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Police, fire and medical personnel stood in silence to remember those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Tony Reed photo.

Remembering 9/11 in Old Town

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

A short and solemn ceremony took place in Old Town Saturday morning, to remember and recognize the nearly 3,000 Americans who lost their lives in September 11, 2001. The ceremony marked four notable times from that morning 25 years ago, by ringing a bell attached to the front bumper of a ladder fire engine, which displayed an American Flag. Florence Police Chief John Pitcher rang the bell at 8:46 a.m., to remember the time of the first attack on the World Trade Center. In remembrance of the attack on the second tower, Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority Division Chief Andy Gray rang the bell a second time. To mark the attack on the U.S. Pentagon, USCG

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Family returns to car show after 20+ years



Loretta and Bob Phillips stand with their 1949 Mercury. Tony Reed photo

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

While classic, vintage, hot rod, and antique cars stretched from Highway 101 to the Port of Siuslaw, one particular owner had the distinction of attending the first Old Town car show.

Loretta Phillips and her husband had never been out of California, but before they were married, she spent summers traveling to Washington and fell in love with the Pacific Northwest.

"I told my husband after we were married, 'Oh, you have to see what I'm talking about, because it's so pretty,'" she said. "So we planned it out and took a trip up to Anacortes, Washington, and on our way back, we saw this flyer for a car show in Florence, Oregon."

She estimated the year was 2004, the first year

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Council delays code amendment, floodplain topics

By TONY REED
The Siuslaw News

The Florence City Council held a long and largely procedural meeting Sept. 14, continuing two ongoing items and approving a third.

In a 4 to 1 no vote, councilors did not approve the first reading of a request from a property owner to change zoning to allow medium-density residential development on a property near the Oregon Coast Humane Society. The area proposed for redesignating and rezoning is approximately 5.85 acres (254,826 sq. ft.) of the 38.79-acre tax lot and is located east of Rhododendron Drive across from Marine Manor, west of Pacific View Dr., and north of New Hope Lane.

In her staff report, Community Development Director Wendy Farley-Campbell said the proposed rezone to medium residential would allow no more than 12 units per acre. She later noted that the application was strictly for rezoning and not a development application.

The Florence Planning Commission opened its initial hearing on June 9 and has had three continuances since.

On Aug. 25, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council hold a second evidentiary hearing and approve a comprehensive plan map and zoning map changes. City staff and City Manager Erin Reynolds approved the recommendation.

Farley-Campbell said an analysis showed

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Beat the Wave helps residents be ready

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Residents and visitors who came through the Beat the Wave exhibit at the Florence Events Center on September 12 went away with emergency information from several local and regional emergency sources.

Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer said about 200 people attended.

"For the City, one of our most asked questions was about whether people resided inside or outside of the tsunami zone, and how to read the maps," Messmer said. "We also provided guests with information on how to sign up for Lane Alerts to receive emergency notifications. They can do that at lanealerts.org."

"The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) demonstrations and information also seemed to be a hit, with information on how to create an air filter system out of a general box fan and filters, as well as

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City, County, State and other officials hosted an emergency preparedness event at Florence Events Center. Tony Reed photo.

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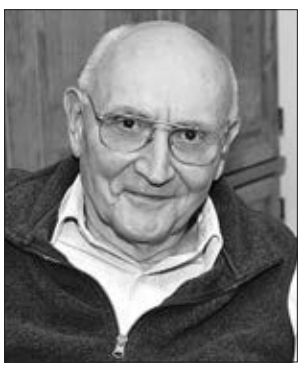
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Michael J. Herbert

November 15, 1940 - September 22, 1925



Michael Jay Herbert died at age 84 from COPD Emphysema on 9-22-25. Michael was born to Frank Charles and Virginia Ellen Herbert in 1940, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Graduating from Marquette University, in Milwaukee in 1963, with a bachelor's degree in business, he served as an officer in the United States Navy, including 1969-1970, in-country Vietnam. He married La Verna Secker in 1968 while stationed at MCB Camp Pendleton and living in San Clemente, California. They had a daughter, Lara, in 1969. After leaving the service, Michael worked managing specialty food stores, and fast-food restaurants in Southern California. They moved to the Florence area in 1978. He owned and operated a seafood market in the Florence area (The Crab Stand) and worked as a real estate broker.

When La Verna was afflicted with her final illness, Michael devoted his time to caring for her, from 2004 to 2007, when she passed away. Michael was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous since 1988. For a good number of years, he was a volunteer for Florence Food Share which he said was his "favorite job".

In his free time, he enjoyed hiking, photography, kayaking, and sailing.

He will be fondly remembered as a kind, compassionate, nonjudgemental, honest man who always helped others whenever possible.

His whip smart sense of humor brought a smile to many.

His daughter, Lara Ellis and her husband Fred Ellis, of Luray, Virginia, survive him.

Per his request, Michael's ashes were interred in September 2025 within the Garden of Remembrance at St. Andrews Episcopal church, next to the love of his life, La Verna.

He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

A small service was held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in September 2025 with close friends and family.

In Loving Memory of Diane Dean

07/25/2026 - 08/17/2026



Diane Dean, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, was born July 25, 1941, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Jack and Thelma Billings. She was the oldest of four siblings and grew up in Idaho, graduating from Snake River High School in 1959.

Diane continued her education at the University of Idaho, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. She later earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Oregon in 1970. Education was an important part of Diane's life, and she went on to work as a librarian at Mapleton High School.

It was while working at Mapleton High School that Diane met her future husband, Alvin Dean, who was a school bus driver. The two married on June 10, 1967, in Blackfoot, Idaho, beginning a marriage filled with family, love, and 59 years of shared memories.

Diane and Alvin were blessed with two daughters, Michelle (Riley) Newcomb and Carrie (Wayne) Spencer. Her greatest joy was her family, including her grandchildren, Cole (Angie) Spencer and Kaitlynn (Clay) Robbins. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother who treasured the time she spent with her family.

Diane is survived by her daughters, Michelle (Riley) Newcomb and Carrie (Wayne) Spencer; grandchildren, Cole (Angie) Spencer and Kaitlynn (Clay) Robbins; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Norman (Gail) Dean; brother Jim (Marilee) Billings; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Alvin Dean; her parents, Jack and Thelma Billings; siblings Carolyn Billings and Don (Cheryl) Billings; and other family members.

Diane will be remembered for her love of family, her dedication to education, and the many lives she touched throughout her years in the Mapleton community. Her memory will live on through her children, grandchildren, family, and friends who loved her dearly.

No service is planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Mapleton Athletics in Diane's memory.

Gary Dennis Bond

04/25/1964 - 09/10/2026



Gary Dennis Bond, beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus on Thursday September 10, 2026. Born April 25, 1964, in Florence, Oregon, Gary faced the challenges of cerebral palsy from birth, yet he never allowed his physical limitations to define him. Throughout his life, he demonstrated remarkable resilience, kindness, and an unwavering positive spirit that touched everyone who knew him.

In 2015, Gary moved to Boise, Idaho, to be closer to his parents and sister Brenda. He made his home at Timber Springs Transitional Care, where he became a familiar and cherished presence. Gary loved beginning each day with a cup of coffee and could often be found seated near the front entrance, greeting residents, staff, and visitors with a warm smile, friendly conversation, and a "How are you doing?"

Gary was beloved by the staff at Timber Springs and will be greatly missed. A caregiver fondly remarked, "I was deeply saddened by the news this morning of Gary's passing. As you know, Gary was my absolute favorite. I know he is watching sports, eating, drinking and rejoicing." Gary's warmth, caring nature, and positive outlook brightened the lives of countless people and left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Gary was an avid sports fan and loved talking about his favorite teams including Boise State, the Oregon Ducks, Seattle Seahawks and Mariners. During his younger days, he was an accomplished bowler and athlete and competed at the International Special Olympics in New York where he received a bronze medal in the softball throw.

Gary is survived by his sister, Brenda Garber, and her husband, Rich, of Eagle, Idaho; and by his nephews, Jordan Rainwater of Oceanside, California, and Jacob Rainwater of Eagle, Idaho, as well as extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gary and Sherry Bond.

Though Gary lived with significant physical and health challenges, he met each day with courage, gratitude, and a joyful spirit that inspired those around him. He is now reunited with loved ones and rests in the eternal embrace of his Savior.

A graveside service and burial will be held at Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence, Oregon on Friday, September 25th at 1:00 p.m., for family and friends that would like to attend. A memorial service celebrating Gary's life will be held at a future date in Florence, pending arrangements.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23.

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Shaping the future of Prostate Cancer - together

By BOB HORNEY

Here we are still struggling to get a firm grip on Prostate Cancer and save the lives of men from … you guessed it…prostate cancer! In hopes of closing the gap between what we know and what we NEED TO KNOW, ZERO Prostate Cancer just launched the Prostate Cancer BEACON Survey, one of the largest national surveys of people affected by prostate cancer ever conducted in the U.S. The goal is to hear from 10,000 patients, survivors, people at risk, caregivers, and healthcare professionals across all 50 states and U.S. territories.

I hope you noticed all the different groups that ZERO is reaching out to for information. The fight against this disease takes more than just those of us who have been diagnosed with it. This is an "All Hands-on Deck" effort, and we don't want to sell it short - and come up short. No siree, get all hands up here and prepped for the fight against this number 2 killer of men.

Our answers will help researchers and healthcare professionals better understand the experiences and barriers facing the prostate cancer community, and guide programs, policy, and treatments.

Our voices are beacons. By taking part in the ZERO Beacon Survey, we're doing far more than filling out a questionnaire — we're helping illuminate the real experiences, needs, and challenges faced by people impacted by prostate cancer. Every response becomes a data point with purpose. Every insight becomes a spark that guides better care, stronger advocacy, and smarter support programs.

We're shaping the future for others. Florence has always been a place where people look out for one another, and this survey is another way to do exactly that. Our participation helps ensure that men and families in small towns, rural communities, and overlooked regions are not invisible in national conversations. We're helping build a clearer picture of what patients actually need — not what someone assumes they need.

We're standing up for patient rights. As neighbors who have spent years helping neighbors navigate the healthcare maze, we know how powerful accurate information can be. This survey strengthens the case for better coverage, better access, and better support. It is patient advocacy in its most accessible form.

We're contributing to hope. Yes, indeed. Every step forward means we are closer to our goal of putting Prostate Cancer out of commission.

Here's what to know before you take the survey:

- Private and anonymous. No name, phone number, or other personal information collected.
- Open to patients, survivors, caregivers, people at risk, and healthcare professionals.
- Must be 21 or older.
- Takes about 20 minutes to complete. Longer for Prostate Cancer Survivors.

PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL OF YOUR EMAIL LISTS, AND HELP ZERO REACH OUR GOAL OF 10,000 participants.

Take the Prostate Cancer BEACON Survey here: ZEROcancer.org/survey

Magnificent Humanity

FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (AKA FUUF)

This summer, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV offered the world an Encyclical Letter titled Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. In this document, the Pope lifts up a theology grounded in the inherent dignity and worth of every human person. He draws upon a tradition of social gospel and social action that invites us to look deeply and critically at the implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI)—and to consider how these emerging technologies might benefit humanity, or perhaps pose a threat to our understanding of what it means to be fully human. This Sunday, September 27th, Dennis Reynolds will explore how this document can shape our understanding and influence our responses to the profound questions surrounding if, when, and how we use the tools of the latest technologies. Join us for an intriguing program and enjoy the music of Christine Frances.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road

Doors open at 9:30 ~ program starts at 10:00am

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

Jerry R. Chartier, Sr.

Jerry R. Chartier, Sr., of Reedsport, Oregon, quietly passed away on June 18, 2026, with his wife, Nancy, by his side. He will be greatly missed by his entire family.

A Celebration of Life was held in Jerry's honor at the Winchester Bay Community Center. He was later laid to rest with military honors at Roseburg National Cemetery. A reception followed at The Winston House in Winston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of retired Marine



Gunnery Sergeant Jerry R. Chartier, Sr. to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

For additional information or to share condolences with Jerry's family, please visit www.dunesmemorial.com.

Marvin W Stainbrook



Marvin W Stainbrook age 89 of Florence passed away September 8, 2026. At his request private cremational rites were held.

