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## Whale carcass spurs curiosity, questions

By **TONY REED**  
*The Siuslaw News*

Sometime overnight March 25/26, a 40-foot-long emaciated gray whale washed ashore just north of Driftwood Shores Resort in Florence, inciting a steady stream of curious visitors throughout the day.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Beach Ranger Howard Crocket stationed himself at the site to make sure visitors remained safe around the carcass, as most snapped photos and touched its skin. Barnacles and scratches covered its skin, and only a red, 8-inch gash could be found on its right fluke.

A later report from State Parks estimated the whale to be 1-4 years old and emaciated.

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## Siuslaw track and field breaks the ice and school records

**WILL LOHRE**  
*Siuslaw News*

Siuslaw's track and field team got off to a flying start at the first meet of the season. Not only did both programs post the highest team scores, but new school records were set in both the boys and girls triple jump.

Junior Aidell Cadet and senior Will Johnson triple jumped into Vikings' history books at the Siuslaw Icebreaker on Mar. 19. Both the boys and girls programs beat out four other teams to take the title in their first meet of the season, hosting the event at Hans Petersen Field.

Winning the triple jump event, Johnson jumped an unprecedented 46' 4", surpassing the previous record of 45' 1.75", which was set by local legend Mike Roe back in 1979. Head Coach Chris Johnson marveled at breaking the 46-year-old record and noted the contrast in styles between Johnson and Roe made it all the more special. Their names are now etched side by side in the Siuslaw record books.

Cadet took first in the girls triple jump at the Icebreaker, posting a 37' 5.5", a new record ahead of Molly Sedlacek's mark of 35' 11", which

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When whales wash ashore in Oregon, they immediately garner a lot of public attention, like this on in Yachats last November. Tony Reed photo.

## Whales and the Oregon coast

**SIUSLAW NEWS STAFF**

The central Oregon coastline is no stranger to whale carcasses, and in just the past year, some notable incidents have garnered wider public attention.

As the tide came in Monday morning, Nov. 17, 2025, a crowd of about 60 people stood in quiet hope as they watched waves splash over a young Humpback whale on the beach north of Yachats.

At the scene, Oregon

State Parks Manager Brian Fowler said the whale was first reported ashore on the afternoon of Nov. 15, tangled in ropes and a crab pot.

After several high tide attempts to get the whale to return to the ocean, efforts were halted.

Jim Rice, a researcher at Hatfield Marine Science Center, who also heads the marine stranding program, said the whale was humanely euthanized.

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## Florence Farmers Market appoints first director to lead strategic growth

The Florence Farmers Market Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Linea Andersen as the organization's first-ever Market Director. This new leadership role marks a significant milestone in the market's evolution as it expands its footprint and impact at the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk.

Linea, who served as the Market Manager during the 2025 season, will now oversee the organization's strategic growth and long-term sustainability. Her new appointment comes at a

pivotal time; in 2025, the market welcomed over 13,000 visitors, signaling a rising demand for reliable access to locally produced food in the Siuslaw region.

"I am excited for the season ahead, not only growing the market but strengthening the organization that makes it all possible," said Linea, Market Director. "We are laying the foundation for the future, ensuring the Florence Farmers Market remains a thriving local marketplace and a vital community gathering space."

The transition to a Director-led model allows the non-profit to better address food security and climate-related shifts in the local food landscape.

As part of this expansion, the market is currently seeking to fill two key positions for the 2026 season: Market Manager and Market Associate.

### 2026 MARKET DETAILS:

**Season:** May 19th through October 12th

**When:** Every Tuesday, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Where:** Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk, Old Town Florence

**Offerings:** Fresh produce, meats, eggs, seafood, jams, pickles, baked goods, and more from over 10 weekly regional vendors.

The Florence Farmers Market remains committed to its Education, and our Food Equity Access Programs, ensuring that fresh, healthy food is accessible to all members of the community regardless of income.

Interested job applicants and prospective vendors can find more information at <http://www.florencefarmersmarket.org>.



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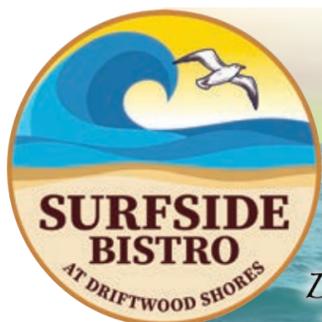
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# A Different Source. Do I need a patient advocate?

By **BOB HORNEY**

“Hey Doc! What do you think...am I holding up my part of our visits or do I need to start looking for help? I know I’m getting older and not as sharp as I used to be, but in spite of that, I want to keep my health as long as possible. So, are you getting the necessary information from me that you need?”

Keeping my thinking cap on – and looking for a source that all patients should reach out to – I came up with one that is very close to us at times – the healthcare provider we are visiting at that moment. Going back to my opening questions, I am guessing there are

healthcare providers right here in our PeaceHealth Clinics anxiously looking for the chance to tell a patient that they need to bring a Patient Advocate with them to their future healthcare visits.

You may recall that my dentist, Ryan Korando, really made it perfectly clear to me that having a patient who can’t adequately respond to questions asked by their provider is really sucking the air out of the visit.

I’m thinking that any patient who is seeing their provider alone might want to consider having this dialogue with their provider. Some patients are living alone while others have a spouse or other acquaintance

available to join them. In either case, your provider should be a great source in resolving the burning question and resulting decision of seeking a Patient Advocate when the time calls for one. I have shared the difficulty of making that decision when living alone in particular. However, the question really applies to all patients. Marianne and I are basically Patient Advocates for each other, attending medical visits and interjecting our comments when appropriate. I can’t remember a visit when either of us sat quietly through the other’s visit.

I will suggest that if my primary (or other) provider tells me that I

would benefit from having a Patient Advocate at my visits, that should immediately (and significantly) improve the quality of my visits. It would also make far better use of the provider’s time with me. As I have noted in previous articles, when the provider is receiving shaky information or no useful information from the patient, the patient’s healthcare is what suffers and the blame for that rests on the patient’s shoulders. That is why, if we want to maintain optimum healthcare as we age, we will aggressively pursue keeping our provider(s) current with our health needs. When we can no longer do that adequately, we need a

means to supplement what we, ourselves, can no longer provide. That’s where Patient Advocates come in. My motivation in turning to our providers for their input is that I like to go directly to those who need our information. If we can’t provide it to them, it doesn’t really matter much how well we can carry on conversations at home and in the neighborhood...our health care will suffer.

For those patients who are up to self-checking their participation in healthcare visits, I have one more suggestion. At the end of a visit, simply ask your provider how well you provided the information that they

needed. Then see how your self-analysis compared with theirs. First of all, this will give you a clue as to how important your provider sees your particular information. Are you both on the same page? It helps if you know what information your provider really relies on with patients in your situation. As we know, this information will vary from health issue to health issue.

It can be difficult for the patient to keep up with what providers zero in on when different health issues arise. Don’t be afraid to ask questions so you remain an “informed patient.” This is important to you AND to your provider.

## POLICE LOG

*The Florence police Department responded to the following calls from March 17 to March 22*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

At 8:50 a.m., a subject came into the police department to turn in a firearm and ammunition for destruction.

At 4:48 p.m., callers

reported a subject in a car yelling in Florence before heading toward the river bridge. Officers in the area were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 5:42 p.m., officers

assisted Lane County Sheriff’s deputies in looking for a missing person.

At 7:22 p.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the area of Highway 101 and 27th St. for an unresponsive male subject. Officers arrived to find the male barely conscious. Narcan was administered, and

the subject came to, and admitted he had taken drugs. The subject was transported to the hospital, and a report was taken.

At 9:08 p.m., a caller reported that three juveniles were harassing her daughter through the open window of her home.

At 10:08 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 9th Street for a reported fight occurring. Officers arrived to find one of the subjects had left. Officers also spoke to witnesses in the area. The involved parties were warned to stay away from each other.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

At 8:23 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint in the area of 37th St. and Highway 101. Officers found an RV with a generator running. However, it is not against the law to do so during those hours. No further action was taken.

At 9:52 a.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 1700 block of 8th Street. A caller reported that a screaming female subject had hit her. When officers arrived, all parties said the dispute was only verbal. Officers found no evidence of injury. Subjects were counseled.

At 2:15 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle had almost hit a subject in a crosswalk in the 1700 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and located the vehicle matching the description given. After following the vehicle for some time, no violations were observed.

At 2:34 p.m., a caller reported a near miss at

an intersection in the area of 9th and Maple Street. Officers arrived in the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 10:32 p.m., a caller said he was sitting in his vehicle in the 1400 block of 9th Street when a subject threw a rock at his window. Officers arrived to investigate and were able to identify the subject. Officers found that other windows had been broken. Officers located the subject, who had rocks in his pocket matching those used. The subject was uncooperative and attempting to spit on officers as he was taken into custody. The subject was charged with disorderly conduct 2, criminal mischief 2, unlawful use of a weapon and aggressive harassment toward the officers.

