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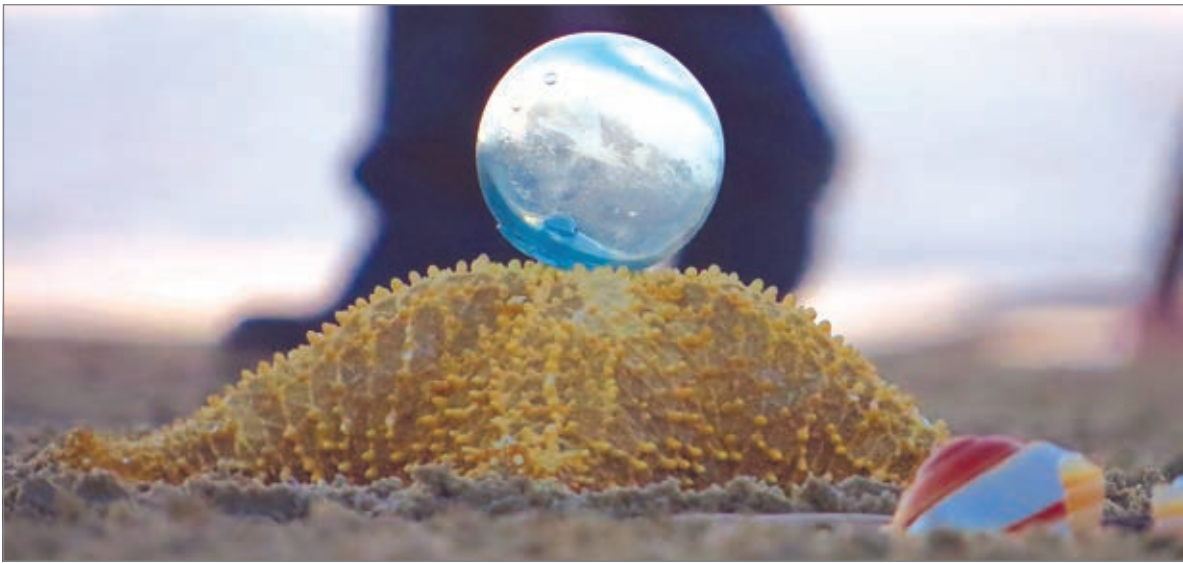
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Walking in Circles in the sand

A large crowd of people came out to walk through the mazes during the annual Circles in the Sand event near Driftwood Shores on Oct. 18. The two-day event featured sand art by Denny Dyke and a kite exhibition by Rod and Cindy Thrall, creations by local artists, along with beautiful weather and photo-worthy sunsets. See more photos at thesiuslawnews.com Tony Reed photos



Deputy Fire Chief Matt House Retires

SUBMITTED by WLFEA

Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority is proud to announce the retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Matt House, who officially concluded his distinguished career on October 21, 2025, after 27 years of dedicated service to the community.

Deputy Chief House began his career as a volunteer firefighter with the City of Florence Fire Department in 1997, rising through the ranks from firefighter to Captain, with Western Lane Ambulance District in 1998 where he ultimately served as the District Manager, and finally with Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority as Deputy Chief following the merger of Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue and the Western Lane Ambulance District. Throughout his tenure, he has been instrumental in advancing firefighter training programs, improving emergency medical response operations, and enhancing community safety initiatives.

“Deputy Chief House has been an exceptional leader and a cornerstone of our department,” said Fire Chief Michael Schick. “His commitment to professionalism, mentorship, and public service has left a lasting impact that will continue to shape this department for years to come.”

A retirement celebration honoring Deputy Chief House was held on October 21, 2025 at Fire Station #1. Members of the community, department personnel, and public officials joined in recognizing his remarkable contributions and wishing him well in retirement.

Deputy Chief House expressed gratitude for the support received over the years:

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Florence and our surrounding areas alongside such dedicated men and women. I’m deeply proud of what we’ve accomplished together and confident that the department is in great hands for the future.”

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Council hears new high school proposal

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw School Facilities Advisory Committee continues to tour Florence in an attempt to inform the greatest number of residents about a proposal to replace Siuslaw high school and conduct repairs and upgrades at Siuslaw Elementary school.

FAC vice-chair (and high school principal) Mike Harklerode and committee chair Bob Orr came before the Florence City Council on Oct. 20 to explain the proposal.

Harklerode said that as a committee of the board of directors, the FAC has been meeting for about 19 months in order to bring recommendations back to the board regarding

necessary repairs at district schools.

“We’re at the point now where we have preliminary recommendations,” he said noting that the committee has made about 12 presentations around Florence and have 12 more to go. “It’s been a very busy time getting the word out there, and we are anxious to take the feedback we have had in shaping

our final recommendations to the board.”

REASONS FOR REPLACEMENT

“This is where I live,” Harklerode joked, showing an aerial photo of the high school. “It was built in 1970, it’s 110,000 square feet and when

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Second No Kings protest draws largest crowd



Arguably the largest crowd this year took to the streets for the second No Kings protest of 2025. Protesters spanned the half-mile from Highway 126 to City Hall but the largest crowds were at the 126/101 intersection. An accurate count of attendees was difficult to make, since many were walking back-and-forth through the demonstration area. Police Chief John Pitcher said officers were on scene throughout the demonstration and reported no issues. It should be noted that demonstrators at City Hall made a point of not blocking the doorways, sidewalks or drop off areas. The protest was one of many No Kings protests held around the U.S. on Oct. 18. According to the Associated Press, more than 2,600 such rallies took place. See more photos at thesiuslawnews.com Tony Reed photos.

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Soundwave carries Siuslaw High School choir voices far

CONTRIBUTED by ELLIOT DOTSON
Siuslaw High School

There are two sounds you will hear as you walk past the Siuslaw High School choir room. The first is voices coming together and singing. The second is the raucous laughter of students who've created lifelong bonds. Soundwave is the advanced choir at

Siuslaw High School, consisting of 10 students ranging throughout all high school grades. It is entry-by-audition and hosts some of the strongest vocalists at Siuslaw. They tackle difficult pieces with dissonance, foreign languages, and layered harmonies. Soundwave, for the first time in 10 years, qualified and performed at the State level competition

last year under new director and Siuslaw alum David Johnston. They tied for fourth place in the 3A division and took home the trophy. Going into this next festival season, the goal is to simply create good music rather than prioritizing competitiveness. Soundwave is gearing up for their first festival of the year on October 29. The Small

Ensembles Festival in Marshfield consists of four smaller choirs across the Oregon coast. While this school is in Coos Bay, Siuslaw is the school organizing and planning this event. Soundwave will be singing a set of three songs at this performance, including Ballad of the Witches Road from Agatha All Along and In Noctem by Nicholas Hooper.

Soundwave's aim for this festival is to adjust to performing in front of an audience and prepare for their upcoming Winter Concert. To these students, choir is more than just a class they take. It's also a second home. It is a place where they can let down their guards and simply create. Soundwave allows students in many different social circles to form friendships that will last long into their adult lives. Regardless of their differences, these students have a common goal of creating music that brings them together. This passion for art & community is the very thing that pushed them to qualify for state competition and that Soundwave members carry with them into the upcoming festival season.



Dead whale calf washes ashore near Florence

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

Perhaps it was the remote location where a long-dead whale washed ashore north of Florence that kept it from getting more attention this last week. Suzette Lawrence sent photos to this paper of the decomposing carcass that was found on the shore south of the Rock Creek trail. A day or so later, the remains had washed up near the bridge at Muriel Ponsler State Park.

Jim Rice, a researcher at Hatfield Marine Science Center, who also heads the marine stranding program, said the whale is a humpback calf that was first reported on shore October 15 at Tokatee Klootchman State Wayside. Rice did not give a possible theory for the calf's death. It's likely the carcass was washed out again as the subsequent days featured high wave warnings and attempts to locate it were unsuccessful.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Department responded to the following calls between October 15 and October 21

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

At 12:13 a.m., officers on patrol made a traffic stop in the area of 12th St. and Highway 101. Officers recognized a passenger in the vehicle as a subject with warrants from Florence Municipal Court. Subject was taken into custody.

At 9:49 a.m., a caller reported harassment of juveniles in Florence. Case was referred to the state prosecutor for review.

At 3:24 p.m., officers responded to the end of

Siano Loop for a report of a dog left in the car. The described vehicle was gone when officers arrived.

