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Welcome Fire Chief Rob Chance



WLFEA Chief Rob Chance. Tony Reed photo

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Though some had to leave for a call, many first responders from Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority stayed to congratulate and welcome new Fire Chief Rob Chance during a joint meeting on June 25.

Western Lane Ambulance District Board president Mike Webb swore in Chance, administering the Oath of Office.

Following a handshake and a hug from retiring Chief Michael Schick, the gold chief's badge was pinned on his uniform by his wife,

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Third day's a charm

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

While one would think any day in typically breezy Florence would be good to fly a kite, it's not always the case, as seen last week.

Driftwood Shores Resort hosted a four-day kite festival on the beach next to the resort June 22-24, but on Monday, high wind conditions made it look more like a sandstorm on the beach. On Tuesday,

light fog and no wind made it impossible to get a kite up in the air, but Wednesday morning made up for it.

"Today was our happy day," Driftwood Shores organizer Terry Hankins said Wednesday. "We'll see how it goes tomorrow."

Thursday's gray skies were splashed with color, and the night also saw several illuminated kites dancing on the air.

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Henry named Florence Chamber board Chair

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

During the 007-themed Siuslaw Awards ceremony presented by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce on June 18, some may have been surprised to hear that its board chair was stepping down.

For the last two years, Beth Rudometkin has served as the board chair of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rudometkin called it fitting that the event theme was "License to Lead," saying that while she was not issued spy gadgets or an Aston Martin, she was given the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of leaders who care about the local business community. She said the board remains focused on its strategic plan to strengthen local business, updated its bylaws, worked through staff changes, and navigated a few publicity issues.



Rudometkin said she was most proud, not of one accomplishment, but the skill and dedication of the board.

"Our board members bring an incredible depth of experience,

perspective, and passion to every decision they make," she said. "They volunteer their time, ask the tough questions, and work tirelessly behind

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Florence residents celebrate Juneteenth

Submitted by
JOE TACCOGNA
and NORA KENT

East Woahink Lake Day Use Area was the site this year for Florence's annual Juneteenth celebration. Roughly 200 community members came together

Friday, June 19th for the Federal Holiday that commemorates the day in 1865 when people in Galveston, Texas, finally learned of the emancipation proclamation which had been issued in 1863.

Attendees enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers,

grilled by Lions Club volunteers, as well as delicious side dishes donated by local restaurants- Fresh Harvest Cafe, Nosh Eatery, Traveler's Cove, Chen's Family Dish and Rosa's Mexican Restaurant and

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A closer look at the support person statute

By BOB HORNEY

If my latest digging is correct, this Federal Statute makes a lot of sense. I turned up an issue date of 2021 for the Support Person Statute (ORS 441.049) and I don't think that was any coincidence. Just thinking back about the beginning of Covid-19 and the hospitalizations and deaths, I would say this Statute was an effort to make sure patients with disabilities had all the support and care they needed. At a time like the first couple years of the Pandemic when no vaccine was available yet and patients were dying left and right, it was a catastrophe in action. Let's add that

no one wanted to see a loved one taken to the hospital and die all alone. That being the case, it makes sense that the full force of the Statute was directed in support of those being hospitalized.

One way to assure someone could be with the patient was to write it into the law. Looking just at Oregon now, our law (Oregon Revised Statutes 441.049) guarantees qualifying patients the right to have a Support Person with them during hospital stays and emergency department visits. And to further clarify that, the law specifically states who qualifies for a Support Person: Patients with a physical, intellectual,

behavioral, or cognitive impairment; Deafness, being hard of hearing, or other communication barrier; Blindness; Autism; Dementia. This list is not exhaustive and other disabilities may qualify.

I'm sure that looking at the list of disabilities that qualify for a Support Person, you have a pretty good idea of what that Support Person can do. But, so everyone is clear, those responsibilities are listed and include the following: Communicate with hospital staff on your behalf; Help you make medical decisions; Assist with daily activities (eating, mobility, personal care); Ensure effective communication if you have a hearing,

vision, or speech barrier; Stay with you at all times in the emergency department and during your hospital stay; Be present for any discussion about hospice care or advance directive signing – unless you request otherwise.

According to the law, "Support Person" means a family member, guardian, personal care assistant or other paid or unpaid attendant selected by the patient to physically or emotionally assist the patient or ensure effective communication with the patient."

Just to make sure the patient remains in charge of their care, the law lists "Your Key Rights"

1. You may designate at least three Support

Persons.
2. At least one Support Person may be physically present with you at all times in the ER and during your hospital stay.
3. A Support Person must be present for hospice or advance directive discussions – unless you choose otherwise.

4. Your care cannot be conditioned on having an advance directive.

ORS 441.049 places three mandatory disclosure obligations on every licensed Oregon Hospital.

a. At Scheduling – the hospital must inform the patient of their Support person rights when the appointment or admission is booked.

b. At admission – a second disclosure must

happen upon arrival.
c. Posted at every entry point – physical signage at all hospital entrances.
d. On the hospital's website – a publicly accessible policy page.

Yes, it is still in effect today. With the knowledge (now) that this law has been in effect for 5 years, why did it take me so long to find out about it? Since I haven't been hospitalized at Peace Harbor during these five years, I checked my ER visits. Wow, about 15 between June 2021 and June 2026 and NEVER recall hearing the words Support Person.

And the physical signage at the hospital entrance? Never saw it. Is that just me?

POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from June 16 to June 22

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

At 12:25 a.m., officers arrested a second juvenile involved in an assault case from June 14.

At 9:40 a.m., officers on patrol saw a subject in the 1500 block of 9th Street who was known to have warrants. Once confirmed, the subject was arrested

for a warrant from the Florence Municipal Court.

At 10:49 a.m., a subject came to the counter at the Florence Police Department who was found to have warrant from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was taken into custody.

At 1:33 p.m., officers

responded to the 4700 block of Highway 101 for a report of shoplifting. Officers made contact with the subject and found he had a warrant from Lincoln County. The subject was taken into custody.

At 2:52 p.m., a resident turned in a phone that was found in Old Town. The phone is being held at the police department.

At 5:01 p.m., a subject reported that his wife was missing in the Florence area. Officers were able to locate her and determined she was fine.

At 6:28 p.m., Flock cameras located stolen license plates on a vehicle in Florence. Officers located the vehicle and removed the plates from it. The vehicle had not been reported stolen.

At 8:53 p.m., a caller reported an intoxicated pedestrian in the 88,200 block of Rhododendron who was wandering into the roadway. Officers patrolled the area but

were unable to locate the described subject.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

At 11:21 a.m., a caller reported theft of a generator about three days before from the 500 block of Ivy. Officers are following up.

At 12:15 p.m., a caller reported a subject throwing things in the roadway in the 1400 block of 9th Street. Officers arrived to make contact with the subject, who had been reportedly trying to fight with people in the area. The subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and told not to return to the property.

At 3:04 p.m., a caller reported losing keys and some attached items in the Florence area.

At 3:55 p.m., a business reported that a disoriented subject wearing minimal clothing came in and asked for help. Officers arrived to speak to a subject who said he was trying to get to Eugene. An officer gave the subject a shirt, and officers were able to get him a bus ticket to Eugene.

At 3:55 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle tailgating in the 2800 block of Rhododendron Drive that was emitting black smoke. Officers located the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who denied doing so.

At 7:49 p.m., a caller reported a naked male walking in the area of 46th St. and Highway 101. Officers were unable to locate the described subject.

At 10:35 p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of Highway 1014 for a report of harassment. Officers found an ongoing dispute and advised the parties not to continue.