### THURSDAY MARCH 19

At 8 a.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the area of Highway 101 and 126 for a reported vehicle versus electric bike, in which the rider of the bike was thrown over the car. Officers found the cyclist had sustained moderate injuries. He was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

At 8:58 a.m., Florence Police Department, with assistance from the Oregon State Police and the Reedsport Police Department, executed a search warrant at a residence located at 2000 block of 10th Street. Officers arrested one subject for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine.

At 10:31 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle running stop signs in the area of Oak and 27th St. Officers attempted to contact the caller to no answer.

At one01 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 126 for a report that a subject had attempted to buy alcohol, changed his mind and then attempted to leave. Employees said the subject had attempted to hide alcohol in his kid’s stroller. Officers located the alcohol, charged the subject with theft, and warned him not to return to the store.

At 3:46 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a report that a male subject had slapped a female subject inside a business. Officers arrived to speak to both parties, who denied that any physical contact occurred.

At 5:57 p.m., officers and medical personnel responded to the 1400 block of 9th Street for an unresponsive male subject. Personal found the subject was blue and barely breathing. Narcan was administered once, and the subject began to take shallow breaths. After a second dose, the subject began to take deep breaths, and his pulse became strong. Medical personnel took the subject to the hospital.

At 8:02 p.m., a caller reported that their son had run away from home. Officers were able to locate the juvenile and told him to go home, which he did.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

At 2:26 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle speeding in the area of Willow

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## Alvin Dean

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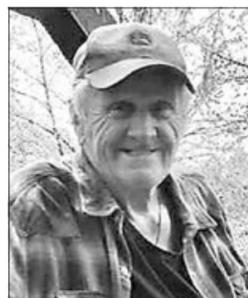
Alvin L. Dean, 88, passed away on March 8, 2026. He was born on December 16, 1937, in Brooklyn, New York, to Elton and Anita Dean. In 1945, Alvin moved with his family to Mapleton, Oregon, making the journey across the country by car. He was joined in childhood by his older brother, Norman.

Alvin spent his entire life on his family farm on Sweet Creek near Mapleton, where he worked tirelessly as a dairy and beef farmer. Farming was not only his livelihood but his lifelong passion, and he took great pride in the land he called home.

In addition to farming, Alvin served his community for many years as a school bus driver for the Mapleton School District from 1963 to 1989. After leaving the school district, he continued working for Lane County Public Works until his retirement in 2002.

On June 10, 1967, Alvin married the love of his life, Diane. Together they built a life rooted in family, hard work, and community.

Alvin was a dedicated member of the



Mapleton community. He belonged to the Mapleton Lions Club and the Mapleton Oddfellows. He also spent many years supporting local youth sports, serving on the chain gang for Mapleton High School football games and running the score clock at basketball games.

From the age of eight, Alvin had a love for collecting trains and built an impressive collection over the years, a hobby that brought him great joy.

Alvin is survived by his beloved wife, Diane; his daughters, Michelle (Riley) Newcomb and Carrie (Wayne) Spencer; his grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Clay) Robbins and Cole (Angie) Spencer; and his brother, Norman (Gail) Dean, along with many other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Alvin will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his dedication to family and community, and the quiet kindness he shared with those around him.

Memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Jeannie Owen

October 12, 1943 – March 17, 2026

Jeannie Ora (Tyler) Owen was born on October 12, 1943, in Pearl City, Honolulu, Hawaii because her father was there helping weld ships back together in the wake of the Pearl Harbor bombing. After her parents divorced, she and her sister Joanie were raised on their grandparents’ idyllic farm in Lakebay, WA. When her mother remarried, the family relocated to Bremerton, WA where her step-siblings Helen, Susie, and Dick were born. Jeannie graduated from Bremerton High School in 1961. She pursued a college education at Biola University in California where she met and married Richard Owen.

Jeannie raised her two sons, Roger and Randy, in Grants Pass, Oregon, where she worked as a photographer and at a frame shop. After starting a new life on her own, the opportunity arose to purchase Frames of Florence in Florence, Oregon. Jeannie embraced the adventure. She loved the work — building just the right frame for each customer’s treasured artwork.

She moved her business to downtown, and her grown sons helped build her an apartment above her new shop. She became a fixture in the Florence community, serving on the board of the Event Center, participating in the Chamber of Commerce, and taking long walks with friends through downtown and along the Siuslaw River. Living by the ocean suited her.

For many years Jeannie was a proud member of the Oregon, State, and National Lighthouse societies, and she delighted in traveling to visit lighthouses beyond her familiar coastline—including trips to iconic lighthouses in Europe. There was



something fitting about her affection for those steadfast beacons of light.

As a professional photographer she had a gift for seeing the moment worth keeping. Family members will fondly recall the way something spontaneous would unfold — a laugh, a prank, a gesture of affection — and she would reach for her

lens and say, “Do it again, for the camera!”

In July of 2025 she made a new home in Republic, WA — close to her son Randy and his family. She settled in happily, and the pop-in visits from family became one of her greatest joys. On March 17, 2026, she passed away suddenly and peacefully of a heart attack while visiting with her daughter-in-law Ilze. She did not suffer. For that, her family is deeply grateful.

The two things that mattered most to Jeannie were her family and her relationship with Jesus Christ, which quietly shaped the way she moved through the world — the way she truly saw each person she interacted with, loved without condition, and found beauty in ordinary things worth framing.

She is survived by her sons Roger Owen (Michelle) of Rogue River, Oregon, and Randy Owen (Ilze) of Republic, Washington; her grandchildren Rochelle Wagner (Nolan), David Owen (Anna), Ella, Andra, and Tyler (Jody); her great-grandchildren Caleb, Katy, Kelsi, Maia, Laura, Clara, and Emma; and her four siblings Joan O’Neal, Susan Chausse, Helen Schwartz, and Dick Schwartz.

She was loved well, and she loved well in return.



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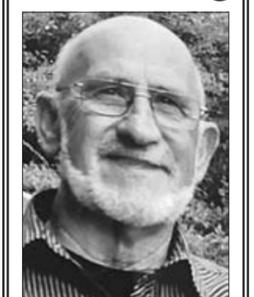


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## Charles D. Easling



Charles D. Easling a 1961 Siuslaw High School Graduate passed peacefully at home in Washington on November 4th, 2025, surrounded by his wife, Sandy and family. Please search for Charles D Easling obituary for the complete story.

# Journalists, Oregon publishers call on governor to veto bill changing public meetings law

**ALEX BAUMHARDT**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Professional journalist groups and Oregon news publishers are calling on Gov. Tina Kotek to veto a bill passed last month by the state Legislature that the groups, along with government ethics watchdogs, say erodes public meetings laws.

In recent letters to Kotek and in editorials, the Oregon chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Oregon News Publishers Association, The Oregonian and roughly a dozen small publishers, called on the governor to veto House Bill 4177.

Kotek has until April 9 — 30 days after it got to her desk from the Legislature — to sign, veto or let it take effect by default. When asked what action she'll take or if she has reservations about the bill, Kotek spokesperson Elisabeth Shephard told the Capital Chronicle in a short email that: "The governor reviews all bills that come to her desk."

House Bill 4177 is meant to clarify a 2023 law prohibiting public officials from deliberating and deciding measures via text, phone call and other chain conversations — essentially meeting through the ether outside the view of the public — to circumvent state public meetings law. House Bill 4177 exempts from the law such "serial communications" if they are "made for the purpose

of gathering information relating to a decision that will be deliberated upon or made by the governing body."

Proponents of the bill say it's needed to clarify that public officials aren't violating state law when they text an article related to an issue to one another, or share their opinion with a reporter ahead of a vote, who then shares that opinion with other members of the governing body in the course of the reporting.

But journalists and leaders of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, the latter tasked with enforcing the public meetings law, say the bill fundamentally redefines what constitutes meetings and deliberations in a way that would allow public officials to do important work in private with little transparency.

Ethics leaders in a memo to the House Rules Committee on March 2 warned of unintended outcomes.

"Much of the information gathering that normally occurs in public meetings (work sessions or executive sessions) could instead be done privately," they wrote of the bill's consequences. "The transparency and accountability that comes with public meetings, where the public has notice of what a governing body is discussing and the media can observe an executive session, will be lost."

State lawmakers passed it anyway just a few days later, vowing to

come back in 2027 to make fixes that might be needed.

In a statement Wednesday evening, Susan Myers, executive director of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, said though there are "good and well intentioned changes" being made to public meetings laws in the bill, "there are also areas of serious concern."

