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Music Fest spotlights new talent



Midnight 45 brought speed and energy to the FEC stage.

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While ticket sales were a bit below last year’s numbers, attendees had a great time at the Winter Music Festival last weekend in the Florence Events Center. According to Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment (FACE) President Rachel Pearson, said Friday night ticket sales were less than expected, likely due to name recognition. She said that while a couple of the groups weren’t as well-known as others, they were still amazing.

“That was Thunder and

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The Burnett Sisters Band highlighted harmonies and masterful solos. Mark Huddleston photos.

WLFEA selects Rob Chance as next Chief



Rob Chance

FROM WLFEA

The Board of Directors of the Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority (WLFEA) is pleased to announce the selection of Rob Chance as the organization’s next Fire and EMS Chief, effective July 1, 2026.

The Board voted 7-1 at their Jan 22 Board meeting to select Chance based on his demonstrated leadership, operational experience, and commitment to community-focused fire and emergency medical services. The process was open to internal candidates and consisted of an interview panel and a thorough evaluation of professional qualifications and leadership philosophy. The single opposing vote was cast by Director Keith Stanton who

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County buys out lease for new treatment facility

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The Lane County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved delegating the county administrator to execute a lease buyout agreement at the former Workmen’s Comp. building, which the county plans to use as a methadone drug treatment facility. The procedural item was included on the consent calendar with other items for blanket approval.

In January, county staff came to Florence to explain the purpose and plan for reusing the former Workmen’s Comp. building located at 4480 Highway 101, suite G.

“On June 6, 2025, the Board approved an Order delegating authority to the County Administrator to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of real

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Walkout America observed



Submitted by
CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY

Florence residents among the local non-partisan group, Citizens in Support of Democracy, gathered outside City Hall, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 20th, as part of a national general strike, following the Martin Luther King holiday.

Many others from Florence Indivisible also stood at the corner of Hwy 101 and 126 in observance of the Tuesday walkout, which marked the one-year anniversary of the President’s inauguration.

The protest was organized nationally by the Women’s March and 50501 groups, which involved Americans walking out of work, school, and commerce at 2 p.m. local time to oppose the federal administration’s policies.

“I think it’s important that we stand together

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Siuslaw News Editor speaks loud and clear from his sick bed

By BOB HORNEY

Tony, thank you for sharing your overwhelming encounter with the “real world” of current diseases that are impacting people globally. Regardless of which illness affected you, I want to express my heartfelt wishes for your full and complete recovery. Your words describing the misery you experienced serve as an important reminder that threats such as COVID-19, RSV, and the flu are still very much present and concerning. Reading about what you have endured made me pause and reflect on my own situation: at 87 years old and living with a compromised immune

system due to low Gamma Globulin levels, I seriously questioned whether I would have survived an ordeal as severe as yours with my weekly home infusions. My concerns are heightened when I recall the advice of my immunologist, Dr. Kraig Jacobson, who emphasized the crucial role of Gamma Globulin as a long-term defender against COVID-19. During blood work conducted in February 2016, Dr. Jacobson observed that my body was not producing enough Gamma Globulin. He recommended starting infusions of Hizentra, a form of Gamma Globulin derived from the blood

of generous donors. At that time, my Gamma Globulin level was extremely low at 373 mg/dL, compared to the normal range of 650 to 1600 mg/dL. We began treatment as soon as possible after the necessary arrangements were made. I was given the option of receiving infusions at the hospital once a month or learning to perform hour-long infusions at home on a weekly basis. I opted for home infusions, which have been a true blessing. The process involves inserting three subcutaneous needles into my abdomen, securing them in place, and using a pump to deliver seven grams of Hizentra over the course

of an hour. My first home infusion took place on June 24, 2016, and by August 29, 2016, my Gamma Globulin level had risen to 901 mg/dL, well within the normal range. My most recent blood draw on December 18, 2025, showed my Gamma Globulin at 1038 mg/dL, remaining stable in the mid-normal range. Reed’s experience with a disabling illness serves as a reminder that these diseases are still present among us. His advice to be cautious around elderly individuals when feeling unwell is especially valuable. While it is essential to look after your own health, it is equally important to consider the well-being of

others, as Tony recommends. In today’s world, this has become much easier compared to the past, thanks to virtual platforms like Zoom and Teams, which allow us to communicate face-to-face with loved ones, including weekly calls with my son and his spouse in California. When COVID-19 emerged in 2020, I made the decision to suspend our prostate cancer support group meetings for two key reasons. First, gathering everyone in one room increased our exposure to anything left behind by previous occupants. Second, checking on each other, face to face, before and after our meetings with Dr.

Mehlhoff was a central part of our group, and as Reed noted, people are most contagious during early stages of illness—often before they even realize they are sick. Many of us also have additional health conditions that compromise our immune systems, further increasing our vulnerability. Dealing with prostate cancer was enough! I didn’t need to compound it. With that great advice from Editor Reed, I will close with this: If you need information regarding prostate cancer, please send me an email at: 47maribob38@gmail.com or give me a call at 541-999-4239.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from Tuesday, January 20 to Tuesday, January 26.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

At 9:35 a.m., 911 dispatch received a call asking what time it was. The caller was advised not to use 911 for non-emergency calls. At 12:06 p.m., officers responded to the 5400 block of Highway 101 for a reported theft of tools. Officers arrived and were

told that tools had been taken from a contractor’s truck in the area. The case remains under investigation. At 12:16 p.m., a caller reported a possible hit and run to a vehicle in the area of 21st St. and Highway 101. The caller told officers that the vehicle was parked when they returned to find a dent in the door. A report

was taken. At 12:53 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 8th Street for a report of harassment. Officers arrived and interviewed two subjects who had been arguing and found the offenses did not reach the level of criminal activity. Both subjects were counseled. At 3:43 p.m., officers responded to a call of a verbal dispute in the 1500 block of 10th St. Officers arrived to find one subject had two

warrants from Florence Municipal Court and a warrant from Reedsport. Subject was taken into custody. At 4:28 p.m., a caller reported that their grandkids had taken their credit card from a purse to play for online video games. Color did not want charges filed but wanted the children counseled. At 7:36 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Saylor for a report of harassment. Officers arrive to speak to subjects regarding a dispute over a parked RV and tenant rights. Officers found the offenses were not criminal in nature, and all subjects were counseled. At 9:18 p.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 000 block of Easy Street. Investigators found no signs of trauma or record of medical care, and are working with the medical examiner to determine the exact cause of death.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

At 2:26 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Bay Street for calls that a subject had left a business intoxicated and had driven. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle, but continue to patrol the area. At 4:22 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report of a dog bite. Officers arrived to speak to a store owner who said a customer had been bitten by a dog, but that all parties had left. Dispatch received no further calls regarding a dog bite. At 11:20 p.m., a subject in the hospital emergency room called 911 to report that no one was tending to his needs. Dispatch contacted hospital personnel to relay the information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

At 9:54 a.m., a subject came into the police department for a court

committal and was found to have a felony warrant from the probation department for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody. At 11:45 a.m., a caller reported a subject asleep at the wheel in a car in the area of Highway 101 and 15th St.. As the call continued, the subject drove away. Officers in the area did not see the described vehicle. At 5:09 p.m., a caller reported finding a dog in the 100 block of Laurel. Doug was described as a black and white lab mix. Officers took the dog to the Humane Society. At 8:39 p.m., officers on patrol observed a subject parked near the event center and occupied. Officers looked closer to find the vehicle’s trunk lock had been damaged. The operator of the vehicle could not be located. Other officers on duty were advised of the situation. At 2:30 p.m., a caller requested that officers check the welfare of a subject at an address in Florence. Officers were able to see a subject motionless inside the house. Officers made entry to find the subject deceased. No evidence of foul play is suspected, and the medical examiner was notified.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

At 10:28 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 20th St. for a reported assault. Officers were told that a dispute had escalated between a father and son and that when one one went over to punch the other, their dog jumped up and bit him in the ear. The subject was taken to the hospital and a police report was filed. At 3:47 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of 9th Street for a report of a dog inside a car containing a lot of trash. Officers arrived to find the dog was in the vehicle, but was not in distress. No further action was taken. At 5:12 p.m., officers were responding to the 1800 block of 37th St. for a report that a subject had stolen a seat off a bicycle and a soda from an open garage. While en route, a second call reported the subject had given the seat back and that no charges would be pursued. At 8:38 p.m., officers attempted to stop a bicycle eastbound on 10th St. for a lighting violation. The subject on the bicycle

Martha Palmer

12/04/1929 - 01/16/2026

Martha “Marty” Palmer, long-time resident of Florence, Oregon, died on January 16, 2026, in Fort Collins, Colorado, at the age of 96. Born December 4, 1929, Cleveland, Ohio, to Joseph Benton and Kathryn Lansing, Marty was raised in Wisconsin. She lived her early years in Fond du Lac and later moved to Ashland where she graduated from high school, and obtained her bachelor’s degree from Northland College in 1951. While there, she met her soulmate and husband of 58 years, Robert “Bob” Palmer.