At 4:13 a.m., an officer

on patrol stopped a bicycle without lights and found the rider to have a misdemeanor warrant. The subject was taken into custody.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

At 8:50 a.m., officers on patrol gave a subject a courtesy ride to the bus stop.

At 10:33 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 after a subject said he was eating in a business when a subject became aggravated at a comment he had made. The caller said the subject had a knife and threatened to use it on him, but wanted no report or charges filed.

At 5:12 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 12th St. for a report that a subject had been assaulted over an argument about a dog. Officers contacted the involved parties, who did not want charges filed.

At 10:25 p.m., a caller reported being in a drive-through at a business, and that a driver in a vehicle behind him may be intoxicated. Officers arrived to contact all parties and found no one was intoxicated.

At 10:36 p.m., a caller reported losing a wallet in the Florence area.

At 10:50 p.m., officers assisted sheriff's deputies with a verbal dispute in the area of Honeyman Loop.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

At 12:59 a.m., a caller reported that video cameras recorded a subject taking items from in front of a business. The case remains under investigation.

At 8:15 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Spruce Street for a report of possible burglary. Officers examined the building and found evidence that someone had entered it, and made sure no one was inside. Officers were reviewing

video footage and following up.

At 11:07 a.m., officers investigated a report of sexual abuse at a business. Officers are following up.

At 11:31 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Maple to a report of a dispute occurring. Officers arrived to find an ongoing dispute between a mother and daughter. Mental Crisis Response personnel were summoned, and officers stood by until they arrived.

At 12:16 p.m., a caller reported that he was towing a boat in the area of Highway 101 and North Munsel Lake Rd. when a driver hit the boat and left. Officers arrived to investigate, and no injuries were reported.

At 3:58 p.m., a caller reported that two subjects were smoking marijuana in a car in the Port of Siuslaw parking lot and worried they might drive. Officers made contact with the subjects and advised them not to drive.

At 8:57 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 for a report that a female subject had started a fight and had thrown a container of offensive material on another subject. Officers arrived to investigate and arrest the female subject for assault 4, burglary, unlawful use of a weapon, and harassment.

At 11:58 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 43rd St. for a Report of yelling and slamming doors. Officers arrived and were told that the subjects had been yelling at their animals.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

At 7:04 a.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Laurelwood after a caller reported someone had been hitting their door, caused damage to it, and left.

At 9:37 a.m., a caller reported a possible theft

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Gail Marie "Jones" Gohn, age 80, passed away peacefully at home on June 14, surrounded by her loving husband, daughters and granddaughters.

Born October 30, 1945, in Eugene, Oregon, to Bruce and Lucille Jones, Gail was raised in Florence and graduated from Siuslaw High in 1963. She attended every reunion to stay connected with friends.

Gail moved to Roseburg where she lived for 20 years. In 1970 she overcame tremendous odds following removal of a large brain tumor and far exceeded physician expectations for recovery.

In 1985, she moved to Kaneohe, Hawaii, to marry the love of her life, Jeffrey Gohn. Gail enjoyed a successful



retail management career, including 20 years with JCPenneys. After retirement, she and Jeff settled in Mapleton, Oregon.

Gail preceded in death by her parents, sister Carol Mobley, brother Larry Jones, and a niece and nephew. She is survived by her husband and companion of 41 years, Jeffrey Gohn; sister Loraine Hogan; daughters Angela Crosier, Tracie Wood, and Wendi Funtanilla; three grandchildren Ashley, Joshua and Kathryn; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Local fundraiser nets \$11k

By **TONY REED**
The Siuslaw News

Organizers of a fundraiser to benefit Tunnel to Towers said they were able to surpass their goal of \$10,000, in big part, due to a donation from the Rhody Cruisers Car Club.

Co-organizer Connie Tholen said the Florence community was very welcoming and receptive to the event, designed to raise money for the organization. The fundraiser was held in the Florence Event Center on June 20 and featured musical performances from CROW Kids and spoken presentations from Mayor Rob Ward, Police Chief John Pitcher, Fire Captain Darrek Mullins, test pilot Terry Tomeni, Roger Buss, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, and 101-year-old WWII Veteran Bill King. Of historical significance, Bill's position as a motor pool driver in WWII found him transporting a lieutenant to the International Military Tribunal, where he was allowed to sit in on the Nuremberg trials,



Eric Rutshmann and Debie King hold a check given on behalf of the Rhody Cruisers Car Club to Tunnel to Towers. Tony Reed photo.

particularly the trial of Hermann Goering. According to the T2T website, the organization is named for Stephen Gerrard Siller, a Brooklyn firefighter who responded to the September 11 attacks only to find the

Brooklyn Battery Tunnel closed. "Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving

others," it states. At the event, Tholen said she was hopeful they would make their goal, so they could help.

"It's an organization that pays off mortgage-free homes for Goldstar families, they build smart homes for wounded veterans and first responders, and they find homes for homeless veterans," she said. "They're building veterans now for the homeless veterans, and they have medical care, PTSD care, addiction care, it's a whole service for the veterans so they can stay there as long as they want. It could be transitional, or it can be their forever home."

She said later that she heard of the organization sometime back, was inspired, and wanted to do her own fundraiser for the cause. She said all proceeds are being sent to Tunnel to Towers.

Tholen noted that the \$5,000 donation from the Rhody Cruisers allowed them to meet their goal and then some with a total of around \$11,000.

Council appoints new judge

SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF

Lance D. Quaranto will start the new year 2027 as "Your Honor" in Florence Municipal Court after being approved by the Florence City Council on June 15.

According to staff reports, the City is preparing for the transition following the retirement of long-serving Municipal Court Judge Richard B. Brissenden, who will retire at the end of 2026. Under Chapter V, Section 23 of the Florence City Charter, the City Council holds the authority to appoint, supervise, and remove the

Municipal Judge. "As such, during the April 16, 2026, City Council Work Session, staff received direction to proceed with a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify qualified candidates for appointment beginning

in 2027," the report said. "The City Manager convened a Review Team consisting of Council President Robert Carp, former Council President Sally Wantz, and Deputy Court Clerk Angie Ott."

Two other candidates, Jesse London and Francisco C. Segarra were also considered, but Quaranto was unanimously preferred by the team.

"During the review, the Review Team sought clarification regarding his reference to a 'heavy caseload,'" the staff report said. "In response, Mr. Quaranto confirmed that, if appointed, he would scale back or eliminate certain private practice and court commitments to ensure sufficient availability for the Florence Municipal Court."

Based on that and other factors, the team and City Manager Erin Reynolds

recommended him for the position.

"In addition, the current Municipal Court Judge Richard B. Brissenden also provided a written recommendation, noting that Mr. Quaranto is 'intelligent, perceptive and principled,' possesses qualities 'particularly well-suited for the judicial role,' and 'knows our court very well' through more than ten years of practice in the Florence Municipal Court," the report said.

At the Council meeting, City Manager Reynolds noted that upon approval, she will negotiate a contract that will come back at a future meeting. Councilor Carp stated that all three candidates were qualified, but Quaranto was chosen after a thorough investigation. Councilor Wantz agreed, saying Quaranto was the best applicant. When asked by

Councilor Jo Beaudreau whether all three applicants had been interviewed, both said no.

"We didn't feel an interview process would be warranted at this point, because it was so overwhelmingly for this one particular individual [Quaranto], that it wouldn't be worth to do the other," Wantz said.

When Councilor Mile Webb asked about the length of the contract, Reynolds said the request for proposals showed it would start at two years and be renewable yearly after that. Reynolds noted the current judge's contract worked in the same way. She said going forward, she will be meeting with him and the current judge, as well as consulting with counsel regarding the monetary parts of the contract, which she said will be based on his time in court and time in Florence.



