



# I just remembered: I am replacing my memory with Post-Its

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When my wife called to remind me about letting the dogs out at noon, I instinctively retrieved a Post-It from the desk drawer and scrawled "Dogs at noon," then stuck it to the computer monitor. This required shuffling a series of other yellow Post-Its into order of importance, with things like "Call about hair

cut," "Go to dry cleaners" and "Clean out van" written on them. That one, of course, was moved to the very end of the line. Sadly, they're all things I should be able to remember on my own and usually do; like when I'm staring into the closet for a pair of pants to wear. Later, I climbed into van and was gently reminded by a shocking- yellow piece of paper to "get gas." It was while sitting at the pump a short time later that the notion

of Post-It dependency hit me. In the beginning, I was only an occasional user, jotting down out-of-the-ordinary reminders. You know, things like a doctor's appointment, or that it was time to change the oil. Then, "Change cat box" and "Take out trash" began appearing on the bathroom mirror, or stuck to the alarm clock — painfully obvious things that were reminders in and of themselves. My life was becoming sort of a dot-to-dot, or in this instance pad-to-pad, exis-

tence, moving from one reminder to the next. What was next? "Breathe?" "Swallow?" "Don't drink soda with Alka-Seltzer?" So, I decided enough was enough. It was time to end the addiction. For those of you who followed my attempt to give up coffee, you probably know where this is going. Still, I reached into my shirt pocket, snatched my last, still-cellophaned package of pads and tossed them out the win-

dow and into the trash. This was *my* moment, something I would long remember without a scrap of yellow paper conveniently laced with "stick-um." "Excuse me, sir," the gas attendant said, interrupting my moment of triumph. "You got another gas card? This one's expired." Confused, I thumbed through my wallet as the attendant handed me a yellow slip of paper. "By the way, this fell off the back of your card." I took it from him and stared at my handwritten

reminder. "Call about gas card." After handing the attendant my cash, I reluctantly stepped from the truck and, with no small amount of humiliation, dug the Post-Its back out of the trash, opened it and made myself a note. "Get more sticky pads." *Ned is a syndicated columnist with News Media Corporation. His book, "Humor at the Speed of Life," is available online at Port Hole Publications, Amazon Books and Barnes & Noble. Write to him at nedhickson@icloud.com.*

## Tuscany wines to be featured at Prime IN BRIEF

Prime Pastaria, the decidedly Italian side of Prime Restaurant in Three Rivers Casino Resort, will host a special wine tasting dinner featuring the wines of Tuscany paired with that region's local cuisine on Thursday, Jan. 15. Guiding diners through the evening will be renowned Italian wine expert Christie Brassard. She will offer both red and white wines from Italy's most famous food and wine region, and will pair them with specific cuisine. "There are so many myths

and mysteries about wine," said Brassard. "People are often pleasantly surprised when I can dispel them with just a little knowledge — and a few sips." The Prime chefs will be preparing a special Tuscany-themed menu in addition to the array of pastas offered at Pastaria. Chef Thomas Ascariz said a previous event highlighting wines from Sicily was well received. "Our guests experienced some excellent cuisine and wine. Many came in groups

and enjoyed a wonderful evening with friends. And I enjoyed the cooking," Ascariz said. During the evening, guests will have the opportunity to purchase wines by the glass or the bottle and will be offered special rates on larger purchases. For more information, call 541-902-6619. Three Rivers Casino Resort is located at 5647 SW Highway 126, just east of Florence.

**Woahink Lake Assoc. to host winter social**  
The Woahink Lake Association will hold its winter social on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the West Woahink Meeting Hall, at 2 p.m. The mission of the Woahink Lake Association is to promote the understanding, protection and thoughtful management of Woahink Lake and its watershed and ecosystem. Membership is open to those who reside or are property owners within the Woahink Lake water shed. Prospective new members are welcome to attend. Applications for new members and membership renewals will be available at the meeting.


**Rhody Society meets Jan. 20**  
The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, for refreshments at 6:30 p.m. At 7 pm, Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden will talk about "The 2012 Expedition to Sichuan, Guizhou and Guangxi, China." He will show images of the landscapes and lots of exciting new plants including never-before-seen Rhododendron species. The public is invited. The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

**Port of Siuslaw meets Jan. 21**  
The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Port office, 100 Harbor St. Port meetings are open to the public. For more information contact the Port office at 541-997-3426.


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**West Lane Translator Board to meet Jan. 21**  
West Lane Translator, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing free television and radio re-transmission to the Florence area a new non-commercial radio station KXCR, will hold a board meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

**Diabetes Support Group meets Jan. 20**  
The Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan 20, at 2 p.m., in the conference room at the Siuslaw Public Library. The group meets the third

**Community Chorus begins Jan. 26**  
Anyone who likes to sing should consider joining the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon (CCFO). Registration for the spring session is 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at Cross Road Church on 10th and Maple streets. The registration fee is \$60 with financial aide available for those who qualify. Rehearsals are every Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Cross Road Church. For more information, visit [www.communitychorusflorenceor.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceor.org), or call 541-902-8567.


**Mapleton Food Share**  
An annual luncheon and game party benefitting Mapleton Food Share will take place Jan. 26, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at the Florence Elks Lodge. Admission to the event will be \$12, with lunch provided by the Elks Lodge's chefs promptly at noon. There will also be door prizes, a raffle and table games. Any non-perishable food items will be accepted at that time for mapleton Food Share. All proceeds will go to Mapleton Food Share. For more information or to register, contact Jan Naylor at 541-997-9396.

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