifth, will be on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 PM in the Bromley room of the Siuslaw Library. (This is not a library-sponsored event.)

Come and be together. There is much to talk about.

George Durant  
Florence

tyranny and mental instability of Mad King George. Eighteen statements of abuse of power in the Declaration would today, pertain to our legal system, ICE, DOGE, elections, military and the right of the people to pass laws.

The facts presented in the Declaration include the Judiciary obstructing the administration of justice by making judges dependent on the King's will alone. The King erecting new offices and sending out the officers to harass people and eat out their substance. The King transporting armed mercenaries in times of peace, to complete the work of tyranny with unparalleled cruelty unworthy of a civilized nation while protecting them from punishment for murder.

The King refused his assent to laws necessary for the public good and interfered with foreign trade. The King obstructed laws for naturalization of foreigners and transported people overseas for pretended offenses, depriving some the right of trial by jury. The King plundered our country and incited domestic insurrection among us.

As our administration poses as the Republican Party, historic planks of that party no longer exist. Fiscal responsibility is not supported. POTUS has exploded the national debt more than any other administration. Family values now can be described as likened to a puppy mill turning out children into uncertain futures unsupported by food, housing and healthcare. States rights are attacked for absolute federal control. Tax breaks did not benefit the workers. Corporations used tax breaks to buy back company stock and be the benefactors of the booming stock market. They did not raise wages and increase benefits for workers as promised. They fired workers and replaced them with robots and AI.

POTUS is now waging wars not sanctioned by Congress and is putting the lives of our countrymen and our economy at risk.

POTUS is not a Republican. He is a pathetic despot enriching himself and his sycophants at our expense and lost benefits.

Karen Mahoney  
Florence

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### On the purpose of Citizens for Democracy

I view our group almost as a place of rest, or if not a place then a frame of mind. It is the same notion that Franklin Roosevelt instilled in his employees when he

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Declaration of Independence

This year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence written by our Founding Fathers to release us from the

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# BE A HERO!