Chester "Lon" Bradley

February 16, 1936 - September 9, 2026





Chester "Lon" Bradley, age 90, passed away peacefully at home in Florence, Oregon, on September 9, 2026.

Born on February 16, 1936, in Centralia, Washington to Chester and Laverne (Almasi) Bradley. He was a proud graduate of Springfield High School (Class of 54), and the University of Oregon (Class of 59). Lon dedicated 20 years of his life as an officer in the United States Air Force including service in Iceland, Japan, and Vietnam, retiring as a Major in 1979.

Lon and his family moved to Florence, where he founded Dolphin Property Management. His life was a testament to the joy of serving others including as a founding member of the Presbyterian Community Church, and active involvement in Kiwanis and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Lon is survived by his wife of 66 years, Connie (Strome) Bradley; his sons Corey and his wife Mary, and Scott and his wife Molly; his granddaughters, Carloyn, Rachel and Lauren; siblings Sandra Coalman, Randy Ring, and Sherry Penn and a large, loving family who will miss his wisdom and warmth. He was proceeded in death by his sister, Patricia Dale.

A celebration of Lon's remarkable life will be held on September 27, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Community Church. All are welcome to gather and share memories of a man who gave so much to his country, his community and his family.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR

Setting the Record Straight on Local Climate Petition. I am writing to correct the blatant distortion of facts presented in a recent letter regarding our climate petition [Siuslaw News 9-9-26]. The writer attempted to minimize our community's activism by claiming that only 71 local people have signed the petition over a seven-year period. This is completely false and a classic manipulation of data.

Here are the actual, verified facts:

The 7-Month Local Snapshot: The figure of 71 signatures from local residents represents a time limited drive where 71 locals out of 215 people signed the petition within a brief seven-month window. That is an incredible 35% engagement rate for locals. Here's the breakdown of where the 215 came from.

71 from Florence, 95 from 40 Oregon cities, 40 from 13 states, and 9 from 5 foreign countries.

The 7-Year Cumulative Total: Over our broader seven-year campaign, the petition has actually garnered 2,733 signatories. This total includes 925 local residents alongside visitors from all over the world who care about the future of our region. Just like the shorter run this is a 34% engagement rate for locals.

Using data from a short period to make our support look small is a bad-faith distraction tactic. Our activism is backed by real numbers, passionate people, and the undeniable consensus of global climate science.

We will not let dishonest math silence the growing demand for climate action in our community. If you believe our environment is worth protecting, please join your neighbors and add your voice.

We urge more local residents to sign the petition today by accessing the link facebook.com/groups/449146422681041/, or joining us at our climate strikes in front of City Hall any Friday 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

Michael Allen
Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

DEAR EDITOR,

Tuesday September 11, 2001

I can remember it like it was yesterday, even though it was twenty-five years ago. I was getting dressed for work and watching the news on the television. Curtis Kim was talking about a plane that had just hit one of the Twin Towers and there was a picture in the background of the Twin Towers. As I was watching a second plane hit the other Twin Tower. It was horrifying to see. I stood there in shock. I could not say anything. I was safe in California and seeing something so God awful. I just stood there wishing I could do something, anything to help those people.

I was stuck, I had to go to work. I finished everything I had to do and drove to work in a haze. I do not remember my day at work. I picked up what I could of the news. I heard about the towers collapse. I heard about the planes that crashed into the pentagon and the field, the one that was supposed to hit the White House. But I can honestly tell you that I do not remember what happened at work that whole day.

Twenty-five years later have we really learned anything? As a country, are we closer together or further apart? We celebrated the 250 anniversary of our Constitution this year and I do not think we have really learned anything at all.

Dianna Allison
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

This is your chance to vote for a real leader for the City of Florence. I have known Dan Lofy and his wifeTeresa, since they moved to Florence 36 years ago. They know and understand our town. Dan has always been involved in the community and cares about the direction Florence should be taking. Being a business owner he will focus on financial stability for the city and effective results, not division, always listening with respect and then responding with fairness.

The future of Florence needs his focus on partnerships for housing, infrastructure, economic development and public safety.

My experience in Lane County government gave me the opportunity to know what good leadership looks like. I urge you to vote for Dan Lofy, Mayor of Florence. The future of Florence depends on it!

Sincerely,

Anna Morrison
Florence

DEAR EDITOR:

I went to meet the local candidates running for Mayor and City council yesterday, Sunday, September 13. There was a lot of talk about housing needs and school needs necessary to draw new businesses and jobs to Florence. While I agree these are needed there is a glaring issue that didn't get mentioned at all which not only affects attracting new citizens but also keeping present citizens and that is: Health Care! Most of us have lost a Dr or three over the last six years and we know that small community hospitals nationwide are under new stresses due to cuts from our Federal Government. I believe our biggest threat to our community is continuing and improving our quality health care!

Russell Myers
Florence

DEAR EDITOR

We moved to Florence in 2019 and one of the people who helped make this community feel like home was Sally Wantz. We've watched Sally do something increasingly rare: she pays attention to people. She listens. She sees those who are struggling or being left behind—and she acts. That is why Sally should be Mayor of Florence.

A mayor should understand that a community is more than roads, buildings, budgets, and meetings. It is people: families trying to get by, seniors needing help, someone needing a ride to medical care, or a neighbor facing the end of life with dignity. Sally understands that. She believes our differences make us stronger, and she brings people together. She encourages us to recognize the best in ourselves and one another. Most importantly, Sally doesn't just talk about caring. She shows up.

We support Sally wholeheartedly for Mayor because we have seen her care about this community—not as a campaign promise, but as a way of life. Ask yourself: Who do you want standing up for the people of Florence when it really matters? For us, the answer is Sally Wantz. She's been showing us what leadership looks like. Now it's time to put that leadership to work for all of Florence.

Richard & Darlene Norwood
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Love Taxes

Since 1997, 2/3rds of ballot measures increasing taxes were approved. 25% of offices had 2 or more candidates while 9% had zero. This November election has 10% with none paying the 10$ fee. Our representatives constantly increase taxes like the Corporate Activity Tax; a sale tax of 0.57% on sales receipts. It continues to get harder living here; or, is it because of our love for more taxes? Taxes exist to pay for public agencies to manage public property, law, and order.

Merchants get revenue through voluntary exchange of goods and services for currency. Unless offerings keep improving and expenses reducing, its closing time. Employee are also businesses trading time and skills for currency with similar demands to improve or go hungry.

Public agencies are a business form where profit is extracted in salaries, worker benefits, and influence pedaling. The merchant is motivated to find voluntary ways to stay profitable; but, public agencies can't go out business. When more revenue is "desired" for higher payroll, agencies use propaganda to create the illusion of a need so either your representatives anor you directly authorize giving more. We have the highest cost per school pupil yet the lowest educational outcomes among industrial nations.

Public agencies are force; either pay up or loose your property, liberty, and in some cases life. They are notoriously wasteful. I have been public worker, managed public departments, held public office, operated successful businesses, and have yet to find any public enterprise responsibly spending taxes.

Keith Stanton, CCP
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

Vote YES on Dunes City Ballot Measure 20-386

I'm supporting Dunes City Ballot Measure 20-386. It bans new short-term vacation rentals and strengthens the rules for existing rentals.

In our small city of just over 1,300 residents, there are almost 30 short-term rentals. Over 80% are owned by out-of-area investors. These absentee owners, by virtue of being absent, don't contribute to our residential neighborhoods. Rather, their rental businesses -- and their short-term renters -- disrupt our community.

Of the many reasons we need this reform, none is more important than safeguarding our drinking water. Most of the households in our city rely on water drawn from Woahink and Siltcoos lakes. As residents, we are careful to protect this resource -- but absentee owners and transient guests don't necessarily share our commitment. Owners are interested in profits while vacation renters, who play and then leave, have demonstrated little concern about what is left behind. Over-capacity guest counts can compromise septic systems; broken drain fields can result in unfiltered waste; trash and junk are dumped in the lakes. The long-term effects could be disastrous for our city.

We can all help keep our lakes clean and our drinking water safe. Keep Dunes City homes for residents.

Jill Stewart
Florence

DEAR EDITOR,

A CALL TO GATHER

I have often been told by otherwise seemingly intelligent persons to not pay attention to what Donald Trump says but to what he does. Indeed, he has done a great deal and we should pay attention to it. This is what he has done: he has continually broken the law; he has made a shambles of our economy; he has enriched himself and his family at public expense; he has cultivated a Supreme Court well versed in the art and practice of double-think; he has cowed an entire political party to destruction; he has alienated our allies; he has started a war; he has brought the American military to the brink of despair; he has reduced our national parks to real estate holdings; he has taken over the Kennedy Center in order to destroy it and all that it stands for (his envy of Kennedy is showing); he has begun building monuments to himself large enough to dwarf all the other structures in Washington, D.C.; he has nullified the concept of checks and balances; and he has reduced American citizenry to the point of insignificance. He has done more to destroy our nation than any enemy we have ever had.

I ask all those interested in preserving our union, the lovers of our democratic ideals, to meet together in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Library from 2 to 4 o'clock on Tuesday, September 29, to discuss the challenges we face and devise means of overcoming them. It will be a time to gather strength and courage, hope and belief, both in ourselves and in the country we stand for. Candidates for local offices, Sally Wantz (mayor), and Jo Beaudreau, Justin Ludwig, and Reneé Lo Pilato (city council) will be in attendance.

From here the word will go out and spread amongst the people of the town, and of the county, the state, and the whole nation. And our children, as well as we, ourselves, will be proud knowing that we stood against tyranny and on the side of Good.

George Durant
Florence

Editor's note- This letter is being run a second time to correct the meeting date

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POLICE LOG

The Florence Police Department responded to the following calls from September 8 to September 14

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Maple for a reported dispute. Officers found a dispute occurring between mother and daughter. No injuries or physical contact were reported; all parties were counseled.

At 8:04 a.m., a caller reported finding a wallet in the 1800 block of 37th St. Officers contacted the owner of the wallet, and it was returned.

At 12:51 p.m., a caller reported that a decorative Coca-Cola bottle cap ornament was taken from her porch in the 1100 block of Hemlock. A report was taken.

At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of 22nd St. and Highway 101 for a report of a subject yelling and making threats of sexual assault. Officers arrived and found the subject had a warrant for his arrest from Florence Municipal Court. The subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and the warrant.

At 5:05 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Highway 101 for a reported dispute between two subjects. Officers arrived and contacted both subjects. One of them said a vehicle hit her shopping cart, and the other said the woman pushed the shopping cart into his vehicle. Officers spoke to witnesses who said she pushed the cart into the truck. The driver did not wish to pursue charges, and all parties were counseled.

At 9:07 p.m., a caller said he was contacted by phone by a subject claiming to be with the FBI, CIA, or DEA, who told him he needed to pay money or be arrested. The caller was advised that the call was a scam.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

At 9:26 a.m., officers responded to a three-vehicle traffic crash in the 3700 block of Highway 101. Officers arrested Raymond Miller for DUII.

At 10:41 a.m., officers responded to an area off Rhododendron Drive on a trail, where a caller reported confronting a subject with a shopping cart. Officers arrived to find no one in the area.

At 11:19 a.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of 17th St. after a call to dispatch, in which a dispute could be heard in the background. Officers arrived to find a dispute occurring between a couple after the male allegedly threw the female's keys into the bushes. Parties were uncooperative with officers. No crime occurred, so no further action was taken.

At 3:12 p.m., a caller reported finding a wallet in the area of 24th and Spruce. The wallet was brought to the police department.

At 4:31 p.m., another wallet was turned in at the police department. Officers contacted the owner, who was from the Portland area, and said they will pick the wallet up the next time they come through Florence.

At 5 p.m., a resident turned in debit and identification cards, as well as some miscellaneous unclaimed mail. Officers determined the owner of the cards was deceased and attempted to contact a spouse with no luck.

At 7:56 p.m., a caller reported a subject was missing, last seen in the area of 12th and Nopal. The caller re-contacted dispatch to say the subject had been found.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

At 12:57 p.m., a caller reported a tent had been stuck behind a bench in the area of Bay Street and Laurel Street. Officers arrived and collected the tent.

