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From left to right in the council chambers, Princess Adylin Holbrook, Prince Camden Linton, Princess Averie Walker, Prince Jacob Mann, Prince Kevin Gaspar Santos, Princess Alayna Krause, Prince Andrew Hester, Princess Jessica Lopez, and Prince Austin Nunez. Tony Reed photo.

## Rhody Month kicks off from City Hall

Mayor Rob Ward formally declared May “Rhododendron Festival Month” May 4 after the Princes and Princesses of the Rhododendron Court each took the mic to read the proclamation in segments.

The proclamation reads: Whereas, the first Rhododendron Festival took place in 1908 and it is the second oldest flower festival

in Oregon and third oldest on the West Coast and is just one year younger than the Portland Rose Festival; and whereas, the first Rhododendron Parade was held on the Siuslaw River; and whereas, the first Rhododendron Festival had approximately 1,000 people, and today we have over 30,000; and whereas, the year

1974, Queen Rhododendra was awarded a scholarship for \$50 and this year, both Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be awarded a scholarship for \$1,750; and whereas, the first rhododendron queen, Laura Johnson was given a key to the city that was carved out of rhododendron wood; and whereas, the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

houses photos and memorabilia of many past rhododendron courts and festivals; and whereas, in 1977 was when we had our first Rhody Run; and whereas the early pioneers felt that the rhododendron was a sign that summer was not far off, and that the wind and rain of winter would give away to warmer kinder weather; and whereas

this event is produced by the Chamber of Commerce with support from community volunteers, other nonprofits, and the business community.

When the microphone was handed back to him, mayor Ward declared May Rhododendron Festival month, saying, “Let the preparation, anticipation and festivities begin”

## Whitmore Classical Academy announces teachers for fall opening

SUBMITTED by SVCS

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, Whitmore Classical Academy is pleased to announce the founding group of teachers for the Fall 2026 opening for grades K-3.

Whitmore Classical Academy is a public, tuition-free charter school open to all. Their mission is: To develop students in mind and character through a classical education that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

“I am excited about this group of educators. They have the skill set, love for students, and passion for education that will propel our students to success. Literacy is the cornerstone of our K-5 curriculum and is woven into every subject and these educators are excited to delve into it. There is a strong commitment from each of them to our Classical Education model and to serving our students, their families and our community,” stated Dr. McKinsey, Instructional Principal.

### DAYNA SILVANI, KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Silvani grew up in the Bay Area and moved to Oregon when she attended the University of Oregon. She has

her Bachelors in Education and Masters in Teaching. She moved to Florence 6 years ago and has been teaching kindergarten for the past 7 years. She enjoys spending time outdoors—hiking, camping, and fishing. She also loves to craft, crochet, cook, and spend time with her dog, cats, and chickens.

### VICTORIA ROSSMILLER, 1ST GRADE

Ms. Rossmiller is from northwestern Oregon and graduated this year from Hillsdale College, where she studied Early Childhood Education and Rhetoric & Media. She spent the last four years teaching preschool and, over the past year, worked as a substitute teacher. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring the forest, playing the cello, and reading folktales and mysteries.



### SOPHIA SESSIONS, 3RD GRADE

Ms. Sessions is graduating this summer with a degree in Elementary Education from Oregon State University. She spent this last year working in

4th grade. She is from Eugene and played soccer at Lane Community College and she is passionate about making art and loves to paint, draw, sew, and do crafts in her spare time.

### MCKENZIE GRISHAM, 2ND GRADE

“Ms. G” obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Linguistics and is completing her Masters of Education at the University of Oregon. She has experience working in special education and in charter schools. She spends her free time with her best friend (and dog) Bishop. She enjoys knitting, biking, reading, baking and pretending to play cello just as well as Yoyo Ma!



### SUSAN FENTON, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms. Fenton has a Masters Degree in education and has been a special and general education teacher for



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## Florence residents die in crash

FROM OREGON STATE POLICE

On Sunday, May 3, at 1:54 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a three-vehicle fatal crash involving two motorcycles on Highway 126 near milepost 2.7 in Lane County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a white Volvo 240, operated by Lorna Marie Trujillo (50) of Florence, slowed to a stop in the east-bound lane of Highway 126 to make a left turn into a mobile home park near Rose Hill Road when it was rear-ended

by a green Harley Davidson Heritage Softail motorcycle, operated by Brandon Taylor Oetken (38) of Florence, which sent the rider to the ground. A white Harley Davidson Ultra Classic motorcycle, operated by John Carlos Moreno (65) of Florence, then struck the rear of the green motorcycle causing the operator to lose control and lay the motorcycle on its side. The white Harley Davidson slid approximately 150 feet before coming to a stop. Good Samaritans stopped

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## Students respond to school, bond measure questions

By TONY REED  
The Siuslaw News

While assembling this final issue before the May 19 election deadline, I was asked by a reader to interview students at Siuslaw High School about their thoughts regarding the bond measure.

The last-minute logistics of setting up interviews with students were facilitated by Principal Mike Harklerode, who was able to quickly round up a few students who had time to speak to me at various times

during their class day. An open request was made for others to participate and answer questions by email, with no takers. Others were willing, but the timing of their classes did not work out.

In the school library, I spoke with Senior Nyx Harklerode, Freshman Afton Linton and Senior Will Johnson.

While I’m aware Nyx is the daughter of Principal Harklerode, (who is also the vice chair of the Facilities

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**VETERAN'S VIEWPOINT**

**CAL APPLEBEE**  
Contributor

**Which Holiday Is This?**

Over the years that I have participated in various ways and holidays to honor our military members, Veterans or nation, I have sometimes been confused because there sometimes appears to be an overlap in some of those holidays. As we are in the midst of that season in May and June, I thought it time to cover some of those, particularly since our local annual Rhododendron Festival also conflicts with some of those holidays.

**ARMED FORCES DAY**

Armed Forces Day always falls on the same weekend as our local Rhody Days events and is always overshadowed by those events. This holiday was first celebrated

in 1950, the same year that North Korea invaded South Korea, and many of the troops honored that day deployed within weeks. Since 1950, it has been observed on the third Saturday of May every year. It also kicks off Armed Forces Week, which runs through Memorial Day weekend. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve currently in the United States' armed forces. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force branches adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too.

Communities across the nation celebrate in

multiple ways such as flying the American flag, wearing apparel supporting our military or nation, attending local events in support of service members etc. One that is probably more appreciated by service members is to thank them face to face for their service.

While our local annual Rhody Days is a long-standing tradition celebrating our community, don't forget Armed Forces Day, and show your support and appreciation to our active service members, both then after that, throughout the year. Memorial Day

Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and then culminates with Memorial Day, which is observed on Monday, May 25th, and is the federal holiday in the

United States dedicated to honoring and mourning military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a day of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice made by all service members throughout American history.

It traces its roots to the years following the Civil War, when communities across America began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Originally called "Decoration Day," the observance was first widely celebrated on May 30, 1868. The name "Memorial Day" began to be used in the 1880's and the holiday was officially renamed Memorial Day in 1971 when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, officially declaring Memorial Day a federal holiday and

moving its observance to the last Monday in May.

This one is observed locally with a very moving program that is held each year for the past two decades-plus at the Veterans Memorial Park on Bay Street in historic Old Town Florence. The three veteran service organizations here in Florence, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars, rotate who conducts the program each year, but all three organizations and their members participate willingly. This year the program is being conducted by VFW with Post Commander Gary Covert in the lead. The program always includes various features such as opening prayer, flag salute, national anthem, reading of fallen Florentines from various wars, a speaker, and the

most moving which is the laying of wreaths by the United States Coast Guard in the Siuslaw River, to recognize our fallen ones. It also includes placing American flags and white crosses on the graves of all Veterans in our Pacific Sunset Cemetery. This year the program takes place on Monday, May 25th beginning at 1:00 p.m. and if you've never attended in the past, I encourage you to do so this year. The guest speaker this year is local Veteran Paul Gargis, Command Sergeant Major, US Army, Retired, who himself is worth the listening.

**VETERANS DAY**

Veterans Day, which honors all U.S. military veterans for their service to the nation, began with

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**POLICE LOG**

*The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from April 28 to May 4*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

At 12:15 a.m., a caller in the 3900 block of Oak Street reported a neighbor upstairs possibly running a motor and causing noise that was keeping him awake. Officers arrived and listened for any noise

but all was quiet. No further action was taken.

At 7:28 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Kenwood for a report of a bag of feces left on a doorstep. Officers reviewed surveillance footage and were able

to identify the subject responsible and cited him for criminal mischief and offensive littering.

At 10:16 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle in the 700 block of Highway 101 driven by someone who was on the phone and driving poorly. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 10:32 a.m., the caller from the 12:15 a.m. call used 911 to complain about noise in the neighborhood. The caller was advised not to use 911 for non-emergency calls.

At 12:36 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Kingwood for a report of a dispute occurring at the dog

park. Officers arrived to hear that there had been a disagreement over the handling of dogs. Officers determined that the dispute was verbal only and that nothing criminal occurred. No further action was taken.

At 10:25 a.m., a caller reported a broken wooden object on the Siuslaw river bridge that was forcing drivers into the oncoming lane to get around it. An officer located the object and removed it from the roadway.

At 4:59 p.m., a business in the 1300 block of Bay Street reported that a subject had taken a bracelet and was aggressive when confronted about it. Officers attempted to

locate the subject on Bay Street and reviewed video attempting to identify the subject. The case remains under investigation.

At 6:13 p.m., a caller reported a fight occurring in the 8th Street bus stop. Officers arrived to find a verbal dispute had occurred between two males. Subjects were counseled, and no further action was taken.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

At 12:02 a.m., a caller in the 3900 block of Oak Street reported banging from his neighboring floor and vibration. Officers arrived and listened for some time, but all was quiet.