1. <b>Rotarian Karen &amp; Ron Skulley</b> ..... Gozney Outdoor Pizza Oven Bundle; Arc LX propane gas pizza oven, booster stand, cover, pizza peel, pizza burner, infrared thermometer gun, pizza cutter, dough scraper, dough kit and sauce. Everything but the cheese needed for a gourmet outdoor pizza kitchen. \$1,500.00	83. <b>Dwights Kingwood Barber Shop</b> ..... One Men's Haircut/One Men's Haircut, Appointment only, Expires 9/30/2026. \$20.00	169. <b>Denise Hauberger</b> ..... Handmade quilt made with Kaffe Fassett Fabrics including carrying case. \$150.00
2. <b>Abby's Legendary Pizza</b> ..... Pizza Certificate Package; 3 Giant Pizzas, 3 Mini Pizzas, & 3 \$5 Off Coupons. \$210.00	84. <b>Dwights Kingwood Barber Shop</b> ..... One Men's Haircut/One Men's Haircut, Appointment only, Expires 9/30/2026. \$20.00	170. <b>Louise Handy</b> ..... Oregon raindrops; 16 total with padded nailers and window suction cups. \$240.00
3. <b>Goodmans Floor Covering</b> ..... \$250 Certificate; applied to material purchases. \$250.00	85. <b>Sunrise Healing Arts</b> ..... Gift Certificate for 60 Minute Massage at Sunrise Healing Arts by Corey Burgess, LMT, CST-C. \$90.00	171. <b>Cindy Wobbe</b> ..... 2 Prints matted - Siuslaw bridgeby Jan Jagoe and Charles Dryer. \$190.00
4. <b>USCG Station Siuslaw River</b> ..... Ride on Coast Guard Boat for 2; Ride on Coast Guard Boat for 2. \$800.00	86. <b>Jerry's Rogue Jets</b> ..... Gift Card for \$100 towards Jet Boat Tours with Jerry's Rogue Jets in Gold Beach, Oregon. \$100.00	172. <b>Louise Handy</b> ..... Dragon egg kit & premade dragon eggs. \$203.00
5. <b>City Lights Cinemas</b> ..... Six movie passes including concessions; Six movie passes and six concession cards. \$100.00	87. <b>Hoagland Properties</b> ..... One night stay at River House Inn plus a \$100 Gift Certificate to Mani's Restaurant on Bay Street. \$289.00	173. <b>Erin Bruce</b> ..... Handmade wet felted cobweb scarf. \$90.00
6. <b>Coast Broadcasting</b> ..... College Basketball Tickets; Two tickets to Oregon Men's Basketball vs. Penn State 2/14/26 and four tickets to Oregon State Men's Basketball vs. Gonzaga 2/17/26. \$300.00	88. <b>Hoagland Properties</b> ..... One night stay at Super 8 Florence and a \$100 Gift Certificate to 1285 Restobar Restaurant on Bay Street. \$239.00	174. <b>Kay Loranine</b> ..... Alcohol ink tiles. \$48.00
7. <b>Holloway and Associates</b> ..... \$250 Gift Certificate towards Tax Services plus a bottle of wine; \$250 Gift Certificate towards tax services. Also includes a bottle of wine to enjoy while someone else prepares your tax returns! \$275.00	89. <b>Twin Lakes Store</b> ..... Baileys Chocolate Irish Cream Liqueur. \$29.95	175. <b>Erin Bruce</b> ..... Handmade felted trio. \$50.00
8. <b>Western Lane Fire and EMS</b> ..... Dinner at WLFEA for Eight Dinner for up to 8 people at WLFEA. Can be used for a birthday party, holiday, or just a fun day with family and friends. Includes tour of firehouse and a ride on fire truck, weather permitting. \$1,000.00	90. <b>US Bead Warehouse</b> ..... Hill Tribe Silver Larimar Earrings from Thailand. \$60.00	176. <b>Robert Bruce</b> ..... Six night stay at Coastal Garden Getaway in Florence; A short walk to Siuslaw River, 12 mile from Old Town, 3 bedroom, sleeps 6, 2 bathroom, pets allowed. \$1,140.00
9. <b>County Transfer and Recycling</b> ..... One full year of residential garbage service; One full year of residential garbage pickup service. Cart must be placed at the street for pickup on our route. Certificate can be used for other services, smaller cart, or dumpster. Expires 12 months. \$650.00	91. <b>Cathedral Ridge Winery</b> ..... Wine Tasting at Cathedral Ridge Winery in Hood River Good for up to 4 People. Good for up to 4 persons, reservations required, time slots are limited! \$90.00	177. <b>S&amp;J Jewelers</b> ..... 14k Rose gold 5mm orange Oregon Sunstone diamond earrings. \$1,499.00
10. <b>VI Resorts</b> ..... Five Nights 1 Bdrm Condo The Pines Summer, Oregon; Five nights in a 1 Bedroom condo at A Ski Getaway to The Pines at Summer, OR. Certificate for accommodations only and is on a space available basis. Restricted dates. Certificate expires 3/17/2027. \$1,025.00	92. <b>Steve Jackson</b> ..... \$200 check for the 66th Annual Rotary Auction for the Music DJ Al Rojas. \$200.00	178. <b>Florence Area Chamber of Commerce</b> ..... 4 Carnival passes at Rhody Days. \$140.00
11. <b>VI Resorts</b> ..... Five Nights 1 Bdrm Condo at Carriage House Las Vegas; Five nights in a 1 Bedroom condo at Carriage House Las Vegas. Certificate for accommodations only and is on a space available basis. Restricted dates. Certificate expires 3/14/2027. \$1,200.00	93. <b>Venny's Cafe</b> ..... \$75 Gift Certificate to dine at Venny's Mexican Restaurant. \$75.00	179. <b>Sand Master Park</b> ..... 2 Sandboard rentals. \$100.00
12. <b>Hukilau Restaurant</b> ..... Two Individual \$50 Gift Certificates. \$100.00	94. <b>Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum</b> ..... Two adult and two youth admissions to Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. \$304.00	180. <b>Stillwagon Distillery</b> ..... 2 bottles Stillwagon rum/vanilla fig and cranberry. \$90.00
13. <b>Ted Stevens</b> ..... Two Books: My Travel Journal & Autographed copy "Together, Brothers" memories of a life-changing fifteen month journey around the world in the mid-1960's. Authored by Dick & Ted Stevens; The Travel Journal is a blank book for entering in one's travel journey memories. The "Together" Book is signed by both authors, Dick and Ted Stevens. \$40.00	95. <b>Oregon Shakespeare Festival</b> ..... Two admission tickets to performances at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. \$150.00	181. <b>Artefacts</b> ..... Artefacts gift package; Mug, purse, metal sign, ocean bottle, candle, coin purse, suncatcher, keychain, bird, gnome, beach sign, nightlight. \$294.00
14. <b>Eatwell Organic Noodle</b> ..... \$100 Gift Certificate, Eatwell Organic Noodle. \$100.00	96. <b>Michael Robertson</b> ..... \$100 Cash Donation to help with Music/Auction Check #1008. \$100.00	182. <b>Safeway</b> ..... \$500 Gift Card(s) \$100 Gift Cards for Shopping At Safeway. \$500.00
15. <b>The Laughing Crab</b> ..... \$50 Gift Card The Laughing Crab, \$50 Gift Card, The Laughing Crab Restaurant. \$50.00	97. <b>ES Keene JR Family Trust</b> ..... \$200 Donation (Check # 530) for Appetizer Sponsor. \$200.00	183. <b>Florence in Bloom</b> ..... Six Months of Flower Arrangements at \$50 each including the 1st arrangement at the Auction March 14th, Pick up at Florence In Bloom. \$300.00
16. <b>City Lights Cinemas</b> ..... City Light Cinema pre-movie static advertising slide for six months; City Light Cinemas pre-movie static advertising slide for six months. \$1,200.00	98. <b>Wildlife Safari</b> ..... Drive Through Admission and Daily Encounter for two people at Wildlife Safari. \$159.00	184. <b>Krab Kettle</b> ..... \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Krab Kettle. \$50.00
17. <b>Siuslaw Consulting Design</b> ..... Design of static advertising slide for use at City Light Cinemas; Design of static advertising slide for use at City Light Cinemas. \$200.00	99. <b>Sweet Life Patisserie</b> ..... \$30 Gift Card to Sweet Life Patisserie in Eugene. \$30.00	185. <b>Russ Volke</b> ..... Three Handcrafted Cedar Bird Houses; Three Handcrafted Cedar Bird Houses built by the Bird Man of Mercer Lake, Russ Volke. \$135.00
18. <b>Khichan Chinese Restaurant &amp; Lounge</b> ..... Two \$50 Gift Cards, total \$100; Two \$50 Gift Cards, total \$100 for dining at Khichan Chinese Restaurant & Lounge. \$100.00	100. <b>International C-Food Restaurant</b> ..... \$100 Gift Card to International C-Food Restaurant. \$100.00	186. <b>Lisa and David Sedlacek</b> ..... 2001 Signed Football Siuslaw High School Football Team Far West League Champions. \$100.00
19. <b>Best Thai Cuisine Restaurant</b> ..... \$20 Gift Certificate; \$20 Gift Certificate for dining at Best Thai Restaurant. \$20.00	101. <b>Delayne?</b> ..... \$50 Gift Card to Rosa's Mexican Restaurant. \$50.00	187. <b>Russ Volke</b> ..... Glass Jar full of colorful golf balls. \$85.00
20. <b>Bobbi and Oley Nelson, Reedsport Machine and Fabrication</b> ..... Villa del Arco Resort & Spa, Seven Days in a One Bedroom Condo that sleeps four, Booking must be done as soon as possible; Villa del Arco Resort & Spa, Cabo San Lucas Mexico, Seven Days in a One Bedroom Condo that sleeps four. \$3,000.00	102. <b>SandPines Golf Course</b> ..... 18 Holes of Golf at Sandpines Golf Links including Carts for up to 4 people. \$480.00	188. <b>Lisa and David Sedlacek</b> ..... New York Yankee Thurman Munson Memorabilia 1976 MVP "The Captain" Framed Jersey and photos Framed Solid wood frame and glass. \$275.00
21. <b>Bobbi and Oley Nelson, Reedsport Machine and Fabrication</b> ..... Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach & Golf & Spa Resort, Located in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, known for its world class golf course. Seven Days in a 1 bedroom condo; Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach & Golf & Spa Resort, Located in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, known for its world class golf course. Seven Days in a 1 bedroom condo. \$3,000.00	103. <b>Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant</b> ..... \$100 Gift Certificate to Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant. \$100.00	189. <b>Lisa and David Sedlacek</b> ..... Cushman Bridge Photography mounted by Chick Weibert "Bridgeport in the Mist". \$225.00
22. <b>Arlene Hartzel &amp; Local Authors</b> ..... Children's Book Basket; Children's Book Basket Three Books from Arlene Hartzel and Five Books from Connie Bradley. \$96.00	104. <b>Angies Alterations</b> ..... \$40 Gift Certificate to Angies Alterations good for products or services. \$40.00	190. <b>Darlene Wolford</b> ..... Four \$25 Gift Certificates to Fresh Harvest Cafe. \$100.00
23. <b>Ben Mondragon</b> ..... One St. Louis Cardinals Jersey and one San Francisco 49'ers Jersey signed by Quarterback Steve Young; One St. Louis Cardinals Jersey and one embroidered San Francisco 49'ers Jersey signed by Quarterback Steve Young. It is signed "Dave...All the best. Steve Young HOF2005". \$200.00	105. <b>Big Fish Restaurant</b> ..... Gift Certificate for \$100 to dine at Big Fish Restaurant in Reedsport, Oregon. \$100.00	191. <b>FRAA, John Leasure</b> ..... Sip & Paint Party with John Leasure. Enjoy a 3 hour acrylic paint class for up to 10 people John will guide you in painting. Sip wine donated by Rotarians and delicious nibbles. \$750.00
24. <b>Tim &amp; Carol Salisbury</b> ..... Yogi Berra original painting by Jim Bliss and a Yogi Berra signed special #7 baseball AND a Sandy Koufax original painting by Jim Bliss and a Sandy Koufax signed "Cy Young Award" baseball card. \$550.00	106. <b>Larry &amp; Crystal Farnsworth</b> ..... Flying Lesson in a Piper Archer! You will enjoy a comprehensive flying lesson which will include one hour of ground instruction followed by a one hour flight in a Piper Archer with an official logbook. Your friends or family will be invited for an additional scenic flight above Florence after your lesson. \$625.00	192. <b>Sadie / Stitch &amp; Sole</b> ..... \$500 Gift Certificate for clothing or shoes at Stich & Sole on Bay Street. \$500.00
25. <b>Tim &amp; Carol Salisbury</b> ..... Johnny Bench signed MLB Baseball and signed 8x10 photo. \$125.00	107. <b>Larry &amp; Crystal Farnsworth</b> ..... An Exciting Seaplane Adventure! You will enjoy a seaplane flight in our Icon A5 Amphibian Seaplane aircraft departing Florence Airport with Splash 'N' Go's on Mercer Lake, Washink Lake and Siltcoos Lake. Flight time approximately 1 hour. \$650.00	193. <b>Mo's Seafood Restaurant</b> ..... Two \$25 Gift Certificates for dining at Mo's Seafood Restaurant. \$50.00
26. <b>Tim &amp; Carol Salisbury</b> ..... Frank Robinson signed Baltimore Orioles cap with #586 added. \$60.00	108. <b>Doug Wisman</b> ..... Pickleball Lessons; You will enjoy learning about how to play Pickleball with Certified Coach Doug Wisman. This Certificate is valid for four persons and for two one-hour lessons. Paddles and balls provided. Lessons at Rolling Dunes Park. Expires 3/31/2027. \$200.00	194. <b>Dutch Bro's Coffee</b> ..... \$500 Dutch Bros Gift Cards, Basket of DB gear (\$300) You will receive \$100 in DB Coffee Cards plus a DB Gift Basket. Contact DB Florence for remaining \$400 DB Balance, card amounts tailored to suit your needs. \$800.00
27. <b>Ted Stevens</b> ..... Smart Bird Feeder, Solar with camera. \$75.00	109. <b>Siuslaw Watershed Council</b> ..... Private four hour restoration site tour & picnic and paddle; Private tour for 6 people with picnic lunch. Paddle option available with SMC kayaks/paddle boards. Transportation provided if needed. \$500.00	195. <b>Guy Veach</b> ..... Color Print Titled "Doors #40A" Mounted in black metal frame with glass. \$100.00
28. <b>Ben Mondragon</b> ..... One Bedroom Deluxe apartment at World Mark Scottsdale, Arizona during the week of 2/13/2027 to 2/20/2027. Max occupancy 4 persons, May require stairs for entry, One Bedroom Deluxe apartment at World Mark Scottsdale, Arizona during the week of 2/13/2027 to 2/20/2027. Max occupancy 4 persons, May require stairs for entry. King in master bedroom and Queen sleeper in living area. \$1,250.00	110. <b>Phils Saw Shop</b> ..... Sishi garden pruner saw/battery operated. \$170.00	196. <b>Ripley's Believe it or Not-Newport</b> ..... Two vouchers each good for admission to both the Wax Works and for Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum. \$60.00
29. <b>Los Compadres Restaurant</b> ..... Two \$25.00 Gift Cards for dining at Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant. \$50.00	111. <b>Angela Palmer</b> ..... African inspired tote bag/wallet 2 outside and 2 inside pockets. \$50.00	197. <b>Toni's Canine Castle</b> ..... PENDING UNKNOWN. UNK
30. <b>Pest Tech</b> ..... Pest Control Services, no products, service only. \$275.00	112. <b>Angela Palmer</b> ..... Handmade necklace with labradorite, iolite, aventurine, and serpentine beads with a sterling & labradorite clasp. \$80.00	198. <b>Ocean Obsession Guide Service</b> ..... Salmon or Bottom Fishing Trip for two people or can be applied to a Halibut or Tuna Trip for 2. \$450.00
31. <b>Kismet's Landing Restaurant</b> ..... \$50 Gift Certificate for dining at Kismet's Restaurant in Reedsport. \$50.00	113. <b>A Beneficial Massage - Kathy Wilson LMT</b> ..... One hour massage therapy session with Kathy Wilson, LMT. \$90.00	199. <b>City of Florence</b> ..... Two Flo-Gro Gift Certificates. Each is good for 3 cubic yards of Flo-Gro and delivery within the Florence USB also includes a demo-sample bag and flower seeds. \$180.00
32. <b>Ray Wells Inc.</b> ..... 10 Yards of driveway rock (gravel) delivered in Florence area only. \$500.00	114. <b>Coastal Fitness</b> ..... 6 month individual membership. \$259.00	200. <b>Eugene Airport</b> ..... \$500 Travel Voucher for Airfare in coach class on any airline serving Eugene. \$500.00
33. <b>C &amp; M Stables</b> ..... 1 1/2 hour horse back ride. \$110.00	115. <b>St Vincent dePaul</b> ..... Eight (8) \$25 gift cards/redeemable at St Vincent dePaul stores (Oregon). \$200.00	201. <b>Waterfront Depot Restaurant</b> ..... Two \$75 Gift Certificates for dining at Waterfront Depot Restaurant on Bay Street. \$150.00
34. <b>Jawsome Kids Resale</b> ..... \$50 Gift Certificate for products at Jawsome Kids Resale Store. \$50.00	116. <b>Carrie Muller "Styzt"</b> ..... Certificate for one haircut. \$57.00	202. <b>Domino's Pizza</b> ..... Ten 14" Pizzas. \$220.00
35. <b>Jawsome Kids Resale</b> ..... \$50 Gift Certificate for products at Jawsome Kids Resale Store. \$50.00	117. <b>Digital Dunes Photography</b> ..... \$50 gift certificate/towards art prints or services at Digital Dunes Photography. \$50.00	203. <b>Florence Chamber of Commerce</b> ..... A Ride for up to two people in a car behind the Mayor's Car in the Rhododendron Days Parade, 1951 Cadillac Convertible, Owner is Marlene Blasey. \$500.00