Marty and Bob raised four children in Wisconsin before moving to Sacramento, California, in 1967. Marty was a dedicated



mother and educator, teaching Spanish in Wisconsin and later serving as a teacher’s assistant in Sacramento for 12 years. An avid outdoorswoman, she shared her love for skiing, hiking, backpacking and camping with her family.

In 1990, the couple retired to Florence to enjoy coastal life. They celebrated their



50th anniversary with a memorable RV trip to Alaska. Following Bob’s passing in 2011, Marty remained in Florence with her cherished pets before moving to Colorado in 2024 to be near family. She is survived by her four children—Robb, Sue, Sally, and Marti—12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.



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Fridays, March 20 and 27, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Cost \$150 for FRAA members, \$190 for non-FRAA members. Materials provided.

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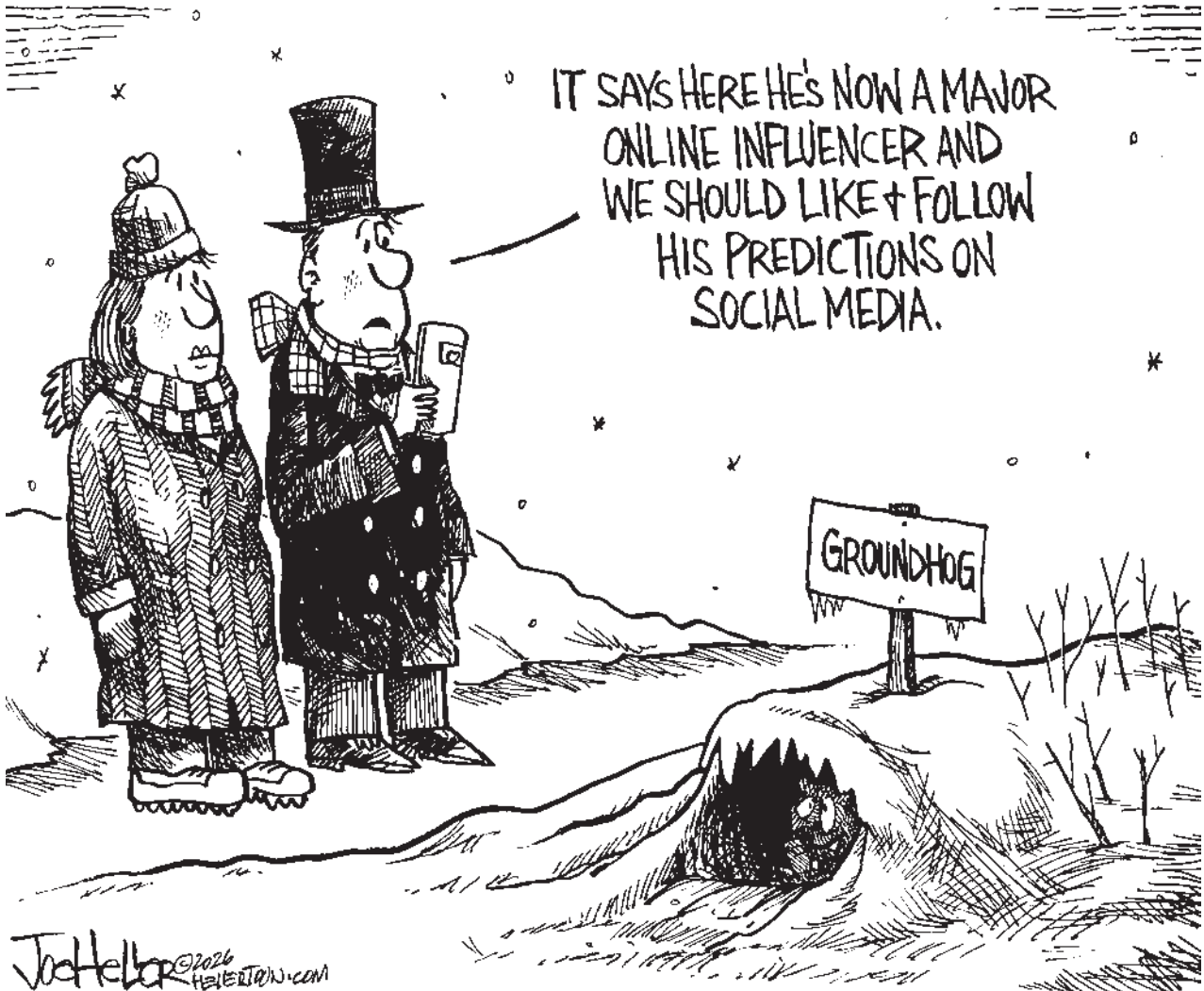
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LETTERS

IN RESPONSE TO
LAST WEEK'S LETTER
TO THE EDITOR:

It occurred to me after reading last week's [letter] that named First Step, maybe First Step Florence wasn't misidentified, just misunderstood.

First Step Florence was birthed in 2017 by a small group of people who believed that the unhoused in the Florence community deserved better. Through research and lengthy conversations, the group created First Step: Transitional Housing for Families. Why FAMILIES you ask? Why not everyone, anyone? That is a complicated answer given a very complicated issue. The group at inception understood the heft of the task they were undertaking. They also recognized that they couldn't help everyone or be "all things to all people". So, again, through careful planning they decided to focus on families. And that brings us to where we are today, eight years later - with a viable and successful transitional living program for FAMILIES. A program that, in my thinking, is well managed and monitored; provides housing and program support for those individuals or couples with a child or children who live local and who are without stable or suitable housing for their family. Many of the First Step Board and supporters have often been involved

with the various iterations of the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter over the years. First Step stepped up and let the newly opened, now closed Bridges transitional housing program utilize their property in 23-25. Seeing a need, finding solutions, and then actually implementing a program is a tremendous undertaking. That is what the First Step innovaters did and because of their wisdom in focusing on a particular demographic - First Step is alive and well and making a daily difference for families in Florence.

With gratitude,
**Norma Wood, MA,
MSW, LCSW**
*Acting Secretary-First
Step Florence Board*

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to Ivy Medow's letter about turning the Lane Community College Florence branch into a new high school for Florence, I vote No! I do agree with one thing she mentioned-increased collaboration for LCC with the high school and possibly other colleges in the area. I wonder if Ivy has visited the campus and taken classes there? I have taken exercise classes, yoga classes and computer classes there. Various outreach classes originate from the campus, where you can travel north for whale watching,

south to holiday lights at Shore Acres Park, east to activities in Eugene. They also offer activities for 4-H programs for young people. Florence will need a new high school and having them collaborate with the Community College could be a good thing-perhaps offering Advance placement classes or even some remedial classes? I would love to see more offerings at the LCC campus for the adults living in the area, but can't see that happening if it is transformed into a high school. The crux of the matter is funding, it takes money to make any of these things happen! Having LCC here in Florence is good for all of us!

*Enid Deibert,
Florence, Oregon*

DEAR EDITOR,
WHEN ENOUGH
IS ENOUGH!