At 8:11 a.m., a business in the 1900 block of 21st St. reported that a subject had plugged their cell phone into an outlet. Officers contacted the subject in question and advised them to unplug their phone.

At 9:10 a.m., officers responded to the 21st St. bus stop for a report of a subject yelling at the bus driver. Officers arrived to find a male subject had tried to board the bus with too much stuff, creating a disagreement. The subject agreed to try to catch the next bus with less stuff.

At 12:19 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Spruce Street for a report of a man beating a dog. Upon arrival, officers learned that the man had been trying to separate fighting dogs. Witnesses in the area confirmed his statement. No further action was taken.

At 4:34 p.m., a caller

reported a possible DUI in the 2900 block of Highway 101. Officers investigated and found the report was inaccurate and the situation was not as it was reported.

At 10:56 p.m., a caller reported that his subject had been drinking and got into a vehicle to drive out of town. Officers notified authorities in the last known direction of the vehicle.

At 11:47 p.m., officers responded to the 5200 block of Highway 101 for a report that a vehicle had been stolen. Officers investigated to find that paperwork had been exchanged to trade the vehicle for another. The caller was informed that the issue was civil in nature.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

At 8:33 a.m., a caller reported a subject in the area of Maple and 9th Street who was possibly intoxicated and was stumbling while walking with the dog. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the described subject.

At 11:39 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of Kenwood after a caller reported a suspicious subject with a knife. Officers contacted and searched the subject, but found no knife. When the caller was re-contacted by officers, she said the information had come to her third-hand.

At 12:11 p.m., a caller reported that she had been bitten by a juvenile. While interviewing the caller, officers determined that she was intoxicated and gave conflicting information as to what happened. When the caller disclosed that the incident occurred in Westlake, she was instructed to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

At 3:23 p.m., a caller  
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**DEATH NOTICES**



**Ariel Carter**

**May 6, 1978 - June 12, 2025**  
Celebration of life will be held at Cross Road Assembly of God 1380 which 10th Street, Florence, OR on May 30th at 1pm.

**Pet of the Week**

**MINI AUSSIE MAGGIE**  
At just 1 year old and 38 pounds, Maggie is the perfect age and size to start a training journey. This bright, energetic Mini Aussie is eager for a job. Whether it's agility, scent work, or learning new tricks, she's ready to shine.  
Maggie recently arrived from Marion County Animal Services after being found as a stray, so her past is a bit of a mystery. What we do know is that she's full of potential and waiting for someone to help her write the next chapter of her story. Come meet Maggie and give her the happy tail she deserves!

If you would like to meet them or any of their friends, please visit us at:  
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**FEATURED PROPERTY OF THE WEEK**

**935 HEMLOCK ST.**  
Well-maintained, charming townhome in Oyster Cove with a practical two-story layout. This 2 bed, 1.5 bath home offers 1,401 sq ft, including a formal living room on the main level with vaulted ceilings and large west-facing windows for great afternoon light. The kitchen features stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. There's a convenient half bath for guests on the main floor. Upstairs includes both bedrooms, a full bath, a separate family room, and a well-placed utility room that keeps laundry close to the bedrooms. The attached two-car garage is a rare bonus for townhomes in the area. Conveniently located near Peace Health Medical Center, major shopping, Old Town, and the library. Hiking trails and the community bike path are just two blocks north. **\$425,000.** #12965

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**Chester A Franklin**  
1935 - 2026

Family, friends and football. No one thinks of Chet without thinking of the things he cherished most.

Born in Ontario, Oregon, in 1935, Chester Arthur Franklin died peacefully on April 22, 2026, enveloped by love. He's remembered for his athletic prowess, generosity, and fierce adherence to doing right by others.

Kindness came easily to Franklin. As a child, he had loving parents. A modest upbringing taught him self-sufficiency at an early age, and he thrived working difficult jobs. He developed a strong work ethic and played multiple sports. He was a good student and a natural leader. He led easily, and by example.

Franklin was an athletic standout at Nevada's Elko High School and the University of Utah, where he lettered in football for three years. He's been referenced as one of the school's legendary players.

He was a starting guard in the U.S. Marine Corps after earning a Master's Degree from

Stanford University. Franklin became a longtime NFL coach and executive, most notably as a defensive backs coach for the Oakland and Los Angeles Raiders during their Super Bowl XV and Super Bowl XVIII winning seasons.

As an adult, Franklin earned great professional success, but it didn't define him. Personal relationships remained his priority. He was humble and unassuming. Gentle but influential. He listened more than he spoke, and thought whoever he was talking with was the most important person in the room. He valued good friendships, treasured his family, and helped people without fanfare.

Chet Franklin was preceded in death by his wife, Ann. He was survived by his lifetime partner, Vicki, his daughter, Shana, and son-in-law, Darrin. The world was a better place with him in it. If you'd like to pay forward Franklin's generosity, please consider donating time or money to the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

The City Council Education Resolution

I read with interest the Siuslaw News article "Council voices support for education" 4-29-26 about the education resolution passed by the Florence City Council with a near unanimous vote. I believe that this is the time when our community needs to be reminded about the value of education.

In the Council discussion the following values were identified.

- Education impacts all stages of life, from early childhood through adulthood.
- Education is a foundation for future community resilience and vitality.

And the resolution states:

• Informed civic participation is essential to a healthy democracy and encourages residents to engage with public information about issues that affect the community now and for our vibrant future.

Did the resolution go far enough? How would the resolution apply to climate education needs for a community? In my opinion, climate education must be intergenerational and requires a multi-layered approach that bridges formal schooling, government policy, and community lived experience.

Key components of this definition include:

- Education should define learning not just as adult-to-youth or vice versa, but as a reciprocal exchange.
- Education involves transforming passive climate awareness into active concern through intergenerational learning.
- Education identifies existing community assets that can serve as catalysts for climate action projects.
- Education includes civic engagement, where students and community members learn to advocate for local climate policies, such as city-wide climate action plans.

Because we have very little climate education in our city, I asked the City Council to apply these educational principles when implementing the education resolution. That means encouraging residents to engage with public information about issues that affect the community now and for our vibrant future.

Mike Allen  
Florence, Oregon

DEAR EDITOR

AI is the oligarch's (Mus, Altman, Bezos, Zuckerberg & the Trump crew) answer, fix, solution to many problems that were caused by them. Their "God Machine" (AI) will be a furtherance of the evolving designed system that takes from those that have the least & gives to those who have an excess & most assuredly believe they need more & more & more. We

ONLINE POLL

The poll was left up for an extra week on the Siuslaw News website an extra week, to better gauge the response to the following question.

AS THE ELECTION GETS CLOSER, HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND ON THE SCHOOL BOND MEASURE?

As of 5 p.m., May 7,

44.4 % said, "No I planned it to vote for it from the start."

39.7 % said, "No, I planned to vote against it from the start."

11.1 % said, "Yes, I planned to vote for it, but I have changed my mind."

4.8 % said, "Yes, I planned to vote against it but have changed my mind."

are allowing humanity to be taken from us through false (fake) promises that too many are so eager to believe because of greed. You can't stop progress but you can consider & decide, what is & what isn't progress, & not just based on your investment portfolios. We're looking at the future here & now. Ask yourselves, not the oligarchs & Wall Street, how much better can it get, fast food in every pot, a robot answering every phone call sending you to another menu, huge data & AI centers using an exorbitant amount of our energy to the detriment of our planet & climate; for what purpose, so you can get on social media faster for skewed & biased info & "Big Brother" knows everything about you? It's time to pull back on the reins or at the very least ask what direction we're heading & why are "we" not in control! AI in control of the NUKE BUTTON!

Jeff Gemutliche  
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

I am seeing signs around town that say, "Curriculum over Construction," or something similar.

I am thinking this message is about the bond measure on the May ballot which would in theory fund construction of a new high school if it passes.

I would like to clarify something: The two matters are completely separate.

The school budget is already in the works and this is where the curriculum component would be addressed.

The bond for constructing a new building, if it passes, would be for constructing a new building -- not for anything else.

Maybe understanding this separation of accounts and projects will help people feel better about investing in the community's infrastructure

Ivy Medow  
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

As a graduate from our high school, the building had nothing to do with the quality of education I received. The educational experience was and is the responsibility of the educators and the curriculum they are charged with delivering. Recent letters to the editor from SHS alumni that support the school bond measure (teachers, coaches, business leaders, medical professionals) freely admit that they are successful and that their children who also are alumni are also successful.

Those who believe a shiny new school will lead to better educational outcomes are going to be disappointed. A quality education starts and ends with teachers

Harrison Richards  
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Measure 20-373 helps Lane County by:

Recognizing the rights of watershed to exist and flourish, free from pollution

Affirming residents' right to clean, safe drinking and domestic water

Prohibiting corporate activities that violate those rights.

Clean water and healthy ecosystems are fundamental to the future of Lane County. The way forests are managed directly affects water quality, climate stability, wildlife habitat and the well-being of people who live downstream. Unfortunately, current regulations allow industrial practices that adversely affect water

quality, fish habitat and recreational opportunities.

There are over 600 nature protective laws in more than 50 nations, including the U.S. If adopted, Lane County would join dozens of other US communities in recognizing the rights of local ecosystems, like watersheds. Frivolous cases are very rare in practice, contrary to what the opposition claims. The opposition group, "Protect our County" is an organization pretending to represent grassroots people, but is funded by powerful business interests, e.g. Koch Bros, logging and oil companies, real estate developers, etc. who don't want to see any restrictions on spraying toxic chemicals in our watersheds. It affects their bottom line. Contrary to claims in a recent flyer they sent out, NO, neighbors will not be suing neighbors and there will NOT be frivolous lawsuits. Get the facts at

DEAR EDITOR,

I'm a parent, a grandparent, and an accountant, so I tend to look at decisions through a practical, long-term lens.