"OGEC is all in favor of having an informed, considered review of the laws and making updates that work for the public bodies, public officials, members of the public and the media. That is why OGEC has suggested getting the Oregon Law Commission to take on this project," she said. "In the absence of that, we would support further workgroups, legislative or otherwise, to address not only any issues raised with the implementation of HB 4177, but to consider other changes and updates that may be needed."

## CLARIFYING OR CONFUSING

Rep. Nathan Sosa, D-Hillsboro, a former chair of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission who backed the 2023 law, sponsored House Bill 4177 during the February session. It was conceived of by a workgroup Sosa convened made up mostly of lobbyists and attorneys representing cities, counties and school boards. A

lobbyist for the Society of Professional Journalists was the sole press advocate in the group, and several bipartisan lawmakers and state ethics leaders participated in meetings and were consulted about drafts of the bill.

The lack of journalist representation on a bill that could affect reporters' access to public meetings and information is among the sticking points for many of the publishers calling on Kotek to veto the bill, as well as what it does not define. Though it allows public officials to text, call and otherwise communicate privately for the purpose of "gathering information" it does not define what "gathering information" means, according to Laurie Hieb, executive director of the Newspaper Publishers Association.

"As written, the bill would allow public bodies to meet secretly as a quorum, selectively receive information, include or exclude interested members of the public from the meeting and hold private discussions about public issues," she wrote in the group's letter to Kotek.

Leaders for the Society of Professional Journalists also raised concerns that Sosa did not share with them or the wider workgroup several emails and memos from state ethics officials he received before the session, warning of the bill's unintended consequences and

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## LETTERS

### DEAR EDITOR,

What is a climate denier?

The term "climate denier" extends beyond those who simply do not believe in climate change; it often refers to individuals who dispute that human activity is causing the shift, that the change is rapid or global in scope, or that it represents an urgent crisis requiring immediate action.

With respect to the Florence Mayor and City Council, they exemplify this perspective by declining to take climate-related action at the municipal level. Consequently, staff and committees are restricted from incorporating specific climate change initiatives into their workplans.

Nancy Rhodes, in her letter to the editor (*Siuslaw News* 3-25-26), asserts that the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is pursuing climate change initiatives. While EMAC does participate in efforts such as the Recycling Modernization Act, these actions alone do not address the broader climate emergency. Although important, recycling constitutes just one aspect of a comprehensive response.

Since 2016, I have regularly attended EMAC meetings and consistently advocated for initiatives that would support a broad-based climate action plan involving the wider community. Despite the dedication of past and present EMAC leaders and members, there has been no formal recognition of the climate

crisis or movement toward uniting the community to design an actionable plan with sufficient endorsement from the Mayor, Councilors, and City Manager.

To promote constructive dialogue, I encourage Nancy Rhodes and EMAC to intensify their efforts to engage the City Council on behalf of the community. My petition requests the City to hold a formal climate-crisis listening session and extend a public invitation for citizens to participate and share their perspectives.

Should EMAC assertively and courageously urge the City Council to join these initiatives, they will help shift Florence away from climate denial and toward meaningful action.

*Mike Allen*  
Florence

### DEAR EDITOR,

Voters this May will have a choice between two very different visions for the future of Florence, one in which they invest in the community, with a new school bond, and one where they do not.

What's in a school? Books? Desks? Yes. Children and teachers, sure. More than that, though... Futures. And people care about their own future, but today they're being asked to care about others' future. Aren't they? Not quite.

What happens to a city when its public school facilities fall behind?

Families leave, and business with them. Amenities and services diminish. Empty buildings are left unrenovated to avoid taxes. Property values aren't exactly going up under those conditions.

The opposite happens when a new school is built. The future changes, and not just for students. Suddenly more families are interested in relocating to Florence, and with them come doctors and nurses. Education improves as the school district is able to attract teaching staff.

As the community flourishes, more businesses are created; recreational facilities and entertainment follows. Veterans find more to love about their town. Families find a reason to stay, and retirees see their property values increase.

Every voter has a choice this May 19th, and not just for the students. Yes, It's Time for a seismic code-compliant high school with a cafeteria and modern learning spaces. And sure, It's Time for more classrooms in the elementary school, because the kindergarten modulars are reaching their shelf life.

More than all that, though, if you choose to vote YES on Measure 379, you're voting for a future in Florence, and everything that comes with it. You're not alone in doing this. We will all help you. Let us invest in our community, and just watch as our community invests in us. It's Time for a brighter future in Florence.

*Justin Ludwig*  
Florence

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# Siuslaw Middle School Archery Team Hits Bullseye, Captures First-ever 3D State Championship

**FROM SEAN GRUNDON, SMS**

In a stunning display of precision and perseverance, the Siuslaw Middle School Archery Team has been crowned the State Champions in the 3D Target Challenge. This victory marks the first state title for the program, a feat made even more impressive by the unconventional road the team took to get there.

While many competing programs across the state train with full, professional-grade sets of the six standard 3D animal targets, the Siuslaw team started the season with

a significant equipment gap. Lacking a complete set of targets to practice the specific angles and depth perception required for the 3D Challenge, the team's success seemed like a long shot.

The turning point came when the team's coach brought in his own personal 3D deer target from home. What began as a makeshift solution quickly became the catalyst for the team's championship run.

"The kids absolutely loved it," said the coaching staff. "That single target changed the energy of our practices. It gave them something real to



focus on, and their confidence just soared from there."

The 3D Target Challenge is a specialized discipline where

archers must judge distances to life-sized foam animal targets placed at varying intervals and elevations. Despite having only a fraction of the standard equipment to practice on, the Siuslaw archers demonstrated an incredible ability to adapt, proving that grit and coaching can overcome a lack of resources.

By the time the team reached the state tournament, their "aim small, miss small" mentality was unshakable. The Vikings outperformed top-tier programs from across Oregon, securing the trophy and bringing a historic title back to Florence.

This championship

serves as a powerful reminder to the community that greatness isn't defined by what you have, but by what you do with what you've got. The Siuslaw Middle School Archery Team didn't just win a tournament; they proved that with a little resourcefulness and a lot of heart, no target is out of reach.

About Siuslaw Middle School Archery: The SMS Archery program focuses on discipline, focus, and sportsmanship. It is open to middle school students in the Siuslaw School District and continues to grow as one of the most successful club sports in the region.

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## Surge in gasoline prices approaching record highs

### STAFF REPORT

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 36.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.78 per gallon as of Monday, March 23, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon. Prices in Oregon are

92.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.12 per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 27.0 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.227 per gallon, the highest level since November 24, 2022.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$4.15 per gallon Sunday, March 22, while the most expensive was \$6.01 per gallon, a difference of \$1.86. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.15 per gallon while the highest was \$6.01 per gallon, a

difference of \$1.86.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 24.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.92 per gallon as of Monday, March 23. The national average is up 98.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 84.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Eugene- \$4.71 per gallon, up 26.7 cents per gallon from last week's

\$4.44.

Salem- \$4.72 per gallon, up 34.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.37.

Portland- \$4.88 per gallon, up 36.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.51.

Seasonal factors leading to the continued increase in gasoline prices, combined with ongoing supply concerns tied to the continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, pushed both gasoline and diesel prices sharply higher, according to Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"It now appears increasingly likely that the national average price of gasoline will reach the \$4-per-gallon mark—potentially as early as this week—for the first time since 2022, while diesel prices are surging to multi-year highs, with some markets nearing record territory," De Haan said. "There are few signs of stabilization so far, as global oil prices continue to climb and early indications suggest consumers may begin to pull back in response to the rapid pace of increases."

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## Gallery presents "Color and Contrast — A Backstreet Retrospective"

During the month of April, Backstreet Gallery features three long-time member artists who have played significant roles in making Backstreet the co-operative gallery it is today. Each

has served as president and helped to shape the Gallery in the early years in many other capacities. Their show titled, "Color and Contrast — A Retrospective" features many of their works

created over 20 years.

Jane Rincon, water-color/collage artist, has been with Backstreet since the beginning, as a founding member. She has served as president of the Gallery numerous times. After working in education for many years, Jane moved to Florence in 2000 and began exploring the wonders of water-color the following year.

Pattie Brooks Anderson, water-media painter, joined the Gallery 20 years ago in its second year. Over those years, she has served as president of media for many years, and has made huge strides in the technological presentation of Backstreet Gallery in the media. She taught art at the secondary level for seven years in California.

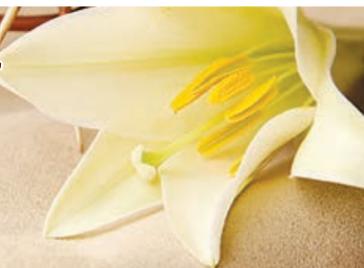
Photographer Stephanie Ames, a retired educator, has been a Gallery member since 2010. And she has served as display chair for many of those years. Stephanie has been the impetus for the



Gallery's professional look. Regarding capturing images, she says, "I love how light and the camera lens combine to reveal our everyday world as mysterious."