36. <b>Siuslaw High School Athletics</b> ..... 1 Beamie Lanyard, Two Hoodies, 2 Caps, 2 Popsockets and 2 Fall and Winter Season Passes. \$500.00	118. <b>Digital Dunes Photography</b> ..... 20" x 30" framed "Aurora Borealis" framed print by renowned photographer Curt Peters, captured on Jan 19 2026 just up the coast a few miles from Florence. \$450.00	204. <b>StyZ Hair Studio</b> ..... Haircut and Style and Take Home Shampoo of your choice. \$10.00
37. <b>Davidson Auto Parts</b> ..... NAPA Heavy Duty 12 V Air Compressor. \$156.79	119. <b>Beth James of Florence Veterinary Clinic</b> ..... \$200 Certificate for Veterinary Services. \$200.00	205. <b>Laurel Bay Gardens</b> ..... Garden Birdbath and matching ceramic flower pot. \$525.00
38. <b>Sea Lion Caves</b> ..... 1 Sea Lion Caves Gift Basket. \$115.00	120. <b>Skamania Lodge</b> ..... 2 night stay at Skamania Lodge (Gift Certificate for 1st night and gift card for 2nd night). \$600.00	206. <b>Oregon Coast Aquarium</b> ..... Two adult admission tickets to Oregon Coast Aquarium. \$59.95
39. <b>Holden Family Contracting LLC</b> ..... 2000 Certificate towards Tree Stump Grinding, CCB #247759. \$200.00	121. <b>Sea Lion Caves</b> ..... 3 VIP Family Pass for Four (Trade Only). \$216.00	207. <b>Wind Drift Gallery</b> ..... Oregon Map on Wood. \$575.00
40. <b>Florence Heating and Sheetmetal</b> ..... Tail Propane Patio Heater. \$200.00	122. <b>Western Lane Fire and EMS</b> ..... Firefighters/EMT for a day..... Train with firefighters and EMTs, respond to calls, see what your emergency responders do while at work. \$500.00	208. <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> ..... Gift Basket Assorted Items. \$75.00
41. <b>All About Olives</b> ..... Gourmet Food Basket including Marionberry Jam, Cherries Cret, Asparagus, Spiced Peaches, Huckleberry Balsamic. \$125.00	123. <b>Cascade Raptor Center</b> ..... Group Pass/admits up to 4 people. Single use only. \$64.00	209. <b>Jillian Burris, Annett Prager, Linda Tipton</b> ..... Gift Basket & Laurel Bay Plants to be Delivered before Auction plus \$50 Gift Certificate. \$250.00
42. <b>Word of Mouth Home Decor</b> ..... Home Goods and Self Care Gift Basket. \$254.95	124. <b>Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad</b> ..... Two adult tickets; Regular Coastal, Spring Break, Spring Splendor, or Fall Splendor Excursion. \$68.00	210. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Mug. \$38.00
43. <b>Florence ACE True Value</b> ..... Swiss Army Knife. \$46.99	125. <b>John Moore</b> ..... Large glass bowl with goldfish by renowned glass artist George Burquet; His work is found in galleries around the world including in the U.S. Embassy, National Library of Medicine in PA, in Switzerland, Canada, and the White House. \$1,500.00	211. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Weaving. \$45.00
44. <b>Mason Prociw Landscaping</b> ..... \$400 Gift Certificate for service of landscaping or gardening.; This certificate provides a \$400 service credit, equal to 6 hours of yard cleanup labor, no materials or dump fees, hauling or permits. Services must be completed in one visit. Must be redeemed prior to 12/31/2026. \$400.00	126. <b>Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club</b> ..... 18 Holes of Championship Golf for 4 Players with Golf Carts at Pine Ridge. \$380.00	212. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Book - Crossings. \$25.00
45. <b>Carson Brayton</b> ..... Dodgers Baseball Rug. \$150.00	127. <b>Craig Sanders</b> ..... Live edge cribbage board and plum wood dice board. \$150.00	213. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Watercolor - Cat & hamster. \$25.00
46. <b>Long's Meat Market</b> ..... \$100 Gift Card Long's Meat Market. \$100.00	128. <b>John Moore</b> ..... \$75 Donation for appetizer sponsor. \$75.00	214. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Small basket and card. \$30.00
47. <b>Sandpines Golf Course</b> ..... 1 Foursome of Golf including two golf carts. \$480.00	129. <b>Craig Sanders</b> ..... \$75 Donation for appetizer sponsor. \$75.00	215. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Whale tail necklace. \$40.00
48. <b>Kreations Hair Studio</b> ..... Gift Certificate for \$30, \$30 credit on \$60 Women's cut, or \$30 credit on Men's \$30 Haircut. \$30.00	130. <b>Siuslaw Interact Club</b> ..... Siuslaw Interact Club Work Crew - 6-10 High School Interact students will come to your home for 4 hours of light labor (i.e. yard work, painting). Priceless	216. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Sea stone necklace. \$40.00
49. <b>Les Schwab Tire Center</b> ..... Thrust Wheel Alignment, Tire Rotation, Spin Balance. \$199.95	131. <b>Siuslaw Interact Club</b> ..... Interact Club Work Crew - 6-10 High School Interact students will come to your home for 4 hours of light labor (i.e. yard work, painting). Priceless	217. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Orca sculpture with stand. \$175.00
50. <b>Wes Dinoff</b> ..... Petrified Sycamore Rock Sphere from Sweet Home, Rare Distant Planet Appearance. \$500.00	132. <b>John Moore</b> ..... 20" stained glass window hanging by Chuck Franklin. \$500.00	218. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Black & white pumpkin. \$75.00
51. <b>Wes Dinoff</b> ..... Chinese Writing Rock Found when making Shasta Dam RARE. \$300.00	133. <b>Bayberry Inn</b> ..... 2 Night stay at Bayberry Innsome rooms pet friendly. \$594.00	219. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Black pumpkin. \$60.00
52. <b>Fiddler's Green Golf Center</b> ..... Four Rounds of 18 Golf Not transferable for cash or credit. Expires 4/14/2027. \$60.00	134. <b>Dairy Queen</b> ..... 4 Gift Certificates for \$30 Each and 2 for 10" Blizzard Cakes. \$125.00	220. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Sterling and pearl earrings and necklace with 3 pearls. \$154.00
53. <b>Driftwood Shores Resort</b> ..... Two nights in an Ocean Front Kitchen unit with King or Double Queen. \$366.10	135. <b>Tony's Garage</b> ..... 2 Certificates for Conventional Oil Changes. \$160.00	221. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Sterling and pearl necklace with 7 pearls. \$135.00
54. <b>Driftwood Shores Resort</b> ..... Two nights in an Ocean Front Kitchen unit with King or Double Queen. \$366.10	136. <b>Dick &amp; Ann Freeman</b> ..... 2 Night Stay on the Siuslaw Riverview; Sleeps 10 comfortable, hot tub, play room, dog friendly, fenced in yard. \$1,000.00	222. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 2 pastel prints - swan & water lilies. \$36.00
55. <b>Mari's Kitchens</b> ..... \$25 Gift Certificate for dining at Mari's Restaurant. \$25.00	137. <b>Rodger Bennett Photography</b> ..... Siuslaw River Sunrise Harbor Morning photo; by Rodger Bennett Photography. \$500.00	223. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 2 Jewelry Cards. \$38.00
56. <b>BeauxArts Fine Art Materials</b> ..... Art Session for up to 6 people for Personalized Acrylic Flowers Still Life Painting Party (approximately 3 hours); Art Session for up to 6 people for Personalized Acrylic Flower Still Life Painting Party (approximately 3 hours) Art Supplies and instruction included. Light refreshments (BUBO). \$800.00	138. <b>Pacific Windows</b> ..... \$400 Certificate towards services. \$400.00	224. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 2 shell wreaths. \$53.00
57. <b>Best Western Pier Point Inn</b> ..... Two Night Stay at Best Western Pier Point Inn, Two Queen beds or one King room with a private balcony; Choice of 2 Queen Beds or a King Bed room with a private balcony. Hotel accommodations and services include an indoor heated pool, spa, dry sauna, hot breakfast served daily. \$479.42	139. <b>Ed &amp; Chrissy Davis</b> ..... 4 Hour fishing trip Siuslaw River & Ocean (if open - needs to be comfortable conditions) Call to make reservations. \$800.00	225. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Fused glass coaster set. \$40.00
58. <b>Dr. Jack Perkins</b> ..... Glass Wine Bottle Coaster with grapes and leaves. \$30.00	140. <b>Florence Dental Clinic</b> ..... Dental Friendly Goody Basket 2 lb bar of premium chocolate from Grenada; 3 oz chocolate from Grenada; 2 sm. jars of guava jam; 2 bottles nutmeg syrup; 1 mug cocoa nibs; 2 Gum Sonic powered tooth brushes; coffee mug & pens; 2 tubes parabolentx; 2 tubes proenamel; 1 Spice Islands Tshirt. \$175.00	226. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Book - Star & Raven's Legend. \$16.00
59. <b>Carson Brayton</b> ..... Hershel HS123 A-1 Aircraft Model kit. \$30.00	141. <b>S&amp;J Jewelers</b> ..... 14k Yellow Gold 10x8 mm Amethyst Pendant with 18" box chain - with travel case. Coupon for 10% off net purchase. \$500.00	227. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Print - The Wisdom Council. \$50.00
60. <b>Carson Brayton</b> ..... M7MC Priest Tank Model Kit. \$15.00	142. <b>John Moore</b> ..... 11" glass bowl/made from recycled glass by fire and light originals in Arcata CA. \$150.00	228. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 6 candles. \$36.00
61. <b>Carson Brayton</b> ..... Piratska Black Falcon ship model kit. \$20.00	143. <b>Anahi's Beauty &amp; Spa</b> ..... Gift Basket plus \$150 gift certificate. \$300.00	229. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Gecko lizard - wood. \$25.00
62. <b>Carson Brayton</b> ..... ORP Wicher WZ.39 Destroyer model kit. \$25.00	144. <b>KCST &amp; KCFM Coast Radio Broadcasting</b> ..... KCST & KCFM and Coast Radio Broadcasting \$500 in Grocery Outlet Gift Cards. \$500.00	230. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 2 pair wood earrings. \$30.00
63. <b>Onsen Spa Rentals</b> ..... One hour Spa rental for two persons; Onsen invites you to enjoy our private outdoor hot tubs in quiet, natural surroundings for an hour for you and one other person. \$35.00	145. <b>Mike Bones Nursery</b> ..... \$60 Gift Certificate. \$60.00	231. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 6 cards. \$36.00
64. <b>Get Air Trampoline Park</b> ..... Get Air Trampoline Park passes, five for two hours each. \$125.00	146. <b>Dana Rodet</b> ..... Picknick machine/Shiroi Kamome super deluxe sophia. \$250.00	232. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Matted print - Heron. \$25.00
65. <b>Big Dog Donuts</b> ..... One Dozen Donuts. \$19.00	147. <b>Perry Mesquit</b> ..... Victorian slipper chair. \$100.00	233. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Matted print - Lighthouse. \$25.00
66. <b>Jane Hanawalt</b> ..... Drift Away Coffee Gift Assortment with gourmet coffee. \$95.00	148. <b>Copeland Lumber Yards</b> ..... \$100 certificate. \$100.00	234. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... Framed Print - Ocean. \$80.00
67. <b>Dragon's Breath Pottery and Supply</b> ..... Pottery Workshop for 6 people. \$408.00	149. <b>David Silva &amp; Lennie Peterson</b> ..... Three handcrafted bowls & basket; Maple, walnut, and two-tined maple & walnut; crocheted basket. \$195.00	235. <b>Backstreet Gallery</b> ..... 6 glass mushrooms. \$38.00
68. <b>Jill Thomas</b> ..... Popcorn, Night on the town!. \$15.68	150. <b>Periwinkle Cottage</b> ..... Periwinkle Cottage Gift Basket includes polish pottery, bottle, fresh cut card, sock, address book, towel, and tea. \$188.00	236. <b>The Comdog Company</b> ..... The Comdog Company Gift Basket including 2 \$25 Gift Certificates and four shirts and 3 Red Bull drinks. \$125.00
69. <b>Jeff and Lis Farm</b> ..... Western Themed BBQ for six!. \$500.00	151. <b>Wayne Sharpe</b> ..... Copper tones fire pit; Outdoor express brand. \$200.00	237. <b>Heceata Lighthouse Bed &amp; Breakfast</b> ..... Heceata Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast Package "All Things Heceata"; "One night for all six rooms at the Inn, for 12 people (6 rooms) and include an appetizer and sparkling wine hour with a historic tour in the evening and a multi course breakfast the next morning." \$1,800.00
70. <b>Jill Thomas</b> ..... Two Tickets to the Tina Turner Musical at the Hullt Center. \$200.00	152. <b>DJ Al</b> ..... 4 hours of DJ services and photo booth. \$800.00	238. <b>Heceata Self Storage</b> ..... Heceata Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast Package "All Things Heceata"; "One night for all six rooms at the Inn, for 12 people (6 rooms) and include an appetizer and sparkling wine hour with a historic tour in the evening and a multi course breakfast the next morning." \$700.00
71. <b>Mercer Lake Resort</b> ..... All Day Pontoon Party Boat Rental at Mercer Lake. \$275.00	153. <b>Oregon Pacific Bank</b> ..... \$500 Cash Donation. \$500.00	239. <b>Sandland Adventures</b> ..... Giant Buggy Ride & Mini Golf for 4. \$348.00
72. <b>Mercer Lake Resort</b> ..... All Day Pontoon Party Boat Rental at Mercer Lake. \$275.00	154. <b>Gather in Florence</b> ..... Summer Gift Basket. \$100.00	240. <b>Three Rivers Casino</b> ..... Donation of 80 bottles of wine for tables. \$120.00
73. <b>BeauxArts Fine Art Materials</b> ..... Water Color Workshop at BeauxArts Fine Art and Materials for six people! \$600.00	155. <b>BJ's Ice Cream Parlor</b> ..... 1 Qt of ice cream per month for 12 months; Ice cream flavor must be in stock at time of request. \$168.00	241. <b>Jim &amp; Mona Ayers</b> ..... Handcrafted "Canoe Bag" made from wine barrel wood and metal 16" x 4" can be used in a host of ways. \$75.00
74. <b>Jill and Randy Thomas</b> ..... Champagne Brunch for 8 people at the Thomas Home! \$400.00	156. <b>Barber Station</b> ..... 2 Haircuts @ \$40 Each/Make appointment. \$80.00	242. <b>The Drift Inn &amp; Cafe</b> ..... \$50 Gift Card to Drift Inn Cafe a sweatshirt size XL. \$110.00
75. <b>Jill and Randy Thomas</b> ..... Rogue Spirits "Dead Guy" Whiskey. \$90.00	157. <b>Hyak</b> ..... One year of fiber internet service - free installation, free wifi router, free Wi-Fi extender; Good for any plan up to 1G. \$1,400.00	243. <b>Lis Farm</b> ..... Rectangle sloped pimento red fused glass plate with bright blue and green raised geometric design handcrafted by Lis Farm. \$100.00
76. <b>BJ's Ice Cream</b> ..... 12 single scoop ice cream cones at BJ's Ice Cream. \$66.00	158. <b>Grocery Outlet</b> ..... Gift Basket of assorted items. \$90.00	244. <b>Lis Farm</b> ..... Concaved fused glass appetizer plate & bowl; Robin's egg blue with black & white accents and blue sprinkled accent bowl handcrafted by Lis Farm. \$150.00
77. <b>Bullwinkles</b> ..... "Certificates for one Large, one topping Pizza and two certificates for 80 arcade chips at Bullwinkles in Wilsonville". \$66.00	159. <b>Keenray luxury towel warmer</b> ..... Keenray luxury towel warmer. \$106.00	245. <b>FRAA Art Gallery - Brigitte Parker</b> ..... Orange Sunset Oil Painting. \$300.00
78. <b>Newport Tradewinds Deep Sea Fishing</b> ..... Five Hour Bottom Fishing Trip for one person with Newport Tradewinds Deep Sea Fishing 4-10 miles from Dock, 1 to 3 miles off shore for Ling Cod, Sea Bass, assorted Rock Fish. \$100.00	160. <b>Jill &amp; Randy Thomas</b> ..... Barbie easter basket (pink); Age 3+, Barbie "You can be anything" Farmer doll, Barbie "You can be anything" Nurse doll, Barbie Clothing set (2 outfits & shoes), Barbie Toddler Doll babysitters collection, Barbie UNO card set, Easter Chocolate. \$75.00	246. <b>FRAA Art Gallery - Brigitte Parker</b> ..... Fire opal necklace and earring set. \$18.00
79. <b>O'Reilly Auto Parts</b> ..... Power Torque 50 Piece 3/8" Drive Socket Set. \$89.99	161. <b>Jill &amp; Randy Thomas</b> ..... Barbie easter basket (blue); Age 3+; Matchbox 6-pack emergency vehicles; Matchbox 6-pack construction vehicles; 2 Hotwheels monster trucks; Hotwheels UNO cards; Matchbox Skybuster helicopter; Matchbox Skybuster jet. \$55.00	247. <b>FRAA Art Gallery - Debra Fralick</b> ..... 2 greeting cards. \$75.00
80. <b>Pro Lumber</b> ..... Pro Lumber Gift Basket including a \$100 Gift Certificate. \$175.00	162. <b>Florentine Hotel on Siltcoos Lake</b> ..... 2 night stay. \$662.32	248. <b>FRAA Art Gallery</b> ..... \$25 Gift Certificate. \$25.00
81. <b>Dwights Kingwood Barber Shop</b> ..... One Men's Haircut/One Men's Haircut, Appointment only, Expires 9/30/2026. \$20.00	1	