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Old-fashioned Fourth of July returns with fun and fireworks

Florence is preparing for another memorable Independence Day celebration, and everyone is invited.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Florence, and Port of Siuslaw are teaming up to present Florence's annual Old-Fashioned Fourth of July festivities.

Activities include a community porch parade throughout town, a bike parade through Historic Old Town, pie-eating and watermelon-eating contests for all ages, and a spectacular fireworks show over the Siuslaw River, launched from the east end of the Port

of Siuslaw Campground that will light up the riverfront with a colorful 30-minute presentation produced by Western Display Fireworks.

Children and families are encouraged to decorate bikes, scooters, wagons, and strollers for the Bike Parade, while contestants



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can compete in pie-eating and watermelon-eating challenges in age divisions ranging from children to adults.

Organizers invite residents and visitors from throughout Lane County

and beyond to spend the holiday weekend in Florence and enjoy a traditional small-town Fourth of July celebration on the Oregon Coast.

Get the details at FlorenceFun.com.

POLICE

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of medication. Officers were following up.

At 3:22 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for a

reported dispute. Officers found an argument in progress and gave one subject a ride to a local church.

At 4:35 p.m., a business in the 700 block of Highway 101 reported that a customer inappropriately touched an employee and

wanted the subject to be told not to return.

At 6:47 p.m., a caller reported finding a dog in the 2800 block of Rhododendron Drive, described as a big tan Chihuahua. Officers transported the dog to the Humane Society.

At 9:28 p.m., officers responded to the 5600 block of Highway 126 for a reported dispute. Officers found a verbal dispute occurring between a male and a female. Parties were counseled,

and no further action was taken.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

At 1:22 a.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Upas Place for a report of a shot being fired or fireworks. The officer spoke to people in the area who said no fireworks had been used.

At 7:17 a.m., a caller in the 600 block of 20th St. reported that garbage had been left in their yard and that their house had been egged the next day.

Officers investigated, estimating that about 60 eggs had been thrown at the house.

At 11:38 a.m., officers were summoned to the 1400 block of 9th Street by a woman who said her husband was refusing to get out of the car. The caller re-contacted dispatch to cancel the request.

At 11:30 a.m., officers investigated continuing inappropriate calls to 911.

At 12:38 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Highway 101 to assist firefighters with a reported trailer fire. Fire was out upon their arrival.

At 2:43 p.m., a caller reported continuing harassment by a neighbor. Officers contacted all involved parties, and the case remains under investigation.

At 3:08 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver who had flipped him off and left in the area of Spruce and 24th St. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 7:34 p.m., a subject came to the police department requesting help to get home. Crisis response personnel were called and assisted.

At 9:23 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 19th St. for a reported dispute. Upon arrival, officers could hear voices inside and made entry. Officers secured a

female victim and contacted an uncooperative male subject. The male subject was taken into custody for interfering with a 911 call, assault 4, harassment, and felony strangulation. The female subject was taken to the hospital for evaluation and treatment.

At 9:59 p.m., a pedestrian caller reported he had been hit by a car in the 1700 block of 12th St. and that the driver had left. Officers arrived to find the subject was uninjured. The case remains under investigation.

At 11:01 p.m., a caller reported a dispute occurring inside a car in this area of Laurelwood St. Officers located the described vehicle and observed that it had committed some moving violations. The officer stopped the vehicle to find that a driver was transporting an intoxicated subject home. Upon investigating, officers found the violations were caused by the driver attempting to manage the passenger. No citations were issued.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

At 12:46 p.m., officers responded to a reported structure fire in the 1900 block of 29th St. Fire personnel were able to snuff the fire, reportedly caused by burning weeds in the yard.

At 1:52 p.m., a caller reported a possible DUI driver heading toward Florence on Highway 126. Officers located and stopped the described vehicle and determined the driver was not intoxicated.

At 2:27 p.m., a caller reported receiving harassing phone calls from a telemarketer. The caller was advised to block the number.

At 4:21 p.m., a caller reported an elderly driver going extremely slow and changing lanes without signaling in the area of Highway 101 and 29th St. Officers responded to the area, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 8:22 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Bay Street for a reported dispute. Officers found that the involved subjects had been drinking and that one had thrown a phone at another vehicle. Officers found no crimes had been committed and counseled the involved parties.

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C.R.O.W. Awards \$8,400 in Summer Arts Scholarships

Non-profit organization Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (C.R.O.W.) is pleased to announce the award of \$8,400 in Summer Arts Scholarships to local youth for its 2026 summer season. Thanks to generous private donors, support from the Western Lane Community Foundation, and additional allocated funding, 43 financial need-based scholarships were awarded to students throughout the Siuslaw Region and beyond.

"I believe this may be the largest summer scholarship distribution in C.R.O.W.'s history," said Melanie Heard, Founder and Artistic Director. "Every child who applied received at least one full scholarship. When donors contribute to C.R.O.W.,



they help make local kids' dreams a reality. Since we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, donations may be tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It's a win-win!"

Now entering its 16th year of arts education programming, C.R.O.W. intentionally designs opportunities that help young people build confidence, creativity,

meaningful relationships, and important life skills in a positive and constructive environment. Summer 2026 offerings include outstanding theatre camps, high-caliber

dance instruction, and specialty workshops led by guest artists, master teachers, and C.R.O.W. alumni. This year's camp lineup includes Summer Stage Project, Mix It Up Dance Camp, One Act Conservatory (Advanced Acting Program), Once Upon a Stage Tiny Tots Camp, and Move, Groove, and Make-Believe Tiny Tots Camp.

C.R.O.W.'s summer programs serve as a foundation for the organization's year-round activities, including the recently announced Spring 2027 youth musical, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka. Open auditions will be held in early January 2027. Unlike nearly every comparable youth theatre organization in the nation, C.R.O.W. does not charge

participation fees for its mainstage productions.

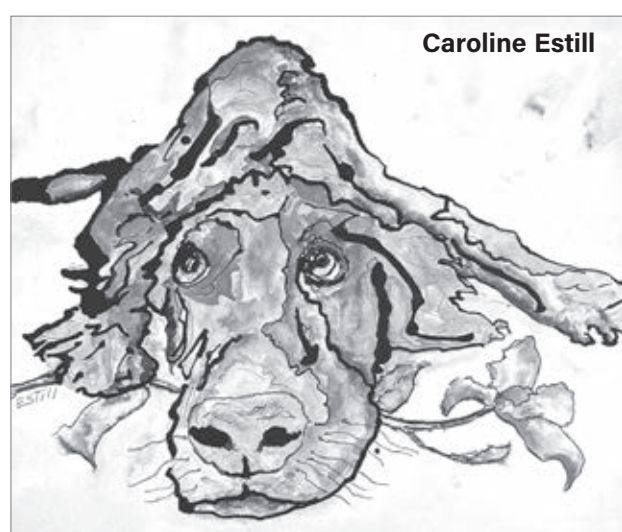
Each year, C.R.O.W. provides free and low-cost performances, ongoing classes, summer camps, subsidized community tickets, a beloved cross-generational holiday production, a Halloween maze voted #1 in the State of Oregon, and multiple outreach programs benefiting local seniors and charitable organizations. Most recently, C.R.O.W. participated in a local fundraiser for Tunnels to Towers, sharing a speech about military service and providing free dance performances.

For more information, to make a tax-deductible donation, or to participate in future programs, visit www.crowkids.com or follow C.R.O.W. on Facebook.