When I look at Measure 379, I ask two basic questions: What's needed, and does this make financial sense over time?

This plan checks those boxes. It focuses on essentials, improving safety and replacing aging facilities, without overbuilding or adding unnecessary costs.

And that matters. In my line of work, I've seen what happens when communities put off major repairs. Costs don't stay flat, they rise, and often quickly. What could have been a planned investment turns into a much more expensive problem.

This bond is necessary, and the funding is transparent. There's even a cost calculator available so families can see exactly what it means for their household.

I also look at what this means in real terms. Broken down monthly, it's a manageable cost for something our community depends on every day.

As an accountant, I don't say this lightly: the math works, and the benefits add up.

It's time to invest in our community. It's time to invest in our children. It's time!

Vote YES on Measure 379. Sincerely, Rick Yecny ProtectLaneCountyWatersheds.org.

It's time to protect the health of our watersheds and the health of all of us who live downstream. Vote YES on Measure 20-373.

Joan Skarda  
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

"The best time to plant a tree was 10 years ago. The second-best time is now."

This verse is so fitting in regards to the current state of the Siuslaw Schools. Our community simply cannot afford to let another opportunity pass by. Investing in the schools not only supports our children, it supports our entire community and keeps Florence a desirable place to live.

Allowing the schools to remain in a state of disrepair is shameful and not conducive to being a 'City in Motion' as Florence is often referred to. Please help keep Florence moving forward by supporting the Siuslaw School Bond.

The time is indeed now.

Julie Goodman  
Florence

Letters to the Editor regarding the school bond which did not fit or were received after May 7 at 5 p.m. have been and will continue to be posted on our website, thesiuslawnews.com until 5 p.m. Monday May 18.



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60° / 47° AM Clouds/ PM Sun	60° / 50° AM Clouds/ PM Sun	59° / 49° Mostly Cloudy	59° / 47° AM Showers	60° / 48° Partly Cloudy	62° / 48° Partly Cloudy	62° / 48° Partly Cloudy

# Annual Rhododendron Show and Sale – May 16th and 17th



Rhodies are busting out all over and the reason for our Festival name is becoming abundantly clear. Every yard, street and highway is alive with a rainbow of Rhododendrons in bloom. We had some goofy early weather, but it looks, once again, like our favorite flower will be the center of attention.

The Show is open to anyone who would like to share their beautiful trusses with the world

and possibly go home with a ribbon or trophy. If you would like to enter, bring your flowers to the Florence Events Center between 7 and 9 Saturday morning. Our knowledgeable garden nymphs will help with the proper class placement.

**A few guidelines to follow:**

select a truss that is as completely open as possible but not beyond its prime; try to find the straightest stem; bug bites

are not our favorite design, but sometimes we can't avoid them; and remember, everyone has had the same weather as you. Don't worry about them being perfect. The more, the merrier.

Please join us and see why Florence is called the Rhododendron City. Admission is always free. Saturday is open from noon. or until judging is over, until 5 and Sunday from 10 to 5.

And don't forget the fabulous plant sale, 10 to 5 each day. It's your chance to get that elusive Rhody you've been seeking or a great companion plant.

If you have any questions regarding the show, please do not hesitate to contact me: Day Farrald, 541-579-5544 or day817@outlook.com.



## Rhody Run to Return

Mark your calendars and lace up your shoes for the 47th Annual Rhody Run, returning this spring as part of the beloved Rhododendron Festival! Join us for a morning of fitness, fun, and community spirit at the Florence Events Center Saturday, May 16..

Participants can choose between a 5K Run/Walk or a 10K Run, perfect for runners, walkers, families, and anyone who wants

to be part of the celebration. Enjoy scenic routes through Florence as the town comes alive with blooming rhododendrons and festival energy.

- In-person registration: Begins at 8:00 a.m.
  - Race start time: 9:00 a.m.
  - Location: Florence Events Center
- Whether you're racing for a personal best or simply soaking in the atmosphere, the Rhody Run is

a tradition that brings our community together year after year.

Best of all, proceeds from the Rhody Run benefit Florence Habitat for Humanity, supporting safe, affordable housing and stronger neighborhoods right here in our community.

To sign up, go to our website at [www.florence-habitat.org](http://www.florence-habitat.org).

## Rhody Days are here again!

Florence's biggest celebration of the year is again upon us with the 119th Annual Rhododendron Festival, better known to locals as Rhody Days. The event packs parades, music, arts and crafts, local wares, and even a riverside carnival into four days from May 14 to May 17.

According to the Florence area Chamber of Commerce, the Rhody Days proudly features the theme "temuu hiisach hai – A Gathering with a Good Heart," gifted by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). This

meaningful theme reflects connection, respect, and shared community—values deeply rooted in the Florence area.

"The Tribes also provided the official 2026 festival logo, designed by CTCLUSI Tribal Member Dylan Brainard, and the tribes will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2026 Grand Floral Parade," the Chamber reported.

The Rhody Days celebration kicks off May 14 with the carnival at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot.

Starting the next morning, Friday, May 15, check out the Rhododendron Quilt



Guild's Quilt Show at the Florence Home Furniture building off 6th Street and Nopal Street. Down on Maple Street you'll find the Old Town Vendor Fair from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, the 47th annual Rhody Run kicks off at 9 a.m. in front

of the Florence Events Center. Registration starts at 8 a.m. so get there early.

The Habitat for Humanity Poker Walk happens at 10 a.m. at 2016 Highway 101.

Back at the Florence events Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is the Rhododendron Sale, followed by the Rhododendron Show from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Don't forget the Rhody Days Art Festival, happening from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

The Elks Lodge will host a chicken barbecue



and pie/bake sale starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

If you want to see something truly cute, check out the Junior

Parade, sponsored by Siuslaw Fire and Rescue.

It starts at Miller Park and goes north on Oak Street. Staging happens at

11 a.m. and the parade starts at noon.

Then, at the Siuslaw High School athletic fields, be sure to check out the Kiwanis Kid Games.

The Rhody Cruisers Rhody Days Car Show and Shine happens from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the City Lights Cinemas parking lot next to

Grocery Outlet. After the show and shine, some drivers will take it to the street for the Coast Radio Car Cruise which will travel down Bay Street in old town from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m..

Rhody Days culminates in the Grand Floral Parade down Highway 101 to Bay Street, starting at noon. Choose your parking wisely and bring a comfortable chair because this small town parade puts bigger cities to shame.

Several attractions, including the quilt show, arts festival, carnival, and vendor fair happen throughout the four days of Rhody Days.

You can find a printable schedule at [RhodyDays.net](http://RhodyDays.net)



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# Oregon Coast Humane Society Veterinary Clinic welcomes future Veterinarians through OSU Internship Program

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) Veterinary Clinic is helping shape the next generation of veterinary professionals by hosting veterinary students from Oregon State University's Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine for hands-on clinical internships.

Known as preceptorships, these internships are a required part of fourth-year veterinary students' training before graduation. OCHS has already hosted its first two students and

has additional preceptors scheduled through April 2027, with more applications arriving each week.

Under the mentorship of OCHS Shelter and Veterinary Clinic Veterinarian Dr. Tamay Guevara, an OSU alumna, students gain experience in wellness exams, shelter medicine, spay and neuter surgeries, dental procedures, and emergency veterinary care. The unique structure of the OCHS clinic allows students to experience both shelter

medicine and private practice in one setting.

"We're finding that what we can offer as a hybrid clinic serving both shelter animals and community pets is a truly special opportunity for veterinary students," said OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson. "They get to experience the fast pace and compassion of shelter medicine while also learning how a full-service veterinary practice responds when emergencies arise. It's

an incredible educational environment."

Students participating in the program have described their time at OCHS as one of the most meaningful experiences of their veterinary education.

Thompson said supporting and mentoring future veterinary professionals was part of the organization's vision when OCHS purchased the veterinary clinic in 2025. To help make the experience accessible, the clinic includes an upstairs apartment where

students, their spouses, and even their pets can stay during their internships. OCHS volunteers also provide daily lunches for the students during their preceptorships.

"The biggest gift we can give students is time with an inspiring mentor," Thompson said. "Dr. Guevara is not only an exceptional veterinarian, but also a compassionate teacher who is helping prepare the next generation of animal advocates and medical professionals. We're

proud to have her leading this program."

Community members interested in supporting the veterinary student program can volunteer to provide lunches or donate snacks to stock the clinic kitchen for visiting students.

Additional volunteers are also needed to assist at the clinic in a variety of ways.

For more information or to get involved, visit the OCHS Veterinary Clinic at 1739 22nd Street in Florence or call (541) 590-3333.

## POLICE

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reported possibly being harassed online. Officers investigated and found it to be a scam attempt, and advised the caller of ways to protect herself against online scams.

Add 9:51 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle in the 5600 block of Highway 126 that was blocking their driveway. Officers arrived and contacted the driver, who said he was out of gas. Officers and other residents helped push his vehicle to a safe location.

At 10:29 p.m., an officer on patrol noticed a lot of trash in the 3100 block of Highway 101. The officer contacted a male subject in the area who admitted to throwing the trash around. The officer stood by as he cleaned it up.

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

At 2:37 a.m., a caller reported seeing a male and female subject fighting in the 4900 block of Highway 101. The caller said they observed the male subject shoving the female. Officers arrived, but were unable to locate the described subjects.

At 11:10 a.m., a business in the 1700 block of Highway 126 reported that a female subject had stolen alcohol and left the business. Officers were able to contact the female subject by phone and were told that she had paid for alcohol. When officers told her they had reviewed security footage indicating otherwise, the woman agreed to return the alcohol.

At 3:07 p.m., a caller in the 1600 block of 38th St. reported that someone had been leaving red paint handprints on her sliding glass door. A report was taken.