# Park Monument vandalized

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

Oregon State Police detectives have taken over the investigation of a vandalism and or possible theft attempt of the monument at the entrance to Jessie Honeyman State Park, South Florence. According to park officials, the monument was found on its side on Tuesday morning, March 3.

The mostly concrete monument was sunk about 2 feet into the

ground and likely took a lot of effort, or a vehicle, to pull it down. It's not known if the goal was to take the monument or simply push it over.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department information officer Katie Gauthier said the criminal portion of the matter was turned over to Oregon State Police.

She said park rangers removed the monument for repairs and, as of deadline, state police released no further information.



Photos provided

# Bingo Night to Support Florence Runner's Journey to the Boston Marathon

A BINGO night will be held at Florence's Ada Grange Hall at 1:00 p.m. on March 2 in support of local runner and former Siuslaw High School alumnus Brian Schofield. Brian will travel to Boston, Massachusetts, in late April to compete in the 2026 Boston Marathon. Community members are invited to join in for an evening of fun, games, and prizes to help support him on his journey to the starting line.

Last June, Brian competed in the Tunnel Marathon, a USATF-certified qualifying race in Washington, finishing with an impressive time of 2:49:16. The time was well under the two-hour fifty five minute qualifying standard required for the men's division at Boston. But getting to the starting line was nearly as difficult as completing the 26.2-mile race itself.

Brian began running competitively in 2010 as part of the Siuslaw Cross Country program in Florence, where he now serves as assistant coach alongside Chris Johnson. What began as a sport quickly became both an outlet and a source of meaningful connections. It was through the cross country program that Brian met his wife, Katelyn Wells, as well as her father, Dion Wells. Dion shared Brian's competitive spirit, and the two quickly bonded over their love of running.

In 2022, while competing in the McKenzie River Trail Run 50K, Dion confided in Brian that one of his lifelong goals was to qualify for the Boston Marathon. From that moment forward, their shared dream was set in motion.

Brian made his first attempt at a qualifying time in 2023 at the Rogue Valley Marathon in Southern Oregon. He finished just on the cusp of the cutoff but was not accepted into the following year's Boston race. Undeterred, he began training again.

That same year, however, Dion's health declined. He was diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer and was no longer able to compete. From then on, Brian adopted the mantra "no matter what" for both of them and trained with renewed determination. Sadly, Dion passed away

Photo provided



in early 2025 before seeing their shared dream realized.

The Tunnel Marathon near Snoqualmie Pass, Washington, is well known among runners for its high rate of Boston qualifiers. Determined to give himself the best opportunity, Brian and his wife traveled north for the race. Yet even then, the journey was not without obstacles. On race morning, their car broke down while they were camping in a remote area with limited cell service before dawn. After more than an hour of unsuccessful attempts to get the vehicle running — even with assistance from a tow truck — Brian faced the possibility of missing the race entirely. With few options left, and his mantra echoing in his mind, he made a split-second decision: he hitched a ride with the tow truck driver

to the starting line.

Fueled by months of grueling training, unwavering determination, and perhaps a surge of adrenaline from the morning's events, Brian ran a qualifying time and was officially accepted into the 2026 Boston Marathon.

Many thanks go out to those who have already supported Brian on this journey: his parents, Loni and Paul Schofield; his sister, Megan; Grandmother Nancy Flatley; friends Justin and Vanessa Flosi; Jim Archer; his mother-in-law, Alexis Wells; and especially his wife, Katelyn Wells. Brian also honors the memory of his father-in-law, Dion Wells, who began this journey with him.

And a special thank you as well to the members of Ada Grange for hosting this community event in support of Brian.

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# Florence man arrested in Dunes City after starting fire, fighting with deputy

**FROM LCSD**

On March 4th at 11 a.m., a Lane County Sheriff's deputy assigned to the Dunes contract responded to the 83700 block of Clear Lake Road, Dunes City, for a report of trespassing and reckless burning. An area resident reported a male entered their property, lit a brush pile on fire, and threatened the property owner. The suspect, Dustin Steven Lafrance, 34, of Florence, was also wanted

in other cases.