At 7:07 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Quince Street for a report that gasoline had been siphoned from equipment in a construction area.

At 10:42 a.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive for a report of harassment. Officers contacted a subject who said his ex-girlfriend has issues with his new girlfriend and has been making threats. Officers were following up on the report.

At 11 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of 43rd St. for a reported dispute between a mother and son. Officers were following up on the report.

At 12:44 p.m., caller reported losing a dog in the 2000 block of Airport Road. The caller later re-contacted dispatch to say the dog had been found.

At 1:18 p.m., officers responded to the 3100 block of Munsel Creek Road for a dispute between neighbors over allegations of feeding bears. A neighbor denied allegations that he was feeding bears, causing them to linger in the area. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was contacted. The department will be attempting to dissuade bears from remaining in the area.

At 2:11 p.m., officers responded to Oak Street for a report of a vehicle parked at the middle school for a long period of time. Officers found a vehicle occupied by the assistant coach.

At 2:21 p.m., a resident brought a wallet into the department that was found in the 1300 block of Highway 101. The wallet was returned.

At 2:51 p.m., the owner of the wallet reported that it was returned with less cash inside than it had when it was lost.

At 4:01 p.m., officers investigated a report of sodomy between two juveniles. The case remains under investigation.

At 4:24 p.m., a caller reported a vehicle westbound on Highway 126 that was speeding and weaving. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 4:32 p.m., a caller reported finding two black phones in the area near the Pickleball court. Officers took custody of the phones.

At 4:57 p.m., a subject came to the counter at the police department to report an online scam. The subject reported that they were instructed to take money from their account and pay someone, but a friend intervened and advised them against it. Officers advised of ways to protect themselves online.

At 10:18 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Highway 101 to investigate a report that an adult was providing alcohol for a minor. Officers found no probable cause.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

At 2:54 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Highway 101 for a report that a subject had stolen alcohol from a business. Officers were able to identify the subject and later contacted him to confirm the report. The subject was cited for Theft 3 and told not to return to the store.

At 7:58 a.m., officers responded to the 2600 block of Highway 101 for a report that a child on a bicycle had been hit by a vehicle. The child's mother transported the child to the hospital with minor injuries.

At 8:27 a.m., a caller reported that a subject known to them was making comments about self-harm. The subject was located and transported to the hospital.

At 11:18 a.m., a caller reported that an ex who lives out of the area was making harassing comments online. Officers were following up on the report.

At 11:21 a.m., a resident reported finding a gun, a knife, and $.45 near a trail in Florence. Officers were investigating whether it was related to the 8:27 a.m. call.

At 4:58 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle had run a stop sign in the 2300 block of Highway 101. The caller said they followed the vehicle and blocked it in after it pulled into a parking area. Dispatch told the caller not to block the other vehicle. Officers arrived and counseled all parties. No further action was taken.

At 5:21 p.m., a caller reported a wallet had been taken from a vehicle with the windows down in the 1600 block of 14th St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

At 6:10 a.m., a caller reported theft from a boat in the 88,400 block of 1st Street. The caller recontacted dispatch to cancel the request, saying she found the boat was not hers.

At 7:12 a.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of Bay Street for a report of loud music coming from a truck. Officers found the music was coming from a DJ who had been hired to provide entertainment for the car show.

At 10:28 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Quince Street after a caller reported another subject chasing them with a weapon. Officers spoke to the other party, who said he did not have a weapon. Parties were separated and told not to return to the area.

At 12:01 p.m., officers searched the area of 34th St. for a missing woman who was last seen in the area. Officers located the subject later.

At 1:07 p.m., officers responded to the 3800 block of Spruce Street for a report of kids riding electric bikes on properties other than their own. Officers contacted the kids and advised them not to do so.

At 1:09 p.m., officers responded to a demonstration at the corner of Highway 101 and 126 for a report of an aggressive subject. Officers found a dispute occurring over political differences. Officers spoke to all parties, warning one subject that he would be arrested if he continued acting aggressively.

At 1:11 p.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of 35th St. to investigate a report of vandalism to the golf course.

At 8:24 p.m., officers located a subject in the 1500 block of 10th St., who was wanted in relation to a previous case. Officers arrested the subject for violation of a restraining order.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

At 1:59 a.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of 16th St. for a report of loud music. Officers contacted the responsible party, who agreed to turn it off.

At 6:02 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of 9th Street for a report of loud music playing since 5 a.m. Officers spoke to all parties and were able to resolve the issue.

At 4:57 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Oak Street for a report of people yelling at each other. Officers contacted juveniles who said they were not fighting, but were just making a lot of noise.

At 7:51 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of Oak Street for a report of an excessively loud karaoke party. Arriving officers did not hear loud music, but contacted the responsible parties.

At 11:13 p.m., a caller reported that someone had stolen his dog. The caller recontacted dispatch later to say the dog had been found.

At 11:29 p.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of Highway 101 for a report of harassing threats. One party told officers that a subject had pointed a finger at him in a way that appeared to indicate he was threatening to shoot him. Officers were unable to locate any subject matching the description given.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

At 10:08 a.m., a caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the 1700 block of Highway 126. Officers arrived to find the vehicle was not abandoned, but parked improperly.

At 10:37 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle traveling northbound on Highway 101 toward Florence that was unable to maintain its lane. The call was referred to Oregon State Police.

At 11:21 a.m., officers investigated a third-hand report of sexual abuse in Florence. Officers were following up to determine whether the report was valid.

At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of 18th St. for a reported dispute. Officers arrived to find a family dispute occurring. Officers determined no crime had been committed, and all parties were counseled.

At 9:01 p.m., a caller reported being brake-checked by a vehicle northbound on Highway 101. The caller said the vehicle stopped, subjects got out, and a foot chase ensued. Officers responded to the described location and found no one in the area.

At 9:13 p.m., a caller reported seeing bears in the 3300 block of Oak Street.

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Proclamation reminds not to take freedom for granted

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Though it runs through Sept. 23, a proclamation declaring Constitution Week served as a reminder to residents. Mayor Rob Ward read from the proclamation, in part, "Whereas, in this 250th anniversary year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed to the world the revolutionary self-evident truths that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness… that it is fitting and proper to ask our citizens to reaffirm the truths proclaimed in the declaration of independence, reflect upon personal and governmental actions necessary to reaffirm and protect these truths as expressed in the constitution, and execute their duty as we the people by participating in their government thoughtfully and actively."

Mayor Ward proclaimed September 17-23 in Florence as Constitution Week, during which the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the Constitution and the 235th anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

Jacquie Beveridge, Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said that every year during Constitution Week, the daughters gather to celebrate the document that defines our liberty.

"But to truly understand the strength of our Constitution, we have to look back at the fragile moments that made it necessary."

Beveridge noted that on Sept. 14, 1776, the ink of the Declaration was still wet, but the ideals it proclaimed were in jeopardy.

"General George Washington and the Continental Army were trapped in Lower Manhattan, facing an overwhelming British invasion force," she said. "On that desperate September day, there was no guarantee of victory; there was only raw grit. Under the cover of darkness, Washington ordered an urgent, exhausting evacuation. Every available horse, wagon, and river ferry was pressed into service. Through the mud and panic, they moved heavy cannons, vital ammunition, and sick soldiers southward toward Harlem Heights. By the time the sunset, Washington had relocated his headquarters. The very next day, the British struck Kip's Bay." Beverage said that while the retreat was exhausting, it was the reason the revolution survived.

Memories and experiences of that were forged into the framework of the United States Constitution.

"Our Constitution was not written by people who took freedom for granted, she said. It was written by people who knew exactly how close they had come to losing it."

Mayor Ward's proclamation encouraged citizens to study the Constitution and reflect upon the privilege of being an American with the rights and responsibilities that privilege entails, remembering that rights, once lost, are difficult to regain.

Arbor Day in October community event

The City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is partnering with the Siuslaw Public Library and Mapleton-based Grow Closer Nursery to host "Arbor Day in October" on Saturday, Oct. 17. This will be a fun, hands-on community event celebrating trees, native plants, and environmental stewardship.

The free event will be held on Saturday, Oct.17th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. In the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth Street in Florence.

Participants will learn about the importance of trees and native plants while creating their own kokedama, a traditional Japanese moss ball planter, to take home.

The event is open to everyone and is best suited for participants ages 6 and older, although younger children are welcome to attend with a parent or caregiver. Reservations are available at https://www.ci.florence.or.us/376/Arbor-Day . Space is limited to 20 participants.

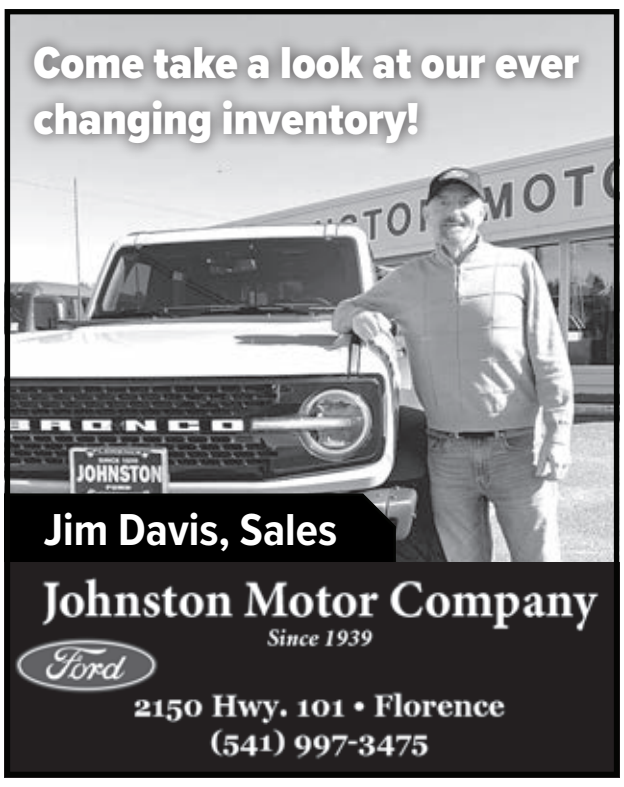
This partnership brings together local organizations committed to environmental education and hands-on learning.

EMAC will provide educational information about trees and native plants. Learn more at https://www.ci.florence.or.us/EMAC.

The Siuslaw Public Library, https://www.siuslawlibrary.info/, is providing the Bromley Room as the community gather space for the event. Grow Closer Nursery, https://www.growcloser.eco/, is supplying all the materials needed for participants to create their own kokedama to take home. Based near Mapleton, the nursery specializes in plants locally native to the central Oregon coast region, pollinator species, and restoration ecology planting. It also carries plants native to other parts of Oregon.

"Arbor Day in October" is designed to inspire community members of all ages to connect with nature, learn about the value of native plants, and discover simple ways to bring greenery into their homes and landscapes.

EMAC serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager for the City of Florence. EMAC supports the development of programs and actions that promote healthy, environmentally sound practices for the city and the broader community. The committee prioritizes education, community outreach, and collaborative partnerships, working to strengthen local understanding of environmental issues and advance sustainable solutions.



Crisis responders recognized

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Members of Western Lane Crisis Response were recognized by proclamation at the Sept 14 City Council meeting.

Mayor Rob Ward read from the proclamation, "Whereas Western Lane Crisis Response is committed to providing critical support for individuals in our community facing behavioral health challenges, including mental health crises and substance use concerns, and behavioral health describes the emotions and behaviors that impact an individual's overall well-being, and the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that more than one in five US adults live with a mental illness."

The proclamation says the opioid epidemic and rising rates of substance use continue to affect individuals, families, and communities across the nation, with the National Institute on Drug Abuse reporting over 100,000 overdose deaths annually.

"These challenges require a community-wide response, extending beyond law enforcement and fire services," it reads, "and emergency medical providers and WLCR crisis responders provide immediate professional and compassionate support to individuals experiencing behavioral health emergencies."

According to the proclamation, since its founding, WLCR has supported thousands of individuals in crisis, responded to calls alongside law enforcement and community partners, provided follow-up care, developed safety plans, and worked tirelessly to connect individuals and families with long-term solutions that foster hope and healing; and crisis responders demonstrate extraordinary dedication, compassion, and professionalism in their work, often in challenging circumstances, to promote safety, dignity, and well-being for all residents of our community. Mayor Ward proclaimed September 13 through 19 as Crisis Responder Appreciation Week.