Debbie Boyle and Caroline Estill featured at Backstreet Gallery

July bursts with vibrancy and sparkle at Backstreet Gallery, which is showcasing Caroline Estill's rich, vivid pet portrait paintings and Debbie Boyle's elegant, gleaming jewelry. You're invited to their reception on July 11, 3-5 p.m. for great art, wine, and refreshments with entertainment by the mellow tones of singer/guitarist, Sunny Sundstrom.

Debbie Boyle selects unique gemstones: lapis, amethyst, opals, pearls, Swarovski crystals, and antique glass. Vintage beads enhance vintage and rosary-style pieces. She combines them with



sterling silver, brass, and gold-filled metals, producing her lustrous, one-of-a-kind creations. She uses color, texture, and sparkle in an impressive array of

earrings, bracelets, necklaces, pendants, and more. Debbie creates unusual centerpieces that set her work apart from other jewelry.

Influential in the art community, Debbie is a past-president of Backstreet Co-operative Gallery. And she's a member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), where her work is also displayed.

Before retiring, she worked in advertising/marketing and also dealt in antiques.

Caroline Estill's lifelong passion for art and color has culminated in a joyful exhibit of pet portraits. Color is at the heart

of her exhibit. The collection features brightly colored dog portraits and of her Maine Coon cat. The colors and expressive brushwork celebrate the unique personalities and unconditional love that pets bring. "Our loving pets bring us so much joy and comfort," she explains. "They color our lives with their moods, their demands, and their companionship.

They give back to us far more than they take." In Texas, Caroline taught art and worked as a commercial artist. Visitors to the exhibit of these two artists finds a collection filled with beauty, energy, personality, and heart.

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street, is open daily 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Membership applications available at the Gallery or online. www.backstreet-gallery.org

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CELEBRATE

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a beautifully decorated red velvet cake, traditional for Juneteenth, donated by Florence Safeway.

In addition to great food, festivities included guest speakers, musical entertainment, dancing, kids games, face painting, a balloon artist and info tables from several local non-profits.

Keynote speaker, Eugene City Councilor, Greg Evans, thanked the Florence City Council for recognizing the importance of Juneteenth and shared the history of the holiday and how it is meaningful today. Greg concluded with a reminder about cross cultural relationships and how we must all stay in the game to promote justice. "Juneteenth is a celebration and a benchmark on our collective journey to freedom and justice. This holiday underscores the progress we have achieved and points the way forward to a nation where justice for all becomes real. Remember we aren't free until we are all free".

Local speakers included Florence City Councilor Jo Beaudreau, who read the City of Florence Juneteenth 2026 Proclamation which was issued on June 1st at City Hall.

Lisa Walter Sedlacek shared some history of Langston Hughes and read his poem "Freedom".

George Durante read an original speech "Emancipation" which



work that lies ahead." Special thanks was given to Linda Hamilton from Oregon Blacks for Youth and Families. Hamilton, last year's Keynote Speaker, returned as a guest this year with her family. She said that having conversations about Juneteenth in rural areas is important. Our Florence area community is currently the only rural community in Lane County that celebrates Juneteenth. Linda quoted Toni Morrison: "Freeing yourself was one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self was another."

Music for the event was provided by local groups Cascadia, Box Rat, Red City Rhythm, and Jamie Smith and Friends Drumming Group. Dan Hawkins, Action Technology, provided the sound system assistance and Jim Roberts was Emcee for the program.

Community organizations that sponsored and volunteered for this successful event included Siuslaw Vision, Florence ORganizes, the Florence Lions Club, Siuslaw Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Face painting by Kassy Keppol and balloon art by Tarno Greene. Brenda Kennedy, AKA "Blooma" brought hoops and streamers for delightful group dancing. Community partners that added to the festivities were KXCR Radio, Siuslaw Watershed Council, and PFLAG. Siuslaw Childcare Friends brought bubbles, Siuslaw Family Connections brought their popular large toys, and the Bahai Community provided art activities.

The Juneteenth Celebration was a truly connected community event. One attendee summed up the experience with "everyone seemed so happy!"



speaks of a Ralph Ellison novel, Juneteenth. Quoting Ellison's comments to the National Book Award

Committee. "The home we seek is that condition of man's being at home in the world, which is

called love and which we term democracy." George closed with "So, in the spirit of a day in which a people are freed from the degradation and inhumanity of slavery, a day in which people will no longer tolerate the crimes committed against them or against others in their name, we - all of us, together, the American People - now celebrate the National Holiday known as Juneteenth."

Student Voices speaker, Mapleton student Toni Galvan Garcia, delivered an original speech that closes with:

"We must speak up, challenge injustice, and

work towards making this nation a place that truly embodies the freedom it claims to uphold. As Opal Lee, the modern movement's founder, wisely reminds us, 'Juneteenth is freedom for everybody.' We are all interconnected, all part of the same narrative, and we are here today to honor liberation, truth, and the ongoing



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CHAMBER

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the scenes to ensure the chamber remains a trusted advocate for our members.”

She assured the local business community that the chamber is in good hands and under good leadership.

Rudometkin called Chamber president/CEO Bettina Hannigan, “the face of the chamber, the relationship builder, the advocate, and the person who represents our business community every day.”

“We are incredibly fortunate to have her leadership, energy, and commitment leading this community,” Rudometkin said.

STATE OF THE CHAMBER

Hannigan said a common question he hears is, “What exactly does the chamber do?”

“That’s a fair question,” she said. “We are a membership

organization. We are not a government agency. We have a mission to create a stronger Florence.” Hannigan said the chamber’s heart is in everything it does to champion business, promote Florence, embrace cultural prosperity, and connect the community.

“We don’t hold events simply to hold events, she said. We don’t market Florence because it’s fun. We don’t build partnerships for the sake of meetings. We do these things because strong businesses create jobs. Strong jobs support families. Strong families create community. Everything we do connects back to that vision.”

Hannigan said the newly adopted strategic plan focuses on economic vitality, advocacy and strategic partnerships, Community engagement and destination promotion, and organizational excellence.

She said the chamber also serves three important roles: as catalysts, conveners, and

champions of Florence business.

Tourism investment Hannigan presented a slide show that said tourism resulted in \$285 million in total spending, supported 2,420 jobs, and over \$81 million in total earnings in Western Lane County, making the Oregon coast one of the strongest tourism regions in the state last year.

The city’s transient lodging tax revenues were \$230,000, resulting in the \$285 million impact, it said.

The presentation outlined the many chamber events, including the Wine and Chowder Fest, July 4 fireworks, holiday events, and Rhododendron Days, along with other chamber promotions.

Chamber staff fielded 5,514 visitor calls/walk-ins, and distributed 274 visitor packets, while the Chamber website has 141,000 users and the Facebook page has over 2.3 million impressions.

It added that in the last 12 months, it has seen 243,000

page views.

In a lengthy explanation, Hannigan said every dollar invested in tourism has shown a \$1,200 return to the local economy.

“That’s the value of strategic investment,” she said.

FOCUS ON GROWTH

Incoming Board Chair George Henry, known locally as a voice of KCST radio, called it an honor to step into the role. He said he was asked to come up with a theme for his time.

“The word that keeps coming back to me is growth, he said, “growth in our business community. Growth in participation. Growth in opportunity, and that doesn’t just mean attracting new businesses... it also means supporting the businesses that are already here. Helping them expand, helping them connect with workforce resources, and helping them succeed in a changing economy.”

Henry said another part of

growth is engagement, adding that some businesses are not chamber members.

“Part of our job is to show them the value of being part of this organization,” he said, “not just as a line item, but as a connection point, a voice, and a resource.” He said the chamber serves as that connection between businesses and legislators at the local and regional levels.

“The stronger those connections are, the stronger Florence becomes,” he said.