At 5:34 p.m., officers on patrol observed a vehicle in the area of Highway 101 and Nopal St. that was blocking the traffic lane. Officers were about to have the vehicle towed when the owner returned. The owner was found to have a felony warrant from Curry County and was taken into custody.

Add 6:12 p.m., a caller reported theft of aluminum cans from the 500 block of Maple Street. A report was taken.

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

At 11:23 a.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of 18th St. for a reported theft of a firearm. The case remains under investigation.

At 12:07 p.m., officers from the Eugene area requested assistance from Florence in locating a missing subject. Officers checked local Flock cameras, but found no evidence that the subject's vehicle had entered Florence.

At 1:40 p.m., a caller reported a dispute between a male and a female in the

1600 block of 12th St.. Officers arrived to find a father and daughter hugging after a discussion. No further action was taken.

At 3 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of 7th Street for a reported dispute occurring between a male and a female. Officers contacted both subjects, who did not want to speak to officers and did not want to pursue charges.

At 5 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle on Highway 101 that was passing on safely and unable to maintain its lane. Officers responded to the area, but were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 5:31 p.m., a caller reported a syringe found in the 1300 block of Highway 101 with a black substance inside. Officers disposed of the syringe.

At 6:55 p.m., a caller reported a subject walking in the bike lanes on the sidewalk along Highway 101. Officers contacted the subject and gave him a

courtesy ride home.

At 9:25 p.m., several callers reported hearing a loud explosion in the area of 17th and Pine. Officers responded to the area and were told by some residents that it had possibly been fireworks over the river.

At 10:53 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle had come off a trailer on Highway 126. By the time officers arrived, the owners had fixed the situation.

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 12:10 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Highway 101 after a caller reported a vehicle had been taken without authorization. Officers investigated and were able to locate the vehicle at another address in Florence, but did not find the subject who reportedly took it. The vehicle was returned.

At 8:56 a.m., a caller reported losing a cardholder in the 1300 block of Bay Street.

At 12:40 p.m., juvenile

callers reported finding a rifle in the bushes in the 1800 block of Oak Street. Officers arrived and found it was a pellet gun, and placed it into evidence at the police department.

At 1:49 p.m., officers assisted the Oregon State Police with a traffic collision on Highway 126.

At 2:34 p.m., a caller reported being harassed by an ex who had just been released from custody. Officers contacted the ex's probation officer. The case remains under investigation.

At 6:12 p.m., officers responded to a report of shoplifting previously in the 700 block of Highway 101. Officers determine the subject in question was already in custody, and charges of trespassing and theft were added.

At 7:56 p.m., a caller reported a possibly intoxicated subject driving toward Florence on Highway 126. Officers set up at the city limits, but the described vehicle did

not pass their location.

At 10:27 p.m., officers observed a vehicle stalled in the area of 15th St. and Highway 101. Officers gave the subject a ride to the store to get some oil for the vehicle.

### MONDAY, MAY 4

At 8:19 a.m., officers observed a known female subject near Highway 126. Officers contacted the subject and found she had warrants from Cottage Grove and Springfield, and took her into custody.

At 9:22 a.m., a backpack was found in the area of Rhododendron and Kingwood. The backpack was placed into evidence at the police department.

At 2:51 p.m., officers

responded to the area of 22nd St. and Oak for a report of a dispute between a male and female. Officers contacted the subjects, who wanted no assistance from law enforcement.

At 3:25 p.m., officers assisted fire personnel in the 200 block of Royal St. George for a reported fire inside the structure. It was found that something had been left on the stove, causing a lot of smoke.

At 10:26 p.m., a caller reported several subjects fighting and yelling in the 1100 block of Highway 101. Officers arrived and investigated. One subject was arrested for disorderly conduct.



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# PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

# BOND

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Advisory Committee, which researched and proposed the bond measure to replace the high school and repair the middle school) I still wanted to hear her point of view. Nyx said she has been involved in the bond process since the beginning

of her senior year, and when it was first introduced, she felt the bond proposal was a great idea. Will said his parents are the chairs of the Political Action Committee, and that his family feels the bond to build a new school would benefit the entire community. Will said he and other students had taken tour videos of the school and had attended Political

Action Committee meetings. "It's mostly just trying to get people who are 18 in the school to vote and show support where they can," he said. And to talk to those who may not necessarily be on your side and talk to them as a friend, not as a person trying to convince them." Afton had no such family affiliations. "I haven't really talked

to my dad about it, but my mom definitely thinks we need a new school," Afton said. "The price is a little high, but that's what happens. We need a new school, and it will help our community."

### SUPPORT WITHOUT USE

Since current freshmen graduate in 2029, no currently enrolled high school students will

actually be able to attend classes inside a new high school, if completed by 2030 as expected. I asked them why they support the construction of a new school even though they would never set foot in it as students. "I think it's important for people to know that the students are here and have a voice in this, and it's important to us. Even though, as a senior, I'm

not going to be involved with it, I just know that for the generations coming after me, it's going to be good for them, because every school on the street has had problems," Nyx said. "It's almost become a custom, like 'Meh, our schools kinda suck,' but I think it would be great if we could change that." Afton said she would

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# VETS

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the 1918 armistice that ended World War I, then Congress formally recognized Armistice Day in a concurrent resolution passed in 1926, urging Americans to observe the date annually "with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples." Following World War II and the Korean War, veterans' groups began urging Congress to expand Armistice Day to honor all those who had served in the U.S. armed forces

and the movement gained traction thanks in part to a campaign known as National Veterans Day in 1947 to recognize service members of all wars. In 1954, Congress amended the prior legislation, replacing the word "Armistice" with "Veterans," and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the change into law. Locally, we have celebrated Veterans Day each year with a parade which started in 2006. A local group formed from community members who owned vintage military vehicles wishing to have a parade to allow

them to honor Veterans. It was originally held on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, rather than the designated 11th day of November, to allow many community members who worked during the week, to participate on the weekend. Several years ago, the formal group, Florence Veterans Parade Inc, adopted a policy to always hold the parade on the designated day of the 11th, regardless of which weekday it landed upon. Elks Lodge 1858 always conducts a ceremony at the designated hour of 11:00 a.m., then the parade launches down through Old Town Florence at 1:00 p.m., with participants from all veteran service organizations plus other organizations, businesses and individuals from within the community.

### FLAG DAY

While not a holiday originated to honor our service members, it is an important holiday to honor our nation's flag. Although the adoption of the US Flag took place by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress back in 1877, it took several years, as well as celebrations of various types in numerous colonial communities, before Flag Day was established, recognized and observed nationally. After three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day was officially established by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. Even then, Flag Day was celebrated in various ways and in different communities for years before President Harry S. Truman signed an act of Congress in 1949 to establish June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Locally, we enjoy the Florence Kiwanis Foundation's Flag program on National Flag Day as well as other major days of celebration. Another local tradition is the annual Flag

Retirement Ceremony conducted each year by American Legion Post #59. This takes place on Flag Day and is intended for retirement of any US flag that has proudly shown their usage. This year's ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m. at the corner of 26th Street and Hwy 101, across from the Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority station. Post Commander Mike Nielsen conducts the ceremony which includes the tradition of retiring torn, tattered, faded American flags by burning them, which is directed by The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k as the preferred way to retire them with dignity. If you have American flags in your possession or care that need to be retired, you can turn them in to the fire station on 26th and Hwy 101 prior to the ceremony on the 14th. While refreshing my own knowledge on the various holidays, I came across one particular comment that I found most helpful. "The short version: Armed Forces Day is for the ones still in. Memorial Day is for the ones who gave everything. Veterans Day is for every American who ever raised their right hand and took the oath." **VETERAN PROFILE: TOM BENEDICT** Many of the Veterans in our community whom I have met over the years are Veterans of not just one branch or conflict era, but two, sometimes three different military branches, and often multiple periods of conflict service. Tom Benedict is one of those as he is has served our nation in both the United States Navy as well as the United States Air Force for a combined total of 28 years. While some old sailors talk about joining the Navy so they can see the world, Tom did just that, but it took a stint in the Air Force for him to fly over 5,000 hours on missions to over 40 countries

around the world including "Down-Under". Also like many of the Veterans whom I have met and interviewed over the years, Tom's family has a rich military heritage, including Uncles John & Steve who were "Doughboys" in WWI, Uncle Bud who was in the Tank Corp in Europe during WW II, his Brother Daryl who served in the Navy in Korea, cousin Sonny who was 82nd Airborne in Korea and his younger Brother Bill who was Army in Viet Nam. In more recent times, nephews Brandon & Andy were in the Persian Gulf W and Afghanistan respectively. Tom's time in the service started with enlisting in the Navy in November of 1964 from Des Moines, Iowa. And like other Veterans of the time, he enlisted voluntarily into the Navy because he knew he would be drafted sooner or later. He served in the US Navy until February 1975 when he enlisted in the US Air Force. Serving three Navy tours on the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam war, he found that flying on and off ships "had gotten strenuous, I wanted to travel the world and the Air Force made me a better deal". He was injured on his third tour aboard the USS Kitty Hawk when he became entangled in an arrest cable and tossed thirty feet in the air, breaking his right foot and severely damaging his elbows, taking several years to fully recover once out of sick bay. That

probably figured into the switch to the Air Force as well! During his time in the two services, Tom flew on multiple aircraft, including the Navy's KA-3B in-flight refueling aircraft, and as an Air Force Flight Engineer on C-141A cargo aircraft. Upon retiring from the Air Force following the Persian Gulf War in 1991, he settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico and started a career in teaching in both New Mexico as well as Las Vegas Nevada. Following his retirement from that career in 2010, he discovered Oregon, settling first in La Pine, then Bandon. But he discovered Florence when he began volunteering during the construction of the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum, and eventually settled here, joining the local Band of Brothers. He served on the Museum's Board for several years in addition to being an active member of American Legion, DAV, VFW as well as Band of Brothers. He remains in touch with his former colleagues by belonging to the "Over Twenty Club" from McChord AFB and attending annual dinners and picnics plus Facebook visits. Tom is a great guy as demonstrated by his support and participation within the Veteran community still today. He's also fun and witty to be around - just ask him sometime about the 'golden ribbon' tradition. Thanks for your service Tom!