The deputy encountered Lafrance nearby on Clear Lake Road. As the deputy attempted to detain him, Lafrance pulled out a knife. The deputy was able avoid injury and separate himself from Lafrance, who then ran north on Clear Lake Road. The deputy gave chase



as officers and deputies responded.

A Florence Police officer located Lafrance on Huckleberry Lane and deployed a taser.

An Oregon State Trooper assisted with detaining him.

Lafrance was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on the following charges:

- Menacing
  - Unlawful Use of a Weapon
  - Trespass in the 2nd Degree
  - Reckless Burning
  - Theft in the 2nd Degree from a prior case
  - Probation Violations on convictions of Assault in the 4th Degree and Disorderly Conduct
- Thanks to the Florence Police Department and Oregon State Police for their assistance on this incident.

## ARREST

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service of the warrant as the primary suspect, Jason Scott Sprinkle, 35, of Florence, had attempted to flee and assaulted deputies in past contacts.

As deputies cleared the property, Sprinkle attempted to flee on foot while armed with a knife. He was initially pursued

by K9 Ripp, but encountered a detective on perimeter who deployed a taser. Sprinkle dropped the knife and was arrested without further incident.

During the search, deputies and officers located stolen property connected to several cases, as well as additional construction materials and tools that were out of place, but not identifiable to a specific case.

Several individuals were detained in addition to Sprinkle. After additional investigation, three suspects were arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail:

**Sprinkle was charged**

**with:**

- Theft in the 1st Degree
- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree
- Failure to Report as Sex Offender
- Possession of a Stolen Vehicle
- Parole Violation on an original conviction of Assault on a Public Safety Officer
- Jackson County Circuit Court warrant for Driving with a Revoked License
- Florence Municipal Court warrants for Reckless Driving, Recklessly Endangering Another Person,

and Providing False Information to a Police Officer

**Skeyla Aireann Wardrobe, 29, of Mapleton was arrested for:**

- Theft in the 1st Degree
- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree

**Kurt Dillon Eskildsen, 34, of Florence was arrested for:**

- Douglas County Circuit Court warrant for Trespass in the 2nd Degree
- Florence Police Department and Oregon State Police assisted.

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A sign at the location shows a prospective drawing of how Elm Park Apartments will look when done.



A prospective drawing of the hotel scheduled to be done in about a year.

## PROJECTS

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Of great interest to many who may soon reside there, the project will also include an onsite child care center, the Elm Park Early Learning Center.

Our Coastal Village president Layne Morrill previously explained that the center will feature four classrooms, two of which will be run by head start of Lane County, and two run by a community provider, serving those who are not eligible for Head Start.

"Overall, the main point is that this is a community- originated, and community-activated project," he told the City Council in 2025. "Long before I came on the scene, the City Council and others in the community had figured out what a serious problem we have with childcare and had taken big steps to try to figure it out and try to improve it in any way possible."

Elm Park Apartments, the residential component of Elm Park PUD, will include 32 affordable rental apartments, mostly two- and three-bedroom units, serving families with incomes between 30% and 60% of the area median income. Construction started in June 2025, and at last report, was expected to be complete in July 2027.

### HOTEL COMING ALONG

Meanwhile, in the field across from the Florence Events Center, the bottom floor of an 86-room Wyndham Microtel-branded hotel is starting to take shape, offering a basic idea about its future location, relative to the center.

Ground was broken for the project in December, but the plan to put a hotel there goes back to before the Events Center was constructed 30 years ago. Mayor Rob Ward has noted that when the event center was built, there was a vision to have a hotel across the street. After many revisions,

meetings, extensions and much work by the Florence Urban Renewal Agency, the contract was awarded to Braun Construction.

Braun Hospitality staff have said the project will create the "microtel" with 102 parking spaces, an outdoor patio and green space, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, stormwater detention and landscaping. The blue, tan and gray color scheme which incorporates historic requirements had been approved by a previous planning commission, staff said.

About a year ago, the City completed its Estuary Trail around the east side of the hotel's location, along the bank where the hillside meets the marshland. The trail is just over a quarter mile long and connects Quince Street South of the construction site to the edge of Highway 126 next to Munsel Creek.

Construction continues despite the rain, and completion is expected for Spring 2027.

# DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE

# CRISIS

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battling the challenges of severe hoarding. Over time, accumulated belongings created unsafe conditions throughout the home. Walkways narrowed, exits became blocked, and everyday activities like cooking, bathing, and sleeping grew increasingly difficult. Most concerning, the condition of the home prevented her from qualifying for in-home care services she needed in order to remain independent.

But this story began with courage. She asked for help — and WLCR answered.

From the first contact, WLCR responders focused on what they do best: meeting people where they are. Hoarding situations are deeply personal and often tied to grief, trauma, anxiety, and fear of losing control.



Rather than judgment, the team led with patience, respect, and trust-building, working alongside her to identify her goals — safety, dignity, and the ability to age in place.

Once a plan was created with her full consent, WLCR mobilized partners across the Florence community. What followed was nothing short of inspiring.

Florence Police

continued wellness checks while Adult Protective Services secured funding for a dumpster. Soon, an incredible network of support formed. Volunteers from Western Lane Fire & EMS, Florence Police, Oregon Coast Humane Society, Florentine Estates Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Hyak, and additional youth community members joined WLCR responders, donating their

time, strength, and heart to the effort.

Over one remarkable weekend, responders and volunteers worked side-by-side with the homeowner — sorting, lifting, encouraging, and restoring hope one room at a time. Donated items were redirected to support local organizations, ensuring even the cleanup continued helping others in the community.

And then, progress became visible.

The living room was cleared, restoring safe walkways and exits.

The kitchen and dining areas were reclaimed, allowing safe meal preparation.

The bathroom was restored to full, functional use.

What once felt overwhelming transformed into a safe and livable home.

That first night, the client shared that she danced in her living room — a simple moment that said everything about what had been restored.

For WLCR, this was far more than a cleanup. It was a powerful example of what crisis response truly means. Not every crisis involves sirens or emergency transports. Sometimes the most meaningful interventions happen through practical support, collaboration, and restoring stability before a crisis escalates.

Because of this collective effort, she can now move forward with qualifying for in-home care services, allowing her to remain safely in the home she loves. Just as importantly, she experienced something equally vital: her community showing up for her.

This success reflects the strength of Florence itself — neighbors helping neighbors, agencies working shoulder-to-shoulder, and a crisis response team committed to solutions that create lasting change.

Western Lane Crisis Response is proud to stand alongside our community partners in addressing complex needs with compassion, creativity, and collaboration.

This weekend showed what happens when people step forward together: When one person asks for help, an entire community can rise to meet them — and lives are changed because of it.

# NOMINEES

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pastor could be found at Cross Road Assembly. Fourteen years later, he has been a pastor, volunteer, and community supporter. His motto is, “he doesn’t just pastor a church, he aims to pastor the entire town.” He served on numerous boards and was the first to be called when there were crises at the police department and the high school. Dale was instrumental in establishing and supporting Backpack for Kids, along with other programs for the community. His global leadership roles included building 15 churches internationally. He understands the need to serve and build relationships. He is a true servant leader. The footprint of Pastor Dale will be remembered far beyond his time in Florence.

### Gayle Sisson

Gayle Sisson has worked to improve the City of Florence and promote tourism since 1996. She has been a business owner, sommelier, restaurant manager and chef, a fundraiser, and ambassador. Over the years, Gayle has participated in the Florence Farmers Market, Chowder Blues & Brews Festival, Florence’s Fourth of July fireworks and pie- and watermelon-eating contests, Merchants of Old Town, Florence Community Garden, Heceta Head Lighthouse, Soup Brigade, and efforts to bring beautification and other amenities to Old Town. For immediate release – March 2, 2026 3 She is a member and president elect of P.E.O., which supports women re-entering the workforce,

pursuing higher education, attending college, and graduating from high school. Her leadership, generosity, and unwavering dedication have made a lasting and meaningful impact on Florence, making her an outstanding nominee for Florence First Citizen.

### Sally Wantz

Sally Wantz is an active member of several boards and committees, and a past member of even more. She has served on the Western Lane Community Foundation, is a current Florence City Councilor, and joined the board of the Siuslaw Childcare Friends to oversee the operation of the new Elm Park Early Learning Center. Sally lives these leadership qualities each day at home and in the bigger world: adaptability, authenticity, clear communication, collaboration, compassionate, consistency, courage, decisiveness, empathy, enthusiasm, financial stewardship, inspiration, integrity, innovation, long-term vision, resilience, results orientation, self-awareness, sense of humor, strategic thinking, team building, transparency, trustworthiness, and unlimited energy. She has a heart for children and laid the foundation for much of the current work being done to secure child care in our region.

### Mike Webb

Mike Webb is a community leader that organizations depend on when forming new endeavors: the Florence Urban Renewal Agency, Siuslaw Vision, Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association, and combining ambulance and fire services into Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority. He is a Rotarian, City Councilor,

and board member, helping lead projects and raise funds. In his 27+ years at Oregon Pacific Bank, Mike has been instrumental in helping small businesses thrive and survive. He has proven his dedication to our community through the support he has given to local youth, city service organizations, education advancement, environmental projects, economic development, and supporting local business owners and entrepreneurs. Mike would never be the one to toot his own horn, but he is always there leading in the front row of the band.

### Greg Wood

Greg Wood “Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach him to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.” Greg is teaching our less well-equipped neighbors how to fish. He has a heart for vulnerable and disadvantaged adults, families, and children and has produced tangible results manifested in physical shelters. Through developing and leading First Step Florence since 2018, Greg has helped over 70 local families with children who have struggled with housing insecurity. First Step provides transitional housing and programs to improve budgeting, employment, and parenting skills. As pastor of the Presbyterian Community Church, he opened the church doors for the community. As an advocate for the unhoused, he has collaborated with the City, Siuslaw Outreach Services, Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students, and more to improve services. 2026

### FUTURE FIRST CITIZEN NOMINEE BIOS

#### Nyx Harklerode

Nyx Harklerode has a

strong desire to help solve society’s most challenging issues while encouraging others to join the process. She enjoys reading and learning, plays soccer, articulates her thoughts well, and is self-motivated. She greets others with a cheerful ‘hello’ and a warm, genuine smile. She is exceptionally caring, a very good listener, and empathetic beyond her years. Nyx is involved in leadership activities in school and in the community. She is a member of National Honor Society, the Environment Club, Kiwanis Key Club, and the Gender and Sexuality Alliance. In the community, she serves on the board of Safe Shelters for Siuslaw Students, is a volunteer stage hand for elementary school performances at the FEC, and is a volunteer at summer camps.