Trump went on the world stage this past week in Davos, Switzerland; he lied, misrepresented facts & threatened long term ally countries while disrespecting & denigrating their leaders. His actions are getting worse, more brazen & more dangerous! Trump & minions are not only alienating long term loyal friends throughout the world but citizens at home too. Proof of that has never been more apparent than another killing in

Minneapolis on 1/24/26 by Fed. Agents! Within "minutes" of that shooting, Trump's administration began justifying it by disparaging & lying about the man shot, Alex Pretti, saying he was brandishing a gun & was intent upon a massacre during a riot. Alex Pretti was a highly regarded ICU nurse at a veterans hospital who was protesting the last killing in Minneapolis by ICE just weeks ago & filming the latest Fed. actions. The disgusting liars included V.P. Vance, Stephen Miller, Kristi Noem, Gregory Bovino, Pam Bondi. To be clear; Alex Pretti never brandished a gun, there was no intent to massacre, there was no riot! What he did was assist a lady that was rudely shoved to the ground by a Fed. Agent while being pepper sprayed. For that he was killed! You only need two eyes and half a brain to see the latest shooting was a homicide by an out of control group of thugs protected by a criminal administration using our flag, run by another Teflon Don, only one with much more power. It's time to stop this authorized thug mentality & demand open independent investigations & accountability! We're at a tipping point-- ENOUGH !

*Jeff Gemutliche
Florence*

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County inspections for January 2026

COUNTY OF LANE

The Oregon Health Authority’s Food, Pool & Lodging Health and Safety Program works in partnership with local health departments, the regulated industry and the general public to implement intervention and regulatory strategies to prevent illness and injury as a result of patronage

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Inspections are unannounced and focus on items most likely to cause illness or injury to patrons of these facilities, but also include items such as general cleanliness and maintenance.

DRIFTWOOD SHORES MAIN POOL

Reinspection Jan 14
Observations & corrective actions

An aquatic venue that is not open to the public does not meet the conditions to protect health and safety, specifically: the combined chlorine measures at 1.0 ppm. the inspector measures the combined chlorine three times. The inspector tested the main pool first, and the combined chlorine measured 1.0 ppm. the inspector then conducted the other chemical tests at the two other bodies of water, then retested.

The combined chlorine measured at 1.0 ppm, and the sample was taken at the same location as the first test. the inspector then took a sample from another location. The combined chlorine measured at 1.0 ppm.

Reinspection: The combined chlorine now measures at 0.6 ppm. continue to measure and monitor the combined chlorine to ideally be below 0.4 ppm.

Violation corrected.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS-

Reinspection Jan. 14
Observations & corrective actions

Jan. 14: The women’s restroom hand-washing sink does not operate. the water does not run, nor does the sensor light blink on. The operators state that maintenance came and repaired the sink shortly after the semi-annual inspection. one operator also checked the sink, and it did not run for them either.

Repair and maintain. Corrective actions: Hand-washing sinks shall be accessible at all times for employee use and not used for other purposes. An automatic hand-washing sink shall be used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

ROSA’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Jan. 13, 2026
score : 87
Observations & corrective actions

Violation: Priority foundation, food employees eat, drink or use tobacco in unapproved areas or use an inappropriate beverage container for drinking, Specifically: during the inspection, an employee beverage is stored on the prep table and in an uncovered glass. Corrective actions: Employees shall eat, drink, or use any form of tobacco only in designated areas. employees may drink only from covered beverage containers with a handle or straw in food preparation or utensil washing areas. Ensure employee beverages are stored in approved containers and in approved areas.

Action taken: inspector provided education to food employees. employee removed glass and wiped down surface.

Violation was corrected during the inspection.

TACO BELL- SCORE 95

Semi-annual inspection Jan. 13, 2026
Observations & corrective actions
Violation: Priority- an

air gap is not provided between the water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the plumbing fixture or equipment, specifically: during the inspection, a hose in the service/mop sink is stored with the mouth of the hose in the basin. Additionally, the water supply is turned on and off to two hoses using a splitter downstream of the atmospheric vacuum breaker. Corrective actions: An air gap between the water supply inlet and the flood rim level of the plumbing fixture, equipment or nonfood equipment shall be twice the diameter of the water supply inlet and may not be less than 1 inch. Ensure all hoses are stored with the mouth at least one inch above the flood rim of the service/mop sink. additionally, turn water on & off using the faucet handle itself when not actively using the faucet. do not turn the water on & off at the splitter, sanitizer dispenser, or hose sprayer attachment.

Violation was corrected during the inspection.

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DHS filing confirms interest in Newport ICE facility

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

A recent court filing from the Department of Homeland Security in the County’s joint lawsuit to retain the Coast Guard rescue helicopter confirms that the federal government did take steps to establish an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility at the Newport Airport and says the department has no plans to begin construction of such a facility until at least May.

In November of last year, Lincoln County joined Newport Fishermen’s Wives in filing a lawsuit seeking an injunction against the U.S. Coast Guard moving its rescue helicopter from the Newport Airport, where it has been located for 40 years.

On December 22, 2025, Judge Ann Aiken of the U.S. District Court in Eugene granted plaintiffs’ request for a preliminary injunction, ensuring the rescue helicopter would remain in Newport at least through the duration of the lawsuit.

On Tuesday, January 27, the assistant director of the Operations Support Division for ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations filed a declaration in support of the federal government’s request for a time extension in answering plaintiffs’ complaint. In that declaration, the assistant director confirms “ICE had begun environmental compliance activities necessary to allow the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Air Facility at Newport, Oregon to be utilized ... as a proposed temporary holding/processing facility.”

The declaration says that process stopped when the Coast Guard commandant removed the site from availability for ICE use. However, the declaration leaves open the possibility of building a detention facility at the airport in the future, possibly as soon as this spring. “ICE is not presently building a temporary holding/processing facility in or around Newport Municipal Airport,” the declaration reads.

“In addition, ICE has no plan or intention to begin construction or open an ICE facility in the City of Newport or at Newport Municipal Airport between now and until May 1, 2026.” Lincoln County maintains that the rescue helicopter is and will remain a vital, life-saving asset for our fishing fleet, recreational boaters and visitors, the latter of which begin to arrive in great numbers after May 1 each year.

Plaintiffs will steadfastly pursue the current litigation to ensure the helicopter remains where it is so badly needed.

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Townhouse project extension granted

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

At its regular meeting Jan. 27, the Florence Planning Commission granted a one-year extension for a townhome construction project in the gateway to town on Highway 126. The property in question is currently undeveloped and cleared of vegetation, across from the riverside building owned by Don Saxon.

According to staff reports, the applicants, L & B Development, LLC, and Duman, Inc. (representative: Metro Planning, Inc., Jed Truett, AICP), requested a one-year extension of the previously approved Type III Conditional Use Permit, PC 24 01 CUP 01. The approval authorizes development of 10 single-unit attached dwellings (townhomes) with associated parking, landscaping, lighting, and access improvements. The original permit was set to expire Dec. 25, 2025.

Planning Manager Jacob Foust said the three major condition questions for an extension are: Is it made prior to the original expiration, are there

any special or unusual circumstances, and have any changes been made to city ordinances or codes? He said the request was made five days prior to the expiration, that special circumstances do exist, and that no changes have been made, thereby all three conditions were met.

According to the applicant, the special circumstances are that the extent of engineering requirements was pretty extensive, and the applicant has been working diligently since the conditional use approval to meet these requirements in the most clear, accurate, and factual way.

“In their written request, the applicants explain that multiple CUP conditions require detailed civil and geotechnical work,” the staff report stated. “Branch Engineering has advanced those plans to approximately 80-90 percent, and the team intends to file for Design Review in January or February, so construction plan submittals can follow.”

It was noted at the meeting that the Florence City Council is still considering its floodplain

regulations, which may be adopted by spring.

Asked if those changes could affect the use of the property, Foust said codes would apply based on the time in which they were submitted.

Applicant representative Kim O’Dea stressed that the conditional use permits came with a list of 17 conditions necessary to go on to design review, about 50 percent of which are complete.

“We have been grinding away on this, she said. We haven’t been sitting on our laurels here at Metro Planning, so if we could just get a little more time, we will get this stuff into you and file the design review ... and then we can discuss all these other questions I see before the board, such as floodway, flood plain and anything else that comes up at that time.”

Commissioners unanimously approved the extension.

Commissioner Lucas McQuillan recused himself prior to the meeting, due to conflicts of interest based on adjacent property ownership and knowledge of the project before joining the board.



Many local businesses came to the 2024 Career Fair to talk with students and others. Tony Reed photo

Career fair seeks entrants

SIUSLAW HIGH SCHOOL

Planning has started for the 3rd (now biennial) Student Career Fair hosted by Siuslaw High School on Friday, March 20th from 11am - 2p.m. in the gym.