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# CRASH

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to render aid to the two down riders. The operator of the green Harley Davidson (Oetken) was pronounced deceased at the scene. The operator of the

white Harley Davidson (Moreno) was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. The operator of the Volvo (Trujillo) was transported to an area hospital as a precaution with reported complaints of pain. The highway was impacted for

approximately one hour during the on-scene investigation. OSP was assisted by Western Lane Fire and Rescue, the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Florence Police Department, the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



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# TEACHERS

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over 30 years in Oregon, California, Alaska and China. She also has been a librarian and has a deep love of books. She enjoys reading, gardening and nature walks. For more information about the teaching staff and about Whitmore Classical Academy, go to [www.whitmoreacademy.com](http://www.whitmoreacademy.com)

# BOND

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graduate in 2029 and would not be able to use the school if built.

“But my little brother would,” she added, noting he’s in 7th grade.

Asked if she will stay in Florence after graduation, Afton said she was unsure, because she currently would not want her kids to go to school here. Asked if her chances of staying would improve if a new school were built, she said it’s possible.

“It really depends on a lot of things,” she said. “If the school gets better and my kids have a better place, then maybe, but I don’t know.”

Will said he plans to attend Willamette University before coming back to Florence to be a land surveyor.

## MAJOR ISSUES

I asked the students to name what they felt was the biggest impediment to learning related to the current facility.

“The whole school,” Afton laughed. “Our bathrooms are really, really bad. They’re leaking, and the stalls don’t work, and it’s just not great back there. Our locker room, the girls’ is much smaller than the boys’, which kind of sucks.”

When I asked her to elaborate on “leaking” and the number of leaky stalls, she cringed a bit.

“If you flush it, it will run across the floor- it’s super bad,” she said. “I think like two or three in one bathroom, one or two in another bathroom, and I don’t go into the other bathroom. It’s too scary.”

Will also mentioned leaks in the boy’s locker room, saying the floor floods during almost every use.

“The shower has two entrances, and on one side there was something stopping the water from going out, but now that’s gone. Now it just runs out of the locker room, and everything gets wet, so you have to keep everything up on the benches and then there’s nowhere to sit and then there’s nowhere to change and it’s a hassle.

Nyx said one of the chief issues with the school is its public address system.

“It’s terrible,” she said. “It’s been upgraded here and there over the years, and it’s changed notta- It’s it’s really hard to hear whatever anyone is trying to say, and sometimes these important announcements are really important

and you just cannot hear it.”

Afton seconded the complaint, saying that during school assemblies, speakers cannot be understood.

Heating was another common issue.

“It’s always the most terrible problem that we have days out of the year where it’s way too cold or way too hot,” Nyx said. “We lost our boiler for a couple of days, and we couldn’t even be in the school because it was absolutely no heat. Unfortunately, problems with the heating are pretty regular.”

Afton agreed, saying some rooms are nearly impossible to work in because it’s “so stuffy and gross.”

“The health room is right above the auto shop, and the chemicals just waft in,” she said. “There’s no fresh air in the health room- there are no windows, so that’s not very safe.” She said the art room is always cold and the language arts room is always hot, meaning she needs a coat for one classroom and has to ditch it for the next.

Will also mentioned the classrooms above the auto shop, saying students can smell the exhaust and chemicals being used below.

“Not only is that not helpful to being able to learn, but it’s also unsafe,” he said. “On a hot day or a cold day, whatever it is outside or in the building, it’s about 10 to 15° more extreme up there.”

He said the classroom temperatures are prohibitive to learning.

“The art room in the mornings is so cold, and it tends to stay that way up until you leave at the end of the day, and then it starts to warm up. It’s very hard to focus when you’re constantly either freezing or too hot or anything like that and going from classrooms that are heated to classrooms that are cold to classrooms that are heated and then into classrooms where you’re smelling car fumes. It’s just not conducive to learning.”

Will said another problem exists, which I had not heard before speaking to him.

“The CTE hall, in general, is falling apart, and the upstairs classroom has rats that are constantly all about the classroom,” he said.

Nyx said the school also has technological limitations because of how and when it was built.

“In some of these back rooms over here,

there are some really terrible carpeting situations because they had to rewire electrical systems through the ground because we tried to put up a podcast room,” Nyx said. “There’s a whole section over there that is completely messy. It’s not the biggest deal, but they had to repaint everything because they had to rip the entire wall apart to get through. It would be wonderful to have much better electronics, and that requires having a much better electrical system, because we have decent equipment here. In the computer lab, they have decent equipment, but it’s definitely not ideal for what the computer lab gets up to, because they get up to a lot of high-tech stuff. They are really limited by space.”

I was unable to finish my question about problem areas for student athletes when Will interjected, “Men’s lockers.”

“They are tragic. They are hard to do anything in. There were about 40 guys on the football team last year, and that’s kind of the average,” he said. “There’s never enough bench space, and there’s always kids sitting on the ground before practices and games or anything like that.” He said since he said that since the floor regularly floods, no one can sit on it, and everyone has to stand. since they’re placing clothing on the bench to keep it off the wet floor.

“The door to the locker room itself doesn’t lock, so you can go in and go out as you please. The lockers don’t open; they are broken and old,” he said. “We were lucky just to get a couple of them replaced recently.”

He said less than half of the sink faucets work, and those that do just dribble water.

“We have no doors on the stalls,” he said. “It’s just a very frustrating thing to work with.”

“Other things are the way it’s falling apart, and there have been multiple videos of water coming down through the roof,” Nyx said. “During rainy days, I’ve been upstairs where you can see over the sides of the roof, and it’s bobbing up and down, the roof is ebbing and flowing, it’s just not right.”

She said it’s been a while since buckets have been used to catch drips inside the school.

“It’s been a problem

here for a long time,” she said.

Afton brought up security issues about the school, repeating previously-stated concerns that it has 17 entry/exit points, making it hard to secure.

Nyx said the building needed to be replaced, simply for the physical and mental well-being of students.

“The building is serviceable as a school, but it’s not the most ideal,” Nyx said. “It would be far better if we had pretty much anything else, anything better. God forbid an earthquake hits, which is not unlikely, we’ve been due for one a long time. If that ever happens, this building is going down. With how it’s built, if there are students inside, it will be really bad.”

## STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Since I also wanted to find students with opposing viewpoints, I asked them if they knew of any who were opposed to the idea. The students I spoke to said everyone they knew supported it.

“From what I’ve talked about with other people, I don’t think there’s been a single student I know who would not prefer a better building,” Nyx said. “All I’ve seen has been support, because these kids experience it for themselves, and they really understand.”

“Well, everyone realizes that we need a new school because this one is kind of crappy, and it will be better with the new school. It won’t impact us in my grade, because we won’t have a new school. If it goes, it might impact our siblings, and that’s pretty cool that they might have a better learning environment.”

Will said everyone in his social circles agrees.

“They think it would be beneficial and is needed and has not been done, and now, it is a desperate need,” he said.

Asked if he knew of anyone opposing the measure, Will said he had been hearing paid advertising on local radio that attempted to compare a Eugene school’s renovation with Siuslaw High School.

“It’s hard to combat because it’s just wrong,” Will said. “He’s saying they did it for this amount of money, but their school was built a different way than our school was built. It was built later, as well

as that it was built with a wood frame, which ... you can retrofit it, you can do lots of things. This was built with a concrete frame, unreinforced concrete that you can’t just dock into that, that the whole thing comes down. They don’t have the same seismic codes that we have here on the coast.”

Will said the ads contend that the school could be renovated for \$80 million, rather than the \$139 million rebuild cost.

“We know, first hand, we just renovated our house, that things double once you get into old buildings,” he said. “Things happen that you’re not expecting, and things end up being a lot more than you thought.”

Will said that during renovation, the School District would have to rent portable classrooms and put students through years of instruction in them.

“Nobody wants to do that,” he said. “It’s not beneficial to learning.”

## THE COST

On the issue of paying for the new school with a 30-year bond that will affect both new and long-time property owners, students saw an overall community benefit.

“I think there’s been a lot of evidence that, overall... in every school district that has had a newer school built, property values have risen,” Nyx said. “Because of how the bond is set, we’re going to pass a specific amount, but everybody benefits from property prices rising. It is absolutely valid that some people are not going to benefit as much as students. I’m going to be out of this town, but overall, for the city of Florence, a community that is very not student or child focused, doing a project for these kids... is really going to be helpful.”

“Also, we’re losing doctors every day,” she added. “We’re losing a lot of very important staff, I think in general, just having a more welcoming environment for families would really help.”

Asked about the \$139 million price tag for property owners, Afton said, “Yeah, it’s not great, but if you’re living in

Florence, you kinda have to participate in Florence activities. Part of that is the school. If you want it, where else are you going to get money for a school?... The cost isn’t that bad when it’s spread out- when more people are involved, the less the cost. Really, you get a better community. A new school will get more people to move in, which will even out the cost more eventually, hopefully.”

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Asked for any impromptu statements they’d like to offer the community, Nyx and Will shared the following.

“It’s important to know the students’ point of view, I think almost every student is welcome and open to this idea because we can all recognize that our school is not the most well-built and can use a lot of work,” Nyx said. “That ‘lot of work’ is to make a new one, because a lot of work has been put into the school, and despite all of that work, it hasn’t seen much improvement- [They’re] just trying to keep it from falling apart. It’s not a fix, it’s a temporary measure to keep it alive, and at a certain point, you have to let it go.”