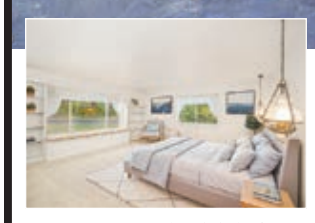
With Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority Chief Rob Chance present, WLCR responders accepted the proclamation.





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Cars stretched from The Siuslaw River Bridge to the Port of Siuslaw last weekend for the Florence Fall Classic Car Show and here are the winners, chosen by representatives of Florence businesses. Tony Reed photos

Classic Cars fill Old Town



BEST OF SHOW
LIONS CLUB
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LIONS CLUB
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1936 Ford Coupe

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LIONS CLUB
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RIVER HOUSE
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1930 Ford A Town Sedan

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Dick Mason
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Loretta & Bob Phillips
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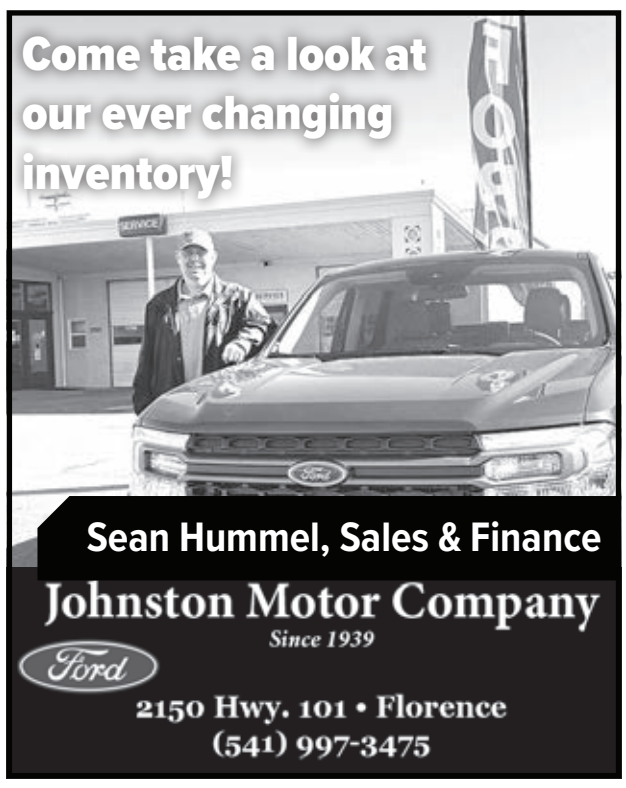
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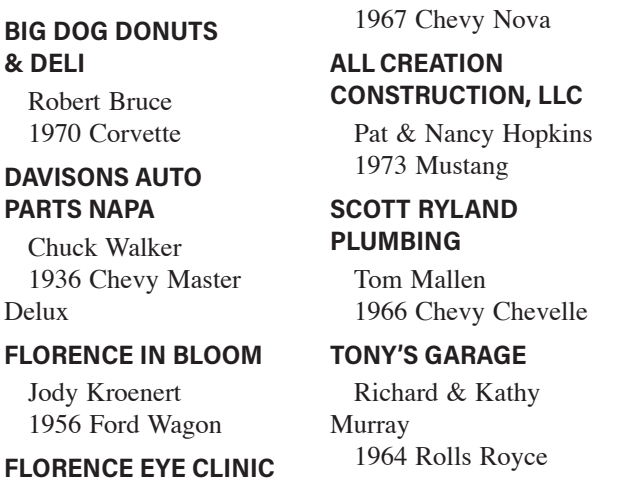
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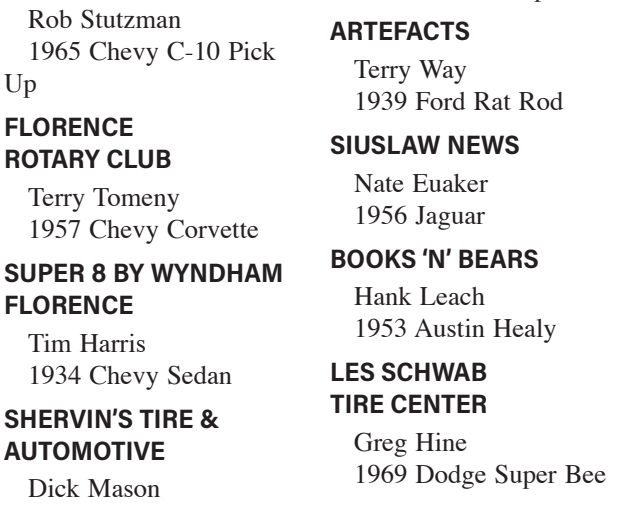
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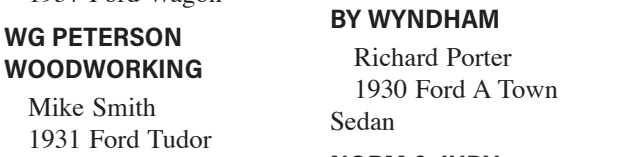
STITCH & SOLE 23
John Winkes
1936 Ford Coupe







This 1949 Mercury, previously owned by Luther Hill, returned to Florence for the car show after 22 years. Tony Reed photos





FAMILY

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of the car show in Old Town.

"We had never heard of Florence, Oregon, and I had never been here," she said, recalling that they decided to try something new at the time. "So we came to this car show, with the bridge, and all the cars were lined up; it was a beautiful day, and it just topped off our entire vacation."

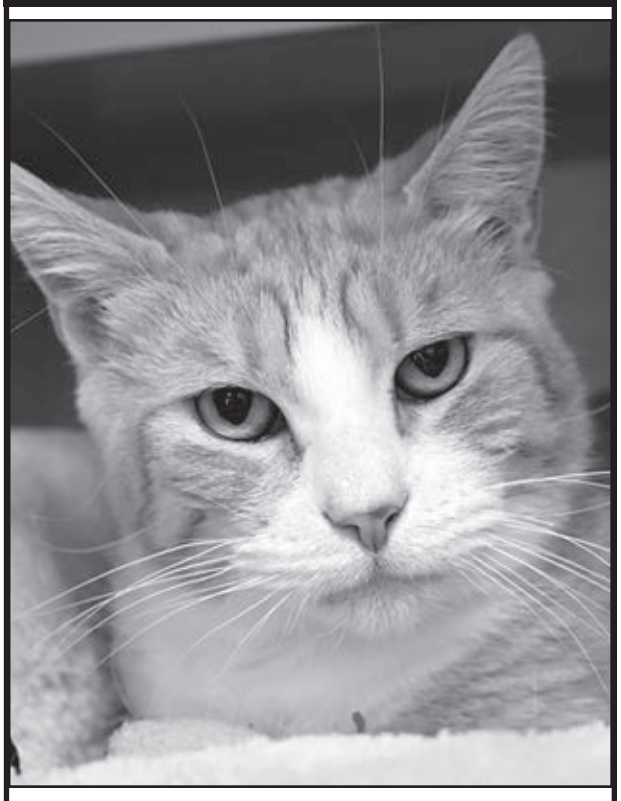
Over 20 years later, Loretta and her husband, Robert, inherited the 1949 Mercury from her father and decided to come back to Florence for the 2026 Car Show.

"So, here we are," she laughed, explaining that five children came with them, and there wasn't enough room for luggage and kids in the car, so they brought it on a trailer.

"We had a 15-hour drive the first day," she said. "We spent the night and drove the last four hours here."

As for the car, Loretta explained that her Father, Luther Hill, was the second owner, having bought it in 1953 after returning from the Korean War. Robert had to do a lot of work to get the car running and has made several modifications, including replacing the original flathead V8 with a more modern engine and adding air conditioning.

BABY BOY



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Seaman Forest Smelser rang the bell a third time. WLFEA Captain Zach Werner gave the last ring, to remember those lost on Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Old Town was still during a moment of silence.

Wave

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how to get involved in the CERT program," Messmer said.

Police Chief John Pitcher was on hand to answer questions and concerns.

He said that while most questions were general in nature, one woman simply asked, "How do I keep my neighborhood safe?"

For PeaceHarbor PeaceHealth Hospital, Chip Scott, Trauma Coordinator/ Program Manager, spoke to visitors about ways to make their home safer, especially in case of an earthquake, tsunami, or other natural disaster. Scott also allowed visitors to practice on a medical tourniquet on a dummy limb with a depicted arterial bleed.

"It's very basic steps that we teach people, like how to use the tourniquets properly, in case there is life-threatening bleeding," he said. "People have been very receptive to it and enjoy learning." He said kids can also learn the basic life-saving methods and share that skill with others.





Visitors to the Beat the Wave event were given valuable information about staying safe in and after emergencies. Tony Reed photos.

He said securing heavy furniture to the walls, such as large bookshelves and other furniture, will reduce the risk that those can fall onto a resident in a quake, trapping them or causing further injury.

Oregon Department of Human Services liaison Terra Ralph, with the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, said her office helps with mass care in emergencies.

"It's things like sheltering, feeding, social services, family reunification," She said. "We work closely with Red Cross and Lane County Emergency Management. After the disaster, we help with recovery, especially if people were uninsured or underinsured; we can help navigate the process for getting assistance." She said that, depending on the type of disaster, her office can help obtain assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), as well as to help them navigate the process with their own insurance providers.

"The other thing we do is for people who receive ODHS services who have vulnerabilities like disabilities or elderly folks, we help when there are evacuation levels." She said staff can then reach out to them to make sure they know their evacuation level, and be sure they have a plan in place and ask if they need help.

She said that, as a state agency, ODHS will let communities respond to their own emergencies, "until they need that extra help." Noting that her office works very closely with Red Cross, she said ODHS will help, but if they can respond quicker, will set up the structure for Red Cross to deploy volunteers and services.

Colin Hill, with 211info, noted that 211 can be called from anywhere in Oregon to access free or low-cost government resources.

"All calls are free and confidential, and we can make any language available," he said. The number can be called for everything from housing and shelter needs to crisis hotlines, to food and childcare and parenting services, to utility assistance, basic needs, healthcare, and even disaster services. The full list of available services can be found at 211info.org

While Beat the Wave is over for the year, residents should still remain aware of their location relative to elevation and tsunami zones, as well as keeping go-bags, emergency supplies, fuel, batteries, and extra clothing ready.

Council

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plenty of land for the proposed uses, and the 5.85 acre change wouldn't affect industrial or residential uses, and was classified as a government large tract because it's not presently subdivided.

CONCERNS

Neighbors to the property asserted that it would increase traffic, feature insufficient buffer zones, create potential for future residential development on remaining industrial acreage, and is inconsistent with planning policies, among other reasons. In her report, Farley-Campbell said two separate analyses showed the level of traffic would not be impacted.

"However, the peer review did find that more analysis is needed because there are already existing problems with the pedestrian infrastructure at 35th and Oak streets," she said, adding that a proposed driveway may need further investigation for compliance with rules. "That would all be looked at with a development proposal."

The neighboring Oregon Coast Humane Society said the development would put neighbors directly adjacent to an active animal shelter, have a potential negative impact on shelter operations, and create uncertainty about mandatory road access and emergency evacuation plans.

Councilors held a lengthy discussion regarding bench heights, driveway possibilities, setbacks, labeling terms, access points, potential industrial uses, and procedures.

DISCUSSION

Councilor Robert Carp asserted that Aronson "played hardball with the City during the Rhododendron Road and Recreational Trail project." He said the City attempted to pay a fair price for the land but ended up paying twice what it was worth, a cost over market value. He said the landowner also mandated that the City install a driveway over the recreational trail, at City cost.

Carp said the proposal he read asked for 120 attached residential units or 80 detached units on 5.8 acres, exceeding density standards.

Noting the area is shown to be inside a tsunami inundation area, Carp said only 10 units per acre are allowed.

City Manager Erin Reynolds said the cited numbers are in the agenda item summary, but were estimated perviously at a 12-unit-per-acre figure to show the maximum. She said now that the area has been reduced to 5.8 acres, the new numbers reflect a more realistic approach to a potential development application.

Farley-Campbell said 12 units are allowed per acre in that area and about seven units per acre were proposed.