At 5:08 p.m., a resident turned in a phone found near South Jetty Rd. Officers were able to identify and contact the owner of the phone, who picked it up later.

At 6:47 p.m., Oregon State Police reported seeing a subject sought by Florence Police. Officers made contact with the subject and arrested them for violation of a restraining order.

At 7:39 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 43rd St. for a report of slashed tires on a vehicle. Case remains under investigation.

At 8:53 p.m., a caller

reported that their child had run away again. Officers searched the area and located the juvenile, who refused to get in the patrol car, but agreed to walk home.

At 8:56 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report of a stolen bicycle.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

At 2:55 a.m., a caller reported seeing a suspicious person on their home's ring cam. Officers responded and searched the area. After remaining in the area for some time, officers were unable to locate the described subject.

At 8:44 a.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Oak Street for a report that a subject had left a sharp object near the caller's tire. Officers reviewed video from the area and found no evidence of malicious

activity.

At 11:33 a.m., a caller reported that their vehicle had been stolen. Before officers could respond, the caller re-contacted dispatch to say they'd found their vehicle at the bar where they left it the night before.

At 11:58 a.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of 20th St. for a report of a possible burglary. Officers are reviewing video and the case remains under investigation.

At 12:21 p.m., officers responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a reported hit and run. After reviewing evidence, officers were able to locate the other vehicle, whose driver said they were unaware they had hit anything.

At 2:37 p.m., a caller reported a subject living in a car with a dog, which the caller felt was

inhumane for the dog. Such activity is not illegal, but the owner of the car agreed to move some items from the car to make more room for the dog.

At 6:56 p.m., a caller reported that a memorial site on Rhododendron Drive had possibly been vandalized. Upon reviewing area video, it was determined the damage was caused by a bear.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

At 8:24 a.m., a caller reported receiving a suspicious email claiming to be a local realtor selling a local property. When contacted, the real owner of the property said it is not for sale.

At 9 a.m., officers responded to the area of 43rd and Oak Street for a report of a bag of diapers in the roadway with a knife stuck in it. Officers removed the trash and

called Public Works to clean up broken glass in the area.

At 4:01 p.m., a driver notified officers on patrol of a westbound vehicle driving recklessly on Highway 126 toward Florence. Vehicle was described only as white. Officers noted several white vehicles in the area, but without further information, did not have probable cause for a stop.

At 5:22 p.m. a group of juvenile females walking on Oak Street said they were approached by a group of boys who asked if they were Democrats and followed them. Officers determined that no crime or violation occurred and no further action was taken.

At 10:40 p.m., officers observed a vehicle broke down in the 4900 block of Highway 101. Officers

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Pet of the Week



We have just the girl to brighten your day.

This brave little girl was found hiding in an engine bay. She's clearly a survivor who's had a rough start. Despite her ordeal, Rachael is a gentle and affectionate kitty looking for a safe, loving home where she can finally relax and thrive. She's ready to leave her tough beginnings behind and enjoy the cozy life she deserves.

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LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

President Trump says he is not a king, yet he says: “I have the Article II power, where I have the right to do whatever I want as President.”

Someone needs to advise the President that “whatever I want” is the very definition of a king. The British monarchs said it well: “The King can do no wrong.” Or as our own King Donald has said, “He who saves his country does not violate any law.”

A king can do things like shoot live ordinance rounds over a California freeway to show how pissed off he is about protests on “No Kings” day. No matter that he delays weekend traffic for hours and that a live shell explodes prematurely landing shrapnel on a Highway Patrol cruiser. Californians deserve worse for being so liberal!

The White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt

says, “The Democratic party’s main constituency is made up of Hamas terrorists, illegal aliens, and violent criminals.” But Ms. Leavitt, sweetie, that means there must be a hundred million of these crazies running around the country and how will you ever be able to imprison them all?

*Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, UT*

DEAR EDITOR,

An Open letter to the Florence City Council

My subject is “Norms for how public officials should respond to the public.”

When I first presented my climate petition to the Florence City Council at public input over six years ago I did not receive an answer. I asked the City Manager when they would respond. I got this answer, “They don’t have to.”

To address this issue

of non-responsiveness, I contacted Mayor Ward after he formulated a set of norms for the Council and committees. I encouraged him to expand upon the norms to include how officials should respond to the public in a responsive way. Again no answer.

So I submitted a set of norms to the City Council that address how I believe the Council and Committee members should interact with the public. The norms can be viewed in the public record for the City Council meeting on October 20, 2025. <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting-287>

I’ll end with a poem.

When public input crowds the room,
Do not regard it as impending doom.
So listen not with a check-off list,
But with an ear that truly is a fist.
City Council, please

respond to my request for you to adopt

DEAR EDITOR,

It is a first amendment right, enshrined in the US Constitution, that Americans have a right to speak out if they disapprove of something their government is doing. The “No Kings” marches were such an event. Some Republicans in congress showed their disapproval (fear?) by labeling the demonstrators, in advance, as un-American radicals. The peaceful demonstrations by an estimated seven million patriotic everyday Americans proved their disinformation rhetoric very wrong. Our president has responded to the concerns of his fellow Americans by posting a video of him flying a jet, wearing a crown and dumping I will say “raw sewage” on demonstrators. I have to ask, who really hates America here?

OCHS Paw-liday store and Santa Paws photos planned

Santa Paws and his elves are hard at work preparing for the Oregon Coast Humane Society’s beloved PAW-liday Store, opening November 1st at 1179 Bay Street, next to the OCHS Thrift Store. The store will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“The PAW-liday Store is one of our favorite OCHS traditions,” said Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director of OCHS. “We can’t wait to welcome back our loyal

shoppers who return year after year for this special event.”

The PAW-liday Store is fully stocked with vintage treasures, holiday décor, specialty items, and new gift selections—making it a one-stop holiday shopping destination.

Holiday shoppers visiting on opening day may be greeted by one of Santa’s furry helpers, thanking them for purchases that support animals in need.

OCHS is also planning Photos with Santa Paws and Mrs. Claws at two Florence locations:

- Saturday, Nov. 22 at Florence Shipping Solutions
- Sunday, Nov. 30 at Florence Mini Pet Mart

Both events run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Photos will be taken by Stephanie Ford, with Dan and Teresa Lofy appearing as Santa Paws and Mrs. Claws.

The PAW-liday Store is entirely

volunteer-powered, and 100% of proceeds support the care of animals at the Oregon Coast Humane Society. A Giving Tree will also be available for community members who wish to buy gifts for shelter dogs and cats.

Volunteer opportunities remain available, and donations of holiday and general merchandise are accepted year-round during regular thrift store hours. For more information, call 541-997-5705.

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Three Rivers Casino Resort Wins National Theo Award for Excellence in Casino Marketing

Three Rivers Casino Resort was honored with a national Theo Award at the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas, recognizing excellence and creativity in casino marketing. The resort earned the award for Best Promotion/Giveaway for Medium Casinos for its Mad Hatter's Tea Party campaign. "Creativity is part of who we are. We love finding playful ways to bring our guests together. Whether it's a whimsical Mad Hatter Tea Party or a themed event dreamed up by our team, we're all about creating moments that let people laugh, connect, and escape the everyday. Our staff and our guests feel like one big family, and that energy is what makes this place so special," said Rich Colton, director of marketing at Three Rivers Casino



Resort. Presented by the Casino Direct Marketing Association, the inaugural Theo Awards spotlight the year's most effective, innovative, and results-driven marketing across the gaming industry. Winners

were announced Oct. 8 at G2E's Networking Lounge, celebrating strategic and imaginative campaigns that elevate brand engagement and customer loyalty. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party promotion delighted

guests with a fantasy-inspired event featuring costumed characters, interactive games, and custom prizes that brought the casino floor to life. "I had such a great time at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, and

I took a trip with the money I won!" said Eva W., a Three Rivers Casino guest. "The Mad Hatter event was absolutely fabulous! It was an event you could dress up for and I did! The hosts and event staff

were incredibly accommodating. I had so much fun. I've travelled all around to different casinos, Three Rivers Casino has the best events and staff," added Karen Fruetel, a Three Rivers Casino guest.