In 2024, over 350 students attended from Siuslaw and Mapleton Schools, as well as from the Home School community. There were 36 vendors in attendance who represented a range of opportunities including Government, Emergency Personnel, Recreation, Tourism, Retail,

Restaurants, Healthcare, Military, Media, the Trades, volunteer opportunities and much more. The goal is to make 2026 equally successful for the students in attendance, but it can’t be done without area businesses and community partners.

Are you in need of staffing for the upcoming busy tourist season, or interested in recruiting volunteers and future hires for your organization/business? THIS would be a great opportunity to forge those relationships with a captive audience. Teachers and staff are preparing our

students to present and market themselves. There is limited space in our gym, but space is available on a first come/first serve basis. Angell Job Corps, Lane Community College, Siuslaw Public Library, Small Business Development Center, RAIN, Army National Guard and Riptide Sports have already confirmed spots. If you are interested in more information, call 541-997-5470, or email phickson@siuslaw.k12.or.us to secure your table for this FREE event.

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From January through April, Siuslaw could win a Lane County Waste Management grant of up to \$500, a NextStep Reuse Store computer gift certificate, and a special recognition award.

What can you recycle? We accept a wide range of electronics, whether they are in working condition or not, including:

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- TVs, monitors, and printers.
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- Cords, cables, and small appliances like microwaves (please remove the glass) and hair dryers.

What to leave at home: Please do not bring non-electronic items, toys, vacuums, alkaline batteries, or hazardous waste.

Take Action Today! The school that recycles the

most e-waste wins. This competition is a partnership between NextStep

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CHIEF
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remarked after the vote that he wasn't voting against the candidate but against the process.

WLFEA Board President Mike Webb said "Deputy Chief Chance brings a proven record of excellence in fire suppression, emergency medical services, and organizational leadership. We are confident he will lead our department with integrity, professionalism, and a strong focus on firefighter safety and community service."

Deputy Chief Chance has more than 16 years



Michael Schick

of experience in the fire service and has served as a Firefighter, Firefighter/Paramedic, EMS Training Officer, Training Division Chief, and most recently as Deputy Chief with WLFEA. His career includes experience in key areas such as operations, training, EMS, wildland fire, administration, emergency

management, labor relations, and strategic planning.

"I am honored by the Board's trust and excited to serve the community and the department" said Chance. "I look forward to continue to work alongside the dedicated members of the department and our partners to carry on delivering high-quality, reliable emergency services while planning for the future."

Deputy Chief Chance succeeds Fire and EMS Chief Michael Schick, who had earlier announced his retirement effective June 30, 2026. The Board also expressed its appreciation for Chief Schick and his contributions to the organization.

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Rain and Liam Purcell's group," she said. "They're not traditional bluegrass, they're what's called 'Newgrass,' so it's a higher-energy music. They're awesome, and I'd love to have both of them back [next year]."

However, other performers were nationally known and won awards while in Florence. Asked about feedback from the performers, Pearson said some even extended their stay to take in some of the sites and attractions around Florence.

They absolutely love Florence. The bands who

have been here before know they will be treated well," she said, noting that the Events Center is easy for them to find, get into and set up. Performers also appreciated FACE volunteers, who were always available to help them.

Pearson laughed while noting that since performers arrived from around the country, almost all remarked that they loved the warm weather in Florence.

"Two of the bands stayed an extra night because they didn't want to be catching a plane and then stuck in an airport," she said, noting that they went to Sea Lion Caves instead.

Pearson said comments

from attendees were exceptionally positive, with some calling it "a crowd-pleasing show with disparate elements that did not disappoint."

"I'm always amazed at how this festival manages to book acts, just as they're starting to get national recognition," Bill Broderick commented. "They play Florence, and three years later it costs four times more to re-hire them."

"It was a great weekend," John Colwell commented. "Loved it. Good job, everybody. Sound and lighting [was] very well organized. Can't wait for next year."

FACE's next event is the indoor yard sale on March 28 inside FEC.

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threw it to one side and ran into nearby bushes on foot. Officers did not pursue the subject.

12:17 p.m., officers responded to the area of Highway 101 and 43rd St. for a reported two-vehicle crash with one vehicle rolled over. No injuries were reported and a tow truck was dispatched to the scene.

At 4:53 p.m., a caller reported juveniles in Miller Park were making flames using a cigarette lighter and a soda can. Officers arrived to find juveniles in the area,

but none were willing to speak to them.

At 5:47 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a reported possible overdose. Officers arrived to find one subject heavily intoxicated. The subject was transported to the hospital.

At 9:08 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically near the 700 block of Highway 101. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a field sobriety test on the driver. Eric Files was arrested for DUII.

At 9:24 p.m., a caller reported hearing possible gunshots in the 88,200 block of 2nd Street. Since

the area was outside city limits, Sheriffs deputies were advised.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.

At 1:07 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Outer Drive for a report of loud music. Officers arrived in the area but could hear no music and received no other calls.

At 10:28 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report that a subject inside a business engaged in a verbal dispute and said something about coming back with a gun. The business owner described the subject and asked that he be told never to return.

At 6:47 p.m., a subject called Florence Police Department to report hearing gunshots. The address was determined to be in Mapleton, and Sheriffs deputies were notified.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

At 6:18 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Kenwood for a reported smash-and-grab theft from a vehicle. Officers arrived to speak to the vehicle owner, who said the window had been broken out and items were taken from inside. At last report, officers were awaiting area video footage. The case remains under investigation.

At 10:46 a.m., a caller reported that someone

had attempted to drill into padlocks but was unable to make entry. Patrol was increased in the area.

At 1:56 p.m., officers responded to the area of 35th St. and Oak for a two-vehicle traffic accident. Officers found the collision had not blocked traffic lanes and both vehicles were drivable. No citations were issued and information was exchanged.

At 6:28 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle had hit a building in the 1400 block of 12th St. The vehicle was no longer on the scene. Officers were unable to locate it.

At 9:25 p.m., a caller reported that a subject walked up to him in

the 2200 block of 18th St., introduced himself, and then punched him. Officers were able to locate the subject and arrested him for Physical Harassment, Criminal Mischief 2 and Disorderly Conduct 2 (physical harassment applies when a subject assaults another, but causes no injury).

At 8:03 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block of Oak Street for a report that a subject was making statements of intent to harm himself. Officers found the subject had a misdemeanor warrant from Coos County and took him into custody. He was later cited and released after being held in the detox cell.

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property in Florence, Oregon, for an amount not to exceed \$1,760,000," according to staff reports. "The Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property was executed on July 10, 2025, with the final amendment executed on December 5, 2025, establishing a purchase price of \$1,700,000." The final closing took place Jan 28 and the first community

information session was held Jan. 20, in Florence. According to staff, the building is currently fully leased through October 15, 2029.

"However, the primary tenant is not currently inhabiting the Premises or actively using it for business purposes," staff reports state. "The tenant issued a Letter of Intent to terminate the lease agreement in January and pay Lane County a total of \$125,000 in five equal payments in 2026. These funds will be used

to offset a portion of the remodel costs associated with adapting the space for use as a satellite Lane County Treatment Center."

At the Jan. 20 session, it was explained that since the building was formerly a medical facility, it was thought to be ideal and affordable fit for a methadone clinic since it already has the necessary infrastructure.

In June, 2025, Jason Davis, Communications Director at Lane County Health and Human Services, said the main consideration of the building is based on the fact that it used to be a medical clinic. He said physical health services

are a part of the program, which creates a need for having medical infrastructure already installed.

"A few years ago, we took an office building in Eugene and retrofitted it to a medical clinic for methadone treatment and it ended up being a big expense just because of the infrastructure improvements that were necessary," he said. "[the Florence location] is already hardwired with DSL, which we need for the kind of records we keep." He noted that medical lighting, ventilation and negative pressure rooms already installed and other infrastructure would save on cost.

Commission staff reports said the lease buyout will result in the loss of potential revenue from rent payments over the next four years but is necessary to make the building available for use as a Lane County Treatment Center.

"The lease termination payments will provide funds to offset a portion of the remodeling costs of the building as well," the report said.