### Adylin Holbrook

Adylin Holbrook serves others in many ways, but never calls attention to herself or her accomplishments. She particularly enjoys working with youth through church groups and summer camps. As a counselor and volunteer with youth, she exhibits her strong leadership abilities and offers exemplary in offering guidance to children. For immediate release – March 2, 2026 5 Ady is hard-working, friendly, and even-tempered. She is quite adventurous and enjoys trying new activities and exploring new places. She is also a talented athlete, especially as a runner. She has excelled in cross-country and track throughout her high school years. Ady is an outstanding student, who will graduate with a notably high grade-point average and valedictorian

status. She chooses the most challenging classes and then works hard to reach the highest level of success.

### Danin Lacouture

Danin Lacouture is an asset to Siuslaw High School, excelling as a scholar, athlete, and leader. She is president of the Siuslaw Rotary Interact Club, leading this group while also finding ways to share responsibilities with others and help them to grow, and coordinated the Veteran’s Day Assembly. Danin is a talented athlete and a leader in a variety of sports. She has been a standout in wrestling, track and field, and volleyball. Her accomplishments include a state championship title in shot put, a third-place finish at a state meet in wrestling, and a seventh-place finish in state competition in the discus throw. There are no limits to her talents or her energy. She has achieved many milestones while taking our most challenging classes.

### Camden Linton

Camden Linton is an intellectually and academically gifted student. He has excelled in his courses and has enjoyed many volunteer leadership positions at SHS. Camden is sincere, friendly, kind, and willing to help others. He takes initiative – at school, in sports, and in outside activities such as the gutter cleaning business he started or being a day trader. He is athletically talented, participating in four sports each year. Camden also has the unique distinction

of participating annually in a trip with his family to Grenada or Nicaragua to help provide volunteer dental care for children in need. Camden enjoys these trips and the opportunities to serve others. In fact, service to others is a way of life for him.

### Jacob Mann

Jacob Mann is a talented, hard-working, and athletic young man. He has taken nearly all of our most challenging courses. He has learned about construction while working in a family-owned business, including framing, roofing, concrete work, and more. He has also learned to repair dirt bikes and other sand dune vehicles. Jacob is friendly, socially skilled, and well-liked. He is a positive peer leader who understands and appreciates the value of leadership by example. He has been a team captain in football, baseball, and wrestling. He is knowledgeable about many topics and stays well-informed. Jacob enjoys volunteering at school and in the community. He is particularly effective with children, coaching them in wrestling and assisting with community activities.

*The Florence First / Future First Citizen Celebration Committee, 2026 Committee Members: Laurel Ferguson, Tasha Metzler, Chantelle Meyer Past First Citizens: Jenna Bartlett, Mike Bones, Kim Erickson, Kay King, Rachel Pearson, Lisa Walter Sedlacek, Cindy Wobbe*

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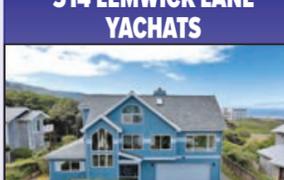
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<p><b>83391 SOUTH COVE DR.</b></p>  <p>Spacious Pacific NW contemporary style. Amazing center atrium. 1 level home. 4 Bed/3.5 Bath, 4224 SF.</p> <p><b>\$1,220,000</b></p>	<p><b>1690 32ND ST.</b></p>  <p>Beautifully maintained end-unit townhouse in desirable Oak Street Commons. 2 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1328 SF.</p> <p><b>\$317,500</b></p>	<p><b>1570 KALLA KALLA CT.</b></p>  <p>Well maintained &amp; affordable located on a cul-de-sac. New roof in 2023. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1100 SF.</p> <p><b>\$349,500</b></p>	<p><b>480 SHERWOOD LOOP</b></p>  <p>Situated on large corner lot. Home has flexible open floor plan for dining &amp; living area. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1494 SF.</p> <p><b>\$434,900</b></p>
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<p><b>1651 29TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Completely remodeled and move-in ready! Large fenced yard + covered patio. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1076 SF.</p> <p><b>\$390,000</b></p>	<p><b>5270 NOPAL ST.</b></p>  <p>Like new. Former model home-never lived in. Quiet neighborhood. 3 Bed/2 Bath. 1404 S.F</p> <p><b>\$398,000</b></p>	<p><b>88390 BELLEVUE DR.</b></p>  <p>Stunning newly built home on over 6 acres of trees and dunes. RV hook-up with 400 amp panel. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1940 SF.</p> <p><b>\$965,000</b></p>	<p><b>49 EASY STREET</b></p>  <p>Beautifully maintained 4-slide 5th wheel with extensive upgrades. Storage shed w/ power. Coast Village amenities.</p> <p><b>\$199,900</b></p>	<p><b>87650 SALTAIRE ST.</b></p>  <p>Spacious one owner Idlewood home. Hardwood floors &amp; new carpet. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1490 SF.</p> <p><b>\$520,000</b></p>
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<p><b>1601 RHODODENDRON DR. #654</b></p>  <p>1993 Golden West double-wide. New roof in 2024. All appliances included. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1080 SF.</p> <p><b>\$310,000</b></p>	<p><b>4837 SEAPINE DR.</b></p>  <p>Immaculate 1802 SF home. Remodeled kitchen. Extra lot w/garage/shop. .67 acres total. 3 Bed/2 Bath.</p> <p><b>\$499,999</b></p>	<p><b>289 HARBOR ST.</b></p>  <p>Charming home in Old Town with upstairs apt. One block from the marina. 2 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1752 SF.</p> <p><b>\$495,000</b></p>	<p><b>1080 BAY ST. #19</b></p>  <p>Bay Bridge Condo with River views. Covered porch. Dedicated parking space and storage unit. 2 Bed/2 Bath. 1048 SF.</p> <p><b>\$439,000</b></p>	<p><b>87803 SANDRIFT ST.</b></p>  <p>Cozy Idlewood cottage on a corner lot. Dead end street w/ private backyard. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1084 SF. 3 car garage.</p> <p><b>\$399,999</b></p>
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<p><b>4948 OCEANA DR.</b></p>  <p>Surrounded by lush vegetation for privacy. Hardwood floors and built-ins throughout. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1568 SF.</p> <p><b>\$439,900</b></p>	<p><b>1277 BAY STREET</b></p>  <p>Rare offering. Quaint Bay St. building currently rented. Prime location on "Restaurant Row". Shown by appt. only.</p> <p><b>\$392,500</b></p>	<p><b>1576 12TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Spacious and versatile commercial property in prime central location. Former SOS building.</p> <p><b>\$565,000</b></p>	<p><b>2217 HWY 101</b></p>  <p>Building for sale. 120 FT of Highway frontage &amp; ample off street parking.</p> <p><b>\$600,000</b></p>	<p><b>2230 KINGWOOD ST.</b></p>  <p>Rare &amp; coveted income opportunity! Leased thru 3/31/2028. Professional office interior. 4900 SF.</p> <p><b>\$625,000</b></p>
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## Tide Table

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

High.....2:11 a.m.....8.3  
Low.....8:50 a.m.....-0.5  
High.....3:03 p.m.....6.7  
Low.....8:39 p.m.....1.6

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

High.....2:46 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....9:36 a.m.....-0.6  
High.....3:57 p.m.....6.3  
Low.....9:17 p.m.....2.3

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

High.....3:25 a.m.....8.4  
Low.....10:29 a.m.....-0.5  
High.....4:58 p.m.....5.8  
Low.....9:58 p.m.....2.9

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

High.....4:11 a.m.....8.1  
Low.....11:30 a.m.....-0.2  
High.....6:11 p.m.....5.4  
Low.....10:51 p.m.....3.5

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

High.....5:07 a.m.....7.7  
Low.....12:42 p.m.....0.1  
High.....7:39 p.m.....5.2

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Low.....12:08 a.m.....3.9  
High.....6:20 a.m.....7.2  
Low.....2:00 p.m.....0.2  
High.....9:09 p.m.....5.4

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Low.....1:51 a.m.....3.9  
High.....7:47 a.m.....6.9  
Low.....3:11 p.m.....0.1  
High.....10:14 p.m.....5.9

## Florence's Claire Lindell earns national recognition as part of Linfield University's cheer team

From LINFIELD UNIVERSITY

The Linfield University cheer team brought home a pair of fifth-place trophies from the 2026 USA Collegiate Championships, held Feb. 21-22 in Anaheim, California. The Wildcats earned a fifth place finish in the Game Day Situational Sideline/Cheer College and Game Day Band Chant categories.

Among the students competing for Linfield was Claire Lindell of Florence, OR. Lindell is a first-year student, majoring in psychology.



Claire Lindell, pictured with the Linfield University cheer team, in the second row, 5th from left.

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## Siuslaw's boys battle till the end

Will LOHRE  
Siuslaw News

After knocking on the door of the postseason in previous seasons, the Vikings boys basketball team broke through, earning the program's first playoff appearance in at least 12 years.

Head Coach Dylan Perry and his team fought hard all season, and when the chips were down, his team went all in, winning six games in a row to earn a first-round playoff game.

"It meant a lot to see our guys battle through adversity this season and keep focused on their goal of making the state tournament," Perry said. "They did everything that I asked of them all year long, and they were rewarded for that."

The Vikings fought back after starting 2-3 in the Far West League,

with losses coming to Sutherlin (Jan. 15), South Umpqua (Jan. 27), and Douglas (Feb. 2). After the overtime loss against Douglas, the Vikings flipped the switch, winning each of their final five league games, including wins over each of the opponents they'd previously lost to.

The final piece of redemption came in the League Playoff game against South Umpqua on Feb. 21. In each of the last two seasons, Siuslaw fell at the final hurdle, losing league playoff matches in 2024 and 2025. This time, the Vikings pulled through, winning a thriller against the Lancers to earn their spot in the bracket, coming out on top 56-55.

In the first round of the state tournament, 18-seeded Siuslaw faced 15th-seeded Santiam Christian. The Vikings

had to play away from home, and the Eagles proved a formidable foe. In an intense battle, Santiam Christian came out on top, 72-53, ending Siuslaw's season.

Despite the loss, Perry complimented his players on the effort they showed in a tough environment.

"I thought that the boys played extremely hard and fought to the very end," Perry said. "They are a very talented team, with a senior-heavy roster as well. It was a very physical game, and it is hard to win a playoff game on the road."