He said that by using the strategic plan as a roadmap and promoting Florence as a visitor and relocation destination, the chamber can build on the momentum already in place.

“Over the next few years, my focus is simple,” he said. “Growth, participation, strengthening connections, and supporting the businesses that make this community what it is, and if we do that well, everything else will follow.”

KITE

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Early in the day, on Wednesday, kites started going up, but some purposefully stayed on the ground. Groups of crab and even a giant dog playing with a ball could be found on the beach, flying killer whales, and giant flying jellyfish flew overhead.

Driftwood Shores representative Terry Hankins said she was happy Wednesday was so favorable, noting that people of all ages came out to see the kites.

Hankins said Florence used to have a kite fest years ago, but for reasons not entirely known, it went away.

“We started to research professional kite flyers to get them to come back out because I think the community missed it, and it’s a great spot for it,” she said. “We invited



professional kite flyers, and they came from all over,” she said, and some came from as far away as Alaska.”

Regarding questions as to why the fest was

not held over a weekend, Hankins said some of the professional kite flyers had other engagements on the weekend. “Since it’s summertime, we could do it during the week, and a



lot of people came out.”

Hankins said that while the days were set to end at 5 p.m., flyers decided to keep them up as long as the wind allowed. Lighted kites went up until around 10 p.m.

“We’d like to make this an annual event,” Hankins said.

CHIEF

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Rachel.

In January, the WLFEA board selected Chance to be the new chief, effective July 1, based on his demonstrated leadership, operational experience, and commitment to community-focused fire and emergency medical services.

At the Jan 22 meeting, 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.”

Chance has over 16 years 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 also includes experience in key areas

such as operations, training, EMS, wildland fire, administration, emergency management, labor relations, and strategic planning.

Retiring Chief Schick was honored at a separate ceremony in the fire station on June 30, and a full report appears in the next issue.

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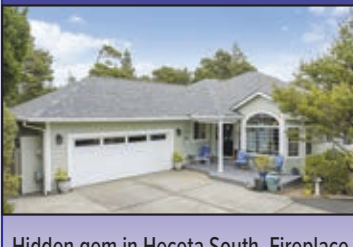
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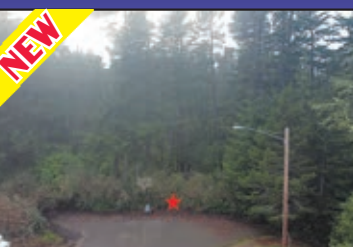
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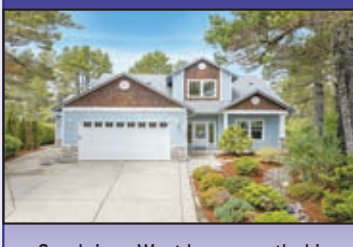
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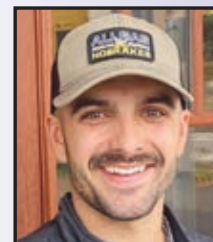
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 Low.....8:04 a.m.....-1.1
 High.....2:58 p.m.....5.7
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THURSDAY, JULY 2

High.....1:40 a.m.....7.0
 Low.....8:37 a.m.....-1.0
 High.....3:30 p.m.....5.8
 Low.....8:29 p.m.....2.9

FRIDAY, JULY 3

High.....2:18 a.m.....6.8
 Low.....9:09 a.m.....-0.8
 High.....4:03 p.m.....5.9
 Low.....9:12 p.m.....2.8

SATURDAY, JULY 4

High.....3:04 a.m.....6.4
 Low.....9:53 a.m.....-0.6
 High.....4:41 p.m.....6.1
 Low.....10:15 p.m.....2.4

SUNDAY, JULY 5

High.....3:51 a.m.....6.0
 Low.....10:27 a.m.....-0.1
 High.....5:12 p.m.....6.3
 Low.....11:09 p.m.....2.1

MONDAY, JULY 6

High.....4:45 a.m.....5.5
 Low.....11:03 a.m.....0.4
 High.....5:46 p.m.....6.6

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Low.....12:10 a.m.....1.6
 High.....5:50 a.m.....5.0
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 High.....6:24 p.m.....6.9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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THURSDAY, JULY 9

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 High.....8:03 p.m.....7.5

FRIDAY, JULY 10

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THURSDAY, JULY 16

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FRIDAY, JULY 17

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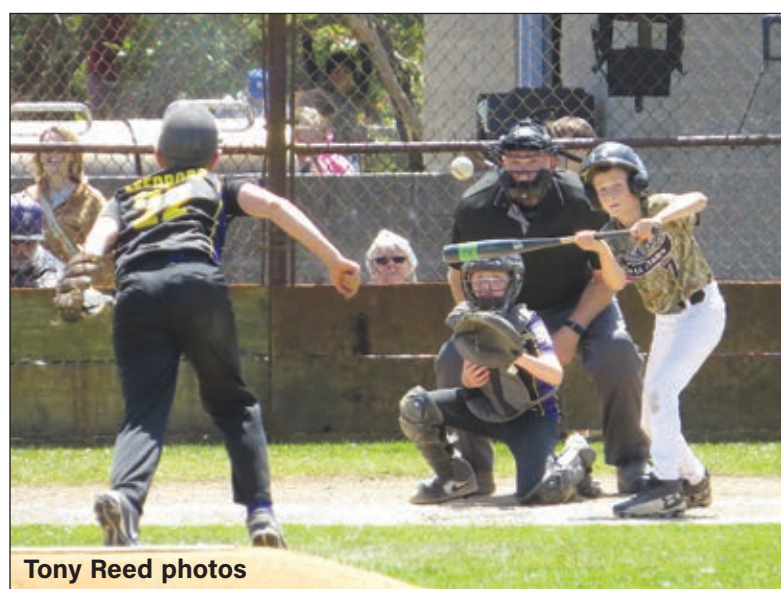
Gehlke Classic brings area all-stars to Florence

Will LOHRE
Siuslaw News

The basepaths at Miller Park were alive over Father's Day weekend, as 27 youth all-star teams competed in the annual Clash at the Coast — the Gehlke Classic June 20-21.

The local Florence all-stars battled across three divisions, including Rookies (under-8), Minors (under-10), and Majors (under-12),

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Tony Reed photos



Rainwater goes back 20+ years to SHS games

By **DON HUNT**
Siuslaw Hall Of Fame Inductee, 2023

Drew Rainwater was in disbelief when Siuslaw High head football coach Tim Dodson informed him he would be Siuslaw's starting free safety a day before the Vikings' first game in the fall of 2005.

Rainwater was only a sophomore on a team full of talented juniors and seniors.

"If you were starting as a sophomore back then, it was a big deal," said Rainwater. "I really didn't know I was being looked at as a starter until coach told me."

Rainwater's performance against Philomath on opening night got off to a rough start.

"I was like a deer in the headlights," he said. "Philomath ran the speed option and the first time



I saw it one of their wide receivers nailed me with a crack-back block and basically flipped me. I never saw it coming."

Dodson briefly pulled Rainwater from the game, tapped him on the helmet with his clipboard and said, "You're doing fine, Drew. But keep your head on a swivel."

Rainwater settled in and performed nicely the rest of the game as the Vikings rolled to a 36-0 win and held the Warriors to just 87 yards in total offense.

The 2026 Siuslaw Sports Hall of Fame induction is Friday, Aug.

21, in the Siuslaw High School main gym. Doors open at 5 p.m., ceremony at 5:30. Admission is free. A donation to Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club is encouraged.