Will said he hopes it passes and believes a new school would be entirely beneficial to the community.

“I’ve heard from doctors that live here, and it’s hard to retain new staff at the hospital because lots of younger doctors coming in, and who would be here for a long time, don’t want to send their kids through the school system because it’s so old and haggard and doesn’t look the part,” Will said. “That can be a big factor for our elderly community. Over a good 50% of our population is elderly, and they are going to vote no on this because they don’t want to raise taxes, but in turn, they are denying themselves new and more access to doctors, and that’s what they need.”

It should be noted that effort was made to find students who were neutral or opposed to the bond, but as of press time, none could be located.

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Low .....4:12 a.m.....0.9  
 High.....10:22 a.m.....5.6  
 Low ..... 3:57 p.m.....1.5  
 High..... 10:22 p.m.....7.4

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

Low .....5:01 a.m.....-0.2  
 High.....11:22 a.m.....5.9  
 Low ..... 4:44 p.m.....1.8  
 High..... 11:00 p.m.....7.9

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

Low .....5:47 a.m.....-1.1  
 High..... 12:19 p.m.....6.0  
 Low ..... 5:30 p.m.....2.1  
 High..... 11:40 p.m.....8.3

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

Low .....6:34 a.m.....-1.8  
 High..... 1:13 p.m.....6.1  
 Low ..... 6:17 p.m.....2.3

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

High.....12:22 a.m.....8.4  
 Low .....7:21 a.m.....-2.2  
 High..... 2:07 p.m.....6.2  
 Low ..... 7:05 p.m.....2.5

### MONDAY, MAY 18

High.....1:07 a.m.....8.5  
 Low .....8:09 a.m.....-2.4  
 High..... 3:01 p.m.....6.2  
 Low ..... 7:54 p.m.....2.7

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

High.....1:56 a.m.....8.4  
 Low .....8:59 a.m.....-2.2  
 High..... 3:54 p.m.....6.1  
 Low ..... 8:48 p.m.....2.9

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

High.....2:49 a.m.....8.0  
 Low .....9:51 a.m.....-1.7  
 High..... 4:49 p.m.....6.0  
 Low ..... 9:48 p.m.....3.0

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

High.....3:46 a.m.....7.4  
 Low .....10:46 a.m.....-1.2  
 High..... 5:46 p.m.....6.0  
 Low ..... 10:59 p.m.....3.0

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

High.....4:49 a.m.....6.6  
 Low .....11:43 a.m.....-0.5  
 High..... 6:43 p.m.....6.1

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

Low .....12:19 a.m.....2.8  
 High.....6:00 a.m.....6.0  
 Low ..... 12:41 p.m.....0.2  
 High..... 7:39 p.m.....6.3

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Low .....1:38 a.m.....2.3  
 High.....7:21 a.m.....5.4  
 Low ..... 1:38 p.m.....0.8  
 High..... 8:29 p.m.....6.6

### MONDAY, MAY 25

Low .....2:49 a.m.....1.6  
 High.....8:43 a.m.....5.2  
 Low ..... 2:31 p.m.....1.3  
 High..... 9:14 p.m.....6.9

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

Low .....3:48 a.m.....1.0  
 High.....9:57 a.m.....5.1  
 Low ..... 3:22 p.m.....1.8  
 High..... 9:53 p.m.....7.1

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Low .....4:37 a.m.....0.3  
 High.....11:00 a.m.....5.2  
 Low ..... 4:09 p.m.....2.2  
 High..... 10:29 p.m.....7.2

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

Low .....5:21 a.m.....-0.3  
 High.....11:53 a.m.....5.3  
 Low ..... 4:53 p.m.....2.6  
 High..... 11:02 p.m.....7.3

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Low .....6:00 a.m.....-0.7  
 High..... 12:41 p.m.....5.5  
 Low ..... 5:35 p.m.....2.9  
 High..... 11:35 p.m.....7.3

## Siuslaw stepping up on the track and in the field



Siuslaw's girls took the team title at the Central Coast Invitational, beating out 11 other teams. Courtesy photos from Becky Holbrook



Will Johnson flying through the air at the Central Coast Invitational.

**Will LOHRE**  
 Siuslaw News

The Vikings' track and field programs have been giving it all they've got, and the results in recent meets have showcased the ability of both the boys' and girls' programs as they prepare for the homestretch in the coming weeks.

At the Central Coast Invitational on Apr. 24, Siuslaw was completely dominant. Both the boys and girls teams ran away with the top team scores, placing first among the 12 other schools.

Top five team scores from the meet were:

### BOYS

1. Siuslaw - 186
2. Sutherlin - 72

3. Triangle Lake - 64
4. Newport - 55
5. Reedsport - 54

### GIRLS

1. Siuslaw - 175
2. Oakland - 81.5
3. Coquille - 60
4. Waldport - 57
5. North Bend - 57

Siuslaw put on a show on home turf, winning eight of the 17 events in the mens competition, as well as a handful of podium placements in other events. On the womens side, Aidell Cadet and Danin Lacouture combined for six event wins, and several other athletes tacked on top-three performances.

The meet saw some of Siuslaw's top talents flourish, with

Will Johnson, Thomas Morgan, Henry Stone, Caleb Gray, Cadet, and Lacouture all topping the podium in their events. A couple of weeks later, Siuslaw had a chance to test itself against stiffer competition at the Rose City Championship on May 2.

This time, Siuslaw finished ninth on the boys side and seventh for the girls. The meet was hosted at Lincoln High School in Portland, and Siuslaw Head Coach Chris Johnson said the level of competition was well beyond that of the Central Coast Invitational.

"Track and field is so interesting. The level of competition, the difference between Rose

City and Central Coast is night and day. A completely different level of competition," Johnson said. "We're always happy to win a meet, and it's fun to win at home, but when we go to Rose City, we were there against 16 6A schools."

Despite the leap in competition level, Siuslaw still held its own, and the program's stars made their presence felt. For the boys, Will Johnson won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump. Henry

Stone took second in the 3000m with a personal best time of 8:42.07, and Thomas Morgan took fourth in the 200m in a field of 25. On the girls side, Aidell Cadet took second in the 100m hurdles with a new personal record, second in the high jump with another PR, and second in the triple jump. Lacouture posted a season-best throw in the shot put, also grabbing silver.

While they didn't all  
 See **TRACK**, Page B3

## Siuslaw softball sieze first league win

**Will LOHRE**  
 Siuslaw News

The Vikings were victorious for the first time in the Far West League this season, taking down Coquille on May 5 with a cathartic 10-0 win over the Red Devils.

It was one of Siuslaw's best performances of the season on defense and offense, as they got their first shut out of the season, and totaled 10 hits in

the game. Not only was it the first shutout of the year for the Vikings, but it was also the first shutout win for the program since March of 2017, according to OSAA.

Offensively, it was a balanced effort, as eight of the nine batters for Siuslaw registered hits. Chloe Clark and Avey Hulet led the team in that department, with two hits apiece, including a double for Clark.

Charley Johnson batted in the most runs for the Vikings, with three RBIs in the game, followed by two RBI games from Hulet and Che Bruce.

The game truly went in Siuslaw's favor in the second inning, when singles from Clark, Hulet, and Johnson scored five runs for the Vikings. The offensive explosion gave Siuslaw a 6-0 advantage, and from there they padded the lead until the

game ended in the fifth inning.

Not only was Clark one of Siuslaw's most effective players at the plate, but she also was a rock on the mound, pitching all five innings to keep Coquille scoreless. She struck out 10 of the 26 batters she faced, and 60 of her 116 pitches were strikes. In addition to securing Siuslaw's first shutout in eight years, she also gave up just

three hits, keeping the Red Devils guessing all night long.

Siuslaw faced off with Coquille in a doubleheader on May 8, but the results are unavailable at the time of press. Siuslaw also played at Glide on May 5, but the score is also unknown at the time of press. They will next be in action on May 15 in a doubleheader against Glide on home turf.

## Siuslaw rebounds with big win vs Coquille

**Will LOHRE**  
 Siuslaw News

The Vikings are scrapping for a playoff spot this season, and after a 16-1 win against Coquille on May 5, Siuslaw's record was largely balanced, standing at 10-10 overall and 4-6 in the Far West League.

The win against the Red Devils was much needed, as the preceding games against Sutherlin on May 1 both ended in defeat, putting the Vikings' playoff hopes in jeopardy. Only the top two teams in the Far West are guaranteed a spot in the state bracket,

and as of May 7, Siuslaw sits third. The results of their doubleheader against Coquille on May 8 are unknown at the time of press.

Something that may help Siuslaw's playoff quest is that their final league games are against the two bottom teams in the Far West: Coquille and Glide. If the Vikings won against Coquille on May 8, they will still be firmly in the mix.

In the first contest of their three-game series against the Red Devils, Siuslaw put on an offensive show. The Vikings matched their highest scoring total of the season, with 16 runs to

Coquille's 1.

Siuslaw was making music with the bats, amassing 12 hits, including three two-baggers. Michael Fitzsimmons was on point at the plate, with three hits in three at-bats, including a double, and two RBIs. Coleman Weidman and Jacob Mann also notched multi-hit days for the Vikings. Weidman had a single and a double and had a team-high three RBIs. Mann had two singles and tacked on two RBIs for Siuslaw.

While those three players accounted for seven of Siuslaw's 12 hits, it was a well-rounded effort up and down the

lineup, with five different hitters accounting for the remaining five hits. Not only were the Vikings lethal in the batter's box, but they also proved pesky on the basepaths. Siuslaw finished the game with 12 steals, and Mann, Leighton Wieboldt, and Micah Blankenship each had two. Despite the game lasting just five innings, the Vikings made the most of each opportunity to push the pace and add to the scoreline.