"So, the worst-case scenario using the 5.8 acres would be 70.2 attached units and 46.8 detached units," she said.

Councilor Mike Webb said that when considering the value to the community, he would prefer the property be left to an industrial, job- and income-producing use.

Applicant Mike Aronson, dba Legacy Ventures, addressed Carp's assertion, saying, "by no means was it a hardball negotiation."

Aronson said the price paid by the city was based on a broker's price opinion, and that he would not have been able to use the property without an access driveway.

"I live here, and I didn't want to get into an arguing match with the city, he said. "I wanted to make things work. Initially, they wanted to take it by Eminent Domain." He said he expressed that he would rather have the city come to him to negotiate an agreement rather than take the expensive eminent domain option. He said that based on estimates at the time, he got about half of what the property was worth. He said he took exception to the hardball assertion, saying the deal was made in good faith.

Aronson said he bought the property; his vision for it was to build homes, not industrial uses, since the area is visually striking, "Especially at sunset." He said it would be a "very pretty project," but asked for the necessary zone change before he could answer questions about development.

Asked by Councilor Mike Webb for the price point of such homes with RV garages, Aronson said it would depend on a planner's vision of what will work there. He said his vision would be to have not dozens of units, but 12 to 14 homes overlooking the river.

After over 90 minutes of presentations and procedural information, four of five councilors voted no on the first reading of the ordinance, sending the item to the next meeting on Oct. 5. Mayor Rob Ward cast the sole yes vote.

Councilor Sally Wantz noted that her no vote was made to give more time to consider all the information related to the proposed change.

Asked if more information will be provided at that time, Farley-Campbell said councilors will need to ask staff questions about the current evidence in the record before the next meeting.

FLOODPLAIN, CONTINUED

Similarly, the council followed staff's recommendation to delay what City Manager Erin Reynolds called a "nearly two-year journey on this topic."

Farley-Campbell explained that the Floodplain Management Model Code Amendment will be an update to the Florence city code to continue to provide community members access to federally backed flood insurance for federally backed mortgages and to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program required measures prompted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's support of the Endangered Species Act.

Farley- Campbell offered a timeline of the process dating back to a public hearing/ continuance on November 17, 2025, which was followed by four more continuances.

Staff recommended continuing the public hearing Nov. 16.

The Council will deliberate and move toward adoption of the ordinance.

Farley-Campbell explained that because of a stay on the issue, more information is pending and Nov. 6 will be the only day the matter can be heard. She said legal staff is preparing a recommendation for the council at that time.

CHILDCARE

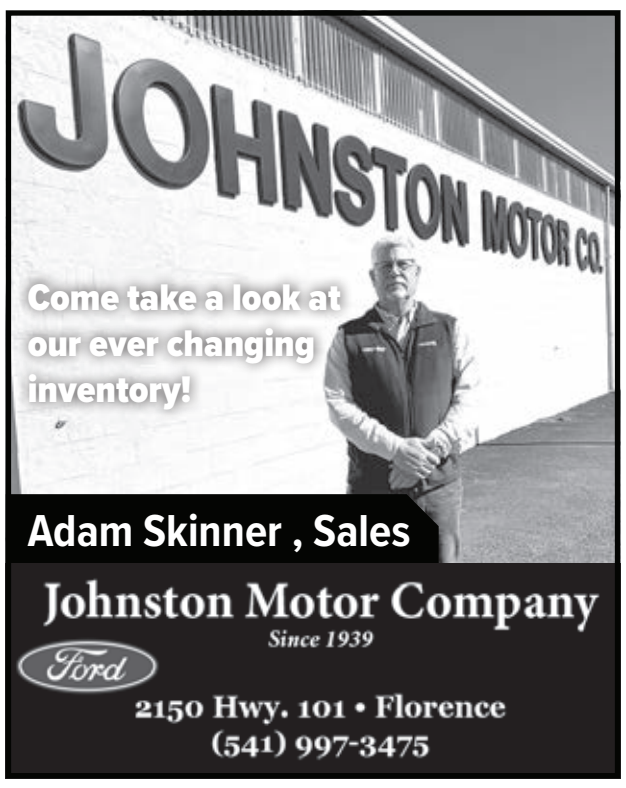
Following a second reading, the council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving code amendments related to Child Care in Florence.

Councilors and staff discussed the many related code chapters during the Aug. 17 meeting and came to a non-unanimous vote, pushing it forward to the Sept. 14 meeting for discussion and adoption.

"The City of Florence, through the Planning Commission's initiative, proposes legislative amendments to the Florence City Code, Title 10, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, 17, 20, 25, 27, 28, 29,30, and 31, relating to childcare facility regulations. The amendments bring the City into compliance with ORS 329A.440, as amended by House Bill 3109 (2021) and House Bill 3560 (2025), by permitting family childcare homes outright in all residential and commercial districts, permitting childcare centers in the commercial and industrial districts with reasonable conditions in the Service Industrial District, updating definitions and parking standards, and providing forward compliance in the residential districts," according to staff reports.

Councilor Robert Carp said he wished the state would have given the counsel more tools to work with, in case multiple childcare facilities are proposed for the same area, which he felt would be bad for the community. Councilor Sally Wantz said she was fine with approving the reading as presented, because while multiple childcare facilities in one area would be unlikely, the council can still address such issues when they arise.

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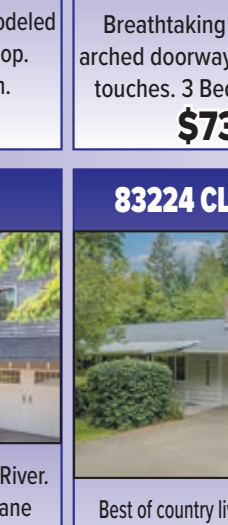
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High ..... 10:58 p.m. 6.7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Low .....5:30 a.m. 0.2
High ..... 11:53 a.m. 6.3
Low .....5:45 p.m. 1.6
High ..... 11:42 p.m. 6.8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
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High ..... 12:18 p.m. 6.7
Low .....6:24 p.m. 0.9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
High ..... 12:25 a.m. 6.8
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Low .....7:03 p.m. 0.2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
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Low .....7:07 a.m. 0.8
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Low .....7:43 p.m. .....-0.3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
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Low ..... 7:41 a.m. 1.3
High ..... 1:42 p.m. 7.8
Low .....8:24 p.m. .....-0.6

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
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Low .....8:16 a.m. 1.8
High ..... 2:16 p.m. 7.9
Low .....9:10 p.m. .....-0.7

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
High .....3:35 a.m. 6.2
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
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- 9:30 am – 10:30 am: Keynoter: Melissa Hart: "The World Needs Your Story"
- 10:30 am: Exhibit Hall opens to the public
- 10:30 am – 4:00 pm: Eric Alan: "In Your Own Words" Audio Recordings
- 11:00 - 11:45 am: Workshop #1 - Ned Hickson: "Creating Believable Characters"
- 12:00 pm: Student Presentation: Siuslaw Students et al., Original Stories
- 1:00 pm: Workshop #2 - Rose Estes: "Dungeons & Dragons® … and ME"
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm: Workshop #3 - Big Wave Spoken Word: "Poetry Every Day"
- 3:00 - 3:45 pm: Workshop #4 - Luminare Press: "Your Book -- Your Way!"
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Ned Hickson Author and Workshop Leader Ned is an award-winning nationally syndicated columnist and retired journalist. His suspense novel No Safe Harbor and Harbinger of Truth Shane McPhearson, PI. In addition to meeting readers at his Exhibit Hall table, Ned will provide a fiction writing workshop: Creating Believable Characters, AND will facilitate the Siuslaw MS Writer's Club story reading and recording session. https://nedhickson.com/

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Florence-Born Red Notebook Movement turns a painful symbol into a nationwide call for kindness

Seventy-two red notebooks are about to make their way into Florence and, organizers hope, eventually far beyond the Oregon Coast.

The Red Notebook Movement is a community-driven kindness project started in Florence by local business owner and writer Hailey Miles. The concept is intentionally simple: take a red notebook, write something meaningful inside and leave it somewhere for another person to find.

A few words of encouragement, a piece of life advice, a reminder that someone matters. A message of hope and love left for a complete stranger.

The movement began with 36 notebooks, 35 purchased in honor of Miles' 35th birthday and one she kept for herself. She filled the notebooks with messages of encouragement, love, kindness and hope before distributing them throughout the Florence community.

The choice of a red notebook was anything but random.

The idea grew from a painful chapter in Miles' own life. More than a decade ago, following profound personal loss, a red notebook became symbolic of judgment and words she never actually saw but nevertheless took on a life of their own.

Twelve years later, she decided to change what that symbol meant.

"I hope these words do take on a life of their own in whoever's hands they end up in," Miles writes on the movement's website. "I hope that they soften your heart to others and make our world just a little bit better."

NOW THE PROJECT IS GROWING.

Miles is adding another 36 notebooks to the movement and has placed blank notebooks at TR Hunter Real Estate in Florence, where community members can pick one up, add their own message and send it back out into the world.



Participation isn't limited to those notebooks, either. Anyone can purchase a red notebook of their own, write a message inside and gift it to someone or leave it somewhere unexpected

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Community Briefs

Florence Treatment Center Project Advances; Community Open House Scheduled

The Florence Treatment Center project continues to move forward, with substantial progress in community engagement, facility design, funding, and preparations for construction. Lane County Treatment Center (LCTC), which will operate the new Florence location, remains committed to expanding access to effective, evidence-based treatment for individuals experiencing opioid dependence.

To support community understanding and involvement, LCTC will host an Open House on September 23, 2026, from 3–6 p.m. at 4480 Highway 101, Florence. All community members, local organizations, and contractors are invited to visit the site, meet project representatives, and learn about upcoming construction and services.

With planning and community engagement well underway, LCTC is preparing for the next phase of development. Construction preparation continues to progress, supported by strong local interest and growing regional awareness of the need for expanded treatment services along the coast. Be there Sept. 23, 2026 from 3–6 p.m. at 4480 Highway 101, Florence

For more information, community members may contact Lane County Treatment Center or visit www.lanecountyor.gov/florencetreatmentcenter for updates on the Florence Treatment Center project.

Coastbusters walk returns to Florence

This inspiring community event brings together survivors, families, friends, caregivers, and supporters for a gathering filled with hope, connection, and purpose. Every registration, donation, and sponsorship helps provide direct local assistance to patients in the coastal communities of Lane County.Come be part of something meaningful and help us remind local patients they are not alone in their journey.

Florence Walk

Location

Siuslaw Middle School: 2525 Oak St, Florence, OR 97439

Event-Day Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration and check-in open

9:45 a.m. Welcome program

10:05 a.m. Group warm-up

10:15 a.m. Survivor Lap

10:25 a.m. CoastBusters Walk begins

12:00 p.m. Event concludes

12:15 p.m. CoastBusters After-Party begins

at Los Compadres: 1161 US-101, Florence, OR

Scotch Broom Removal at Oregon Dunes Day Use Area - Saturday, September 26 - Public Lands Day

Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative is inviting volunteers to join ODRC and the Siuslaw National Forest to celebrate Public Lands Day by removing invasive Scotch broom at the Oregon Dunes Day Use Area on Saturday, September 26 from 1 PM to 3 PM. This is an opportunity to volunteer and give back to your Public Lands!

It will be relatively short walk on moderately sandy slopes to get to the work area. Bring closed-toe shoes, work gloves, water, and snacks. Please bring shovels, hand saws, or loppers if you have them. If you don't, ODRC will have tools you can borrow.

The Day Use Area is mid-way between Reedsport and Florence. Day use fees are waived for volunteers at this event.

Directions:

From Florence, OR take Highway 101 south 11.4 miles. Look for the Oregon Dunes Day Use Area sign. Turn right (west) into the parking area.

From Reedsport, OR take Highway 101 north 11.5 miles. Look for the Oregon Dunes Day Use Area sign. Turn left (west) into the parking area.

Parking: Go past the individual parking spaces next to the side walk, and park in the parking area for larger vehicles.

The Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative works to collaboratively support, guide and promote Oregon dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand habitat that benefits the plants, animals and people who live and play in this special place.