By the end of the season, Rainwater had blossomed into one of the top defensive backs in the Sky-Em League, earning first-team all-league honors and intercepting five passes. By the time he graduated, Rainwater had captured first-team all-state accolades as a defensive back — he did that twice — and as a wide receiver. He was also the Far West League's defensive MVP as a senior.

In Rainwater's three seasons as a starter, Siuslaw posted a 31-4 record, won three league titles and claimed the 2006 state championship.

"Drew had great instincts and hands and

he made plays on the ball all over the field," said Dodson. "He could play (receivers) tight at the line of scrimmage and not get beat deep. And he was physical as a defensive back."

Rainwater credits Vikings defensive back coaches Clint McClellan and Bill Jarocnyk — who was a starter in the secondary for USC's national championship team in 1967 — for much of his success.

"Every day in practice, we worked on individual drills — footwork, backpedaling, breaking on the ball," said Rainwater. "Then you get in a game and you're not thinking about things, you're reacting. Everything slows down for you."

"The coaches did a great job of preparing us, and Dodson was so detailed with his overall practice plan. Every drill

was down to the minute."

Rainwater had a knack for making big plays with the Vikings. He finished his career with 11 interceptions, tied for second in the Siuslaw record book. And he also made impactful plays as a receiver and kick returner.

Perhaps his biggest play came in the 2006 state championship game against Sisters. With the score tied at 14-14 in overtime, and the Vikings facing a third-and-seven play from the Sisters' 22-yard line, Rainwater caught a screen pass along the sideline, picked up a block from his cousin, Jordan Rainwater, and dashed 18 yards to the 4-yard line.

Kody Thrall scored the winning touchdown two plays later.

"We had run that

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The application process includes information about your educational background, career goals, and financial situation. Applications are being accepted now through July 22.

To learn more and apply online, visit www.wlcfonline.org/Scholarships.html.

The Western Lane Community Foundation is proud to support lifelong learning and educational

opportunities throughout Western Lane County.

PFLAG Planning Summer Events

The regular meeting Monday, June 8 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall included logistics planning for summer events.

On July 4, PFLAG will once again partner with PFLAG Central Oregon Coast (Newport) to march in the Yachats Chamber of Commerce La-de-da Parade at noon on Ocean Avenue. This non-mechanized parade is a charming classic of zaniness, and PFLAG Florence has been a participant since 2015. If you can't march, come and watch. Marchers assemble in the Yachats Presbyterian Church parking lot around 11 a.m.

PFLAG also expects to table at the Farmers Market on the Waterfront (dates to be set), and during the Power of Florence Day July 18 on the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

PFLAG will continue to hold regular meetings on the second Mondays of the month – July 13, August 10, and September 14 – during the summer at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meetings are free and refreshments are available.

PFLAG Florence is one of more than 400 chapters in the largest national organization serving the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them.

SHS Class of '86 Reunion

The Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 will celebrate their 40-year reunion the weekend of Aug. 7-9. Families can join the Friday night pizza party at Abby's. Class members and their guest can enjoy the raddest dinner with an 80's musical soundtrack Saturday night at Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tea Room. Those Vikings who are not in the private Facebook group Siuslaw High School Class of 1986 Reunion can email archerjenn@yahoo.com to stay in the loop.

City Block Party to return

The City of Florence is excited to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Community Block Party on Friday, July 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. in historic old town Florence. The 2026 community block party will be held on Bay Street between Laurel Street and the Siuslaw River Bridge. A free concert will be provided from

6 to 10 p.m. by the band 5 guys named Moe.

We will again be inviting our partner agencies and organizations to set up throughout the block party area, as well as fun activities for people of all ages. Our six previous block parties have been made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. As we plan for 2026, we are again looking for this support to assist in providing this amazing event for our community.

City Club hosts Florence Organizes July 9th

During its monthly forum this July 9th, the City Club of Florence welcomes Florence Organizes (FOR), who will be represented by FOR Co-Coordinator, and Lane ESD Board Director, Nora Kent.

Kent will speak about FOR's local advocacy as a human dignity group, as well as its community-building mission in the Siuslaw Region and along the Oregon Coast, among other topics.

In June, FOR co-sponsored a local Juneteenth celebration with Siuslaw Vision, and earlier in the year held events in Florence commemorating

Martin Luther King Day and Earth Day. The group also hosts coffee conversations with the public at The Bridgeport Market every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SAVE THE BOOKSALE DATE!

On Saturday, July 11, the Friends of the Siuslaw Library will be hosting a ONE DAY BOOKSALE to benefit the Siuslaw Public Library.

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Remember, this is a ONE DAY ONLY SALE. Do not miss out! Our dedicated volunteer members will greet you and help you in your search for summertime fun!

The Friends of the Siuslaw Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds help fund the Siuslaw Public Library.

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play 100 times before," recalled Drew Rainwater. "We knew it from muscle memory. I got the block from Jordan, made a move on another defensive back and almost made it to the end zone. Their safety knocked me out of bounds but I knew we would score after that."

Rainwater made another impactful play during

Siuslaw's second game of the season in 2007, against Junction City. The Vikings had lost their season-opener to Astoria, 34-20, and looked to be on the verge of losing to the Tigers. With the Vikings trailing, 13-12, and only 11 seconds left in the game, Rainwater collected a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Mitchell in the far corner of the end zone, securing an 18-13 victory.

"One of their kids had made an insane,

one-handed catch a couple minutes earlier that put them ahead," said Rainwater. "We were on the road and their fans were going nuts. But there was still two minutes on the clock."

After gaining possession of the ball, Mitchell hooked up with Siuslaw's other wide receiver, Anthony Robinson, on several out routes along the sidelines, moving the ball downfield while preserving time. Then it was Rainwater's turn for the

game-winner.

"I ran a button hook and go route, and their guy bit on it," said Rainwater. "I got past him but he still recovered. We both went up for the ball and I came down with it."

Eight weeks later, Rainwater sped 85 yards with the opening kickoff for a touchdown, kick-starting the Vikings to a 35-14 first-round playoff victory over Gladstone.

"We worked on kickoff returns almost every day in practice," said Rainwater, who had three kickoff returns and two interception returns for touchdowns during his career. "I never ran out of bounds."

After graduating from Siuslaw, Rainwater played in the East-West Shrine

Game in Baker in the summer of 2008, following in the footsteps of his father, Ron.

While football was Rainwater's best sport, he was no slouch in baseball. He was a four-year starting shortstop and pitcher and earned first-team all-league honors as a senior.

One of Rainwater's proudest moments on the diamond came during a 6-1, first-round state playoff win on the road against No. 2-ranked Hidden Valley, when he went 3-for-3 at the plate with three RBIs.

Rainwater played basketball during the winter months "just to stay busy." It wasn't his best sport but he was a two-year varsity performer and helped the Vikings to a league title as a junior.

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competing in a tournament that has become a tradition that spans generations.

Siuslaw Baseball Softball Association (SBSA) President, incoming Siuslaw High School Hall of Famer, and Florence Majors Coach Drew Rainwater played in this tournament as a youngster, back when Corrine and Rick Gehlke were roaming the dugouts.

"It's been going on for a long time. The name, the Gehlke Classic, is actually named after the founders of the Siuslaw Youth Baseball program back in the 80s. And they were around when I was growing up, playing it on the ball fields at Miller Park, and along with some of the other coaches that are coaching now, they grew up playing at Miller Park, too," Rainwater said. "As far as the people who come to the tournament, they always say that's their favorite. It's just a good, a good atmosphere, the park is awesome, and it's pretty special to hear that from outside communities."

Each division was made up of seven teams, each a recreational youth all-star squad from cities along the coast, including Myrtle Point, Coquille, Lincoln City, Newport, Roseburg, Toledo, North Bend, Bandon, and Coos Bay.