Enjoy great art and meet these award-winning artists at their reception Saturday, April 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. for refreshments and music from the wonderful Jeff Lovejoy.

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**LAW**

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requesting that legislative action be delayed to 2027. Nick Budnick, sunshine chair of the journalists group, said they only saw those when journalists filed a public records request for communications after the session. Sosa said the emails and memos were a restatement of the questions, objections, and concerns raised in workgroup meetings by Myers of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, and the feedback was

discussed and debated at-length during meetings. “Government ethics and transparency are topics that I care deeply about,” Sosa said in an email. “This bill was a good faith effort to provide greater clarity for everyone while preserving the purpose of our public meetings laws.” Other members of the workgroup confirmed they had not seen the emails or memos but they would not have changed their support for the bill. **Chilling effect** Scott Winkels, a lobbyist for the League of Oregon Cities, said the 2023 law and the

government ethics commission were having their own chilling effects on news gathering and public information. That’s because commission trainings meant to help public officials understand the new law included materials insinuating that an official of a governing body might be in violation of serial communications rules if they discussed a voting matter with an “intermediary,” such as a constituent or reporter, who then talked about it with other members of the governing body, Winkels said. “Simply answering constituent questions should

never be discouraged. Talking to a reporter — nobody should refuse a speaking engagement. I mean, it got to the point where we had told our members to take our training class and avoid the OGE one, and we still haven’t lifted that advice,” he said. He said some public officials — many who are volunteers on boards and committees — opt out of staying in their roles, fearing the reputational damage that can come from being found guilty of a state ethics violation, even if unintentionally perpetrated. The government ethics

commission has reviewed, or is in the process of reviewing, 50 members of eight public governing bodies for potential violations of the 2023 law banning “serial communications” since it was enacted, according to commission data. Of them, 90% of the complaints against the public officials were dismissed with no penalties. **Note:** Oregon Capital Chronicle Editor Julia Shumway is board treasurer of the Greater Oregon Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, which is requesting Kotek veto the bill referenced in

this article. She did not participate in the editing of this item. <https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2026/03/19/journalists-oregon-publishers-call-on-governor-to-veto-bill-changing-public-meetings-law/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: [info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com](mailto:info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com).

**POLICE**

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Loop, reaching speeds as high as 60 mph. Officers were able to locate the described vehicle and counseled the driver. At 3:20 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Willow for a reportedly intoxicated subject. Officers said the subject was confrontational and aggressive and tried to walk away. On further investigation, officers determined the subject was not intoxicated, but found a responsible party to come and get him. At 6:27 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Highway 101 for a broken store window. A

report was taken. At 7 a.m., a caller reported two kids trying to get into a building, saying the attempt had been recorded on video. Officers were able to identify the juveniles and, after reviewing the video evidence, took them to Eugene juvenile hall for two counts of criminal mischief 2, trespassing 2, and attempted burglary 2. At 1:31 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject had left a store with a cart full of items. The case remains under investigation. At 6:56 p.m., a caller reported that subjects were seen putting an offensive sticker on her car.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21** At 12:14 a.m., dispatch received a 911 call where yelling could be heard before the call disconnected. Officers responded to the 5600 block on Highway 126 to speak to subjects in a room. The female denied calling 911. Both parties were counseled. At 12:59 a.m., a deputy came into the police department to report finding a phone outside the building. The phone remains in storage there. At 7:41 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of 2nd and Ivy reported that about five chickens running loose in the area. The officer did not attempt to catch the chickens. At 11:24 a.m., officers responded to the area of Laurel and Rhododendron Drive for a report of indecent exposure. Officers were told that a female subject was seen defecating in the area. Officers contacted her, and she admitted to it. Subject was cited for

urination in view of the public. Mental Crisis Response personnel were also dispatched to the scene to assist. At 11:40 a.m., and have some patrol located a tote full of electrical supplies and building materials in the 1600 block of 18th St. Items were taken to the police department for storage. At 11:03 p.m., a business in the 3300 block of Highway 101 reported that three minors entered the business and stole alcohol. The case remains under investigation.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22** At 2:15 a.m., a subject came into the police department with a set of keys they had found. Officers were able to locate the owner and return them. At 8:32 a.m., officers made contact with the subject in possession of two dogs in the 900 block of Oak Street. The subject later left the dogs, and officers took them to the Humane Society.

At 9:07 a.m., a caller reported a shopping cart full of garbage left in a bus stop on 8th Street. An officer remembered seeing two people in possession of the cart earlier and contacted them. Subjects admitted the cart was theirs but denied knowing how it got there. Both were cited for offensive littering. At 6:02 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of 126 to help medical personnel with an elderly male who had fallen some time before. At 8:28 p.m., a business in the 1400 block of Bay Street reported subjects ate food and left without paying. The case remains under investigation. At 8:59 p.m., a caller reported that two cars had backed into a pole in the 1800 block of Highway 101 and left the area.

**MONDAY, MARCH 23** At 9:33 a.m., a caller reported their vehicle was stolen from the area of 7th Street and Laurel.

The case remains under investigation. At 3:16 p.m., a caller reported checking his credit score to find it was bad, contrary to his knowledge. Upon further investigation, it was found that several credit accounts had been opened in his name. The caller was advised of his options and referred to the correct investigating agency. At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to the 3300 block of Oak Street for a report that a resident in a care facility was throwing objects at staff and demanding to go to the hospital. Medical personnel arrived and took the subject to the hospital. At 7:35 p.m., officers conducted a death investigation in the 900 block of Nopal. The cause of death appeared natural, and the medical examiner was notified. To claim any of the lost, found or stolen items listed above, call Florence PD at 541 997 3515.

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**TRACK**

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she achieved at the 2006 OSAA 3A State Championships. Breaking the 19-year-old standing record, Cadet set her first all-time school record, though she is in the top 5 in school history in both the 100 and 300 hurdles, as well as in the top 10 in the high jump.

**FULL TEAM SCORES FROM THE EVENT WERE:**

**Boys**

- 1.....Siuslaw - 107.5
- 2.....Myrtle Point - 83
- 3.....Cottage Grove - 72
- 4.....Douglas - 64
- 5.....Coquille - 20.5

**Girls**

- 1.....Siuslaw - 104
- 2.....Cottage Grove - 85.83
- 3.....Coquille - 71.67
- 4.....Douglas - 51.5
- 5.....Myrtle Point - 23

Some of the highlights from the meet included

first-place finishes in both individual and relay events. For the boys, Tom Morgan didn’t take long to show the burners that Johnson had pre-viewed before the season. Morgan posted a 11 second time in the 100m, taking first in the event. Morgan was also part of both Siuslaw’s boys relay teams, which also took first at the meet. In the 4x100, Morgan, Will Johnson, Raudy Thrall, and Davian Frazier posted a 44.00 time, beating out second-place Douglas by 1.90. In the 4x400, Morgan was joined by Thrall, distance specialist Henry Stone, and Blu Boehjle, taking first over Cottage Grove with a time of 3:41.70. Stone also finished first in the 1500m, with Siuslaw taking first and second in the event, as fellow sophomore Bentley Nelson finished within five seconds of Stone’s

4:18.40 first-place time. In the shot put, Siuslaw’s boys again took first and second position, though both posted the same marks. Seniors Garin Fidler and Jacob Rose both posted 41’ 7” personal bests, each out-classing the third-place finisher. Also showing out in the field was junior Caleb Gray, who took first in the javelin toss with a personal best 169’ 7” throw. In addition to setting the record in the triple jump, Will Johnson also finished first in the pole vault, posting a 13’ 4” vault, almost four full feet ahead of the next closest. For the girls, there were plenty of first places in individual events, though the 4x400 relay squad of Molly Mills, Maren Hughes, Clover Holbrook, and Cadet was just two seconds off first place. One of the headlines was Danin Lacouture getting the season started with a win after taking home the state title in the shot put last year. Lacouture threw the 4kg shot 35’ 8”, beating out Cottage Grove’s

Carrissalynn Height by almost a full foot. It was a solid start to a title-defending season for the senior. On the track, sophomore Willa Harklerode took first at the home meet with a time of 28.40, eking out the gold by just .20 seconds. Cadet also grabbed the top spot in the 100m hurdles, one of her specialty events, posting a 16.80, almost three seconds faster than the second-place finisher. The final first placement came from freshman Maren Hughes in the pole vault. She beat out Viking senior Keira Johnson for the top spot with a 8’ 4” vault, and both performed well to give Siuslaw another one-two finish. For a team just starting to see how they may all come together, getting off the blocks with a triumphant first meet will be just what they need to start putting the pieces together. Siuslaw will next be in action at the Oregon Relays on April 3-4. *Keep up with the action at [Athletic.net](http://Athletic.net) or in the Siuslaw News*



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## CARCASS

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Jim Rice, a researcher at Hatfield Marine Science Center, who also heads the marine mammal stranding program, examined the carcass and performed a necropsy.