Siuslaw ended the season with a 17-10 record, with a 7-3 record in the Far West League. It was the second consecutive season in which the Vikings finished with 17 wins.

Powering Siuslaw to one of its best seasons in years were the program's

leaders. The leadership and impact contributions of Micah Blankenship, Asher Borgnino, and Jericho Lake were recognized throughout the Far West League, with each player receiving All-League honors. Blankenship and Lake each received 1st Team All League plaudits, and Borgnino was named as part of the 2nd Team All League.

Lake was one of the driving forces for the Vikings this season, leading the team in scoring at 17.1 points per game and leading the team in rebounds with 7.2 boards a night. Blankenship was the team's Swiss army knife, chipping in per game league averages of 13.3 points, 4.7 rebounds, 4.1 assists, and 1.8 steals. Borgnino was the team's third leading scorer, putting up 9 points per game to go with 4.1 rebounds.

While those three players received recognition, Perry said he felt there were other Vikings who didn't get the recognition they deserved.

"I thought a couple of our other guys deserved to be recognized by all-league. However, how the league works, I get to nominate players, and then all of the other coaches vote on who they believe are the all-league players. Each coach can only nominate their players, and then not be allowed to cast a vote for their own players," Perry explained.

**Other notable contributors for the Vikings, and their league stats were:**

**Senior Tom Morgan:** 7.5 points per game, 2.2 steals per game

**Owen Burt:** 5.4 points per game, 5.6

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## Siuslaw girls conclude competitive season

Will LOHRE  
Siuslaw News

The 2026 Siuslaw girls' basketball team finished with one of its best campaigns in over a decade, but the real highlight for first-year Head Coach Amanda Richards was the growth her team exhibited throughout the season.

With her first year behind her, Richards expressed gratitude for the chance to take the step up as head coach and marveled at the commitment of her young team.

"This season was amazing, and I cannot fully explain how proud and grateful I am for the opportunity I was given to take over this

program," Richards said. "The group of girls I had this season was everything I could have asked for. They worked hard every single day. They were hungry to improve, eager to learn, and willing to do the hard things—the repetitive fundamental drills that helped strengthen our overall game. We improved every time we stepped on the court."

Siuslaw concluded the 2025-2026 campaign with an 8-17 record, a five-win improvement over last year's 3-21 finish. Zooming in on the Far West League, Siuslaw's 3-7 league record was the best mark for the Vikings since they finished 4-8 in 2014.

"I was honestly

surprised to hear that this was one of the best seasons the program has had since 2013-2014. Our focus was never strictly on wins and losses—it was on growth," Richards said. "However, the wins came because the girls committed themselves to working hard every single day."

The most important measure of success for Richards was the way her team learned from mistakes and continued to develop. Though there were losses throughout the season, the lessons stayed with her team.

"If we lost because we were out-rebounded, we made sure that did not happen again. That is growth, and that is improvement," Richards

said. "There was not a single loss that we did not learn from and grow from."

In a winter with plenty of highlights, one of Richards' favorite moments came when the Vikings won the Kringle Classic in Gold Beach. As part of their prep for league play, Siuslaw played two tournament games in mid-December, facing Riddle and Gold Beach. Siuslaw won both games, blowing out Riddle 52-15 and then taking down the hosts in a tight matchup, taking home the tournament title with a 57-53 victory.

Another standout night from the season was the win against South Umpqua on Feb. 13. Siuslaw lost by 20 when

the two teams squared off on Jan. 27, but bolstered by the Florence faithful, Siuslaw repaid the favor on home court. The Vikings beat the Lancers 51-42, notching their highest scoring Far West game of the season, and showing how much the team had improved in less than a month.

"Those were special moments for the girls and a reflection of how much work they put in throughout the season," Richards said.

One of the most compelling aspects of this team is its youth. Siuslaw will graduate just one senior, Captain Mia Snider, who missed much of the year through

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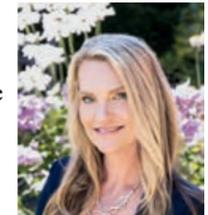
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- Urologist Dr. Bryan Methylatt attends.
- Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday) 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant
- Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.

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# Community Briefs

## Hands-on demonstrations and live music

Join us for an afternoon of hands-on demonstrations and live music on Saturday, March 21, 2026! From noon to 4 PM, experience the fascinating world of traditional craftsmanship at the Museum in Old Town Florence, OR.

Featured Demonstrations:  
Treadle Sewing Machine: See a vintage sewing machine in action and learn about its history and techniques.  
Vintage machine from the Hurd mansion  
Soap Making: Discover the art of homemade soap made with wood stove ash.  
Enjoy live music throughout the afternoon.

All are welcome!  
TR Kelly of music fame will be signing & playing her "treadle sewing machine song."  
March 21, 2026 Time: Noon - 4 p.m., in the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, Old Town Florence 2nd & Maple Street.

## First Step Florence & Florence Goodwill Store Fundraiser

For one week- March 22 to March 28 the Florence Goodwill store at 1310 Hwy 101, will match all donations to the First Step Florence donation "round up" campaign. So while spring cleaning please make a donation to your local Goodwill store then do some shopping while you're there and

"round up" your purchase cost to benefit First Step's transitional housing for families with children. Your donations change lives!

## Mapleton Community Foundation grant applications now available

Mapleton Community Foundation" grant applications and guidelines for 2026 are available at the Mapleton and Deadwood Post Offices and at the Mapleton Library on Thursdays from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. The deadline for submission is April 15th, 2026.  
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## GIRLS

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rebounds per game  
**Eddie Osorio:** 3 points per game  
While the playoff game was an occasion for the record books, Perry said the thing that will stick with him from this season

is the connection he forged with the players. That bond is what makes all the time and effort worthwhile.  
"I will remember this year for all of the great young men I had the opportunity to coach. Coaching basketball is very rewarding when you see all of the hard work and sacrifices these guys

make, and I couldn't be more proud," Perry said. "I will remember the relationships that I've built with them, and that always means the most to me."  
Looking ahead to the offseason, Perry said he hopes next year's returners will start putting in the work early. A steady regimen in the

weight room and time on the court honing their skills will go a long way toward building off the momentum of this season. Perry also said the team will get together in the summer for a few weeks to give the returners a chance to play together and get an idea of what the squad may look like come December.

While it's still a long way off, Perry is already looking forward to what next year's team can accomplish.  
"I am very excited about what roster we have coming back next year and expect this new group to be competitive for another league title run and playoff opportunity," Perry said.

## GIRLS

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injury. One indication of the young talent on the squad was that three Vikings were selected for All-League awards.  
Junior Captain Aidell Cadet and freshman

Ryleigh Panschow were each named to the 2nd Team All League in the Far West, and sophomore Avey Hulet received an honorable mention. Next year will be one to watch as almost the entire core will be along to run it back.  
"I am extremely excited for this group and the

years ahead. With everyone returning, we will be able to focus on building even further at the beginning of next season and be better prepared for competition," Richards said. "Our defense was already solid this season—imagine what it will look like in two or three years when this group has

been running it together that long."  
From beginning to end, the Vikings got to show what they were made of, and the team played its best basketball at the end of the schedule. After starting winless through their first four league games, the Vikings went .500 the rest of the way, going 3-3 down the stretch.  
While they don't have any more games on the schedule, this team has plenty of basketball ahead of them in the years to come. Richards was sure

to make sure her group was ready for the ride when the final buzzer sounded.  
"At the end of the season, my message to the team was simple: we are not done. We will keep working and keep getting better. We have so much potential to change this program, and the journey ahead is going to be special," Richards said. "We set goals this season and met every one of them. Next year, we will set new goals, and we will work together to achieve those as well."



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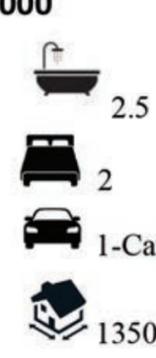
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“Our dazzling performers are excited to share what they’ve been working on,” said Melanie Heard, Artistic Director of C.R.O.W. “This program reflects the dedication of our teachers, choreographers, students, and guest artists, and the continued growth of our professional

caliber dance program.”

The showcase will include original choreography by Heard, along with class performances in Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, and Hip Hop. Soloists, small groups, and special guests will also take the stage.

C.R.O.W. proudly celebrates its 15th season this year after the non-profit organization was founded in 2011.

Tickets are available by calling (541) 997-1994 or online at eventcenter.org. For more information, visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com).



# Federal litigations spurs floodplain code continuance

By TONY REED  
The Siuslaw News

After many meetings and revisions, the Florence City Council opted to move consideration of floodplain code amendments to June, due to ongoing litigation at the federal level

Community Development Director Wendy Farley Campbell explained that the Floodplain Management Model Code topic has been before the council and Planning Commission several times in the last year.

“What we’re doing is the result of a settlement from a 2009 litigation between what is now the Bird Alliance of Oregon, formerly the Audubon Society of Oregon, which was litigating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for not protecting endangered species,” she said. “They came to a settlement, and the agreement was that they would consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Marine Fisheries (NMF) to come up with a plan to reduce effects on endangered species.”

She said six years later, FEMA gave NOAA a plan to review. She explained that in 2021, the National Environmental Policy Act

process started, so they had to share information with other federal agencies for consistencies in protection.

“To avoid further litigation by persons concerned for the endangered species, they implemented what’s called PICM, or the Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures, and said, ‘We have this NEPA process that’s going to take a while to try to address threatened and endangered species and be proactive, they came up with this process. So that’s what we’re here about tonight and ... at these other hearings, to implement PICM.’”

Farley-Campbell explained that in the end, the NEPA process may produce a different outcome, to varying degrees.

She said code edits were made to protect endangered species.

She said that since the city provides federally-backed flood insurance for some of its residents, property owners and those using federally-backed mortgages, it needs to update its code to comply with FEMA policies. She said the goal of code changes is to achieve no net loss, when it comes to adding fill material to a coastal site. No net loss is defined as being “a standard we’re

adverse impacts must be avoided or offset through

adherence to certain requirements so that there is no net change in the function from the existing condition when a developed application is submitted to the state, tribal, or local jurisdiction. The floodplain functions of floodplain storage, water quality, and vegetation must be maintained..”

Legal Counsel Carrie Connelly said she advised other cities about the process when they were going through it, and later, going through implementation measures. She said that while other cities did implement or adopt changes to their codes, the prolonged shutdown of government in 2025 resulted in an extension of the FEMA review process to March 25, 2026. She said FEMA is very understaffed, which doesn’t seem to be a priority of the current administration. She added that President Trump signed an order pushing the FEMA review out further, even though it’s necessary to conclude the NEPA review mentioned earlier.