Annual 2025 Veterans Day Parade Ramps Up

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Began originally in 2006, the annual Veterans Day parade here in Florence, which takes place this year on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, celebrates twenty years of honoring the

Veterans in our community. This year the participation again does not require pre-registration. Participants can simply arrive at staging at the Florence Christian Church on 2nd & Ivy Streets, and be inserted into line. Staging begins at 11:30 a.m. and the parade

begins at 1:00 p.m. for its short route down through Historic Old Town Florence. Participants need to enter staging from Rhoddoendron Drive and Ivy Streets. The Parade Committee recently announced this year's Grand Marshals as Charlie Pennington



and Terri Pennington of Florence. The Penningtons, both US Army Veterans, served in both Vietnam and Korea, as well as stateside, during their service in the late 1960's. Terri's duty as a nurse and Lieutenant, out-ranked Charlie, who was a Chief Warrant Officer and flew 'dustoff' choppers. Florence residents since 2000, both served with distinction during their military careers, each experiencing significant

events while serving. This year's parade will again feature both patriotic music as well as popular songs from multiple military-eras, from 12:30 p.m. through 1:30 p.m., on KCST Coast Radio, 106.9 fm. so that participants as well as businesses along Bay Street can enjoy the festivities. A song titled "Well Worn Hats" will be played during the parade broadcast period, which was written by Vietnam

Veteran Michael B. Scanlan from Sacramento, California, who served in the US Army from 1967 – 1970. Scanlan penned the lyrics and had the song put to music to share with Veteran organizations. Veterans Parade of Florence, Inc. thanks its multiple sponsors and community partners for making the parade possible. Sponsors can be found on the 2025 parade can website at: www.florenceveteransparade.org.

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Location: 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road

Doors open at 9:30, program begins at 10 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact: Sally Wantz ~ Florence. Unitarian@gmail.com

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Join C.R.O.W.'s bevy of talented cast members for "Meant to Be: The 2025 Holly Jolly Follies" - December 5, 6, & 7 at the Florence Events Center. This beloved annual tradition features a scripted central story, as well as variety acts, dancers, singers, live music, comedy, and of course... the World-Famous Tutu Dads! This year's theme centers around a brave, orphaned elf named Scarlett who discovers that family and love are the most special part of the holiday season. Audiences can expect laughter, joy, colorful whimsy, and plenty of "warm fuzzies."

All ticketing fees are included in purchase price. "Get your tickets early because they do they sell out!" Tickets can be purchased at www.eventcenter.org or call 541-997-1994.

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Teen Giving Tree Program returns for 13th Year in Florence

Twin Lakes Grocery & Liquor proudly announces the return of its 13th annual Teen Giving Tree Program, spreading holiday cheer to local teenagers in the North Lakes area of Florence. This heartwarming initiative, expected to benefit approximately 50 teens aged 13–17, invites the community to make the season brighter for young people.

Starting Oct.1, teens residing in the North Lakes area or those nominated to participate can pick up application and wish list forms from cashiers at Twin Lakes Grocery & Liquor. Completed wish lists must be returned by Nov. 1 to allow ample time for community members to shop for the teens' desired gifts. Gifts should be returned to Twin Lakes by Dec. 12.

"We know it feels early to talk about Christmas," said Vicki Ambrosio, owner of Twin Lakes Grocery & Liquor and founder of the program. "But starting in October ensures we have the teens' wish lists in hand, giving our community enough time to shop thoughtfully for gifts that will bring joy."

The program culminates in a festive Christmas party and gift distribution event on Wednesday, Dec.17, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton Lake Fire Station.

Community members are invited to support this cherished program by shopping for wish list items and delivering unwrapped gifts to Twin Lakes Grocery & Liquor by December 12. For more details, visit www.twinlakes.store or contact the store at (541) 997-3021.

Pounding food drive coming to Florence

The 25th annual "Pounding" to benefit Florence Food Share will be held at Grocery Outlet on Saturday, November 22, from 10 am to 2 pm. Founded and hosted by local businesswoman Cindy Wobbe, this annual food drive aims to fill the food bank's pantries with much-needed canned, boxed, and frozen food items in time for the holiday season. The event will be conducted as a drive-through donation drop directly in front of the store.

Started in 2000 and held on the Saturday just before Thanksgiving, the Pounding is modeled after the early tradition often practiced in small communities when a new family or preacher would move to town. "To help folks get their feet firmly

planted, everyone would join together and contribute a pound of food to fill the pantry. Someone would bring a pound of flour, another a pound of sugar, and somebody else a pound of beans. When everybody chips in, we can fill those shelves pretty quickly," said Wobbe. "Nearly 800 families in our community are food insecure and rely on Food Share each month for assistance. The current housing crisis and economic challenges place extraordinary stress on both Food Share and the families it serves. That need is not going to go away. This food drive has been a godsend year after year." To date, this event has raised over 220,000 pounds of food.

Wobbe will be joined by local radio

personalities from KCST Coast Radio, which has conducted a live radio remote on location every year since the beginning. Purchasing food from Grocery Outlet is not required; food from any commercially packed source will be accepted. However, Florence Grocery Outlet marks specials throughout the store of items most desperately needed at the food bank and plans to have extra staff available during the event to help with pushing grocery carts, loading boxes of canned foods, and ringing in customers at the check stands.

Grocery Outlet is located at 2066 Hwy. 101. The Pounding will begin at 10 am on Saturday, November 22, and continue until 2 pm.

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POLICE

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helped the driver push the vehicle out of the lane. The driver’s friends arrived to help remove the vehicle from the area.

At 11:38 p.m., callers reported a vehicle spinning circles in the parking lot near the skate park in Miller Park. Officers arrived to find the vehicle gone but several juveniles in the area. Officers advised them that the skate park is only open during daylight hours.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

At 10:03 a.m., a resident turned in an envelope

they had found containing a check and a card. Officers were able to contact the owner who said it may have been taken from her mailbox. Items were returned.

At 2:18 p.m., a resident turned in a phone found in the area of 2nd and Maple Street. Officers were unable to contact the owner, and the phone remains at the police department.

At 6:40 p.m., a caller reported hearing six possible gunshots in the area of Rhododendron Drive and 35th St. Officers patrolled the area and remained nearby for some time. Officers heard no further shots and dispatch received no further calls.

At 7:32 p.m., officers

responded to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a report of loud noise inside a neighboring apartment. Officers found noises had been created by young kids. Residents were advised and no further action was taken.

At 8:44 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Myeena Loop for a death investigation. Officers found the cause of death was self-inflicted.

At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to an area near the hospital for a report of found property. Officers determined the property had belonged to a subject who had been previously told to leave the hospital. Subject was located and told to retrieve his belongings.

driver on Highway 126 who was unable to stay in his lane and driving erratically. An officer in the area responded and searched the area, but was unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 11:13 p.m., a caller reported that a particular subject drives intoxicated from a Florence business to his home almost nightly.

At 10:06 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 126 for a report of a subject screaming. Officers searched the area and found one subject who denied any such activity. Subject was advised that if he was the one screaming, he should refrain from doing so anymore.

out of a substantial amount of money. Caller said they received a phone call from a subject claiming to be with a tax group who said they owed unpaid taxes. Caller provided debit card information because they assumed the call was legitimate. Case remains under investigation.

At 4:44 p.m., officers responded to the 87,500 block of Rhodowood Drive to assist Sheriff’s deputies with a report of a missing four year old. Child was located in the house shortly afterward.

At 6:29 p.m., a business in the 1400 block of Highway 101 reported that a subject had been entering their dumpster and had taken the padlock officers reviewed video to confirm the report. When the subject is located he will be told not to return to the business.

a tow.

At 11:35 p.m., two callers reported being approached by a subject in the area of Highway 126 in Florence, who said that the was looking for a family member who might have been murdered. Officers were able to locate the subject and determined that no one had been murdered. An Oregon State Police trooper gave the subject a ride back to his home.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

At 8:31 a.m., a caller reported a large flatbed truck that was stuck off Rhododendron Drive blocking the roadway. Truck was gone when officers arrived.

At 9:42 a.m., a resident turned in a phone cell phone. Officers were able to contact the owner of the phone who said they would pick it up.

At 12:11 p.m., a caller reported that they had been drugged and raped the night before. Based on the information given, the case was found to be in the Sheriff’s Office jurisdiction.

At 6:20 p.m., officers responded again to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a report of noise in a neighboring apartment. Parties were advised to speak to the property manager.

At 10:50 p.m., officers responded to the 3400 block of Redwood Street for a report of a missing person. The subject was soon located and returned to the home..

Officers also responded to three disputes. Officers conduct and 50 traffic stops and code enforcement responded to five points. Since January 1, Florence Police Department has responded 17,225 times, according to the call log.