West Lane Commissioner Ryan Ceniga and treatment center staff fielded a slough of questions and concerns from Florence Community members opposed to having the facility within 1,000 feet

of a nearby Montessori school, located just across Highway 101. While that is in violation of ORS 430.590, it was expected that the County Board of Commissioners will waive the siting restrictions under this section to the extent necessary to remove unreasonable barriers to patients' accessing medically necessary treatment at methadone clinics, per subsection 4 of the same statute.

Davis said that as renovation occurs and good neighbor workshops are scheduled, the public will be notified and invited to take part.

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WALKOUT

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as a community when we see lawless actions like what occurred in Minnesota," local Florence organizer Justin Ludwig said.

Protest goals and messaging centered on resisting authoritarian and fascist threats, including aggressive ICE raids, militarization, attacks on

human rights, and state violence following incidents like the fatal shooting of Renee Good by an ICE agent.

The national movement's slogan was, "We will withhold our labor, our participation, and our consent."

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Our Chamber Wears Two Hats—and Both Matter to Florence



BY BETTINA HANNIGAN,
PRESIDENT AND CEO
Florence Area Chamber
of Commerce

Our chamber wears two hats. First and foremost, we are a **chamber of commerce**, and our core focus is representing and supporting our members. We do that through business resources, legislative advocacy, promotions, connections, leadership development, and by showing up every day to help local businesses succeed. That work matters—especially in a small coastal community where relationships are everything and collaboration is key.

Our second hat is just as important. We are also the **City of Florence’s Destination Marketing and Management Organization**. In that role, we focus on bringing the right visitors here at the right times, in ways that support our local economy and enhance quality of life for those who call the Florence area home. That means thoughtful tourism, strategic marketing, and producing events when we need them most—during our slower seasons.

Over the years, you’ve seen the results of this two-hat approach. From the **Flower Baskets** and **Highway Banners** that add color and pride to our streets, to signature

events that drive real economic impact, the Chamber has consistently invested in making Florence vibrant and welcoming. Events like the upcoming **Wine, Chowder & Glass Float Trail** are designed very intentionally—to bring “summertime revenue in the winter,” supporting local restaurants, shops, lodging properties, and employees when it matters most.

Tourism in our area is up more than **50% since 2019**, and while that’s good news, our responsibility doesn’t stop at growth. Our work is focused on making sure tourism stays **healthy, balanced, and positive** for our residents, our businesses, and our community culture. Visitors should enhance Florence—not overwhelm it—and that balance takes planning, partnership, and ongoing listening.

The Chamber also plays an important role in tackling long-term community challenges. We helped launch the **Florence Childcare Taskforce** because we know that without childcare, businesses can’t hire and families can’t thrive. More recently, we launched **Florence Forward**, our Young Professionals organization. This group creates opportunities for younger adults to connect, serve, and build meaningful professional relationships right here at home. That matters on many levels—but especially when it comes to

attracting and retaining a quality workforce, which is one of the biggest challenges facing communities like ours.

Being a Chamber member matters. According to the **Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)**, consumers are significantly more likely to trust and support businesses that are Chamber members. Membership signals credibility, community investment, and leadership—and that trust translates into real business value.

This April, I’ll celebrate **10 years serving as your Chamber President & CEO**. During that time, I’ve earned multiple professional certifications because I believe Florence deserves informed, forward-thinking leadership. And while you’re reading this, **Lisa and I are in Tucson**, learning, listening, and bringing back new ideas and tools to better support our businesses and our community.

If you believe in a strong local economy, thoughtful growth, and a connected community, I invite you to **join the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce**. Be part of the conversations, the solutions, and the momentum shaping our future. Together, we can continue building a Florence that works for businesses, residents, and visitors alike. Learn more about us at FlorenceChamber.com.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

High.....2:05 a.m.....7.9
Low7:54 a.m.....1.9
High..... 1:41 p.m.....7.6
Low 8:04 p.m.....0.1

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

High.....2:36 a.m.....7.9
Low8:38 a.m.....1.7
High..... 2:27 p.m.....7.0
Low 8:35 p.m.....0.7

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

High.....3:06 a.m.....7.9
Low9:22 a.m.....1.6
High..... 3:14 p.m.....6.4
Low 9:05 p.m.....1.6

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

High.....3:36 a.m.....7.7
Low10:10 a.m.....1.6
High..... 4:06 p.m.....5.7
Low 9:34 p.m.....2.5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

High.....4:07 a.m.....7.5
Low11:04 a.m.....1.7
High..... 5:08 p.m.....5.2
Low 10:04 p.m.....3.3

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

High.....4:42 a.m.....7.3
Low 12:08 p.m.....1.8
High..... 6:31 p.m.....4.8
Low 10:39 p.m.....4.0

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

High.....5:28 a.m.....7.1
Low 1:23 p.m.....1.7
High..... 8:36 p.m.....4.8
Low 11:42 p.m.....4.6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

High.....6:33 a.m.....6.9
Low 2:37 p.m.....1.5
High..... 10:14 p.m.....5.2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Low1:32 a.m.....4.8
High.....7:49 a.m.....7.0
Low 3:37 p.m.....1.0
High..... 10:54 p.m.....5.6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Low3:00 a.m.....4.7
High.....8:57 a.m.....7.2
Low 4:23 p.m.....0.6
High..... 11:22 p.m.....5.9

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Low4:00 a.m.....4.2
High.....9:50 a.m.....7.5
Low 5:01 p.m.....0.1
High..... 11:47 p.m.....6.3

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Low4:47 a.m.....3.7
High.....10:35 a.m.....7.8
Low 5:34 p.m.....0.2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

High.....12:12 a.m.....6.6
Low5:29 a.m.....3.1
High.....11:16 a.m.....7.9
Low 6:05 p.m.....0.4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

High.....12:37 a.m.....7.0
Low6:08 a.m.....2.5
High.....11:56 a.m.....7.9
Low 6:35 p.m.....0.4

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

High.....1:02 a.m.....7.3
Low6:47 a.m.....1.9
High..... 12:36 p.m..... 7.8
Low 7:04 p.m.....0.2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

High.....1:28 a.m.....7.7
Low7:27 a.m.....1.4
High..... 1:19 p.m..... 7.5
Low 7:34 p.m..... 0.2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

High.....1:55 a.m.....8.0
Low8:08 a.m.....1.0
High..... 2:05 p.m..... 7.1
Low 8:05 p.m..... 0.8

Will Johnson shines in Spokane



Siuslaw senior Will Johnson, right, after taking third place in the triple jump in Spokane. Courtesy photo from Chris Johnson

Will LOHRE
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Standout Siuslaw athlete Will Johnson got his track and field season started early this year, heading to Washington for the 2026 Spokane HS Invitational, and competing in the long jump and triple jump.

The meet was held Jan. 23-25, and Johnson finished third in the triple jump and landed 17th in the long jump. Siuslaw Head Coach Chris Johnson said it was a “nice opener” to the season for Johnson, who covered more than 13 meters to grab a bronze medal in Spokane.

Johnson’s triple leap was measured at 43’ 0.5”, a new personal best. He

finished behind Spokane Speed Academy’s Feesochi Ogbozor and GLS Speed TC’s Yevhen Zhmailo, both of whom are also seniors. When discussing Will Johnson’s third-place finish, Chris Johnson noted that Zhmailo’s gold medal measurement set a high school record, and he jumped an incredible 52’ 9.5”, over 16 meters.

Johnson showed he could compete with some of the best athletes in the north west, and he’ll look to carry that in to this season. Johnson was, of course, a critical member of the title winning track and field team in 2025, and a bronze medal to kick off his season portends well for his prospects this spring.

Vikings' recent Senior Night Endowment Duals wrestling results

Will LOHRE
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Viking wrestlers continue to channel effort, intensity, and ferocity into their craft on the mat, and recent competitions have yielded fantastic results.

In the final home event, Siuslaw hosted its Senior Night Endowment Duals on Jan. 22. The Vikings won three out of the four duals, facing off with Coquille and Reedsport. The girls took care of business against Reedsport, 18-6, and lost by a slim margin to Coquille, 18-15. On the other hand, the boys scored a 36-22 win against Coquille and a 45-18 victory over Reedsport.

The boys’ team didn’t have much time to revel

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Siuslaw girls giving everything they have

Will LOHRE
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The Siuslaw girls varsity basketball team may have fallen to 0-3 in league play, but there is no quit from the program as they seek their first Far West win of the season.