She said in the interim, Oregonians for Floodplain Protection held litigation against FEMA. The courts put an indefinite stay on it, and another extension has been requested.

“Given this really uncertain environment, it’s difficult to advise you what to do,”

Connelly said, noting that staff is moving toward another continuance, pending future legal determinations.

She said a risk of doing nothing is that advocacy groups may claim the city is not doing all it can to hold developers responsible for floodplain impacts.

“On the other side, if we move forward with these proposed amendments, developers could claim that your direction you’re currently responding to is unclear and tied up in this litigation, so it’s kind of a Catch 22.”

She said other jurisdictions are adopting a “wait and see approach.”

Farley-Campbell said legal counsel provided a form that can be given to developers that explains the current situation.

After reviewing the number of various meetings and actions leading up to the March 2 meeting, Farley Campbell explained that the affected properties are those known to be in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Those interested can do detailed searches for affected properties at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

After reviewing proxies and code section alternatives, the council voted unanimously to follow staff’s recommendation to continue the public hearing to June 1, 2026.

# CHEER

From Page B1

Started in 1997, the USA Collegiate Championships bring together teams from four-year and community colleges, with teams competing against schools from all athletic divisions. Nearly 1,000 collegiate student-athletes compete in nearly 15 divisions.

Twenty-three members of cheer team - representing three states and more than 11 academic majors - traveled to Anaheim for the competition. The trip was made possible through the support of the Linfield community, including students, staff, faculty and administration.

The team’s results continue a pattern of strong performances on a national stage for the cheer and dance programs. The cheer team competed at the UCA College Cheerleading Nationals in 2022 and 2024. In their most recent appearance, the team earned a top 20 finish in the Open All

Girl Game Day category. Last year, Linfield’s dance team earned fifth place at the 2025 College Classic National Tournament.

“It’s always so rewarding to represent Linfield

in a positive light, but there was something special about doing it at USA Nationals 2026,” senior captain Miki Dunham said. “Being a part of this team the last four years

has helped me grow as a person and as an athlete, I am so lucky to have been surrounded by such amazing teammates pushing me to my best every single day.”



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# HAVE FUN! BEACH SAFE!

## 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 area.

**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 [visiting the tidetable website at the Hatfield Marine Science Center](http://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 sea.

**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 edge.

## 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 slides.

**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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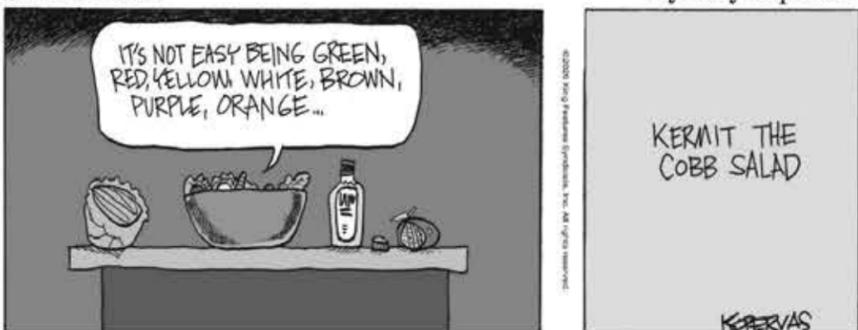
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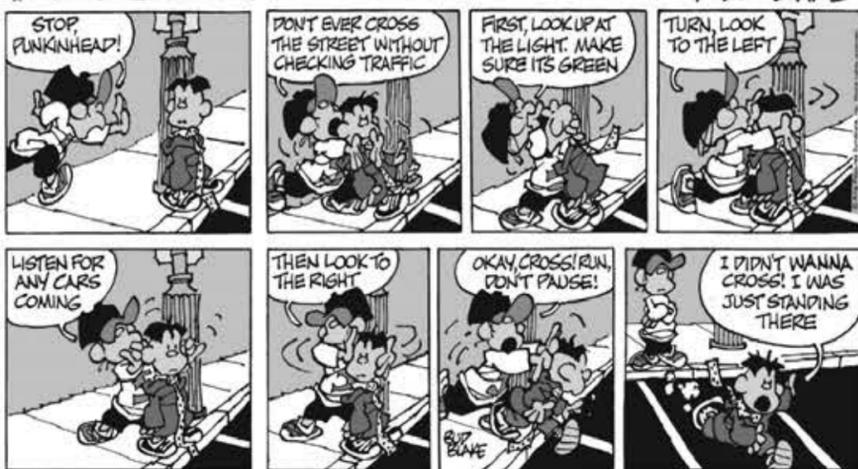
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**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: S equals O

H ZQ RSSCNE SU JVPEWHUK  
VRN RHJVSLW ST STTBHZD  
CHUKDW ENBLNNJ. H KPNJJ  
H'Q ZU NEHBV ZEEHBV.

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Makes a choice
- 5 Pear-shaped fruit
- 8 "The Black Prince" author Murdoch
- 12 High point
- 13 Hostel
- 14 Central point
- 15 "Citadel" actress Chopra
- 17 Only
- 18 Brooch
- 19 Rappers' improvisations
- 21 Signaled "Hi!"
- 24 — Bator
- 25 Battery fluid
- 26 Female royal
- 30 Roulette bet
- 31 Carried on, as war
- 32 Pickles on "Rugrats"
- 33 Inmate
- 35 Chorus syllables
- 36 "I dropped the fruitcake!"
- 37 How distant stars shine
- 38 Politico Nancy
- 41 Parcel of land
- 42 Latin 101 word



**DOWN**

- 1 Antonym (Abbr.)
- 2 Capita lead-in
- 3 — chi
- 4 Used a Zoom alternative
- 5 Twain hero
- 6 Squid squirt
- 7 More knotted, as a tree
- 8 Harmonious
- 9 Leeway
- 10 Between jobs
- 11 Beholds
- 16 Help
- 20 Royal flush, e.g.
- 21 Get bent out of shape
- 22 Computer brand
- 23 Caesar's "I saw"
- 24 Implores
- 26 Primitive flutes
- 27 Wax-coated cheese
- 28 Ledge
- 29 Do in
- 31 Courts
- 34 Mollify
- 35 Lengthy list
- 37 — Perignon
- 38 Leaf
- 39 Flightless birds
- 40 Endure
- 41 Easter bloom
- 44 Classic car
- 45 Dead heat
- 46 Sinusitis doc
- 47 Six, in Sicily

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Magic Flute"?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Wuthering Heights"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which sport uses a shuttlecock?
4. MATH: What is the next prime number after 11?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Pearl Harbor located?
6. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the World Wide Web?
7. SCIENCE: What is the name for plants that live for two years?
8. MOVIES: What is Jack-Jack's real name in "The Incredibles"?
9. ACRONYMS: What does VPN stand for?
10. ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?

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**SCRAMBLERS**

Today's Word

3. Snudge: 4. Nurse  
1. Snare: 2. Ripen

solution

D	N	V	A	S
D	E	A	T	S
S	L	A	V	E
D	E	L	A	D
E	G	E	O	L
G	L	O	B	E

FiveSpot solution

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

Answer

**Weekly SUDOKU**

CryptoQuip answer  
I am hooked on studying the history of official Kingly decrees. I guess I'm an edict addict.



Solution time: 23 mins.

**Answers**

**King Crossword**

- 1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- 2. Emily Brontë
- 3. Badminton
- 4. 13
- 5. Oahu, Hawaii
- 6. Tim Berners-Lee
- 7. Biennials
- 8. John Jackson Parr
- 9. Virtual Private Network
- 10. Ganymode of Jupiter



**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!

- Trap: NEARS
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- Smear: DUGEMS
- Tend: RUNES

**TODAY'S WORD**

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3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1292 SqFt. Well-maintained home with vaulted family room, modern updates, and inviting comfortable living spaces. #3735-294808484



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2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1188 SqFt. Charming open floor plan home on .2 acres, fenced yard, RV parking, workshop garage. #3746-612288341



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2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 984 SqFt. Bay Bridge condo with river and dune views, pellet stove, patio, storage shed. #3743-159787344



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**4990 Mitchell Loop Rd. - \$499,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2665 SqFt. Custom ranch style home with open living, sunroom, and garage with RV parking. #3695-161538459



**88426 2nd Ave. - \$710,000**

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



**5262 Nopal St. - \$430,000**

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



**65 Shoreline Dr. - \$750,000**

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



**1699 27th St. #5 - \$79,000**

2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 924 SqFt. Well kept manufactured home in Ocean Breeze Park with sunroom, fenced backyard, and alley access. #3723-583761940



**87830 Terrace View Dr. - \$435,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1482 SqFt. Shop/Garage, RV Garage with 30 AMP, private covered deck, enclosed sunroom/greenhouse. #3702-456128863



**179 Outer Dr. - \$296,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1100 SqFt. Peaceful Coast Village home with natural light, cozy spaces, garden paths, and convenient amenities. #3716-756515536



**1600-29 Rhododendron Dr. - \$249,000**

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1308 SqFt. Inviting 55+ retreat featuring pellet stove, efficient heating, new appliances, covered deck, workshop. #3698-344579839



**290 Harbor St. - \$1,599,000**

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3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2280 SqFt. Manufactured home with attached garage, sun porch, workshop and covered RV/boat storage. #3729-220740617



**4838 Lake Blvd. - \$925,000**

3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 1884 SqFt. Large turnkey home with Siltcoos Lake views, boathouse/dock and RV Parking. #3700-717794144



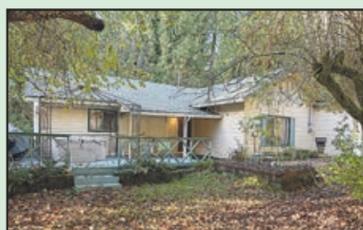
**238 Horseshoe Bend - \$179,500**

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 500 SqFt. Nice corner lot with RV hookups. Home is well cared for with bonus room and garden. #3690-524301067



**89510 Hwy 101 #23 - \$60,000**

2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 924 SqFt. Spacious, clean, and affordable. Appliances included. Lake access. Move-in ready condition. #3679-545143954



**87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000**

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



**89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000**

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



**87675 Hwy 101 #5 - \$28,000**

2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, 684 SqFt. Single-wide mobile-only in Heceta Village Park, sold as-is, fixer-upper, renovation opportunity. #3731-628167206



**100 Rhododendron Dr - \$865,000**

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



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