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At 7:09 a.m., a caller reported a physical dispute inside a vehicle that was heading into Florence, possibly involving a child in the vehicle. Case remains under investigation.

At 9:17 a.m., a caller reported that his umbrella had been stolen while he was sleeping near the library.

At 5:15 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Maple Street for a reported dog off leash. Officers contacted the owner and advised him of Florence’s leash laws.

At 5:17 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

At 5:15 a.m., a subject came to the police department to turn himself in on a warrant. Subject was cited and released.

At 9:51 a.m., a caller reported that she had lost her purse and that her account had been hacked.

At 9:58 a.m., officers received a report of stolen mail. Officers were able to determine that a disagreement was occurring between a former couple regarding possession of mail. Parties agreed to return mail to the addressed owners.

At 10:22 a.m., a caller reported that a chainsaw had been stolen from the back of his truck sometime in the last week.

At 10:50 a.m., a caller reported leaving a coat and purse on top of a cart and asked if anything had been turned in. No such items were being held at the department.

At 4:04 p.m., a resident brought in ammunition to surrender for destruction.

At 4:33 p.m., a caller reported being scammed

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Monday, November 4, 10 am. Come learn about past and future events, and vote for 2025 Board members.

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2D (hangs on wall): Monday, November 10th, 9-10:30 am
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FRAA Changes to Winter Hours

Beginning November 1st, we will close at 4 pm Wednesday-Friday and Sunday. We will be open until 5 pm on Saturdays!

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Congratulations to the Winners of our 4th Annual Coastal Plein Air Art & Wine Festival!

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Honorable Mention *Coastal Reverie* Cathy Boggs
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COUNCIL

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it was opened, it was meant for 350 to 375 students. We routinely have more than 400 students at the school.”

He said that while the school isn’t necessarily overcrowded, it does have some classroom capacity issues.

“I’d like to point out that school buildings should last longer than 55 years,” he said. “This one didn’t, so even though it opened in 1970, I think the community should have an expectation that the building is going to last longer. The building was created at a time when there was rapid growth in the city of Florence. There was an expedited need to leave the previous high school and move into this one. Some corners were cut, it was a low contract bid, and there are some elements that are Korean War era, specifically, the boiler system.”

Harklerode explained that architects, engineers and trades people came through the schools and identified eight major points of concern; aging buildings, inadequate and failing systems, safety and security issues, high cost of maintenance and utilities, needed structural upgrades, capacity issues, no kitchen or cafeteria, and a lack of basic amenities.

Harklerode noted that the heating system in the high school is inadequate, resulting in drastic differences in temperature from one room to another. He noted that at one point the school had to go to distance-learning for a few days, not because of the pandemic, but because the heating system failed and needed to be repaired.

SAFETY

Echoing previous presentations, Harklerode noted that the high school has 17 different entry points. He said that while the campus features a new front office building, gates and cameras, it is extremely difficult to monitor who is coming in and out of the school.

Saying the school was constructed before the columbine school tragedy, Harklerode noted that School staff cannot isolate and lock down particular areas of the school in the event of an intruder or active shooter.

“It’s an all or nothing thing,” he said. “The gymnasium is way toward the back, and the front doors are where they are, so everyone coming in for an evening game in the gym is going to be walking through the entire school unsecured, just to get to the gym to watch the sports game.” Harklerode noted that he monitors school cameras himself during many of the games held in the

gym. He said the proposed larger high school would be two stories and located on current high school property on Oak Street north of the middle school parking lot. Harklerode set the larger facility would offer room to grow in the coming decades. He said the space left after destruction of the current middle school conserve many school and community purposes in the future.

MAINTENANCE

Harklerode said seismic issues are also a concern. In addition to being constructed before Columbine, the school also predates Oregon seismic codes by three years.

“We have no way of determining what size earthquake it would take to make our building uninhabitable,” he said, “but we do you know it would be significantly less than the big one that we are all so worried about. We have tilt up concrete walls throughout the building, and the center portion of the school is two stories. We know that the engineering and construction practices of the era were not nearly what they should be to keep us safe in an earthquake..”

Small classroom sizes and capacity issues then come in to play, and the school does not have a kitchen or cafeteria. He said it forces many students to leave the campus during lunchtime, making it difficult for them to get back in time to start fourth period.

He also noted that many classrooms have no windows and poor air circulation, and some have handicap accessibility issues. Around 40% of the maintenance funding for the entire district goes to the high school every year, he said.

ELEMENTARY ISSUES

Harklerode said the elementary school was constructed in 1965 with additions added in 1982, 1985 and 1992. He said kindergarten students are separated from the campus, but have to walk through most of its hallways to get from the school bus to their own classroom.

He added later that the kindergarten class room was initially estimated to last 12 years, and 2025 marks its 11th year in service.

Other issues include classroom functionality, obsolete systems, necessary safety and structural upgrades, and issues with buses and traffic flow.

“if you’ve ever been on Oak Street at 3 o’clock, dismissal time, you know we have a lot of traffic issues in front of the school,” he said, explaining that many parents opt to pick their kids up personally, rather than have them take the bus. “this means the traffic spills

out of the parking lot and onto Oak Street and all the way north past the middle school. Parents sit at idle for about 20 to 25 minutes a day, just to pick up their students.”

Also a pre-Columbine school, it’s hard to secure and monitor, he said.

RECOMMENDATIONS, EXPLANATIONS

Harklerode said the most critical need would be to replace the high school with a new building measuring 174,500 ft.² or a smaller one at 156,000 ft.². Renovations and improvements to the elementary school are considered less critical.

Harklrode stressed that the only mechanisms for school construction projects in Oregon are local bonds.

“There are no grants from the state or federal government. We can’t have enough bake sales and there is nothing in the regular budget that will allow for this,” he said. “This is something that exceeds our budget so extraordinarily that the only option would be long-term debt in construction bonds.”

Showing a district area map that included Glenada and Dunes City which highlighted areas reaching north of Heceta Beach and over halfway to Mapleton, Harklerode said the cost would not be borne solely by the residents of Florence.

He explained that the committee worked to find ways to limit the bond rate to at or below three dollars per \$1000 of assessed value.

The larger replacement high school, estimated to cost just under \$123 million, paid for with a 25 year bond, would come in at \$2.95 per \$1000 of assessed value. A 30 year bond would total \$2.70 per \$1000 of assessed value.

The smaller high school feature of the same benefits but to a smaller degree and would reduce square footage by 18,000 ft.² over the larger option. It would also achieve a \$12 million

savings over the larger version. A 25 year bond would come in at \$2.65 per \$1000 of assessed value. A 30 year bond would come to \$2.43 per \$1000 of assessed value.

He said the best time is always now, since price indexes show and predict increasing future costs for construction.

ELEMENTARY COSTS

Harklerode said that while the elementary school improvements are not as critical as those of the high school, the proposal would move kindergarten inside, remedy access issues, bring the oldest structures up to code, and solve any traffic issues on Oak Street. A 25 year bond for the project would come back at 32 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. A 30 year bond would lower the rate to 30 cents per \$1000 of assessed value.

For a median-assessed property in Florence, that cost would equate to about \$52 per month for the larger school, \$47 for the smaller school and \$5.80 for the elementary school upgrades.

“As we take this out to different constituents in groups, we hear a mixed message of everything from ‘Yes, absolutely go for it – whatever you need,’ to ‘Well, that’s very expensive, we might have to scale it back.’”

Orr said that the committee has looked at remodeling the high school, but the option contains a lot of barriers, including disruption of classes.

“Here, we could keep operating until the new building is built. If we remodel, we’ve got four or five years of disruption, so an entire class going from freshman to senior... would have a significant disruption,” he said. “If we remodel, there’s a lot to be done and we don’t know what we will find in the walls and the floors, but we do know that even after a lot of remodeling, we would still have a core old building and there are some real problems with

that.”

Harklerode added that with modern engineering, supplies and codes, the district would be able to expect to get much more use from the building than the 55 years the current, antiquated building has provided.

INCENTIVES

Harklerode said the building replacement and upgrades would offer a wide range of educational opportunities, would result in improve morale and retention of students and teachers, create a better learning environment, greatly improve safety and security, and provide a high school that will last for decades to come, not to mention a savings in operating costs.

Community incentives with include the attraction of more businesses and more professional families and healthcare providers, and increased tax base, a green space for community use, high school auditorium to conserve as a supplement to the event center, and a seismically safe shelter in the event of an emergency.