By 5 p.m. that day, he said he had not conclusively determined a cause of death.

"I can tell you the wheel was emaciated, and there have been a number of emaciated gray whales showing up on the West Coast recently," he said.

### WHAT TO DO WITH IT

At the scene that morning, Crocket was unsure what would happen to the carcass.

He said that while he'd like to see it just left for nature to run its course, the popular location near a beachside hotel may dictate otherwise.

The answer to that question arrived that afternoon.

"The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians have expressed interest in harvesting the whale," said Oregon State Parks information officer

Mike Baden. "The nearest snowy plover nesting closure is north of the area at Baker Beach, and current activity does not affect protected habitat."

In a manner similar to what occurred north of Yachats last November, many volunteers arrived in protective clothing to dice the carcass into smaller chunks.

Baden noted that marine mammals, alive or deceased, are protected under federal law, and approaching or touching them is prohibited.

### JURISDICTION

According to the

Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding network website, Most carcasses remain on site to decay naturally and provide food for scavenging birds, etc.

"We receive reports of hundreds of dead marine mammals each year, and while we value each report as an important data point, we only have the time and resources to collect and necropsy a portion of those animals that are freshly dead," the website states. "The Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation is the agency responsible for the maintenance of

the ocean shore."

Those concerned about a marine mammal carcass may request that a ranger bury it. On the central Oregon Coast, the number is 541-563-8500.

### MIGRATION

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates 13,000 gray whales are expected to migrate past Oregon's shores from late winter through June as they travel back toward Alaska, far fewer than earlier projections suggested. Although NOAA declared the Unusual

Mortality Event over in 2023 and initially believed the population might be rebounding, new winter 2025 estimates instead show the lowest numbers since the 1970s.

NOAA's models, which combine visual surveys with migration pattern assumptions, indicate that the 2025 population most likely falls between 11,700 and 14,500 whales.

To report a dead, injured, or stranded marine mammal in the West Coast Region, call the Stranding Hotline at 1-866-767-6114.

## WHALES

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According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) the necropsy revealed that the whale was a 26-foot-long male. According to Oregon Public Broadcasting, the remains of the whale were cut up by researchers and Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians, and the chunks were left along the coast to feed other animals.

An odorous decomposed humpback calf was also reported on shore Oct. 15 at Tokatee Klootchman State Wayside. That carcass has been allowed to decompose naturally over the winter.

In November, an emaciated 28-foot juvenile humpback whale washed ashore dead at Neskowin, north of Lincoln City. According to the Salem Statesman Journal, that whale was emaciated and likely died of starvation.

### THE MOST FAMOUS WHALE

Of course, one cannot hear about a whale carcass near Florence without thinking of the incident in 1970 when the Oregon Highway Division



Some whales wash ashore almost unnoticed, like this decomposed humpback calf that washed ashore near Ten Mile Creek Bridge last year. Photo provided.

attempted to use dynamite to dispose of a decomposing whale.

In his book, "The Exploding Whale and other remarkable stories from the evening news," Former KATU Reporter Paul Linnman said he and videographer Doug Brazil were both 23 when they were assigned to cover the story.

"Our assignment that day, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1970, was to cover the disposal of a dead whale for the 5 o'clock news, which sounded easy enough, if of questionable news value, but this thing had an odd twist to it," he wrote. "My boss had learned that the whale

was going to be blown up with dynamite...There was certainly no way we could have known that in a few hours, both of us would be running for our lives, trying to escape the heavy and potentially lethal pieces of whale blubber which rained from the sky."

Linnman added that there was also no way he could have known the footage would elevate him to a cult-status icon of news and define his career for years to come.

The KATU video has garnered over 20 million views on Youtube and is the first result one gets with the search words "exploding whale."

Oregon Highway Division's George Thornton, whose idea it was to use dynamite, died in 2013 at age 84.

A lesser-known story, also covered and videotaped by KATU, happened nine years later in 1979 when 41 sperm whales beached near Florence. People were unable to

return the whales to the water, and all died. Crews used saws to dismember the carcasses and remove them from the beach.

To our knowledge, no other agency has ever attempted to dispose of a whale carcass using explosives.

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**NEW LISTINGS AND UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2026**

<p><b>2265 24TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Custom floor plan. 2 bonus rooms. RV Port. New roof in 2022. Two driveways &amp; fenced courtyard. 2 Bed/1.5 Bath, 1636 SF.</p> <p><b>\$495,000</b></p>	<p><b>88830 SHORELINE DR.</b></p>  <p>Oceanfront fixer w/beach views and miles of sandy beach. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 3335 SF.</p> <p><b>\$799,000</b></p>	<p><b>1600 RHODODENDRON #131</b></p>  <p>Thoughtfully updated home. Two versatile out buildings for storage or projects. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 924 SF.</p> <p><b>\$192,000</b></p>	<p><b>1960 40TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Charming home on .22 acre corner lot. Newer woodstove and new roof in 2023. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1541 SF</p> <p><b>\$429,999</b></p>
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<p><b>5105 FORD WAY</b></p>  <p>Rare &amp; coveted heritage Woahink Lakefront home. Enclosed boat house, dock &amp; rooftop platform to enjoy the lake. 3 Bed/3.5 Bath, 2946 SF.</p> <p><b>\$1,595,000</b></p>	<p><b>128 EVERGREEN LN.</b></p>  <p>Beautifully upgraded &amp; well maintained home in Florentine Estates. Large fenced yard. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1188 SF.</p> <p><b>\$425,000</b></p>	<p><b>1600 RHODODENDRON DR. #218</b></p>  <p>Well kept home with lots of natural light. Newer extra deep garage provides plenty of storage. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 960 SF.</p> <p><b>\$240,000</b></p>	<p><b>4817 LAGUNA AVE. WESTLAKE</b></p>  <p>Gated Coastal lake retreat on .46 acre lot + RV garage. 3 Bed/1 Bath, 1064 SF.</p> <p><b>\$395,000</b></p>	<p><b>32 EASY ST.</b></p>  <p>Stick-built home with great floor plan. Enjoy Coast Village amenities. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1028 SF.</p> <p><b>\$290,000</b></p>
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<p><b>3760 HWY 101 #16</b></p>  <p>• MOBILE ONLY •</p> <p>Clean, cozy, well maintained home with upgraded features. Matching garden shed for storage. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 840 SF.</p> <p><b>\$69,997</b></p>	<p><b>83391 SOUTH COVE DR.</b></p>  <p>Spacious Pacific NW contemporary style. Amazing center atrium. 1 level home. 4 Bed/3.5 Bath, 4224 SF.</p> <p><b>\$1,220,000</b></p>	<p><b>1875 HWY 101</b></p>  <p>Commercial building on .48 acre. 23 offices, conf room &amp; more. Extremely well maintained and priced to sell. 4756 SF.</p> <p><b>\$985,000</b></p>	<p><b>146 42ND WAY</b></p>  <p>Ideally situated on large lot with very private backyard. Designed for comfortable living. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1782 SF</p> <p><b>\$443,000</b></p>	<p><b>10919 E. MAPLETON RD.</b></p>  <p>Unobstructed Siuslaw river views from your balcony and backyard. View is worth the short commute to Florence! 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1296 SF.</p> <p><b>\$375,000</b></p>
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<p><b>1570 KALLA KALLA CT.</b></p>  <p>Well maintained &amp; affordable located on a cul-de-sac. New roof in 2023. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1100 SF.</p> <p><b>\$349,500</b></p>	<p><b>88390 BELLEVUE DR.</b></p>  <p>Stunning newly built home on over 6 acres of trees and dunes. RV hook-up with 400 amp panel. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1940 SF</p> <p><b>\$965,000</b></p>	<p><b>1690 32ND ST.</b></p>  <p>Beautifully maintained end-unit townhouse in desirable Oak Street Commons. 2 Bed/2.5 Bath, 1328 SF.</p> <p><b>\$317,500</b></p>	<p><b>1601 RHODODENDRON DR. #654</b></p>  <p>1993 Golden West double-wide. New roof in 2024. All appliances included. 2 Bed/2 Bath, 1080 SF</p> <p><b>\$310,000</b></p>	<p><b>4837 SEAPINE DR.</b></p>  <p>Immaculate 1802 SF home. Remodeled kitchen. Extra lot w/garage/shop. .67 acres total. 3 Bed/2 Bath.</p> <p><b>\$499,000</b></p>
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<p><b>1651 29TH ST.</b></p>  <p>Completely remodeled and move-in ready! Large fenced yard + covered patio. 2 Bed/1 Bath, 1076 SF.</p> <p><b>\$390,000</b></p>	<p><b>4080 CADDINGTON LN</b></p>  <p>Nearly new single level home in Fairway Estates. Quality craftsmanship throughout. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2020 SF.</p> <p><b>\$734,900</b></p>	<p><b>5270 NOPAL ST.</b></p>  <p>Like new. Former model home-never lived in. Quiet neighborhood. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 1404 SF</p> <p><b>\$398,000</b></p>	<p><b>18156 HIGHWAY 36 • BLACHLY</b></p>  <p>Coastal ranch on 22 creekfront acres. NW designed custom home. Shop w/ full bath. 2 + Bed/3 Bath, 2952 SF</p> <p><b>\$950,000</b></p>	<p><b>88274 RHODODENDRON DR.</b></p>  <p>Jerry's Place. Property+ Business. Full service bar &amp; grill, ATM &amp; Lottery. Excellent financials.</p> <p><b>\$1,200,000</b></p>
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