If you have questions or need more information, email info@saveoregondunes.org.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

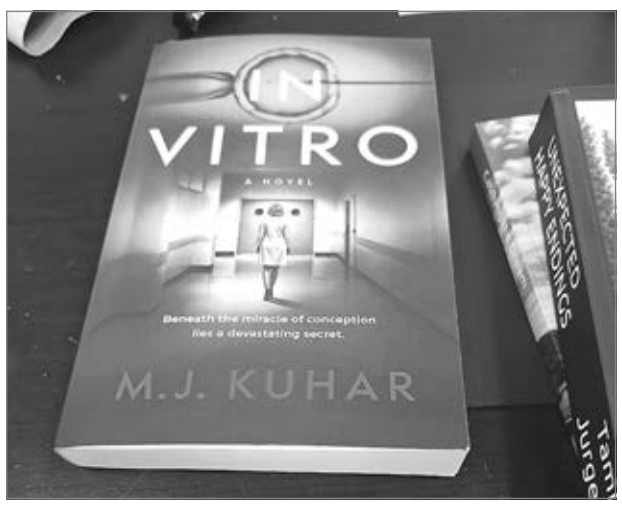
You are invited to enjoy a night of good food and community! The Pregnancy and Parenting Center (PPC) is hosting their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, September 26th, from 4:00–6:30 PM at the Florence Senior and Activity Center, 1570 Kingwood Street. This year, Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tea Room will be cooking and providing the food, and it will be absolutely delicious! Bring the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors, too. Tickets will be available at the door and are only $20.00 a person, children 13 and under are free. Thank you for supporting the PPC and our local families!

Books

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roseestesdragonemporium.com/pages/rose-estes

Luminare Press Workshop: Your Book, Your Way: Finding the Publishing Path That Fits. In independent publishing, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. The choices can be overwhelming! Plan to attend this workshop by Sallie Vandagrift of Luminare Press to understand the pros and cons of self-publishing with assist, hybrid publishing,



and DIY-ing it. Bring your publishing questions! https://www.luminare-press.com/

Big Wave Spoken Word - Open Mic Workshop: This team promotes, celebrates and presents poetry and the spoken word through monthly events and annual contests, and readings, all in open community at its umbrella group, Florence Regional Arts Alliance at 120 Maple Street in Florence. At the Festival, visit their open mic poetry workshop and discover the spoken word talents you never knew you had! https://fraaoregon.org/

Jorah Lafleur and Rick Levin -- Author's Conversation

Jorah LaFleur's website description reads: "Idea Wrangler, Word Slinger, & Professional Sayer of Stuff." Writer, teacher, coach, poet, bridge builder and performance artist who channels diverse talents into mesmerizing wordcraft, riveting poetry, and a captivating stage presence. Jorah currently serves as the Writers in the Schools Coordinator for the literary nonprofit Wordcrafters in Eugene. jorahlafleur.com.

Rick Levin: His writing is as real as it gets. This award-winning journalist and critic has been widely published (The Village Voice, The Eugene Weekly, and Timberline Review, etc.). In 2019 he suddenly retired from journalism to become a city bus driver in Eugene, Oregon. His debut novel, Off Route (2026), is described as a "Gritty driver's seat view of basic survival with flashes of humanity." Meet Rick and Jorah at Table 32, and don't miss their conversation at 4:30pm. offroute.ricklevin.

Melissa Hart -- Keynote Speaker: "The World Needs Your Story" Melissa Hart's non-fiction book Down Syndrome Out Loud: 20+ Stories of Disability and Determination has changed hearts and minds about the abilities of neurodivergent adults. And her two middle-grade novels, Daisy Woodworm Changes the World[1] and Avenging the Owl[2], both feature main characters with Down syndrome. Melissa's articles have appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Smithsonian, High Country News, Nat Geo Kids, and many other publications. Come to her workshop willing to find inspiration, laughter, and a few tears. Leave ready to start writing, because as Melissa will tell you, "The World Needs Your Story." [1] Independent Publisher Book Awards Silver Medalist 2023 [2] Oregon Battle of the Books Choice 2023-24 https://www.melissahart.com/

Student Zone -- Staffed by Beverly Apple. Something for everyone! While geared to those 18 and under, many grown ups will be encouraged to write a one-page short story with help from popular educator Mrs. Apple, using an outline from writing coach Ned Hickson.

Siuslaw MS Students "Tailspinners" under the direction of Ned Hickson will share their one-page stories written in July 2026 at the FRAA/ SMS Summer Enrichment Program. The students will also have a chance to record their stories at Eric Allen's Audio Lab.

Friendship - Fellowship – Fun
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BAHA'I FAITH OF FLORENCE
"What is Baha'i, and Why?" 2nd Monday 7:00 PM
Interfaith Devotions 4th Monday 7:00 PM
"Reflections on the Life of the Spirit" study group
Info and meeting location: 541-590-0779
Zoom link on Facebook: Florence Baha'i Community

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
4590 Hwy. 101 N, across from Fred Meyer- 541 997-7418
SUNDAY SERVICES - Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM; Worship 10:45 AM;
High School Youth 7- 9 PM
MID-WEEK- Women's Bible Study-Tuesday 10:00-Noon and Thursday
7:00-8:00PM; Men's Bible Study Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM; Middle School Youth Wed. 7-9 PM.
Sunday Worship streams live at Community Baptist Church Facebook Page

CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Corner of 10th & Maple- 541-997-3533
Sunday Services 9am
1st Service in person
Sunday Services 11am
2nd Service in person & livestreamed
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https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online
Other platforms update after the service.
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Dunes City to vote on Short Term Rental initiative

Siuslaw NEWS STAFF

Voters in Dunes City will vote on November 3 on whether or not to adopt an ordinance prohibiting new short-term rentals and adding permit, on-site host, and compliance requirements for existing rentals.

The initiative summary states that the proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 123 of the Dunes City code relating to short-term rentals by prohibiting permits for new short-term rentals, and requiring that existing short-term rentals comply within 12 months with the new requirements prior to the renewal of their permits. The ordinance would also require existing short-term rentals to have a resident on-site host who must be present during guest occupancy, and be in compliance with the 'HOA CC&Rs.'

The proposed ordinance changes existing processes, including that complaints be made directly to the short term rentals owner, on-site host, or emergency contact; establishing a minimum response time; and mandating that violations be corrected within 60 minutes of the initial complaint. Operating a short-term rental without an on-site host, or designating a guest as an on-site host, would be a violation. If approved, the ordinance would go into effect 30 days after approval, and could not be amended, revised, or repealed unless approved by a majority of voters in an election.

Resident Linda John said the grassroots campaign stemmed from a short-term rental in her area that she said was causing problems for area residents. She said the problems included partying, loud music, traffic, dog feces, trespassing, and a loud motorcycle, on one occasion.

She said that after going to Dunes City Council and staff and getting no results, the initiative became the "Plan C," and proponents began collecting signatures.

"We feel that the rights of the STR owners end when it infringes on our citizens' peace, security, and safety, not to mention the environment," she wrote in an email.

According to the notice received on June 24, the ordinance, if approved by voters, will prohibit new short-term rentals and change the regulation of existing short-term rentals.

Magobie Productions Presents "THE GIN GAME"

Magobie Productions, has finalized casting, and rehearsals are underway for the 2-person, Pulitzer Prize-winning play, The Gin Game, written by D.L. Coburn.

The Gin Game, a wildly funny, poignant, heart-wrenching tragicomedy set in a 1970s welfare-subsidized, rather shabby, somewhat depressing nursing home for senior citizens, known as the Bentley Nursing Home. Two elderly residents of the "home", Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey, strike up an acquaintance, quite by chance, on the back patio of the facility. Neither of them appears to have other friends or acquaintances, but they quickly find themselves engaged in conversation about life at the Bentley Home.

The Gin Game is directed by Maggie O'Brien, who you may recall directed the 2023 LRP production, BOCA.

The Gin Game will run at The Playhouse, 208 Laurel St., Florence. October 8-11 & 15-18, 2026.

Thursday & Friday performances begin at 7:00 pm. Friday & Saturday performances begin at 2:00 pm

Online tickets go on sale September 1, 2026, at: https://magobie.booktix.com or simply scan the QR code found on all Gin Game posters distributed throughout the community, beginning Sept. 1st.

Tickets may also be purchased by check or cash by contacting the Producers at: Magiobie85@gmail.com

Please call or text Maggie O'Brien, Director, with any questions at: 805-878-0822

Wildlife on the Move: Oregon drivers urged to "Watch for Wildlife"

As deer, elk, and other wildlife begin their fall migration, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation reminds drivers to stay alert, helping prevent collisions.

Each year, an estimated 5,000 large animals are struck and killed on Oregon roads, with accidents peaking in October and November as deer and elk migrate to their lower elevation habitat. Collisions not only threaten wildlife but also endanger the safety of motorists.

"Fall is a wonderful time of year in Oregon and a great excuse to slow down, take in the scenery, and look around for wildlife", said Tim Greseth, Executive Director of Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Drivers can reduce the risk of a collision by slowing down at dawn and dusk, particularly in areas with wildlife crossing signs, and by avoiding sudden swerves. When an animal is seen trying to cross a road, chances are high that others will follow.

Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the Watch for Wildlife specialty license plate support projects that help animals move between habitat patches, including across Oregon's highways and roads. Wildlife passage projects have included dedicated undercrossings and overcrossings, as well as modifications to existing bridges and culverts.

"There are almost 80,000 miles of public roads and highways in Oregon. That, coupled with the basic needs all animals have, puts them and us in harm's way. That's doubly true during migration season as deer, elk, and other species are moving in greater numbers from their higher elevation summer habitat to lower elevations where they'll spend the winter," said Greseth.

Oregonians can order the Watch for Wildlife plate through the DMV or visitmyowf.org/watchforwildlife to learn more about how plate sales fund habitat connectivity projects, including wildlife passage efforts across Oregon.

Happy with your current plate but still want to support habitat connectivity and wildlife passage projects? Consider a donation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's Wildlife Migration and Movement Fund (formerly known as the Watch for Wildlife Fund) via Donate Now – Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Oregon Wildlife Foundation

Oregon Wildlife Foundation is an apolitical operating charitable foundation dedicated to increasing private and public funding support for wildlife conservation projects in Oregon. Since 1981, the Foundation has directed tens of millions of dollars in private and public support to a broad range of projects throughout Oregon.

For more information, visit www.myowf.org.

For more information about wildlife movement in Oregon, visitmyowf.org/wildlifemoves.

NOTEBOOK

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to be discovered.

The hope is that the notebooks begin traveling and the kindness spreading.

One might be left on a park bench in Florence. Another could be given to someone going through a difficult season. Another might end up in Eugene, Portland or eventually across state lines.

The long-term goal is ambitious: red notebooks scattered across the country, sitting unsuspectingly and waiting to soften or inspire someone's day.

Participants are encouraged to record where they have placed or found notebooks through the movement's website, allowing Miles to follow their spread. A Facebook group has also become a place for people to share stories about notebooks they have discovered and the messages inside them.















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What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

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B



Answers: 1. Second crate of apples 2. Bunny in grass 3. Missing apple in hand 4. Woman in background

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEP 26

1789: George Washington appoints Thomas Jefferson the first United States Secretary of State.

1905: Albert Einstein introduces the special theory of relativity.

2024: Hurricane Helene makes landfall in Florida as a Category 4 storm.

Science FACT:

Leaves change color in the fall when shorter days and cooler temperatures signal trees to stop producing this substance.

Answer: Chlorophyll

NEW WORD

FOLIAGE

leaves of a plant or tree

"How they say that in..."

English: Leaf
Spanish: Hoja
Italian: Foglia
French: Feuille
German: Blatt

Did You KNOW?