On the hill, the Vikings rotated three pitchers across the five innings. Micah Blankenship got the start, striking out five batters and allowing just

one hit. Weidman pitched the fourth inning, striking out two of the four batters he faced. Lucca Flosi closed out the game in the fifth inning, also ringing up two strikeouts. All told, the Vikings allowed just two hits compared to nine strikeouts, and the game marked the fourth time this season they have held opponents to one run or fewer. The 15-run scoring margin was also the widest gap for the Vikings since the spring of 2024.

At this point, the Vikings need to finish the strong if they want to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2024.



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# Florence Farmers Market Rings in the Season

The opening bell will ring on May 19 at 3 p.m. to kick off the 9th season at Florence Farmers Market. Hungry eaters on the coast can browse the best of the abundance grown and produced in the region at the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk every Tuesday in old town Florence.

The boardwalk will transform into a vibrant marketplace featuring fresh produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, plant starts and much more - all grown or produced within 100 miles.

Florence Farmers Market is seeing big growth this season, and opening day will showcase

19 local vendors, including long term favorites and new exciting small food businesses. The full vendor line up for each market day is announced through the market's newsletter, facebook, and instagram.

The kids program has expanded for the 2026 season. Children and youth up to age 16 can now receive a \$5 token at the info booth to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. "This program has been a hit with families in previous years. It is just amazing seeing kids excitedly pick out something good to eat. We are grateful for our partnership with

non-profit HUB541, which allows us to expand from age 12 up to age 16 this season" says Linea, Market Director.

Market regulars may notice a new face at the boardwalk on opening day, as the market welcomes new Market Manager Will. In the music tent it will be a recognizable face, as Sunny Sundstrom returns to the market to share his tunes and spread smiles.

As always, the market will match SNAP spent at the market with up to \$20 of Double of Food Bucks which can be spent on fresh produce at the market,

supplementing monthly food budgets and increasing access to fresh, local food.

**Opening Day Details:**  
When: Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk, Old Town Florence

Offerings: Fresh produce, meats, eggs, jams, pickles, baked goods, and more from over 19 regional vendors.

Volunteer:  
Anyone interested in supporting the growth of the market can email contact@florencefarmersmarket.org to learn about opportunities.

# Fees proposed for Siuslaw Forest sites

The Siuslaw National Forest is proposing changes to recreation fees at various Forest Service recreation sites in Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Tillamook counties.

"Recreation fees on the Siuslaw National Forest haven't changed

in many years," said Forest Supervisor Becca Brooke. "During that time, our operating costs have risen significantly, and we've welcomed record numbers of visitors. To continue providing high-quality services and a positive

recreation experience, these fee adjustments are necessary."

Not all recreation sites on the Siuslaw National Forest require a fee. Including the sites in this proposal, over 25% of sites on the forest would still not require a

recreation fee. The Forest will continue to honor all nationally recognized fee-free days.

The proposed fees by site are listed on the Siuslaw National Forest website.

All campgrounds and group campgrounds can be reserved through www.recreation.gov for an added \$8 reservation fee. All permits can be reserved for an added \$2 reservation fee.

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) which allows the Forest Service to retain at least 80% of the money collected at recreation sites to operate, maintain, and improve these locations. On the Siuslaw National Forest, recreation fees support water system repairs, building maintenance, parking lot repaving, hazard tree removal, and additional staffing during holiday weekends and special events. Recreation fees help provide quality recreation opportunities that meet the modern expectations of visitors while facilitating a more financially sustainable

recreation program for future generations.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed recreation fee changes. The comment period is set to end by close of business on July 15, 2026. To ensure that your comments are considered, please send your comments no later than the above date to Siuslaw National Forest, Attention: Trevor Robinson, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR, 97331 or by email at SM.FS.siuslaw\_rec@usda.gov. Comments can also be provided online.

Once public involvement is complete, these recreation fee changes will be reviewed by a citizen's advisory committee. Committee members represent a broad array of recreation interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable recreation fees. The committee will submit their recommendation to the Regional Forester for a final decision. For more information, visit the Siuslaw National Forest's website.



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# Siuslaw Middle School Archers Shine at Western Nationals!

Our Siuslaw Middle School archers had an outstanding trip to the National Championships! Despite the team catching a bug on their way to Utah, these resilient kids battled through the illness and put up some incredible performances.

**Individual Highlights**  
 Braden Bailey led the charge with a spectacular performance in the 3D Target Event, capturing 3rd place for 6th-grade boys with an amazing score of 279 out of 300! His stellar shooting earned him the 18th overall ranking for middle school archers in the Western Region. Gia Flosi and Logan Eichelberger both brought their absolute best to the Western Nationals Bullseye Contest, each



shooting personal records! Gia shot a fantastic 270 and Logan scored a strong 260 out of 300. Riley Stanger kept the team's spirits high with plenty of laughs and put on a show of his own, shooting a personal best of 180! State champions Macie Moore and Cameron Davis, who both helped secure the team's big victory at the state

level, competed hard at Nationals as well, with Macie scoring a 229 and Cameron shooting a 232. Team 3D Challenge Battling through sickness, the team still fought hard to place 36th out of 49 middle school teams in the grueling 3D Challenge.

The six scores that combined to secure the

team's placement were:  
 • Braden Bailey: 279  
 • Gia Flosi: 252  
 • Logan Eichelberger: 249  
 • Danner Osburn: 246  
 • Ruth Friedman: 241  
 • Alex Copas: 234  
 Congratulations to all of our archers for representing Siuslaw with grit, talent, and incredible sportsmanship on the national stage!

## TRACK

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win, Johnson emphasized how impressive their performances were. Cadet's marks were a continuation of an amazing season for the junior.

"Henry's mark is the fourth best in school history, Aidell's high jump is the fifth best, Aidell's high hurdles is the third best, Aidell's high jump: she's the school record holder. She's really been the story in a lot of ways for this year," Johnson said. "She had a breakout year last year, her first year with us, and we knew she was going to get better, but she's just continued to get better and better."

Johnson said it isn't just about natural athleticism, speed, and power. Cadet has shown the ability to learn quickly and to apply technical adjustments to continue improving and reach new heights.

On the boys side, Johnson said that Will Johnson has been "incredible."

"He's the school record holder in the triple jump, his long jump is leading the state, and he's one of the best pole vaulters in the state, so he's kind of our main guy," Johnson said.

Standouts Thomas Morgan, Caleb Gray, Jacob Mann, and Henry Stone are also athletes, Johnson said, who have been helping raise the floor for the Vikings as they seek to defend their state title.

Leading up to the all-important district and state meets, Johnson stressed the importance of staying in the moment.

"We're to the point of the season where we feel like our fitness levels are about where they need to be, and yeah, we're still working on our fine-tuning and getting better technically; trying to stay focused on the mindset it takes to be a champion," Johnson said. "We're just trying to get our people we think can score at the state meet through the district meet, so we have a chance to go back and defend our state championship, which is our ultimate goal. It would be silly to say that wasn't our goal."

Johnson said that last year's fairytale state title is in the past now, and this year is about living in the moment and finding an identity with the group they have this season.

"We've gotta go with the gusto with who we have, and we have to have

that identity that we can go to that state meet and accumulate a bunch of points as a unit," Johnson said. "We're just waiting to see how people respond."

In the meantime, Siuslaw will be attacking each of their upcoming meets, trying to stack up as many strong performances as they can to build confidence heading into districts.



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**How to play it safe:** Never turn your back on the ocean.

### WATCH THOSE LOGS

The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.

**How to play it safe:** If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

### RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.

**How to play it safe:** Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

### KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

**How to play it safe:** Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

Know when the tide is coming in by [visiting the tidetable website](http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html) at the Hatfield Marine Science Center

### HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU

Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.

**How to play it safe:** Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

### BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS

Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.

**How to play it safe:** Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.


### HEADS UP

Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.

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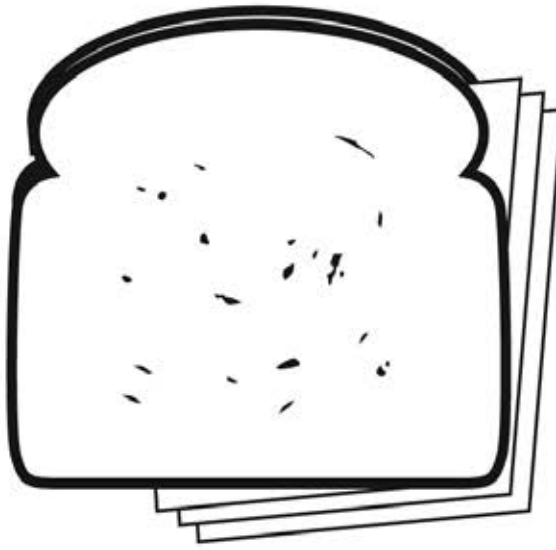
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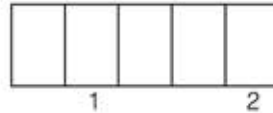
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Answer: American cheese

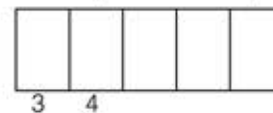
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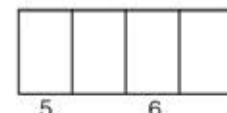
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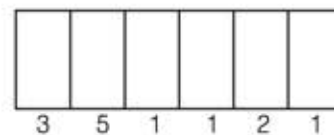
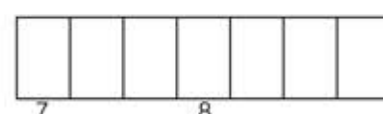
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Answers: Melts, Colby, Hard, Variety : Covered in cheese

### NEW WORD

#### WHEY

the watery part of milk that remains after the formation of curds

### How they say that in...

- English:** Cheese
- Spanish:** Queso
- Italian:** Formaggio
- French:** Fromage
- German:** Käse



American cheese typically is made from a blend of colby and cheddar with emulsifiers. It is not classified as a real cheese but a processed cheese food or pasteurized processed cheese.



### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Breakfast sandwich

## PHOTO TIME WORD SEARCH



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

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- APERTURE
- CAMERA
- DEPTH OF FIELD
- DIGITAL
- EXPOSURE
- FOCUS
- F-STOP
- ISO
- LENSES
- LIGHT
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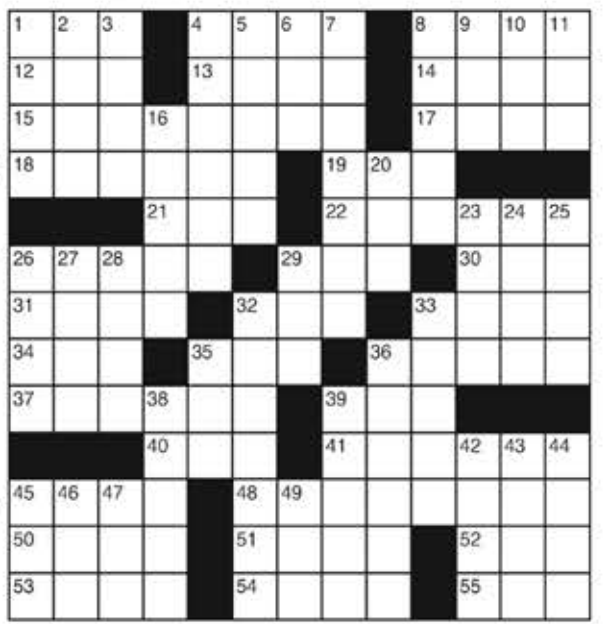
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  - 21 Wager
  - 22 Expulsion
  - 26 Errand runner
  - 29 Whatever number
  - 30 Hwy.
  - 31 Caspian Sea feeder
  - 32 Keats creation
  - 33 Go caroling
  - 34 Capitol VIP
  - 35 Year in Madrid
  - 36 Epic narratives
  - 37 On/off switch
  - 39 "You've got mail" co.
  - 40 Documentarian Burns
  - 41 Obligations
  - 45 Beige
  - 48 The whole crowd
- DOWN**
- 1 Halt
  - 2 "It can't be!"
  - 3 Hive population
  - 4 Hang around
  - 5 Painter Max
  - 6 Expert
  - 7 Series opener
  - 8 Big brass
  - 9 Rage
  - 10 Org. with a style manual
  - 11 Nine-digit ID
  - 16 Slander in print
  - 20 Purchase
  - 23 Advanced math
  - 24 Sicilian peak
  - 25 Bylaws, briefly
  - 26 Sudden wind
  - 27 Disc-shaped cookie
  - 28 Sharp tooth
  - 29 Commotion
  - 32 Penny
  - 33 Like seawater
  - 35 Boxing legend
  - 36 Turned bad
  - 38 Hog's "hello"
  - 39 "Hello" singer
  - 42 Illinois neighbor
  - 43 Wife of Geraint
  - 44 Fax
  - 45 Clean air org.
  - 46 Baseball fan's headwear
  - 47 Tear
  - 49 Compete



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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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: ♦♦**

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Belarus?
- LITERATURE:** Which Ken Kesey novel is set in an Oregon psychiatric hospital?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Who is the Greek goddess of discord?
- ANATOMY:** What is the longest bone in the human body?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was a commanding general in World War II?
- MATH:** What kind of polygon has three sides?
- BIBLE:** What is the last book in the Bible called?
- ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system is closest in size to Earth?
- CHEMISTRY:** What is the newest element on the Periodic Table?
- MOVIES:** Which Canadian actor/comedian starred in the movie "Uncle Buck" and died of a heart attack at 43?

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**King Crossword**

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

1. Minsk  
2. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"  
3. Eris  
4. Fermat  
5. Dwight Eisenhower  
6. Tangle  
7. The Book of Revelation  
8. Venus  
9. Oganesson (Og)  
10. John Candy

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## Sixty-Year-Old Woman Is Mysteriously Unable To Gain Weight

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have a sister who is in her mid 60s and has a very low weight. She cooks a lot but doesn't eat much. Is there something to suggest to make her gain some weight? She weighs 80 pounds and is 5 feet, 2 inches tall. By contrast, I'm 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and weigh 150 pounds. I'm worried that if she gets sick, she won't have anything to live off of. — P.L.W.

**ANSWER:** With all the recent press about GLP-1 medicines helping people to lose weight, there's been much discussion about the health risks of being obese. However, there are health risks of being underweight as well. In fact, the health risk of being as underweight as your sister (a BMI level of 14) is about the same as the overall health risk of a person with a BMI of 50. (For her, this would equate to being about 300 pounds.)

I don't know why she isn't gaining weight, but there are many possibilities. Weight loss due to psychiatric diseases like major depression and anorexia nervosa is common and underdiagnosed. Some diseases keep people from absorbing nutrients, especially celiac or Crohn's disease. People can lose calories through their urine (diabetics), while others use up their calories too fast (due to high thyroid levels, advanced cancer, etc.). There are many other less-common possibilities.

One critically important issue is to be sure of how much your sister is eating. It

sounds like she isn't eating much, which makes some issues more likely than others. While there are appetite stimulants, I don't use these unless I understand what is causing the problem. A careful evaluation by a general physician is called for.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Can you say more about potassium and chronic kidney disease (CKD)? I have stage 3 CKD with a glomerular filtration rate (GFR) in the mid-40s. I like to have a banana for breakfast; is it bad for me? — S.B.

**ANSWER:** CKD is separated into different stages depending on the estimated GFR, which signifies the overall function of the kidney. A normal GFR is considered to be 90 or higher, and people who have kidney disease and a normal GFR are considered to be in stage 1. Stage 2 CKD is having a GFR between 60-89; stage 3a is between 45-59; stage 3b is between 30-44; stage 4 is between 15-29; and stage 5 is considered to be 15 or less.

Most people with stage 3a CKD don't have trouble with the modest potassium load from a banana, but high levels of blood potassium become much more problematic when a person has a GFR that is below 45. Your regular doctor or kidney specialist (you should have one if you don't already) should be periodically testing your blood.

If your potassium level is already high, you may be recommended to reduce your intake of high-potassium foods. However, a plant-based diet that is rich in these foods helps to protect you against the progression of kidney disease, so I wouldn't limit these foods unless your specialist tells you that it's time.

Even with early-stage CKD, I wouldn't use a potassium-based salt substitute without talking to your doctor first, who will likely want to look at a recent blood test.

*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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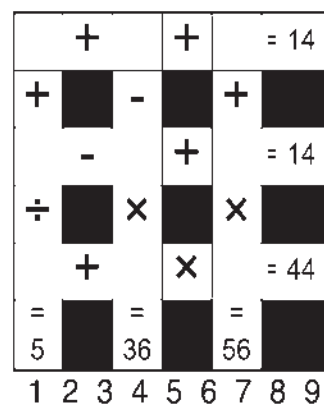
## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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 I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Derrick           | ___ N ___ | Wooden enclosure     | ___ T ___ |
| 2. Meditation        | ___ R ___ | Actor or team member | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Gut feeling       | ___ N ___ | Pigeon enclosure     | ___ T ___ |
| 4. Torrent of rain   | ___ G ___ | Hoodwink             | ___ D ___ |
| 5. Aesop's specialty | F ___     | Kitchen furniture    | T ___     |
| 6. Modify            | ___ E ___ | Church platform      | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Smallest finger   | ___ N ___ | Hard to please       | ___ C ___ |
| 8. Energetic         | ___ I ___ | Attractive           | ___ O ___ |
| 9. Clothes holder    | ___ E ___ | Airplane garage      | ___ A ___ |
| 10. Underage person  | ___ R ___ | North Dakota city    | ___ T ___ |

## 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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— Brenda Weaver  
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- ANSWERS**
- Crane, Crate
  - Fayer, Fayer
  - Hunch, Hunch
  - Deluge, Deluge
  - Minor, Minor
  - Alter, Alter
  - Pinky, Picky
  - Lively, Lovely
  - Hangar, Hangar
  - Minor, Minor



**GO FIGURE!**

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**421 Sherwood Ln. - \$679,000**

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2594 SqFt. Quiet cul-de-sac retreat with dual fireplace, expansive garage, RV space, and thoughtful design. #3765-641589817



**5167 Hilltop Dr. - \$425,000**

3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1600 SqFt. Peaceful corner lot near lakes with fenced yard, boat storage, and outdoor living space. #3763-160327144



**83269 Clear Lake Rd. - \$849,900**

3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2835 SqFt. Beautiful two-story craftsman on private acreage with bonus room, office, garage, RV parking, and garden. #3759-330687265



**1600-293 Rhododendron Dr. - \$164,000**

2 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 728 SqFt. Great opportunity for affordable living in gated community with amenities and peaceful environment. #3757-644263031



**89510 Hwy 101 #16 - \$80,000**

1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 412 SqFt. Cute, lake view home in Buck Lake Park with sunny front deck and backyard garden. #3754-208663674



**1070 Bay St #22 - \$425,000**

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



**11445 E Mapleton Rd. - \$775,000**

3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, 2440 SqFt. Five-acre riverfront property offering privacy, versatility, large shop, and endless potential. #3738-363944680



**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



**1601-534 Rhododendron Dr. - \$375,000**

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



**2937 Munsel Lake Rd. - \$370,000**

3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, 1013 SqFt. Move-in ready single-level home with updated kitchen, fenced yard, RV parking, and abundant natural light. #3725-445649944



**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



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