High.....	12:36 a.m.....	7.5
Low.....	6:52 a.m.....	0.5
High.....	12:52 p.m.....	6.7
Low.....	6:51 p.m.....	0.7

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

High.....	1:04 a.m.....	7.6
Low.....	7:29 a.m.....	0.0
High.....	1:35 p.m.....	6.6
Low.....	7:24 p.m.....	1.2

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

High.....	1:30 a.m.....	7.6
Low.....	8:05 a.m.....	-0.2
High.....	2:18 p.m.....	6.4
Low.....	7:55 p.m.....	1.8

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

High.....	1:57 a.m.....	7.6
Low.....	8:40 a.m.....	-0.2
High.....	3:00 p.m.....	6.2
Low.....	8:26 p.m.....	2.3

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

High.....	2:24 a.m.....	7.4
Low.....	9:16 a.m.....	-0.1
High.....	3:44 p.m.....	5.9
Low.....	8:56 p.m.....	2.8

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

High.....	2:53 a.m.....	7.2
Low.....	9:55 a.m.....	0.2
High.....	4:30 p.m.....	5.5
Low.....	9:26 p.m.....	3.3

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

High.....	3:26 a.m.....	7.0
Low.....	10:40 a.m.....	0.5
High.....	5:24 p.m.....	5.2
Low.....	10:00 p.m.....	3.6

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

High.....	4:05 a.m.....	6.7
Low.....	11:34 a.m.....	0.8
High.....	6:29 p.m.....	4.9
Low.....	10:45 p.m.....	3.9

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

High.....	4:56 a.m.....	6.4
Low.....	12:39 p.m.....	1.0
High.....	7:47 p.m.....	4.8

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

Low.....	12:01 a.m.....	4.1
High.....	6:05 a.m.....	6.1
Low.....	1:47 p.m.....	1.1
High.....	8:59 p.m.....	5.0

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

Low.....	1:41 a.m.....	3.9
High.....	7:27 a.m.....	5.9
Low.....	2:48 p.m.....	0.9
High.....	9:48 p.m.....	5.3

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Low.....	3:03 a.m.....	3.4
High.....	8:46 a.m.....	5.9
Low.....	3:38 p.m.....	0.7
High.....	10:23 p.m.....	5.8

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

Low.....	4:03 a.m.....	2.6
High.....	9:52 a.m.....	6.1
Low.....	4:22 p.m.....	0.6
High.....	10:53 p.m.....	6.3

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Low.....	4:53 a.m.....	1.7
High.....	10:48 a.m.....	6.3
Low.....	5:02 p.m.....	0.6
High.....	11:22 p.m.....	6.9

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

Low.....	5:37 a.m.....	0.7
High.....	11:40 a.m.....	6.5
Low.....	5:40 p.m.....	0.8
High.....	11:51 p.m.....	7.4

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

Low.....	6:20 a.m.....	-0.2
High.....	12:30 p.m.....	6.7
Low.....	6:19 p.m.....	1.1

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

High.....	12:23 a.m.....	7.9
Low.....	7:03 a.m.....	-0.9
High.....	1:20 p.m.....	6.7
Low.....	6:57 p.m.....	1.5



Viking Collin Barnett sends a ball out to pasture during the March 25 game against Bandon. Tony Reed photo.

## Siuslaw 3-2, heading off to spring break

**Will LOHRE**  
Siuslaw News

After picking up a win in the season opener, Siuslaw dropped its next two games, but showed its resilience, rebounding with a doubleheader win over Bandon to go 3-2 heading into a week-long break.

After their opening win against Harrisburg, Siuslaw headed on the road for games against Sweet Home on Mar. 19 and Marshfield on Mar. 23.

The game against Sweet Home saw the

Vikings trade blows with the Huskies in the early going, but two runs in the bottom of the fourth by the hosts put the game out of reach in the 4-7 defeat.

In the following matchup against Marshfield, it was a close-run contest, both on the scoreboard and in the hit department. Siuslaw lost 3-4 on an unfortunate walk-off error that allowed the winning run to cross the plate. The Vikings outthit the undefeated Pirates 6-5, scoring their three runs in the second,

third, and fifth innings.

With such a close defeat fresh in their minds, the Vikings were out for revenge, and in a doubleheader against Bandon on Mar. 25, they took advantage of the opportunity.

Facing off with the Tigers on home turf, the Vikings secured their second and third wins of the season, powered by their two highest scoring outings of the year.

In the first game, it was a deadlock through the first three innings, with Siuslaw scoring the first two

runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Michael Fitzsimmons sent two runners home with a single, giving the Vikings the lead. However, Bandon struck back in the fifth, driving four in four runs in the frame, with Siuslaw clawing one back in the bottom of the inning to bring the score to 4-3 heading into the sixth.

It was an action-packed inning, with Bandon scoring two runs in the top to extend the lead to 6-3, but the Vikings were undeterred, scoring seven

runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the decisive 10-6 lead. Fitzsimmons led the way for the Vikings with two of their seven hits and four RBI in the matchup.

In the second game, the sixth inning would again prove pivotal. Through the first five frames, it was an even game. Both teams scored a run in the first inning before a scoreless second. Bandon grabbed a 3-1 advantage in the third, and added to it

See **BASEBALL**, Page B2

## Siuslaw tees off golf season

**Will LOHRE**  
Siuslaw News

The Vikings are back on the links this spring, and they teed off their season without having to go far. The girls and boys Siuslaw Invitational was held at Sandpines Golf Links in Florence on Mar. 18 and 19, and it was a packed field to welcome in the golf season.

In the boys division, 18 schools and 85 athletes attended, with Siuslaw's boys placing 14th and delivering some solid individual performances. For the girls, the early-season tournament gave the team a chance to get a feel for tournament play and see how they stacked up.

Siuslaw Head Coach Nik Remer was happy with how the teams showed out in their first trip around the course in a tournament environment. It's a rebuilding year for both squads, and getting the season started on home sod was a good way to ease into the action.

"Tournament golf is no small task, especially for first-time competitors, but the Vikings rose to the occasion. Their effort, sportsmanship, and resilience made the day a

success and set a strong foundation for the season ahead," Remer said. "As with any early-season tournament, the focus extended beyond scores. The invitational allowed Siuslaw's players to evaluate their strengths, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence against a deep field of competitors."

Senior Micah Blankenship led the way for the boys, shooting a team low 86. Fellow senior Camden Linton notched a 94, and Remer said he showed "steady leadership and experience throughout the day."

In addition to the contributions from the practiced seniors, Siuslaw's underclassmen performed well, with sophomore Mason Wright posting a 91, while Yair Brito Xilot (115), Lucca Flosi (114), and Harrison Lane (113) each continued to gain worthwhile tournament experience.

"For many of these players, the event served as an opportunity to better understand the pace and demands of competitive golf," Remer said.

For the girls, senior Jozalyn "Jozy" Hulet led the charge for Siuslaw, and Remer said she

See **GOLF**, Page B3

## April is the month of the Military Child

**JAN CHASON**  
For Daughters Of The American Revolution

April is the Month of the Military Child, which provides a chance to recognize and thank the local children of our local service members. Following the events of September 11, 2001, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) began working with the Department of the Navy to sponsor the crew of an aircraft carrier as a show of support for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The DAR Project Patriot Committee is the official NSDAR committee that supports America's service members and their families. Part of supporting the military is also supporting military families, especially military children.

In February 2002, the U.S.S. John C. Stennis (CVN 74) was assigned by the Department of Defense to the NSDAR for sponsorship. Once the Stennis went into dry dock in January 2005, this committee's

efforts were redirected to support other branches of the services as well as the Navy. Locally, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Oregon Dunes Chapter, is already planning ahead for the future.

It is the desire of the chapter, as we are growing, to grow this program. The DAR is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has many projects in its current yearly calendar. It is actively pursuing funds to provide these opportunities, and depending on the amount received, we are prepared to add activities also. All funds provided earmarking the "Month of the Military Child" will be used and fiscally managed exclusively accordingly, and transparently to our DAR organization. Please join the Daughters of the American Revolution in their quest for a successful celebration of "Our Local Military Families." They exercise selfless devotion and endless sacrifices to provide our great nation with security and stability.