“Studies around the state have shown that when communities have new schools, they attract more people. That’s critical for Florence as we are growing. We know, we’ve heard time and time again, that we are losing professional families and losing healthcare providers. Families who have talent and skills and upwardly mobile may not choose Florence has a place to live because of the condition of the schools and what they perceive, based on their physical condition, doesn’t always match what they are looking for.”

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Mayor Rob Ward thanked for the committee for its work in

creating “a great option” for the district.

“I know that Kathy and I support what you are trying to do and look forward to voting in favor of the bond, and would encourage everybody else to take a hard look at it and understand that this is really well thought out,” Ward said.

Councilor Sally Wantz disclosed that she serves on the facilities advisory committee, and asked if the smaller high school would be built with the option to add onto it in the future or would it require the use of modular additions. Harklerode said it would likely be a part of the design but at this time, that part of the design phase has yet to happen.

“I also want to say that I am retired, I have kids here in the district, and I understand the importance of a new school Wantz said. I understand the importance to the community. It’s not about an individual preference like ‘I don’t have kids, I shouldn’t have to pay for it.’ It’s to enhance this community to take it to the next level.” She said that while it would require tightening of purse strings, she and her spouse plan to vote in favor of the bond.

Councilor Jo Beaudreau recommended that concerned community members tour the high school to see its current condition.

Later, under public comment, speaker James Barrett said that while he is a homeowner with no kids, he feels public education is the most important thing one can provide for their community.

After some discussion about potential seismic grants, ballot inclusions and future presentations, Harklerode said the committee planned two presentations Oct. 24 while school was out for homecoming.



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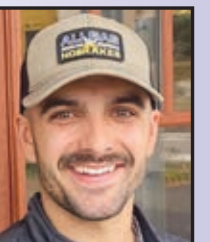
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High.....	12:39 a.m.....7.0
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
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High.....	7:23 a.m.....6.6
Low	1:25 p.m.....2.9
High.....	6:58 p.m.....5.8
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14	
Low	1:23 a.m.....1.3
High.....	8:11 a.m.....6.9
Low	2:31 p.m.....2.2
High.....	8:16 p.m.....5.6

Siuslaw volleyball gets first league win

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The Vikings were able to harness the momentum from some good performances in valiant defeats to secure their first league win of the season! Siuslaw put together many of the positive aspects of their previous matches into a winning display against Glide on Oct. 21, winning in four sets by scores of 25-14, 15-25, 25-17, 25-23. The victory was a product of great play on both sides of the net. “The girls played very strong defense, put up great blocks, and hit and served the ball harder than they have all season,” Head Coach McKenzie Perry said. The win brought Siuslaw’s record to 1-8 in league play, but 6-13 overall. The win also showcased the team’s “great communication” and “positive energy,”

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Siuslaw falls to Sisters in league finale

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Siuslaw couldn’t quite secure a win in their final league game of the season, as Sisters narrowly beat a visiting Vikings squad 4-3 on Oct. 16. It wasn’t for lack of trying, but after a high-octane first half, Sisters held on to beat Siuslaw, snapping the Vikings’ six-game winning streak. Head Coach Londi Tomaro said the game started with a frenetic pace, and the quick-moving Outlaws offense looked dangerous early, creating opportunities through strong attacking runs on the wings and quick one-two passing. “Their disciplined passing and movement caught us off guard, and we had several close calls before they scored their first goal on a

tight-angle shot from the right side,” Tomaro said. “They broke through our defense and scored two more from close range on plays that seemed to take our defense and keeper off guard.” Despite the early 3-0 deficit, the Vikings dug their heels in and battled back. Siuslaw netted three goals in quick succession to bring the score back to a 3-3 deadlock. Kale Jense added to his gaudy season total, scoring twice, and Camden Linton provided the third. As the half progressed, Siuslaw began to contain the Outlaws’ offense by marking attacking players tighter and cutting off passing lanes. Unfortunately, it was Sisters who ended up breaking through again. The Outlaws punched through the Siuslaw

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Early Learning Center construction to start soon

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

In a short presentation to the Florence City Council Oct. 20, Our Coastal Village president Layne Morrill gave an update on the progress of the Elm Park Early Learning Center, to be built soon, adjacent to the Elm Street Apartments, currently under construction northwest of the Florence Justice Center. “We are expecting to be ready for

our financial closing November 15 and to start construction by the end of November,” he said. “That would allow us to be open for business on September 8, 2026, when the school year begins.” He 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 said. “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. City Council work session, the child care work group, Siuslaw vision and the chamber

of commerce, all were actively involved in that. The only thing I brought to the table initially was that when I was speaking with City Manager Erin Reynolds about the new apartment project, she mentioned that there were grants available for building early learning centers. She said, well, can we do one of those? I said well, we can try.” Morrill explained that the project went through the land use process and Head Start was able to get on board and after a

lot of public input and community support, the project was helped through state grants which covered the bulk of cost. “We recently did a go fund me campaign in the community and we raised, including the match that was involved, a total of \$45,900,” he said. “The biggest news is that we had a community provider who has been selected and who is going to be operating

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Community Briefs

Masterworks Moves to New Life Lutheran

Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Players are now rehearsing and performing at New Life Lutheran (NLL) Church, 2100 Spruce Street. Directed by Sylvia Hartman and Laura Merz, the ensembles are preparing for their upcoming concerts, to be held Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, at NLL, 3 p.m.

The musicians focus

on works by the great composers, including Thompson, Vaughn Williams, Piazzolla, Pitoni, Young, Moore, Beeftink, Lauridsen, Bolling, Delibes, and Vivaldi.

Instrumental soloists include Robbie Dee (violin), Mary Moore (clarinet), Karen Patch (cello), Robin Sloane (flute). Vocal soloists are Peter Tomaszewski (baritone) and Chelsea Lilley (soprano). Sylvia Hartman performs “Passacaglia”, a solo on the only pipe organ on the Oregon Coast.

Concerts are free; donations accepted. Mark your calendars!

La Joie Fleuri to speak to Garden Club

The Florence Garden Club is getting ready for the holidays, with a demonstration on creating seasonal dinner table floral arrangements and centerpieces for the home!

This month’s speaker is from Florence florist, La Joie Fleuri. Owner Running Water has

worked in the local florist industry for more than a dozen years and honed her skills at the Floral Design Institute in traditional and modern floral design. Much of Running Water’s product is grown locally. She will ‘show and tell’ her techniques, then participants will get a chance to create their own. Attendees are encouraged to bring containers, flora and fauna from their homes and gardens or seasonal items for their creations.

The Wednesday, November 12th meeting starts at 12:30pm

at Florence’s First Presbyterian Church . Meetings are open to non-members.

For more information go to the Florence Garden Club Facebook page.

Trunk or Treat

New Life Lutheran Church and Florence Food Share will host a Trunk or Treat event October 31, 2025, in the church parking lot, 2100 Spruce St., 4pm-6pm. Bring all the little ghosts, ghouls & goblins. We’ll even allow a witch or two!

CENTER

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the community rooms... She’s fantastic and has been in childcare for 7 years and we’re excited to have her onboard.”

That operator, Jen Lukashev, was not able to attend the council meeting but had a comment read into the record by Kim Erickson..

“over the past seven

years, I’ve had the privilege of working with local families and I’ve seen firsthand the impact that access to high-quality childcare has on parents, children, and the broader community. This project was shaped by closely listening to families, and understanding their most pressing needs. It is rooted in community voices, stories and hope. It reflects my belief that childcare should be accessible and community

driven, shaped through meaningful collaboration and real solutions..”

Lukashev acknowledged the work that local childcare providers have been doing in Florence for years.

“Our intention is not to take away from programs that are already serving families well, but to meet the growing and unmet demands for care, especially for infants and toddlers. Many providers whom we deeply respect are already operating at or near capacity and

families continue to struggle to find available openings. We listened carefully to those families and developed community classrooms in direct response to what we heard- a need for full week, full day care, especially for the youngest children.”

She said the community classrooms will future licensed care for infants and toddlers, as well as preschool, comprehensive scheduling for working families and a commitment to making

care affordable.

“Families who are already well served by their current providers will have every reason to stay where they have strong, trusted relationships,” she said. “Our hope is to simply be a partner in strengthening the entire childcare landscape in Florence.”

Mayor Rob Ward said the issue reinforces the notion that one cannot talk about providing housing in Florence without addressing childcare challenges.



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Soccer

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defense one more time and capitalized on a miscommunication with the Vikings’ defense and keeper Terrance Masterman, bringing the score to 4-3.