Head Coach Amanda Richards said her team wants to compete for that third-place spot in the Far West League, but a loss to South Umpqua on Jan. 27 may have pushed that objective beyond their reach.

“We would really like to compete for 3rd place, but we made that more difficult with our loss on Tuesday,” Richards said after the game.

The Vikings entered their matchup with the Lancers at 0-2, having

lost at the hands of #14 Sutherlin and #8 Coquille on Jan. 15 and Jan. 23. The game against South Umpqua started with Siuslaw out to an early 4-0 lead, but the Lancers were quick to charge ahead, putting a 10-0 run together to grab the lead, and never looking back.

The final score ended 42-22, and South Umpqua earned a significant win in front of their home fans. Junior Ezra Haberly paced the Vikings on the scoresheet, totaling six points for the Siuslaw cause. Despite being overwhelmed on the scoreboard, the Vikings put up a heck of a fight, battling on the boards. Siuslaw brought down 34 rebounds, and junior captain Aidell Cadet was everywhere for the

Vikings, securing eight boards to go with two points.

Also getting buckets for Siuslaw were Pearl Jensen (5 points), Avey Hulet (2 points), Maren Hughes (2 points), McKenzie Ulrich (2 points), Claire McNeill (1 point), Oksana Jensen-Norman (1 point), and Maely Chiang (1 point).

Despite feeling like the game against South Umpqua wasn’t their best showing, Richards said the team has impressed with its hard-nosed defense this year, and it’s been a standout facet of their game.

“Overall, with Tuesday being an exception, our defense has been really good,” Richards said.

Despite starting 0-3, there is some solace for

the Vikings in that they have already played against the top two teams in the Far West League (Coquille and Sutherlin). As Richards alluded to earlier, the loss to the Lancers dented their third-place hopes, but the Vikings still have five games to try and turn their fortunes. It is important to note that the results of Siuslaw’s Jan. 30 and Feb. 3 games against Glide and Douglas are unknown at the time of press, and things may have changed by the time this article is printed.

In the latter half of the season, Richards said her team is emphasizing scoring efficiency to try to keep some of these games closer. In a streak of five losses, each has been by 20 points or

more. Part of improving their efficiency is giving their players on the block near the basket more room to operate and get easy looks.

“Things that we are focusing on in particular are getting our shooting percentage increased, and finding a way to make our post players successful,” Richards said.

While there have been some bumps in the road, the Vikings have stayed the course, and one thing Richards never has to worry about is effort.

“I have enjoyed how hard this team works,” Richards said. “They are always willing to give it their all, even if I feel there is nothing left to give.”

Win or lose, there’s no quit in this Vikings team.

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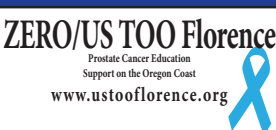
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Through this planning grant, the state of Oregon created a Priority Climate Action Plan and submitted it to EPA on Feb. 29, 2024. In July 2024, EPA announced that Oregon would receive \$197 million to implement the measures developed through the PCAP.

Question or comments? Please email cprg@deq.oregon.gov.

WRESTLING

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in their dual victories; just two days later, the Vikings were back on the road for the Screamin' Eagle tournament at Santiam Christian High School on Jan. 24.

It was a 15-team field at the tournament, with Columbia River walking away as the big winner with 165.5 points. Siuslaw was right in the mix, finishing sixth with 125 points and plenty of podium placements from the 10 Vikings in attendance.

Once again, Jacob Mann

was at the top of the heap at 215 pounds, a position he's all too familiar with amid this 25-6 season. Mann won in his signature style of piling up points and steamrolling opponents en route to two technical fall victories. Mann went 2-0 to secure the title and was Siuslaw's lone champion at the event.

The next highest placement was earned by Aris Lade, who grabbed a silver medal at 175-pounds. Lade pinned both opponents to make the final. In the semifinals, Lade's pin came with the score level at 4-4, an emphatic way to end a tight match. The last match of the tournament for Lade saw him pitted against Scio's Colton Medeiros. Lade put up a spirited fight, but ultimately lost by a 16-7 major decision.

Another Viking who secured a top-three placement in their weight class was Gage Mills at 190 pounds. Mills grabbed a dominant win in his first match in the quarterfinals but couldn't keep the momentum going in the semis. Mills lost to Philomath's Lake Mulberry by pin, but he refused to let his tournament end in disappointment. Mills beat fellow Viking Quentin Stidham in the third-place semifinals and bested Elmira's Samuel Full to grab bronze. For his part, Stidham went on to win his next match, ending his tournament with a 2-2 record and fifth place.


Siuslaw saw three of its wrestlers finish fourth at the tournament: Ali Ijaz (157 pounds), Gabby Sweet (285 pounds), and Yair Brito Xilot (120). Ijaz went 2-2 on the weekend, with the final defeat being a default loss in the

third-place match. Sweet also had a 2-2 record, and it was pin-or-be-pinned during the tournament. Both his quarterfinal win and his third-place semi were by fall, and his semifinal and third-place match losses were by fall. Brito Xilot wrestled three opponents, and went 1-2 on the way to his fourth-place honors.

Other than Stidham, Siuslaw had one other wrestler finish in fifth place: Thomas Gentry. Gentry went 0-2 at 126 pounds in a small field of five wrestlers. Other wrestlers at Santiam for the Vikings were Bentley Nelson and Nick Sprague. Nelson won his first match of the weekend over Scio's Justin Lesemann by a 10-1 decision. In his next three matches, Nelson ended up going 0-3 to finish eighth. Sprague finished the weekend 0-2, rounding out Siuslaw's results.

The Vikings wrestled some of their final competitions of the season on Jan. 30-31, as the girls attended the Harrisburg All-Girls Tournament and the boys battled it out in the Special District #2 League Duals, but the results from those events are not available at the time of press. After that, the biggest dates on the calendar will be the regional competitions that will decide which wrestlers head to state for the Vikings.

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Registration and rehearsals are held at the Presbyterian community Church, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence. The chorus is directed and accompanied by Rhianna Sutherland. For more information send an email to communitychorusflorenceoregon@gmail.com

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Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm Friday, March 13, 2026. Applicants must be registered voters residing within the Port of Siuslaw district. Applicants may be invited for interviews.

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The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners meet regularly at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Port office at 100 Harbor Street in Florence. Regular Port Commission meetings are open to the public.

Questions should be directed to the Port office at 541-997-3426.

Securing the Silverspot Bastion at Cascade Head MidCoast Watersheds Council's February Community Meeting

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Siuslaw Vision to address City Club, Feb. 12

Have you ever wondered why there isn’t a single Calendar for Oregon’s Central Coastal area? Why isn’t there a community calendar showing all area events? Then you’ll want to attend the next meeting of City Club of Florence, February 12, 2026, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. City

Club meetings begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. and the public is always welcome and is urged to attend.

Siuslaw Vision, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supports this region’s community led actions. It convenes, catalyzes, and connects individuals and organizations who want to improve quality of life for people living in the Siuslaw region. It helps the community in implementing locally owned solutions that address community identified goals.

Siuslaw Vision will explain how it helps facilitate the public to be aware of community events and how to connect people and their organizations with each other.

City Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library and meetings begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. The public is always welcome and is urged to attend. Membership in City Club is not required.

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Holiday FACT:

This holiday occurs
occurs each winter
and is widely
celebrated among
Asian communities.

Answer: Chinese/Lunar New Year

Math Blocks

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

6		19	27
	8	11	22
15	1		16
24	11	30	

0	1	15
11	8	3
19	2	9
Solution		

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

R F E I H S E R O

Answer: Fire Horse

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1778: New York becomes the third state to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

1840: The signing of the Treaty of Waitangi establishes New Zealand as a British colony.

1951: The Canadian Army enters combat in the Korean War.

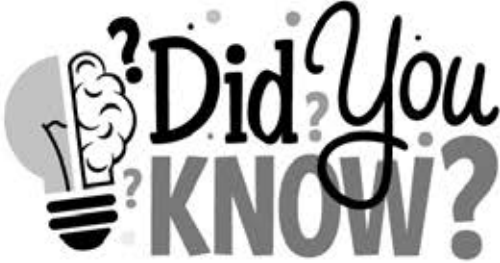
NEW WORD

LANTERN

a lamp with a transparent case

How they say that in...