Many varieties of apples ripen and are ready to pick come the fall.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Fall hiking path

HUNTING & FISHING WORD SEARCH

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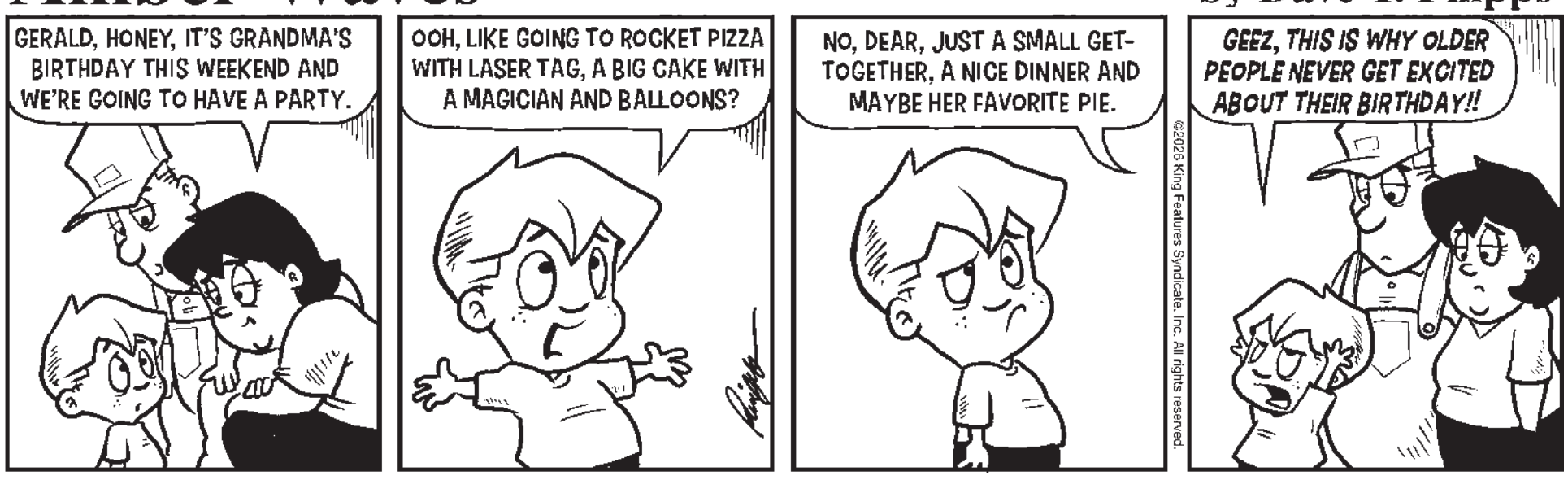
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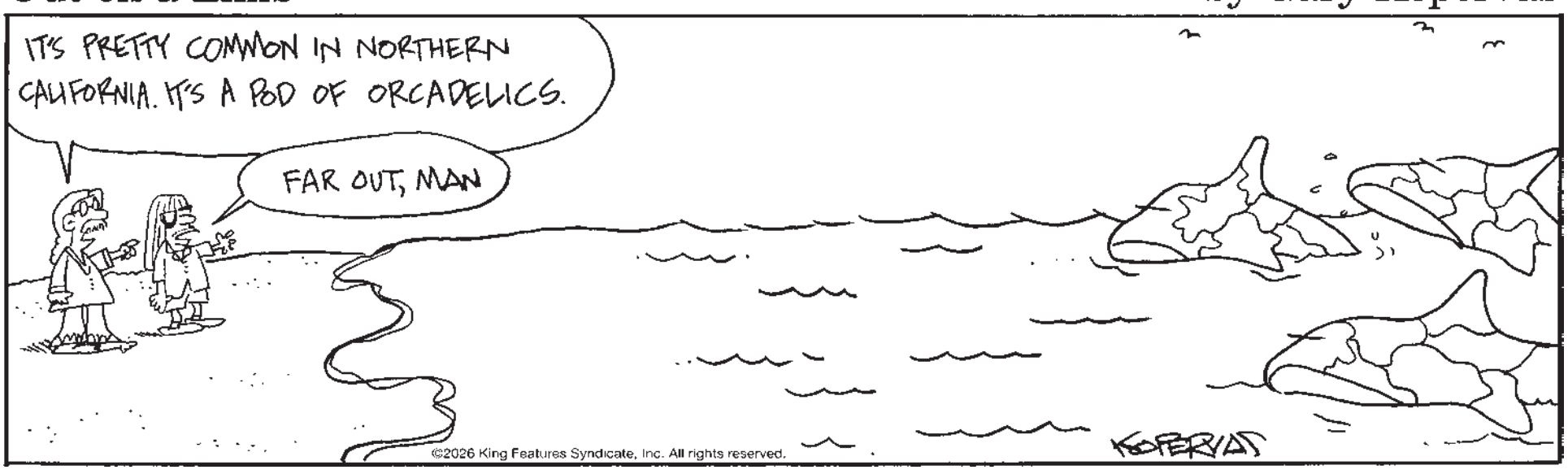
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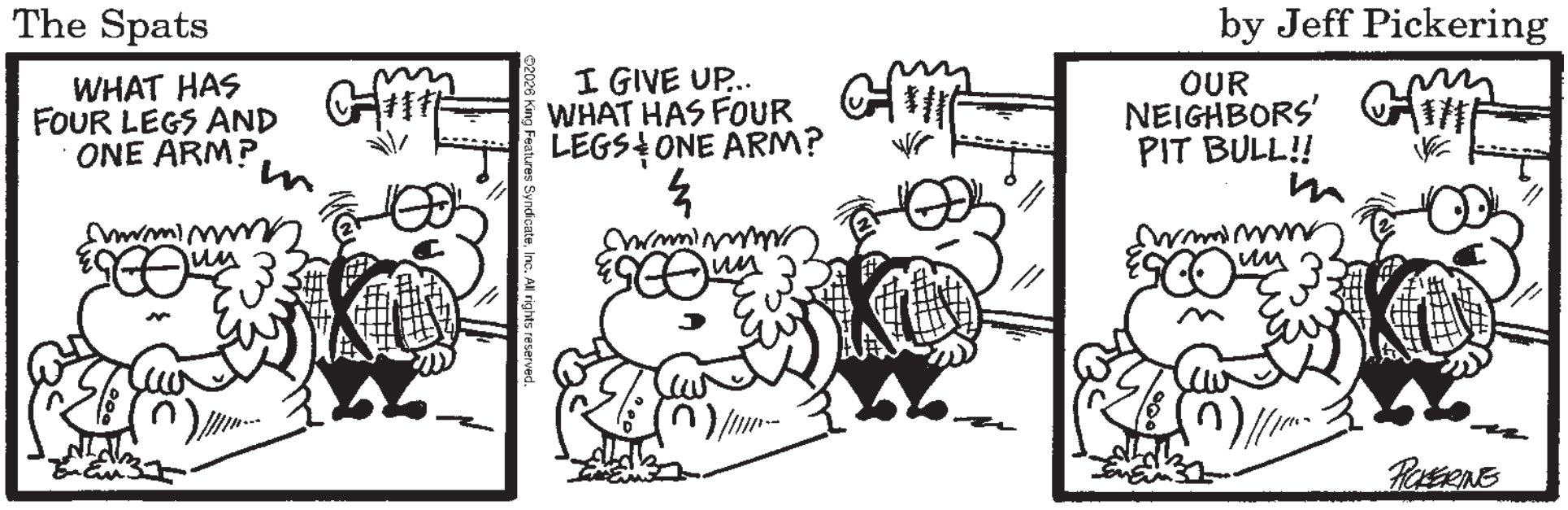
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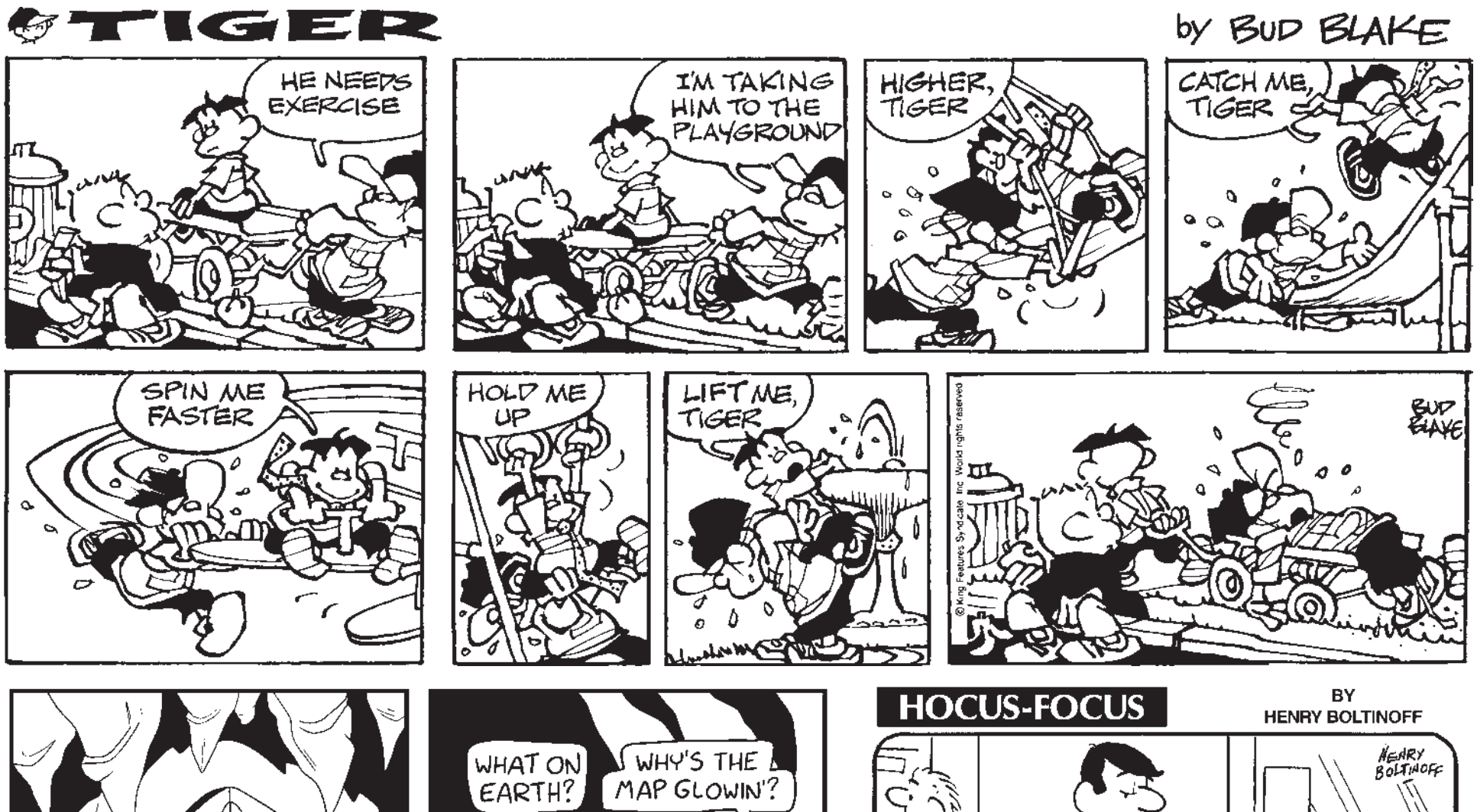
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Menu is shorter. 2. Pad is longer. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Curtain is not as wide. 5. Apron strap is moved. 6. Tie is missing.