The squads are made up of kids who play in leagues in their local towns in the spring, and then come together to form a local all-star team to play some fun tournaments.

"So they play against each other all year in the spring, and then each town develops their own all-star team and the kids have seen their faces before, and so they get to see them again, and they're always making new friends," Rainwater said. "For the most part, everybody's just happy to be at the ballpark, and it's just friendly competition. Of course, we're always trying to win, but, you know, it's never, it's never a super intense thing."

With one Florence team in each division, one of the highlights of the weekend for the town was that each team went into Sunday as the first seeds, and they all ended up in the championship game. Rainwater said it was a great way to cap off the season for the Minors and Majors teams.

A proud moment for Rainwater came while coaching the Majors Florence All-Stars team to the finals. In the semifinals against Coquille, the Florence U12 team got some revenge. Just one week before, in a different tournament, Coquille got the better of them with a walk-off winner, and so playing on home turf at

Miller Field, Florence got to return the favor.

"We got a chance of redemption. We ended up going eight innings, which we only usually play six. So we had two extra innings, and we ended up pulling it out at the end to go to the championship. It was pretty cool," Rainwater said.

With the game tied 2-2 after six innings, the seventh ended up being a back-and-forth scoring fest.

Coquille broke the deadlock in the top of the seventh, piling on the pressure with four runs. Despite the gut punch, the Florence squad refused to give up, and they answered back with four runs of their own to send it to the eighth inning. Maverick Rochon was on the mound for Rainwater's team, and he struck out each of Coquille's batters to get Florence back up to bat.

And with an opportunity to seize a spot in the final, the local lads didn't

miss their chance.

"We had a chance to win it on a pass ball, but the kid got tagged out at home, and then we got a couple of little infield hits; They got some runners on, and then a walk to load the bases, and then my son just so happened to be the one they hit the walk-off hit," Rainwater said.

Drew's son, Maddox Rainwater, rose to the occasion, delivering the win and delivering a proud moment for his father. In the final, Florence ended up falling to Bandon 4-1, but the tournament delivered plenty of moments that made it all worthwhile.

In the Rookie divisions, UVCR from Roseburg took the win against Littlefoot Rookies out of Florence in the final, finishing the weekend undefeated. The Florence squad played well up until the final, beating each of their first five opponents by at least seven runs to finish 5-1.

In the Minor division,

the local team got to take the title. The Littlefoot Minor All Stars took down Coquille in the final 11-1, marking an emphatic win on home turf. They finished the weekend 5-0.

A LOCAL CONNECTION

As the weekend wrapped up, there was another reminder of how important this tournament is within the local Florence community.

"So, Rick and Corrine Gehlke kinda started this last in the day, and the best few years, when I've been involved, we get a hold of their daughter, Terri, and she's been kind enough to come out and do the award ceremony for the championship game, and she lets everybody know what the tournament's about and what

it represents," Rainwater said. "It's always cool to see her out there because the people that are involved on our board, our coaches and stuff, a lot of us played on these fields and remember Rick and Corinne. And so it's always a good reminder of why we're doing what we do."

The tournament is a reminder of a lot of the connections that come from youth sports. The coach of the Coos Bay team was an opponent of Rainwater's when they were kids; now their sons are playing against each other, representing the same towns their fathers did. After playing in the tournament all those years ago, he now gets to see his son hit a walk-off winner in the semifinals.

It's those types of

moments that make all the logistics of organizing worthwhile.

"That's why myself and the parents that are involved to make it all happen, that's why we do it. We had these great memories and these great experiences growing up as kids, and now it's our turn to make that happen the best that we can for our own kids, so they can have those same experiences and maybe better ones," Rainwater said. "That's kind of what we want, right? To have our kids have better lives than the ones we had."

While it's not easy, Rainwater said "somebody's gotta do it," and everyone who talked to him had nothing but positive things to say about how the weekend played out.

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10	6		20
	8		18
	15	11	29
14	29	24	

11	51	3
6	8	1
4	9	10

Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1634: The city of Trois-Rivières is founded in New France.

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1939: Lou Gehrig informs the crowd at Yankee Stadium that he is retiring from baseball due to his illness.

Animal FACT:

These animals perspire (give out sweat) through their paws to cool down when it is hot.

Answer: Dogs

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

THO NDA ESTYAM

Answer: Hot and steamy

NEW WORD

HUMIDITY

the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere

How they say that in...

- English:** Hot
- Spanish:** Caliente
- Italian:** Caldo
- French:** Chaud
- German:** Heiß

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The hottest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere occurs between July 3 and August 11. This period aligns with the rising of Sirius, the "Dog Star."



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Paper fan

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

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TSN26-162 PUBLIC NOTICE CLAIMS
against the Estate of PHYLLIS SCHROEDER, of Florence, Oregon, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05428, are required to be presented, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, KAREN SALVOICH, at 60 Hicks St. Siletto, OR 97381, within four (4) months from July 1, 2026, the date of publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Laurel L. Ferguson Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 1153, 327 Laurel St. Florence, OR 97439 Publication Date: July 1, 2026

TSN26-163 NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ORDINANCE PASSAGE
On July 20, 2026, the City of Florence City Council will review and consider the following ordinance... Ordinance No. 4, Series 2026 - An Ordinance annexing property within the Florence Urban Growth Boundary, identified as Assessor's Map 18-12-04-42, Tax Lots

Go Figure!
A 3x3 grid puzzle with numbers and mathematical symbols. The grid contains: Row 1: 2, 7, 06; Row 2: 9, 1, 3; Row 3: 7, 5, 8. Symbols include +, -, x, ÷, =.

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00400 and 00500, located at 4573 Meares St. to the City of Florence. Ordinance No. 5, Series 2026 - An Ordinance approving a zoning map amendment / zone assignment to apply medium density residential (MDR) zoning to property proposed for annexation, identified as Assessor's Map 18-12-04-42, Tax Lots 00400 and 00500, located at 4573 Meares St. This notice serves as official publication of the availability of the ordinance. The full text of these Ordinances will be available on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us, on or before Monday, July 13, 2026, or may be inspected at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101). Persons wishing to address the City Council may submit comments in writing or may provide verbal comments. Written testimony may be submitted by: 1. Email to the City Recorder at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us; 2. Mail to

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Florence City Hall; Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439 3. Drop off at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall to the right of the main entrance. ** NOTE: Written comments must be received at least 2 hours prior to the start of the meeting (July 20, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.) to be distributed to the City Council and made part of the record. Citizens may provide verbal comments / testimony at the meeting either in person or virtually. In order to participate verbally at the meeting, citizens are required to complete a speaker's card at least 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting (July 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.). Speaker's cards are available online at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/316/Request-to-Address-City-Council-Speakers> or by contacting the City Recorder via email at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us or by phone at 541-997-3437. For more information about this notice, or any Florence City Council proceedings, please contact City Recorder Lindsey White at 541-997-3437, or via email at cityrecorder@ci.florence.or.us. 07/01/26

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TSN26-159 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Notice is hereby given that U-Store Mini Storage will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien in accordance with ORS 87.685-87.695. The sale will occur at U-Store Mini Storage, 4425 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon, on July 6, at 10:00 a.m. The personal property stored in the following unit shall be sold to the highest bidder unless the outstanding balance is paid in full prior to the sale date and time: Unit #122 Netels. Publish Dates: 6/24/2026 and 7/1/2026

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to your good health
WITH **Dr. Keith Roach**



Opiate Prescriptions for Pain Don't Provide Relief to Patient

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have horrible neck, shoulder, back and hip pain, which are all from different traumas. I've been seeing a pain doctor for the past 14 years. I started out by taking 5 mg of Vicodin and 4 mg of trazodone. Over the years, my prescriptions have been raised to 7.5 mg of oxycodone four times a day and 800 mg of ibuprofen three times a day. I see my doctor every two weeks, and during these visits, I normally get shots (different ones in different places). My problem is that my pain medicine isn't working anymore. Will I have to keep raising the dosage? I can't take it easy as I'm my husband's sole caregiver. He's had multiple strokes, and his leg was just amputated. Is there any other medication I can add to my current list that might help? Or is there a better pain medicine than oxycodone? —A.S.