English: Dragon
Spanish: Dragón
Italian: Drago
French: Dragon
German: Drache



The Chinese New Year is a 15-day festival that is very important for bringing families together in celebration and to foster good luck.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Chinese lanterns

VALENTINE'S WORD SEARCH



C H E R I S H U R Q A D O R A T I O N C
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D R A C W A H S O F V E L V E T P S G V
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N O E M H G T I M Q T N D H C E G T O K
L E T T E R S E I G H U W W I T W W V W

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

WORDS

- ADMIRER
- ADORATION
- AFFECTION
- BOUQUET
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARD
- CHERISH
- CHOCOLATE
- CUPID
- DEVOTION
- EMBRACE
- FLIRT
- HEART
- KEEPSAKE
- LETTERS
- LOVE
- PASSION
- PROPOSAL
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SENTIMENT
- SOULMATE
- SWEETHEART
- VELVET

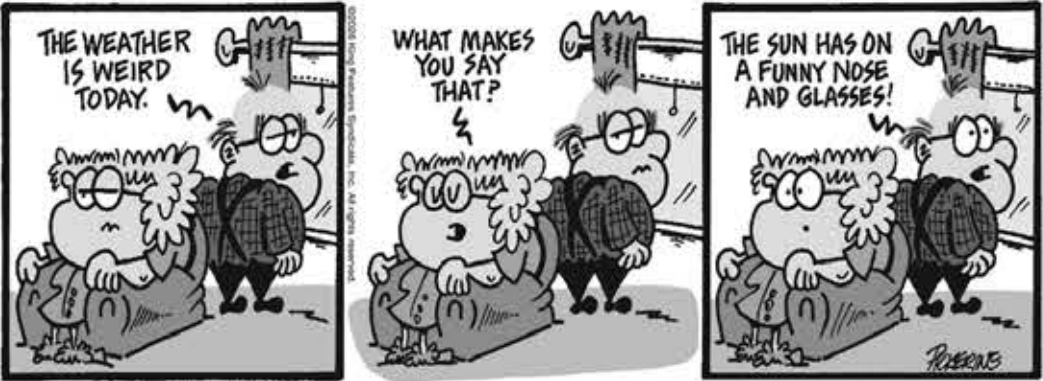
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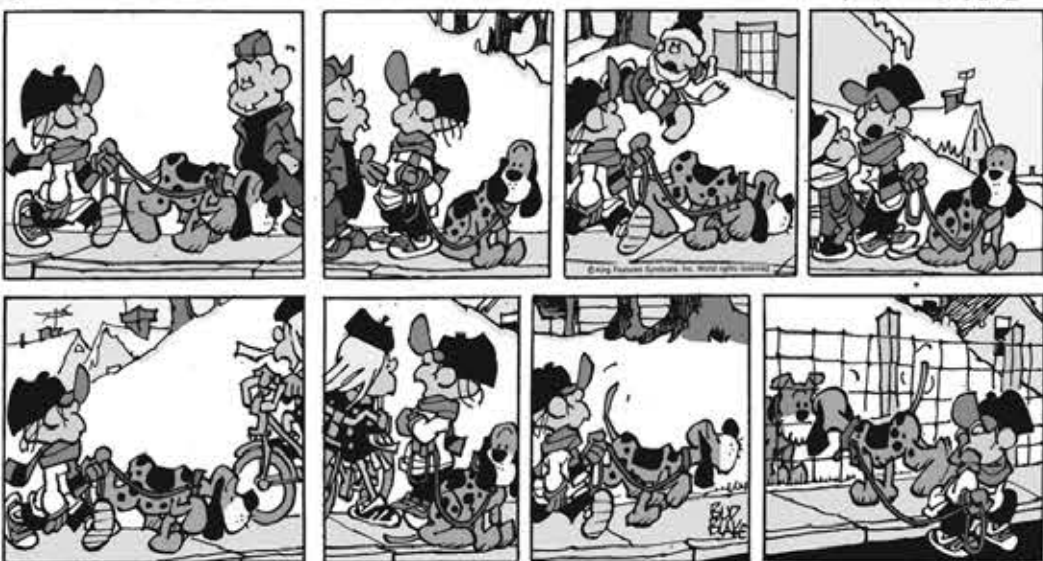
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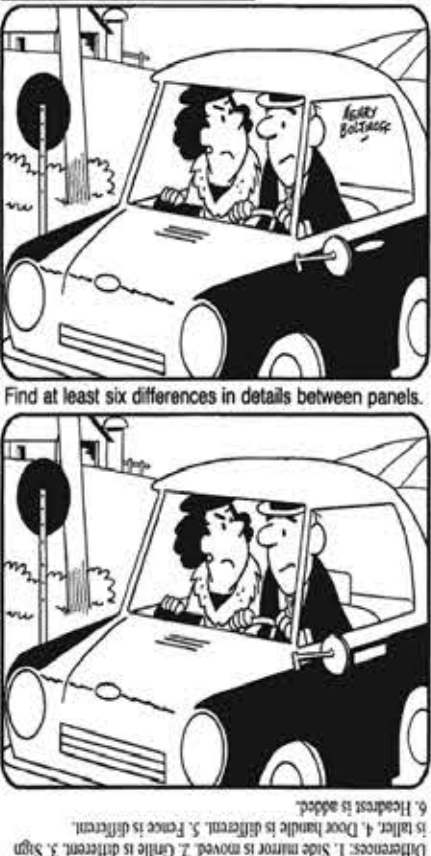
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OLIVE & POPEYE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



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: K equals L

VTTFAVX L YEHI KGVXTO

EBTVPK BG HEB L KLOXT

IEVC GS YTLB, L YLV FTHKLOTF

"CVAST'P BGG PIGOB."

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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!

Plan
DAMAGE

Cache
RHOD

Glow
LEGAM

Brisk
DRAIP

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

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by BUD BLAKE

By Randy Milholland

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Table support
- 4 Mosque leader
- 8 Island near Java
- 12 Terre Haute sch.
- 13 Terse denial
- 14 Poetic tributes
- 15 Ecol. watchdog
- 16 Faints
- 18 Word list, for short
- 20 Japanese pond carp
- 21 Sty chow
- 24 Rebuffs
- 28 Review in detail
- 32 Pesky insect
- 33 Friendly leader?
- 34 Albacore and yellowfin
- 36 Playwright Levin
- 37 Finn's floater
- 39 Revamp
- 41 Vampire, by nature
- 43 Nobelist Walesa
- 44 Bar bill
- 46 Savory taste
- 50 Begin anew, as on January 1
- 55 — Angeles
- 56 California valley

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50	51	52			53	54			55	
56					57				58	
59					60				61	

- 57 Egyptian river
- 58 Book-spine abbr.
- 59 Afternoon affairs
- 60 Darkens
- 61 Oklahoma city
- 5 Curly's brother
- 31 Yard tool
- 35 Locks down
- 38 Block-dropping video game
- 40 Resistance unit
- 42 Scoundrel
- 45 Connection
- 47 Edison's middle name
- 48 Disposition
- 49 Actress Fisher
- 50 Retired jet
- 51 Dead heat
- 52 "I — Rock"
- 53 Half of XIV
- 54 Shade tree
- 1 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- 2 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 3 Avocado dip, for short
- 4 Rorschach pattern
- 22 Egg
- 23 Prison-related
- 25 Rice or Auburn (Abbr.)
- 26 Naked
- 27 Rating unit
- 28 Basil or thyme
- 29 Smoothie berry
- 30 Cushy

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GAMES: What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?
- 3. MOVIES: What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?
- 4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for pneumothorax?
- 5. HISTORY: By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?
- 6. TELEVISION: What is Hawk-eye Pierce's real first name in the "M*A*S*H" series?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of larks called?
- 8. AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?
- 9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?
- 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the currency of Japan?

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LADDER

Today's Word

3. Glean; 2. Hoard; 1. Aged; 4. Rapid

SCRAMBLERS

S	L	A	E	D
R	S	E	L	A
E	T	A	R	S
E	T	R	A	C
E	C	I	C	E
K	I	C	R	I

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

Need a much longer answer

unfurl to cut a large hunk of meat, a man declared

"Knife's too short."