In the second half, Siuslaw ramped up the pressure, creating several scoring opportunities, but the Sisters defense got numbers back on defense to ensure the Vikings

couldn’t find a decisive final touch.

“Sisters was intent on keeping their lead and pulled a majority of their team into the penalty area every time we made an attack,” Tomaro said.

The stingy second-half defense from Sisters stymied Siuslaw’s attacks, and the Vikings only registered four shots in the half, with a few of them being “near misses.” Masterman kept the Outlaws at bay during the decisive second period and tallied nine saves on the day, but the Vikings couldn’t quite muster the goal that would have leveled it up.

It wasn’t the way

Siuslaw wanted to end the season, but with a 6-2 record in league play, the #14-ranked Vikings will now turn their attention to preparing for postseason competition.

“This game, we did not get the result that we wanted, but we did identify areas to improve that will help us as we proceed into the playoffs,” Tomaro said. “We are focused on improving our play and preparing for our playoff competition.”

The Vikings’ final tune-up for the playoffs was a non-league game against Pacific/Bandon at Pacific High School on Oct. 27, and the result of that game is unknown at the time of press.



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WIN

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as they grabbed a win they’ve long awaited. In addition to solid play at the net, the team’s play-makers did a great job of keeping the ball alive and giving the offense plenty of efficient looks.

“They pushed the tempo and showed great hustle,” Perry said. “Setters also did the best job of spreading out hitting attempts of the season, and we had an excellent team hitting efficiency of 0.252.”

At the center of the Vikings’ play were Stella Duman, Kylee Stinger, Hope Smith, and Charley Johnson. Duman played with deadly precision,

adding another 18 kills to her season total, and hustled her way to 21 digs. Stinger was stinging the Wildacts all night long with both her serves and her hitting, notching three service aces and 11 kills over the four-match span. Stinger also played an integral role on defense, registering 14 digs. Smith chipped in on the action, contributing four kills and a service ace for good measure. Johnson took on a hefty load serving for the Vikings with 21 service attempts, and she fizzed one of her serves past the Wildcats for an ace.

The Vikings’ final game of the season was against Douglas on Oct. 23, but the result of that match is unknown at the time of press.

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“Abandoned” Haunted Maze coming to FEC

C.R.O.W.’s 8th Haunted Maze, entitled “Abandoned” will be held October 29, 30, and 31 from 6-9 p.m. The suggested minimum age for the regular maze is 8+, and entry is always at parents’ discretion, and at your own risk. The maze is held indoors at the Florence Events Center (715 Quince Street), providing fully accessible restroom facilities, concessions, lobby boutique, and photo opportunities. The maze is also ADA accessible, and C.R.O.W. welcomes all bodies to take their chances with survival. C.R.O.W.’s previous mazes

such as “Carn-EVIL of Terror,” (2024)“Twisted,”(2023) “Freak Show,” (2019) and “Quarantine” (2018) mazes showed so much deadly appeal that over 1000 guests passed through annually, often traveling from as far away as Astoria, Bandon, Eugene/Springfield, Brookings, Washington, and California. Tickets are sold at the door by cash or credit card. For more information including photos, videos, and FAQ’s, please visit www.crowkids.com/haunted-maze All raised funds benefit CROW programs.

2025 Gingerbread Home Contest

Got a sweet tooth? To coincide with their upcoming production of the 2025 Holly Jolly Follies, entitled “Meant To Be,” C.R.O.W. will once again offer a gingerbread home decorating contest with prizes! This opportunity is open to the public and all ages are encouraged to participate. All proceeds support C.R.O.W.’s annual non-profit youth arts programming. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Each gingerbread home will have a 14” x 18” maximum space allotment, and the designer’s name or business will be displayed next to their home. The gingerbread homes on display bring joy to everyone who attends the Holly Jolly Follies,

Empty Bowls, FRAA’s Holiday Arts Faire, and several other seasonal events at the Florence Events Center. First place will receive a trophy plus \$100 cash prize. 2nd and 3rd place will receive free tickets to upcoming CROW events plus other surprises. Tickets will be available for purchase at the FEC box office during business hours, or at the lobby boutique during the Holly Jolly Follies performances. The entry deadline is November 10th, homes must be dropped off to the FEC on November 20-25th, and they will be on display for voting December 1st - 15th. At the end of the contest, designers may retrieve their gingerbread home

for personal display. Entry space is limited. Questions may be emailed to: crowtheatre-kids@yahoo.com. Wanna Participate? Entry forms are required and can be completed online at www.crowkids.com/gingerbread.

Burn piles to be burned in Siuslaw Forest

The onset of cool, damp fall weather is allowing firefighters to initiate pile burning on the Siuslaw National Forest. Starting today and continuing through the spring, trained firefighting personnel will ignite slash piles while fire danger is low and monitor them to ensure fire does not spread outside the immediate vicinity. Burning will be weather-dependent and only occur if conditions are deemed ideal by firefighters. Restoration projects, vegetation management, noxious weed removal, and other brush clearing activities generated the slash piles. Burning is one of the most effective

ways to remove non-merchantable woody debris from the forest before it becomes a hazardous fuel in the dry summer months. Pile burning operations are planned on both Hebo and Central Coast Ranger Districts. Smoke may be visible from nearby trails, roadways, and waterways while the burns are in progress. Smoke impacts are expected to be minimal, and no area closures are anticipated at this time. If unsure whether smoke or a fire is from a planned pile burn, citizens can contact their local fire department, county emergency services or a nearby Siuslaw National Forest Ranger Station.

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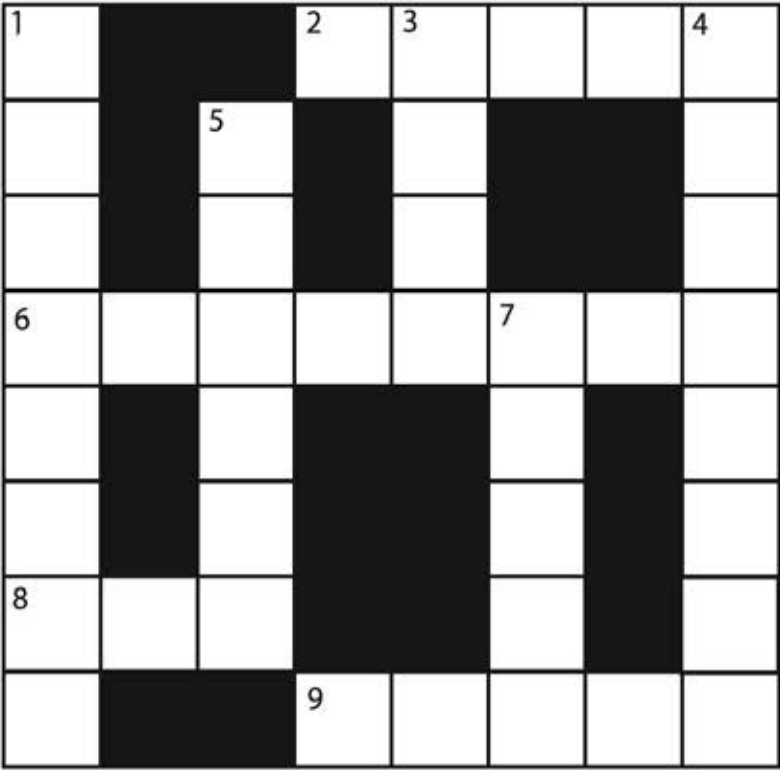
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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
2. Involves the eye
6. In a line
8. Abbreviation for “hours”
9. Stings or pains
- DOWN
1. Vision
3. Foot treatment
4. Corrects vision
5. Bends
7. One who plays

Answers:
Across
2. Optic 6. Straight 8. Hrs 9. Burns
Down
1. Eyesight 3. Pedi 4. Contacts 5. Curves
7. Gamer

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



54: Roman emperor Claudius dies from poisoning under mysterious circumstances.

1843: B'nai B'rith, now the oldest Jewish service organization in the world, is founded in New York.

1976: The first electron micrograph of an Ebola virus is taken at the CDC.

NEW WORD

SOLUTION
a liquid mixture used for cleaning and storing contact lenses

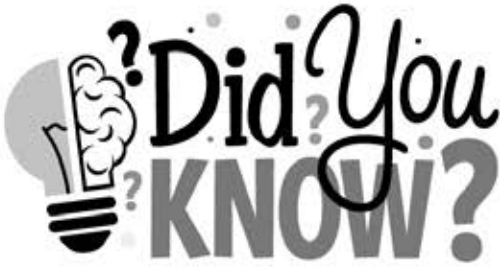
Body FACT:

These devices stay on the eye due to surface tension of tear fluid and the eye’s curvature.