ANSWER: I'm very sorry to hear about your predicament. Being a full-time caregiver while trying to deal with your own medical problems is a very difficult situation that many of my patients (and their caregivers) have been in. The most important advice I have is that opiates like hydrocodone (Vicodin is a brand name for hydrocodone and acetaminophen) and oxycodone aren't good long-term options for most people. As you've found, the dose often needs to be increased just to maintain the same pain relief.

The body gets used to the dose of opiates — a response that is called "tachyphylaxis," which is caused by decreasing the sensitivity of the receptors that opiates bind to in the brain. I've seen people get on exceedingly high doses of strong opiates without receiving adequate pain relief. Unfortunately, side effects of high-dose opiates can include

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severe constipation, to which the colon doesn't become accustomed to. While I don't know the details of the traumas that led to your chronic pain, a pain medicine specialist will usually use a combination of different medications to help. This might include injections; low-dose or microdose opiates; antidepressant medicines that help with chronic pain, such as duloxetine or amitriptyline; antiseizure medicines that help with pain, such as gabapentin; and physical therapy. Anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen sometimes provide significant pain relief when used in combination with other medicines. However, very high doses (you are on the highest recommended dose) can cause toxicities. I do want to make it clear that tachyphylaxis is the usual response to opiates, especially at a high dose, but it isn't universal. I have patients who do very well with moderate amounts of opiates and remain on a stable dose with adequate control of their pain. Physicians should always consider the risks of opiates before prescribing them for long-term use.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an 82-year-old woman with sluggish gut issues. I recently heard a doctor say, "Don't take fiber supplements because they mess up your gut," and "Don't take laxatives. Take stool softeners, and it's OK to take them every day." I'm skeptical of both statements. What do you say? Thank you. —E.G.

ANSWER: The only statement I wholeheartedly agree with is that it's OK to take stool softeners (such as docusate) daily. I disagree with the recommendation against fiber supplementation. Fiber is very helpful for both diarrhea and constipation, and it also has other benefits, including modestly lowering cholesterol.

However, when fiber supplementation isn't enough, then laxatives such as polyethylene glycol 3350 (MiraLAX) are a very reasonable choice. People who need laxatives every day should still discuss this with their physicians to be sure that there's not some other medical reason for the constipation.

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.

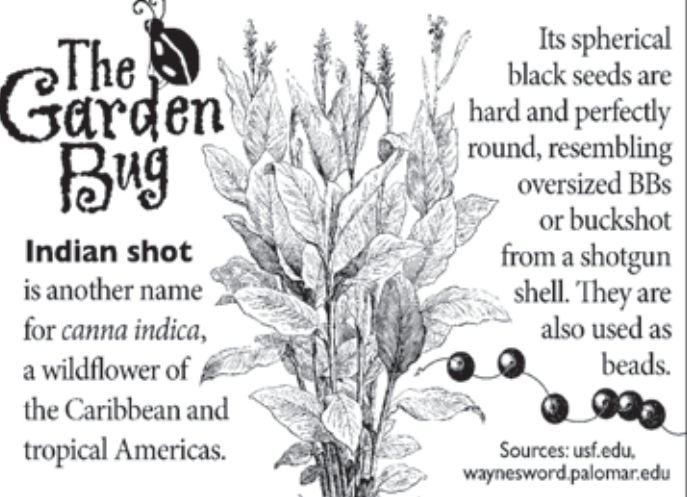
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Even Exchange
A word puzzle with 10 numbered clues and a grid of letters. The clues are: 1. Leg joint, 2. Agriculturalist, 3. Inconsequential, 4. Face makeup, 5. Financial manager, 6. Shake from the cold, 7. Cagney or Bond, 8. Fat blossom, 9. Tonto's horse, 10. Baby lay.

ANSWERS
1. Ankle, Angle
2. Farmer, Farmer
3. Minor, Manor
4. Rouse, Rough
5. Banker, Bunker
6. Rattle, Battle

The Garden Bug
Indian shot is another name for canna indica, a wildflower of the Caribbean and tropical Americas.



Its spherical black seeds are hard and perfectly round, resembling oversized BBs or buckshot from a shotgun shell. They are also used as beads.
Sources: usf.edu, waynesword.palomar.edu

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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+	■	-	■	= 7					
x	■	-	÷	■					
-	■	÷	■	= 6					
=	■	=	■	=					
90	■	■	■	■					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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. Leg joint	— K —	Viewpoint	— G —
2. Agriculturalist	A	Previous	O
3. Inconsequential	I	Estate	A
4. Face makeup	E	— and ready	H
5. Financial manager	A	Edith and Archie	U
6. Shake from the cold	V	Blackeye	N
7. Cagney or Bond	J	Domesticates	T
8. Fat blossom	S	Change	L
9. Tonto's horse	U	F. Fitzgerald	T
10. Baby lay	R	Combative clash	B

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1601-676 Rhododendron Dr. - \$315,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Updated home in 55+ Greentrees Village with vaulted ceilings, skylights, covered porch, and ample parking. #3665-689410988



420 Leelo Ct. - \$375,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1638 SqFt. Quiet cul-de-sac living with RV parking, exterior bonus room, workshop, and coastal charm! #3676-776471332



238 Horseshoe Bend - \$175,000
1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 500 SqFt. Nice corner lot with RV hookups. Home is well cared for with bonus room and garden. #3690-524301067



89510 Hwy 101 #26 - \$60,000
2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 784 SqFt. Recently upgraded doors, shower, laminate flooring, windows, ceiling fans, electric panel, shed and carport. #3694-555498165



4990 Mitchell Loop Rd. - \$450,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2665 SqFt. Custom ranch style home with open living, sunroom, and garage with RV parking. #3695-161538459



87511 Tiernan Rd. - \$425,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1866 SqFt. Secluded property with mature fruit trees, custom kitchen, bonus room, shop, and river access. #3714-272688773



179 Outer Dr. - \$292,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1100 SqFt. Peaceful Coast Village home with natural light, cozy spaces, garden paths, and convenient amenities. #3716-756515536



1699 27th St. #5 - \$79,000
2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 924 SqFt. Well kept manufactured home in Ocean Breeze Park with sunroom, fenced backyard, and alley access. #3723-583761940



290 Harbor St. - \$1,450,000
5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2201 SqFt. Restored 1894 Old Town cottage with new garage, ADU, luxury upgrades, modern comfort throughout. #3724-327759244



1601-534 Rhododendron Dr. - \$370,000
3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 2280 SqFt. Manufactured home with attached garage, sun porch, workshop and covered RV/boat storage. #3729-220740617



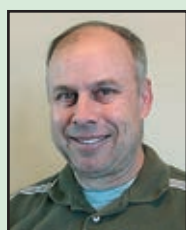
89555 Shore Crest Dr. - \$439,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1512 SqFt. Meticulously maintained, spacious home with floor-to-ceiling windows, and an abundance of parking. #3732-270810465



87748 Terrace View Dr. - \$649,000
2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1416 SqFt. Coastal living with ocean views, plus possible rental income from renovated lower-level. #3734-446288655



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