• A town-wide proclamation from the Mayor of Florence, announcing April as the Month of the Military Child

• A participant celebration initiating the festivities with outside entertainment

• Communication with city organizations providing opportunities to sponsor and/or donate goods and services for the local military families

• Each child receives a silk-screened backpack loaded with donations from local businesses' goods and services

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employment barriers and become employable. We help with all kinds of barriers to employment," she said, noting that those using food stamps or other government assistance are encouraged to apply. Also, Goodwill as a whole invests 82% of its profit back into its programs and employees. So, every time you shop, you are helping others in our community get a new job, a new certification, or to overcome employment barriers. Thanks for shopping. For more information, stop by the Job Connection office inside Goodwill at 1310 Highway 101 in Florence (just through the books)

## Goodwill helps find jobs

Goodwill employment specialist Radiant Gaines was excited to announce the reopening of the Goodwill job connections in Florence. "We are committed to helping others overcome

## MILITARY

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– Proclamation read by Mayor.

- "Purple UP" Day – April 15, 2026 - Everyone in Florence and surrounding areas urged to wear purple in support of all USG active-duty

children

- Back Sacks - Each child will receive a backpack loaded with goodies from area businesses – (see the list of all donors on the following page)
- 4 contests- each contest prize will be \$100.00
- Ages 2-4 – Give us a picture of your family anyway you want. Paint, sing, glue seashells onto

paper, etc:

- Ages 5-8 – Prepare an art piece in any form that shows us the answer to the following statement: The things I like best about Florence are
- Ages 9-13 – Prepare an essay addressing the following statement: The best thing(s) about being in the military is/are
- Ages 14-16 – Prepare an essay completing the following statement: I know I will excel/succeed at \_\_\_\_\_ in my future because I am a military child.
- BBQ at the Elks – The Elks donated a full BBQ for the children and their families on April 19, 2026.

There will be a raffle for the families –

all active-duty military families at Florence Coast Guard Station

- Veterans of Foreign Wars - \$500
- Sand Pines Gold Course - 4 rounds of golf with a cart from May through Sept
- 2 Torex ATV Rental - eco tours of 40 min from
- Three Rivers Casino - \$1000
- Starbucks
- Combination of Starbucks: thermos(es), bottles, mugs, Christmas goods, and water bottles of all types - over \$3000 retail value
- City Lights Cinema – 24 free movie passes
- McDonalds – 24 free meals passes, And 24 free McCafe drinks
- Shipping Solutions - \$50 cash donation
- DeAnna Reynolds - \$25 gift certificate to Burger King
- Sandy Singleton – Treasurer of OR Dunes Chapter Daughter of the

American Revolution –24 individually sized knitted caps for Each Child

- Mindy Cantrell and Sandy Singleton – Mystery Balls (a fan favorite)
- Daughter of the American Revolution OR Dunes Chapter – (4) Walmart Gift Cards - \$40
- Florence Tourism – 24 stickers
- O'Reilly's auto parts - \$50 gift card
- Aero Legends Biplane Rides - \$100
- The Newport Aquarium – 24 free passes
- West Coast Media – A special thank you to Ave and Dustin at West Coast Media for the gift of The Screening of ALL the backpacks with D.A.R. logo

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## BASEBALL

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at the top of the fourth, going up 4-1 before Siuslaw answered. In the bottom of the fourth,

Bandon changed pitchers, and with a new thrower on the mound, Siuslaw exercised restraint, with five bases on balls in a row, scoring two runs. The third run was scored when Fitzsimmons was hit by a pitch, and Coleman Weidman advanced home.

The fifth was scoreless, but in the bottom of the sixth, the Vikings exploded for eight runs, powered by more eagle-eyed batting. Seven runs were scored after walks, with the last one coming

as a result of another player being hit by a pitch. Siuslaw registered five hits in the game, and sixteen batters were walked.

Jacob Mann and Jordan Pitcher combined for six strikeouts, and only two of the four runs they gave up were earned.

The back-to-back wins were just the boost the Vikings would have wanted going into a week between games. Siuslaw is back in action tonight, Apr. 1, away against Pleasant Hill.

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# Sip, stroll and stay awhile in Yachats

The Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce invites visitors and locals to experience one of the Oregon Coast's most anticipated spring events: Sip & Stroll. This immersive wine tasting event blends coastal charm, local flavor, and community connection in the heart of Yachats.

"This is one of the coast's most beloved springtime traditions," said Nichole Lippincott, executive director for the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce. "We invite all

residents and visitors to come take part. Plan your spring escape to Yachats today. Secure tickets early, book your stay, and experience a weekend of wine tasting, coastal exploration, and community connection."

The event features 11 tasting locations throughout the village, each offering curated wine selections and a chance to explore local shops, galleries, and gathering spaces. Guests check in at Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101, to purchase

their commemorative wine glass, event wristband, and an official tasting map.

"The Yachats Area Trolley operates throughout the event, providing convenient and scenic transportation between stops so attendees can sip and stroll, and ride, at a relaxed pace," she added.

The weekend also highlights Yachats' commitment to environmental stewardship and outdoor recreation.

On Saturday morning, participants can take part

in a Mushroom Treasure Hunt along local trails—an interactive way to discover the region's natural beauty. Hunters will find soap mushrooms by Billowcloud soap, crochet mushrooms by Swallows Nest Homemade, and glass mushrooms by Birdwell Holmes Glass to take home. Location clues are posted on Instagram: @visit.yachats.

"These creations by local artisans are a gift from Yachats to you. They are a reward for your effort to get out into

nature during springtime and walk, breathe, rejuvenate, and embrace the stunning yet subtle beauty that our coastal home has to offer," adds Lippincott.

On Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., community members and visitors are invited to join a beach cleanup, helping preserve the coastline while connecting with others who share a love for the Oregon Coast. "This will be a partnership between the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce, Oregon SOLVE (Stop

Oregon Litter and Vandalism), and Dalh Disposal.

"We invite you to make it a full coastal getaway. Enjoy wine tasting, explore the village, stay in local lodging, and extend your visit with meaningful outdoor experiences," said Lippincott. "Come for the wine, stay for the weekend. Enjoy a relaxing coastal getaway, sip your way through town, stay in one of Yachats' beautiful hotels, and wake up the next morning to help care for our beaches."

## The Siuslaw Community Stand Down will take place May 9

The Siuslaw Community Stand Down will take place May 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florence Elks Lodge 1858 in Florence.

For those wondering what that means,

a Stand Down is a day where many volunteers and organizations will make the effort to care for and help homeless and at risk people, with an emphasis on the US Veteran population.

Many agencies will come together to help with five areas of health. Dentists, barbers, medical, mental health and social workers will be onsite to help relieve some of the burdens that can cause a

person's sense of well-being to break down.

At-risk persons can come to the event, have brunch from 8:30 to 10 a.m., get a haircut, speak with counselors, find clean clothes, speak with

employment counselors, get dental cleanings and checkups, and more. Guests can meet in person with local western Lane agencies, Lane County agencies, and Veterans Administration services.

The Stand Down is sponsored by the Western Lane Veteran and Community Partnership Coalition. For more information please contact Chaplain Rick Chilton at 541-305-3911.

## GOLF

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"showcased determination and growth throughout the day." She recorded a 108 during the tournament, pacing the team.

"Jozy set the tone as the team's leader, steadily finding her rhythm as the round progressed and demonstrating the poise that comes with experience in tournament play," Remer said.

Rounding out the team were freshmen Lily Lewis, Bella Maldonado, Violet Ory-Remer, and Sloan Clement—each stepping

into tournament golf for the very first time after just two weeks of practice.

"Despite their limited experience, the group embraced the challenge with positive attitudes and a willingness to learn," Remer said. "The focus of the day went far beyond scores. For these athletes, the tournament was about understanding the pace, structure, and mental side of competitive golf. Each player had the opportunity to discover her strengths while also identifying areas for improvement—an essential step in development early in the season."

The girls team has

seven players this season, in keeping with recent participation numbers. Hulet is the team's lone senior, and joining her are six freshmen. Remer said that with such a young squad, their journey this season will be about progressing throughout the season.

On the boys side, the Vikings have 11 team members, also consistent with previous years. Remer said that 10-12 is the ideal size because a competing team consists of five players, so Siuslaw has a varsity and JV team. The boys are also rebuilding after graduating several key players last

season, and the team is made up of two seniors, two freshmen, and seven sophomores. For the seniors, Blankenship and Linton, part of their responsibilities this season will be to help the underclassmen understand tournament golf.

As far as goals for the season, it's all about growth for the two young squads. Looking to gain more experience, the main focuses are to learn the game, learn and understand their golf swing and ball flight laws, scoring, and last but certainly not least: have fun.