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TSN26-179 DEAR DUNES CITY PROPERTY OWNER: T
his is to notify you that Dunes City Planning Commission and City Council will consider a vacation of right-of-way request submitted by adjacent property owners. The right-of-way requested to be vacated is a portion of Creek Way located on Map and Tax Lot 19S-12W-27-40 in between Tax Lots 1900, 1800, and 1500. A right-of-way vacation request requires two public hearings. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. City Council will hold a hearing and take final action on the request. The City Council will hold a hearing on October 21, at 6:00 p.m. A vacation request follows the applicable criteria found in Oregon state law ORS 271.080 to 271.230. Both hearings will be held at City Hall at 82877 Spruce Street in the Westlake area of Dunes City. Copies of the application and all materials relied upon are available for inspection at the Dunes City Hall and on the City's website www.dunescity.gov. A staff report will be available seven days prior to the first hearing. The public is welcome to attend the hearings and submit oral and written testimony. Written comments received by September 22 will be included in the staff report. Copies are also available for purchase at a cost of $.25 per page. For additional information, you may call the Dunes City Planning Secretary at 541-997-3338. Failure to address the relevant approval criteria with enough detail may preclude you to appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals or Circuit Court on that issue. For more information contact Dunes City Hall at the phone number below. Emailed comments may be submitted to James Divis at james.divis@dunescity.gov Phone (541) 997-3338 • Fax (541) 997-5751 • PO Box 97, Westlake, OR 97493 82877 Spruce St • www.dunescity.gov 09/23/26, 09/30/26

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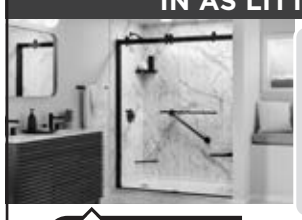
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Double wide MFD with 3 bdrms, 2 baths at 1566 sq. ft. of living space on almost 2 acres of elevated land with filtered views of the Siuslaw River in Mapleton. Home has vaulted ceilings throughout and a bonus room. **$399,900 List #1380/688698754**



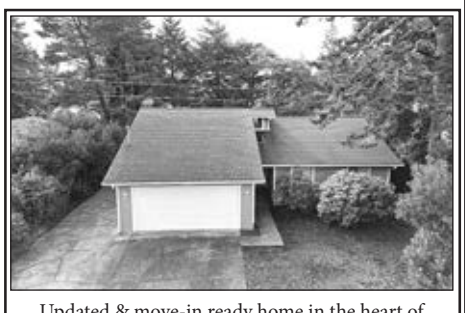
Coast Village property with 1 bdrm main house & 1 bdrm bunk house with a covered patio living space between the two. Lots of storage for toys & tools. Lots of parking & back alley way access. **$255,000 List #1305/213625180**

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Updated & move-in ready home in the heart of Florence. 3 bdrms, 2 bathrooms, 1282 sq. ft. of living space, attached 2-car garage. Extra paved parking. Come check out this one before its gone! **$439,000 List #1334/253361792**



Charming 3 bdrm, 1 bath home with 1,024 sq. ft. of single level living. New roof in 2021. This home has lots of upgrades & a large enclosed back patio & spacious fenced yard. Double car garage. **$390,000 List #1368/368562667**



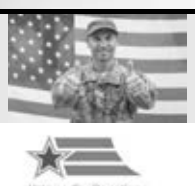
Beautifully updated Fuqua MFD home with 3 bdrms, 2 baths and 1809 sq. ft. of living space located on a corner lot in Florentine Estates. Impressive 28x44 garage can accommodate RV or Boat storage. **$459,500 List #1399/735132486**

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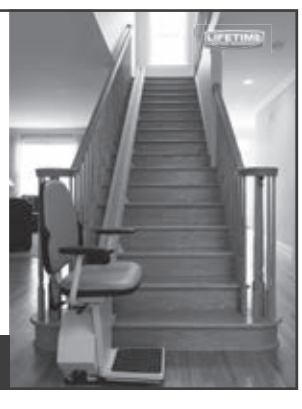
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals W

EFSM V EVGG WGVDRSQ

USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V

GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ

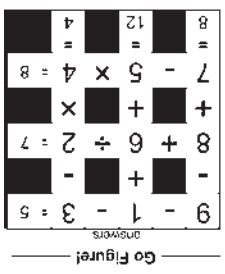
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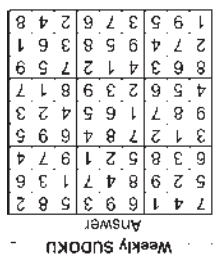
King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Bath powders
6 Selected
11 Patronize, as a bistro
12 Cuts at an angle
14 Long-haired cat
15 Rise in defiance
16 Montmartre Mrs.
17 Wide
19 Big fuss
20 — ale
22 Rocker Nugent
23 Raced
24 Nosh at midnight
26 Bishop's district
28 Free (of)
30 Spanish gold
31 Pianist Arrau
35 Slowpoke
39 Fireplace shelves
40 Ump's call
42 Old U.S. gas brand
43 Balloon filler
44 Impetus
46 Weeding tool
47 Roma's land
49 Pub perches
51 Pay off
52 Digital greetings
53 Lasso
54 Afternoon hour

DOWN
1 Dorothy's friend
2 Germany's Merkel
3 Sign before Virgo
4 Keto restriction
5 Kick off
6 Trucker's device
7 Obey
8 Eggs
9 Mexican shawl
10 Shakes off
11 Muffles
13 Fine china brand
18 British ref. work
21 Beige shades
23 Tea biscuit
25 Tease
27 Choice words?
29 Museum display
31 Desk go-with
32 Hang around
33 Rub the wrong way
34 Gigi's "yes"
36 On the beach
37 Tristan's love
38 Windblown soil
41 Sports bar fixture
44 Food regimen
45 Engrave
48 Meadow
50 Rowing need



Go Figure! answers



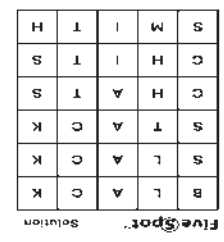
Weekly SUDOKU answer

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.

1	Stay put	M		Hold on to	T
2	Australian city	Y		Potter or Sheldon	I
3	Overshadow	D		Power and influence	T
4	Glowing coal	E		Rose or Heard	A
5	Pursue	C		Segment	P
6	Peace agreement	Y		Halloween goodies	S
7	Bush	B		Shoulder movement	C
8	Texas capital	I		Authoress Jane	E
9	Laurel's sidekick	_ _ _ D _		Prince George's uncle	_ _ _ R _
10	Ointment	L		Movement	M

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Even Exchange answers
1. Remain, Retain 6. Treaty, Treats
2. Sydney, Sidney 7. Shrub, Shrug
3. Cloud, Clout 8. Austin, Austen
4. Ember, Amber 9. Hardy, Harry
5. Chase, Phase 10. Lotion, Motion

CryptoQuip answer
When a wall plaster delivery van spills a load during rush hour, do you get stucco in traffic?

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country has two capitals?
2. AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Let's go places"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is a johnny cake primarily made of?
4. LITERATURE: In which Harry Potter novel is the portkey (a method of magical transportation) first mentioned?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the most popular animal used on national flags?
6. MOVIES: What object is Wilson in the movie "Cast Away"?
7. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one that has parishes instead of counties?
8. MUSIC: Which 1980s band released the album titled "Synchronicity"?
9. TELEVISION: What is James Kirk's middle name in the "Star Trek" series?
10. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek goddess of wisdom?

Trivia answers

1. Bolivia, Sucre and La Paz.
2. Toyota.
3. Cornmeal.
4. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."
5. The lion.
6. A Wilson-brand volleyball.
7. Louisiana.
8. The Police.
9. Tiberius.
10. Athena.

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Weekly SUDOKU

7				9	3	5		
5	2				7		3	
6		8	5					
3			7	8		6		
			1	6			2	3
		6	2		9	8		
		3		1		7	5	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

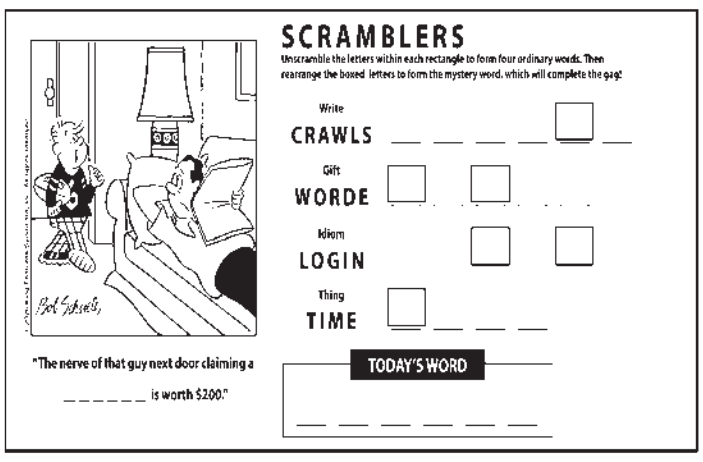
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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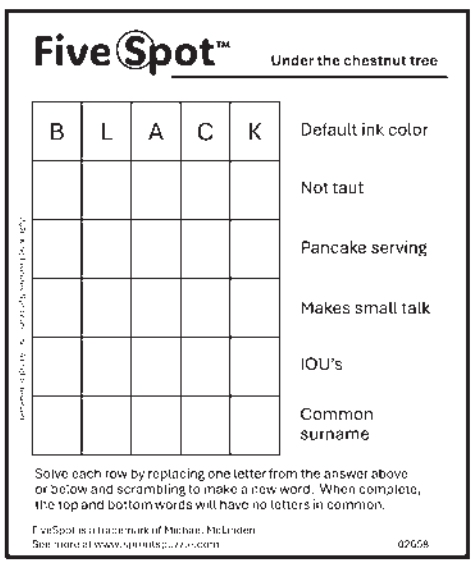


SCRAMBLERS solution
1. Scrawl; 2. Power
3. Lingo; 4. Item
Today's Word
WINDOW



SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!
Write CRAWLS
Gift WORDE
Idiom LOGIN
Thing TIME
TODAY'S WORD
"The nerve of that guy next door claiming a _____ is worth $200."

REDUCE
REUSE
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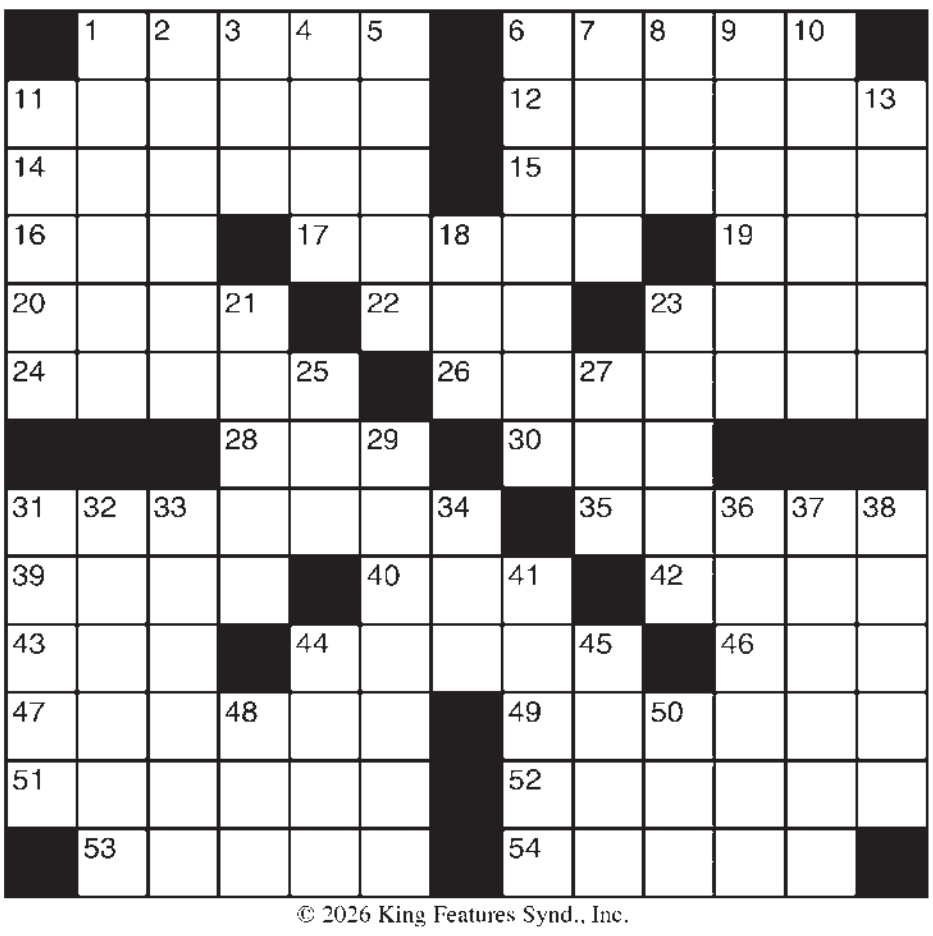
B	L	A	C	K	
					Default ink color
					Not taut
					Pancake serving
					Makes small talk
					IOU's
					Common surname

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

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King Crossword — Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.



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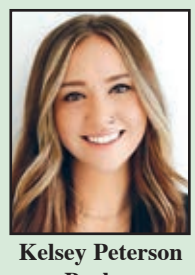
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