Answer: Contact lenses

How they say that in...

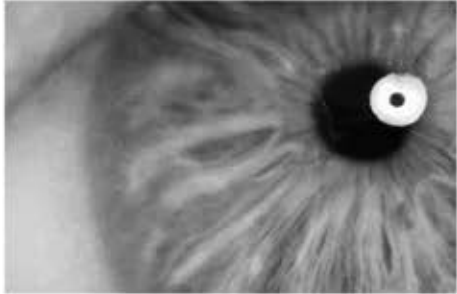
- English:** Case
Spanish: Caja
Italian: Scatola
French: Boîtier
German: Schatulle



Storing contacts properly in the case helps keep them clean, moistened and ready for use.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Eye

HEARING TEST

WORD SEARCH

E V A O G F A F R E Q U E N C Y E H V D
H S Q N V N T S S M S B S N B N P V Y S
D L H E A R I N G L O S S Q A T C E Y Y
S Q E B Q B Q B X C X A P R S Q Y Q L G
Y D S L C O R T E X N M B I S E A T D O
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Q T B T E A G V E N T R B E M U L O V E
O E S F N G L L T I A P I N N E R X M Q
Q U F B P L C R C E C L U R U U C O V H
E M T I R P N S H I L I P S N U H H N P

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

WORDS

- ACOUSTICS
- AUDIOLOGY
- AUDITORY
- COCHLEA
- CORTEX
- DECIBEL
- EUSTACHIAN TUBE
- FREQUENCY
- HEARING AID
- HEARING LOSS
- INNER
- MIDDLE
- NERVE
- OSSICLES
- OTOLARYNGOLOGIST
- OUTER
- PITCH
- PROCESS
- SOUND
- TINNITUS
- TYMPANIC MEMBRANE
- VOLUME

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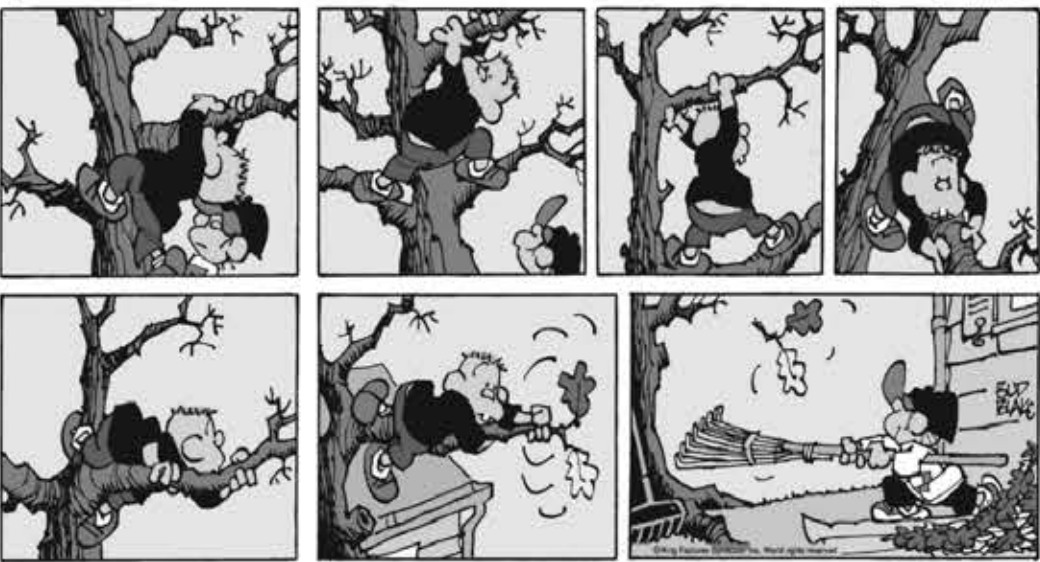
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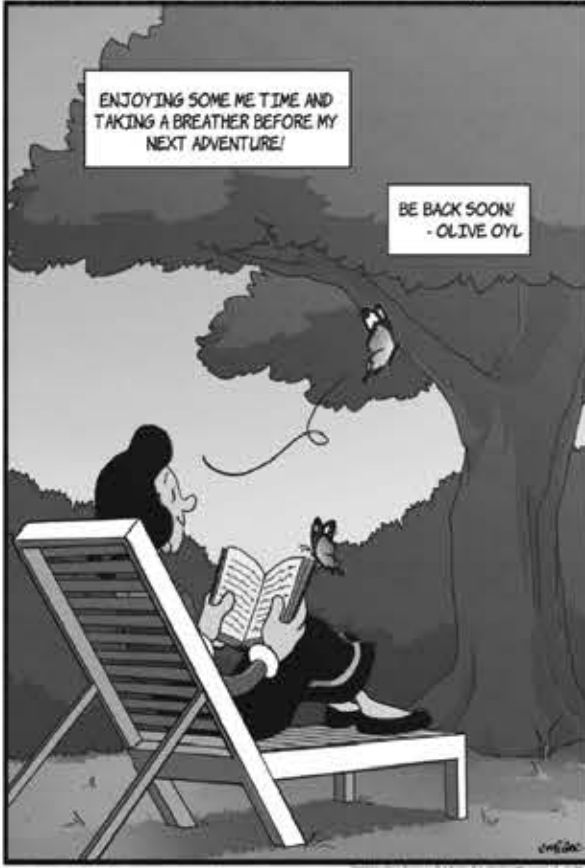
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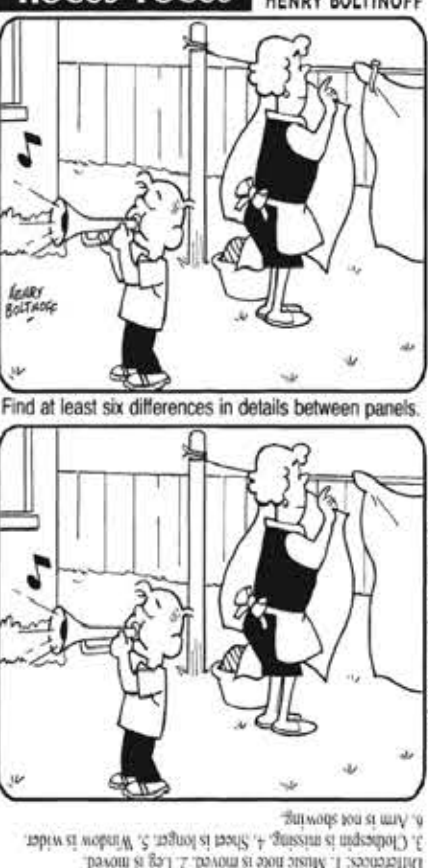
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CryptoQuip

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: T equals M

MEPL QSIJEQTJ BPFHZPLXF
TJSP EYTQBQYF THFXJSPF HL
FDPPWE, MQYIZ DPQDIP WJII
XEQFP FQQLPBHFTF?

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TODAY'S WORD



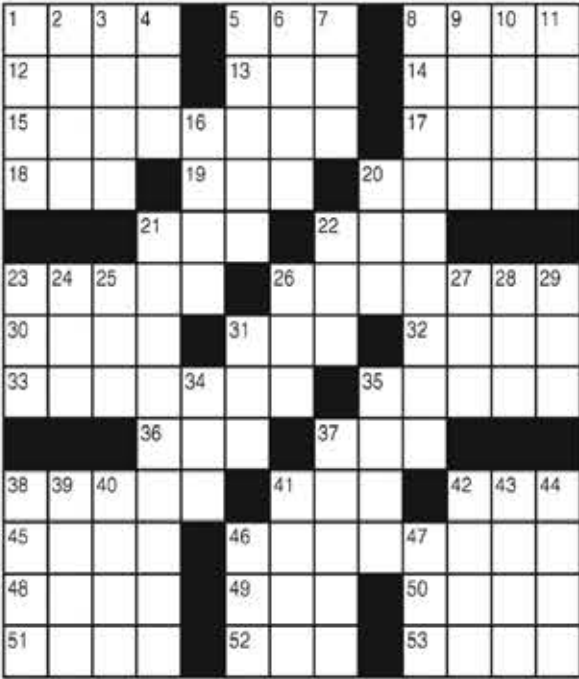
"The 'wet look' — the 'dry look' — I wish they'd come out with something for the '_____ look.'"