- 1. Blue
- 2. The Danish West Indies
- 3. Red and green
- 4. Collapsed lung
- 5. Calamity Jane, a sharpshooter in Western history
- 6. Benjamin
- 7. An exaltation
- 8. Fiat Automobiles
- 9. A jackal
- 10. The yen

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Oregon Department of Revenue

TSN26-110

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A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Dunes City, Lane State of Oregon, to

discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at 82877 Spruce St, Westlake, OR 97493

The meeting will take place on February 18, 2026 at 5 a.m. p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after February 11, 2026 at 82877 Spruce St, Westlake

between the hours of 10 a.m. p.m. and 4 p.m.

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TSN26-109 DEAR
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PROPERTY OWNER, This is to notify you that Dunes City has proposed a land use regulation that may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties. At 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 26, 2026 the Dunes City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Ordinance # 275 to issue a recommendation onto City Council. On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, the Dunes City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendation and take possible final action on Ordinance #275. Ordinance #275

will adopt a new Dunes City Development Code, Chapter 155, which has been a work in progress for several years. Ordinance #275 will finally and officially adopt the new development code for Dunes City. Both hearings will be held at City Hall at 82877 Spruce Street in the Westlake area of Dunes City. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, text amendments and Findings of Fact are available for inspection at the Dunes City Hall and on the City's website www.dunescity.gov. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, amendments and Findings are also available for purchase at a cost of \$25 per page. For additional information, you may call the Dunes City Recorder at 541-

997-3338. Measure 56 In 1998, Oregon's voters passed a law known as Ballot Measure 56, which requires legal notices, like this one, to be mailed to landowners when a change in land use laws might limit the use of their property. Generic legal language is mandatory for all mailings under Measure 56 law. The below sentence, "The City of Dunes City has determined that proposed land use changes may change the value of your property" is mandatory language that the City must include, however; the City of Dunes City does not know how these amendments might affect the value of your property, if at all. Phone (541) 997-3338 • 82877 Spruce St, Westlake, OR 97493 • PO Box 97, Westlake, OR 97493 • www.dunescity.gov TSN26-110 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting 6 col x 4.5 in 02-04-26

TSN26-108 PORT
SEEKS COMMISSION
APPLICANTS

The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will appoint a district citizen to fill the Position 2 vacancy created by the recent resignation of R. Dale Edwards. The term of the appointee will expire on 30 June 2027 at which time an elected successor will be seated. Persons wishing to be appointed to the Port Commission vacancy should obtain an application from the Port Office at 100 Harbor Street, or the Port's web site www.portofsiuslaw.com. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm Friday, March 13, 2026. Applicants must be registered voters residing within the Port of Siuslaw district. The district boundary encompasses most of the Siuslaw River watershed, including the coastal communities of Florence and Dunes City, and extending upriver to Mapleton, Walton, Lorane, and Blachly. The Port is the sponsor of the federal maritime investment in Lane County

for maintenance of the channel, harbor, jetties, and navigable ocean bars. The Port also has significant authority under Oregon statute for local economic development and infrastructure projects that encourage job creation and tourism. The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners meet regularly at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Port Office at 100 Harbor Street in Florence. Regular Port Commission meetings are open to the public. Questions should be directed to the Port office at 541-997-3426

TSN26-107 PORT
SEEKS BUDGET
COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

TSN26-100 DEAR
DUNES CITY

PROPERTY OWNER,

This is to notify you that Dunes City has proposed a land use regulation that may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties. At 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2026 the Dunes City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Ordinance # 275 to issue a recommendation onto City Council. On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, the Dunes City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendation and take possible final action on Ordinance #275. Ordinance #275 will adopt a new Dunes City Development Code, Chapter 155, which has been a work in progress for several years. Ordinance #275 will finally and officially adopt the new development code for Dunes City. Both hearings will be held at City Hall at 82877 Spruce Street in the Westlake area of Dunes City. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, text amendments and Findings of Fact are available for inspection at the Dunes City Hall and on the City's website www.dunescity.gov. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, amendments and Findings are also available for purchase at a cost of \$25 per page. For additional information, you may call the Dunes City Recorder at 541-997-3338. Measure 56 In 1998, Oregon's voters passed a law known as Ballot Measure 56, which requires legal notices, like this one, to be mailed to landowners when a change in land use laws might limit the use of their property. Generic legal language is mandatory for all mailings under Measure 56 law. The below sentence, "The City of Dunes City has determined that proposed land use changes may change the value of your property" is mandatory language that the City must include, however; the City of Dunes City does not know how these amendments might affect the value of your property, if at all. Phone (541) 997-3338 • PO Box 97, Westlake, OR 97493 82877 Spruce St • www.dunescity.gov

Again, it's a personal preference.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have high blood pressure and a chronic heart condition that is treated with rosuvastatin and clopidogrel. I do not have high cholesterol. Even so, my cardiologist strongly recommends that I continue rosuvastatin as a precautionary measure. Does this make sense? — T.L.

ANSWER: The goal of rosuvastatin and other statin drugs is to reduce the risk of heart disease complications, including heart attacks, strokes and death. Not everybody who gets these complications will have high cholesterol.

They might have other risk factors such as the high blood pressure you have, or they might have diabetes or less-common lipid issues like a high Lp(a). A high Lp(a) is a risk factor that is not always looked for, but it is important in a person with known heart disease or in those who have a strong family history despite having no traditional risk factors.

In a person who is at a higher risk despite normal or even desirable cholesterol levels (especially a person with known blockages in their arteries), the benefits of treatment outweigh the risks for nearly everyone. There are several calculators your doctor can go over with you to estimate your risk — with and without medicines like rosuvastatin.

It's critical to remember that statin drugs (and other medications that we traditionally call "cholesterol medicines") are effective in people who are at a high risk even if their cholesterol levels are normal.

You are on clopidogrel (Plavix), which is given to people to prevent blood clots, especially people who are at a high risk such as those with a stent or a history of a stroke. This suggests to me that your doctor thinks you are at a high risk, so the use of a potent statin like rosuvastatin is appropriate in this case.

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



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Roach

Getting Vaccines in the Same Day or Arm Is up to Preference

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have notes from friends at home who are getting their COVID vaccines and high-dose flu shots on the same day in the same arm. They talk about being completely wiped out and the cons of having two sore arms. Does it matter if you get the shots in one arm or the other? I suspect that it's fine to do them both in one arm, and there's no advantage to dividing it over time or by arm. — N. W.

ANSWER: Recent studies seem to suggest that getting the COVID-19 vaccine in the same arm as previous vaccines leads to higher short-term vaccine effectiveness; however, another recent study shows that getting a subsequent COVID-19 vaccine in the opposite arm leads to higher antibody levels, which are also longer-lasting.

I suspect that there is no major difference whether you consistently get the vaccine in the same arm or not. Personally, I always get my COVID vaccine in my nondominant arm, but I have colleagues who prefer the vaccine in their dominant arm (as they are convinced that moving more means a faster resolution to a sore arm, which is very common after any vaccine).

Getting both your COVID and flu vaccines at the same time is convenient for people who have trouble getting to their provider or when there is no pharmacy near them that provides the vaccine. It's most efficient to get both done at the same time, but when I have done so, I get one in one arm and one in the other.

GO FIGURE!

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

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Young female horse	I	Foolishness	O
2. Restaurant server	— I — — —	Mr. Mitty or Cronkite	— L — — —
3. Serena Williams' tool	— A — — —	Spaceship	— O — — —
4. Sluggish creature	S — — — —	Fabric	C — — — —
5. Code inventor	— R — — —	Mickey or Minnie	— U — — —
6. Alternate route	— T — — —	Wolf down	— V — — —
7. Boxer Sonny	— — — —	Eavesdrop	— — — —
8. Groucho's quiet kin	— — — —	Angelic instruments	— — — —
9. Deep red gem	— — — —	Harvest	— — — —
10. Alf or ET	— — — —	Steve or Woody	— — — —

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5. Morse, Mouse	10. Alien, Allen
4. Sloth, Cloth	9. Garnet, Garner
3. Racket, Rocket	8. Harpo, Harps
2. Waiter, Waller	7. Liston, Listen
1. Filly, Folly	6. Detour, Devour

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