There are many nuances to tournament golf and the

sport itself. With no referees or umpires to enforce the rules, Remer said players need a good understanding of the rules and be honorable in enforcing them. Individually, each person on the team will continuously work on their own game. Remer said they need to recognize their strengths and weaknesses, and that will lay the template for what to work on.

While there are many individual aspects of the sport, Remer doesn't want that to take away from the team aspect, and he wants his players to enjoy their time on the greens, tee boxes, and fairways.

"Enjoy the game, practicing, team mates, and playing partners. Golf is a social sport that allows a player to play as an individual as well as a team," Remers said.

When asked what some of the lessons he hopes his teams take from their experiences on the course into life, he replied that "successful golfers embrace practice, problem solving, and continuous improvement. Honesty is the best policy. Golf is a lifelong sport."

With plenty of time between now and the end of the season, we'll see where that attitude takes these Vikings.



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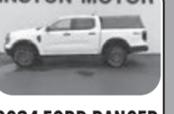
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### Math Blocks

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

9			33
3		18	27
		10	16
17	27	32	

01	1	5
18	9	3
4	20	9

Solution

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**1814:** Napoleon abdicates the throne for the first time and names his son as Emperor of France.

**1841:** William Henry Harrison dies of pneumonia, becoming the first U.S. president to die in office.

**1964:** The Beatles occupy the top five spots on the Billboard Hot 100 pop chart.

### Holiday FACT:



This spring holiday is the holiest day on the calendar for celebrating Christians.

Answer: Easter

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ESTARE GEG NHTU

Answer: Easter egg hunt

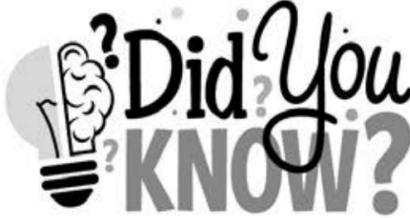
### NEW WORD

#### BLESS

to confer divine favor upon

### How they say that in...

- English:** Sacred
- Spanish:** Sagrado
- Italian:** Sacro
- French:** Sacré
- German:** Heilig



Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is a foundation of Christianity.



### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Coloring eggs

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- ANGLER
- BAG
- BAIT
- BOBBER
- CAST
- CATCH
- CHUMMING
- DRAG
- FISHING
- HOOK
- JIGGING
- LEADER
- LIMIT
- LURE
- RELEASE
- SIGHT
- SINKER
- SKUNKED
- SPAWNING
- STRIKE
- STRUCTURE
- TACKLE
- TERMINAL
- TROLLING

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

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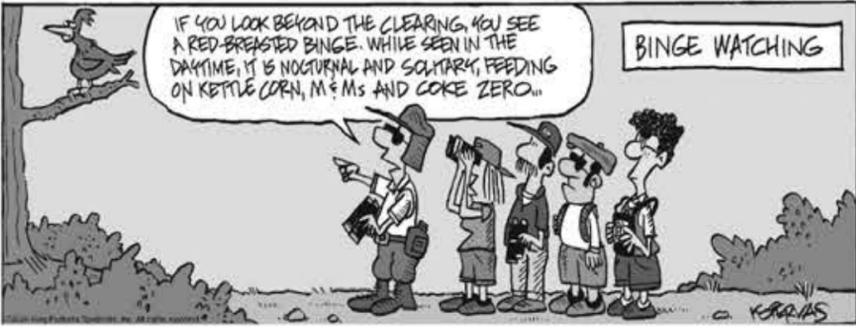
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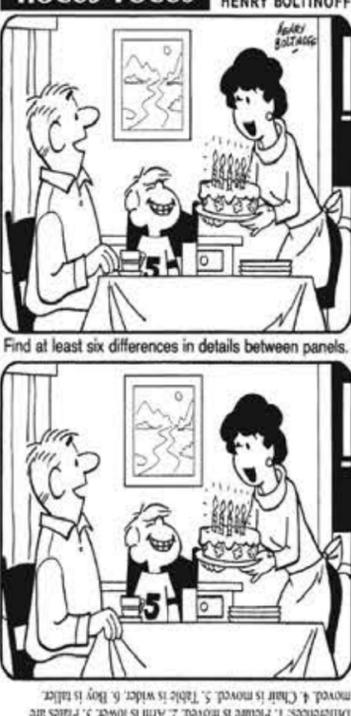
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### CryptoQuip

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: A equals B

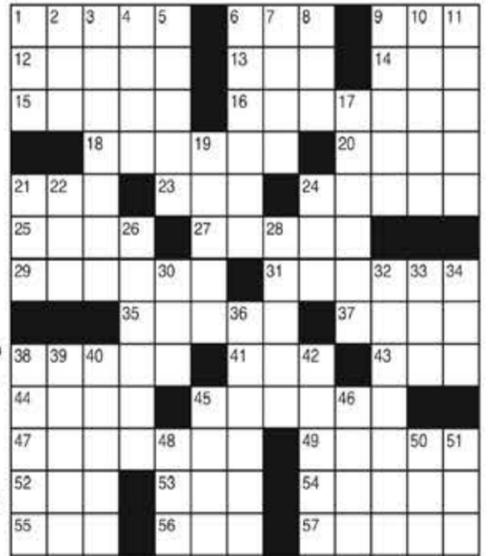
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LUU PZZT AFTTSJK, S  
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Purse part
- 6 Tatter
- 9 Fr. holy woman
- 12 Borders on
- 13 In the past
- 14 Allow
- 15 Trattoria offering
- 16 Wild hurry, as on Black Friday
- 18 Divides in two
- 20 Greek mountain
- 21 Rule in India
- 23 Goat's plaint
- 24 City on the Yangtze River
- 25 Broadway failure
- 27 Zaps in a microwave
- 29 Argue
- 31 Portugal's place
- 35 Fix a lawn
- 37 Bath bubbles
- 38 Long-legged shorebird
- 41 Hwys.
- 43 Scale note
- 44 Spanish "but" abbr.
- 45 Rob Roy spirit
- 47 Pressed for time
- 49 Garlicky mayo
- 52 Dijon denial



- 53 Blackbird
- 54 "What's in me?"
- 55 — Lanka
- 56 "Acid"
- 57 Crusoe's creator
- 7 Turkish officials
- 8 Deity
- 9 Melting snow
- 10 "Selma" actress
- 11 Patriot Allen
- 17 Awakens
- 19 Wind indicators
- 21 "Mayberry —"
- 22 Hearty brew
- 24 Spider's home
- 26 Sitting room
- 28 Youngster
- 30 Hanoi holiday
- 32 Exit in haste
- 33 Altar promise
- 34 Visual communication syst.
- 36 Corsage flower
- 38 Whirls
- 39 Choir member
- 40 Resident of Tabriz
- 42 Composed
- 45 Taxpayer IDs
- 46 Refer to "Friendly skies" co.
- 50 Brit's restroom
- 51 Fury

### DOWN

- 1 Enervate
- 2 TV schedule
- 3 Work that's done ASAP
- 4 "— boy!"
- 5 Sacred song
- 6 French Baroque composer

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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8	4	9	2	1	5	3		7	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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### Five Spot™

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Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Ron Swanson's favorite food group in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
- GAMES: In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
- GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
- MOVIES: What is Neo's real name in "The Matrix"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
- FOOD & DRINK: Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the most abundant metal in Earth's crust?
- ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

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### BUY-BUY

Today's Word  
3. Absurd; 4. Mourn

### SCRAMBLERS

B	R	I	D	E
C	R	I	E	D
R	A	C	E	D
D	A	N	C	E
C	A	N	D	Y
F	A	N	C	Y

FiveSpot Solution

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

Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

Suppose they're Ben pals.  
Sister and Kingsley are at good buddies!  
If the actors Affleck, answer

### CryptoQuip

- Meat
- Seven
- United Arab Emirates
- Thomas Anderson
- Gerald Ford
- "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë
- Kelllogg's Corn Flakes
- Transpiration
- Aluminum
- 33

## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

S	T	R	A	P	R	A	G	S	T	E	
A	B	U	T	S	A	G	O	L	E	T	
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P	A	S	T	A	M	A	D	R	U	S	H
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S	R	I	L	S	D						
D	E	F	O	E							



### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Refuge: MUSALY
- Mixture: BHIRDY
- Crazy: RABUDS
- Grieve: ROMUN

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+	6	+	9	+	2	=	17
=	14	=	1	=	10		

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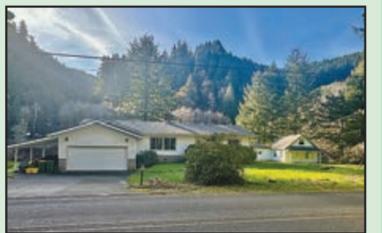
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