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Dandies
- 5 Patient's need, briefly
- 8 Small town
- 12 "Yeah, right!"
- 13 Brazilian city
- 14 Screenwriter James
- 15 Buyer's offer
- 17 "Pinocchio" fish
- 18 Six, in Milan
- 19 Devoured
- 20 Dexterity
- 21 "See ya!"
- 22 Knock
- 23 Apiary homes
- 26 Business magnates
- 30 "Shake —!" ("Hurry!")
- 31 Singer Carly — Jepsen
- 32 Aussie hoppers
- 33 Lend a hand
- 35 Composer Joplin
- 36 Priestly garment
- 37 "Humbug!"
- 38 Music category
- 41 JFK Library architect
- 42 "— the season ..."
- 45 During
- 46 "Troy" actor



- 48 Flintstones' pet
- 49 Long, crosser
- 50 Skin care brand
- 51 Ollie's pal
- 52 Corp. symbols
- 53 Conference leader?
- 5 Banal
- 6 Grown-up nits
- 7 Iowa college
- 8 Rear veranda
- 9 Hybrid fruit
- 10 Stagger
- 11 Earth sci.
- 16 Light beams
- 20 Pouch
- 21 "Excuse me?"
- 22 Deli bread
- 23 "So there!"
- 24 — -de-France
- 25 Speed (Abbr.)
- 26 Make lace
- 27 Tic-tac-toe win
- 28 "— so fast!"
- 29 Retired jet
- 31 Barbecue coating
- 34 World Cup cheer
- 35 Stated
- 37 Pulsates
- 38 Wanders
- 39 Send forth
- 40 Jazz singer Simone
- 41 Baby carriage
- 42 Scrabble piece
- 43 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 44 Ocular woe
- 46 Crunchy sandwich
- 47 Soup cooker

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states are part of New England?
- LITERATURE: What district does Katniss Everdeen represent in "The Hunger Games"?
- ANATOMY: What is the longest nerve in the human body?
- COMICS: What is Captain America's shield made of?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when a solid becomes a gas?
- HISTORY: In what year did the Three Mile Island nuclear accident happen?
- MOVIES: What is Edward's last name in the movie "Twilight"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only marsupial found in North America?
- TELEVISION: Which character on "The Brady Bunch" is famous for saying, "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!"
- ENTERTAINERS: Pop singer Taylor Swift was born in which U.S. state?

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GNIHON

Today's Word

3. Vanish; 4. Deceit

1. Lounge; 2. Spine;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

E	L	B	A	T
L	E	G	E	R
R	A	G	E	R
G	R	A	P	E
P	U	R	G	E
G	R	O	U	P

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

When Kildahoma residents make humorous mistakes in speech, would people call those Soonersisms?

CryptoQuip

answer

10. Pennsylvania

9. Jan

8. Opussum

7. Cullen

6. 1979

5. Sublimation

4. Vibratum

3. Sciatric nerve

2. District 12

1. Six (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island)

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2	+	3	+	7	÷	12
x		-		÷		
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1. Investigate	__ _ E __ _	Barnyard baby	__ _ I __ _
2. Royal home	__ _ _ _ C _	Roof of the mouth	__ _ _ _ T _
3. Mountainous	__ I __ _	Christmassy plant	__ O __ _
4. Flag	__ _ _ N __ _	Money loaner	__ _ K __ _
5. Ire	__ N __ _	Boring tool	__ U __ _
6. Crowd	__ _ _ D __	Stable inhabitant	__ _ _ S _
7. Keep back	__ _ _ _ _ N	Facet	__ _ _ _ _ L
8. Make amends	A __ _ _ _	Pebble	S __ _ _ _
9. Military rank	__ _ J __ _	Estate	__ _ N __ _
10. Shaving foam	__ _ _ H __ _	Second (of two)	__ _ _ T __ _

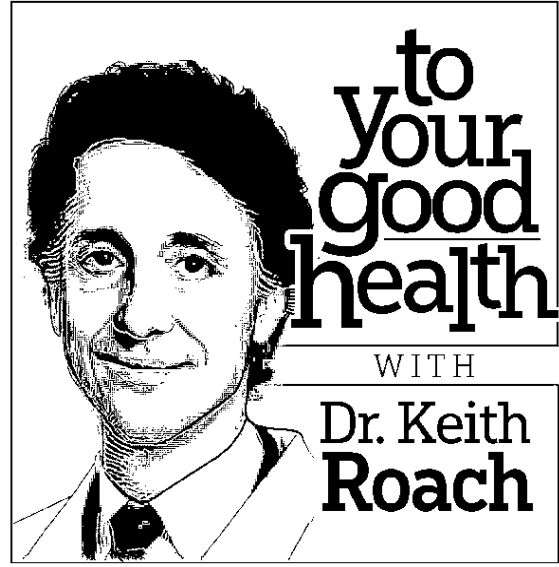
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	+		÷		= 2			
+		-		+				
	+	3	+		= 12			
×		-		÷				
	-		×		= 24			
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Understanding the Risk Reduction of Statins With Cholesterol

DEAR DR. ROACH: A cardiologist recently suggested that I should consider taking a statin because of my “borderline” cholesterol level. So, I took a dive into the details of statin therapy. I learned that although statins are thought to reduce the chance of a cardiovascular event by up to 50%, the actual reduction is very small. I presented this information to the cardiologist and decided to forego statin therapy, which he endorsed. A better understanding of this difference would be very valuable to your readers. — T.G.

ANSWER: The amount of absolute risk reduction from a statin in a person without known heart disease depends mostly on a person’s absolute risk of heart disease. This depends on the person’s risk factors such as age, sex, blood pressure, cholesterol level, smoking status, family history, and others. (When a person already has known heart disease, then the benefits of a statin are so large that this kind of analysis isn’t generally done.)

The relative risk reduction from a statin depends on the potency and dose of a statin, but a typically used number is about a relative risk reduction of 20%. (A 50% relative risk reduction isn’t achievable with the current medication.)

I normally go through this analysis with every patient when considering a statin, and it starts with estimating their absolute risk prior to treatment. There are several calculators to give an estimate; I usually use tinyurl.com/

PREVENTCalc and adjust it for any risk factors that are not considered by the calculator. (I should add that some people have difficulty understanding these numbers and simply ask me about my opinion, which is fine, but I prefer to work collegially.)

For example, a 75-year-old man who has a cholesterol level of 220 mg/dL and an HDL of 45 mg/dL with a blood pressure of 140/80 mmHg (all of which might be considered “borderline”), the calculator gives an estimated absolute risk of 19.4%. This is the risk of this person developing any kind of obstructive heart disease, including a heart attack or death, during the next 10 years.

With a statin, a reasonable guess would be a drop of about 20% of the absolute risk (19.4% in this case), meaning a drop to 15.5%. The relative risk reduction is 20%, but the absolute risk reduction for this person is 3.9%.

A second example is a 50-year-old woman with the exact same numbers who has an absolute risk reduction of 3.6%. She would get the same 20% reduction, but this is only a 0.72% drop for a new absolute risk of 2.88%.

Clinicians and epidemiologists use another number called the “number needed to treat” (NNT), which is a function of the absolute risk reduction. In the examples above, about 26 75-year-old men would need to be treated for 10 years to prevent a case of heart attack or death, while 139 50-year-old women would need to be treated to prevent one case.

The benefit of a statin or any other treatment to reduce heart disease depends on how much risk a person has to begin with. Whether this benefit is “worth it” to any given person depends not only on the absolute benefit, but also on their aversion to medicine and their level of worry about heart disease.

The cost of a statin (\$5 or \$10 a month) isn’t a big consideration for most. Serious side effects to statins are rare, but if they occur, there are alternatives.

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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6-Nov: “Death By Lightning” (Limited Series) – Netflix

6-Nov: “All Her Fault” (Season 1) — Peacock

7-Nov: “Frankenstein” (R) — Netflix

7-Nov: “Pluribus” (Season 1) — Apple TV

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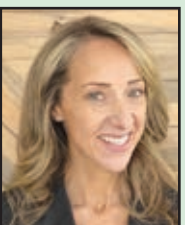
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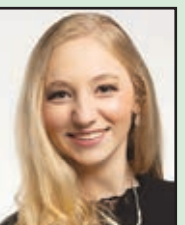
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