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125TH ANNIVERSARY FLASHBACK

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This year marks Siuslaw News’ quasiquicentennial, our 125th anniversary, a remarkable achievement for any business in a small community like Florence. To commemorate this milestone, throughout the year we’ll feature some of the town’s history as originally published in the newspaper, including historic articles and photos from more than a century ago. —*Editor*

VIKING HOMECOMING EVENTS TAKE SPOTLIGHT

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Siuslaw Homecoming activities are in full swing this week with selection of a king and queen, serpentine parade, football mothers participating in a school assembly, a pancake supper, the big game with the Newport Cubs, contests of all kinds and winding up with the homecoming dance Saturday night.

The activities actually began Oct. 9 when the Viking football team chose four princesses from a list of all the junior and senior girls. The four named were juniors Debbie Bechtold and Chris Christle and seniors Betty Lou Dietrich and Judy Saubert.

An all-school election Tuesday noon named four members of the varsity football squad to be escorts for the princesses and queen Friday night. The four chosen were Garvin Pitney,

Everett May, Jim Shirley and Jim Wilbanks.

The princesses received their crowns and the escorts were introduced to the students Wednesday night at the bonfire.

Before the fire was touched up, students gathered at the high school and paraded in serpentine fashion down Highway 126 to Highway 101, south to Nopal Street, down to Second and back up to the high school.

At the bonfire, the girls had a class tug-of-war competition as an added attraction to the evening.

Thursday noon, the students cast ballots for the escort and princess of their choice to be crowned as Homecoming King and Queen Friday at a 2:45 p.m. pep assembly.

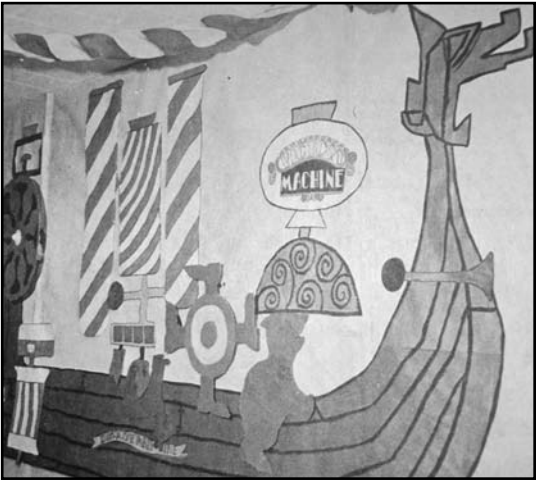
The King and Queen will reign over all of the Friday evening activities and at the Homecoming Dance on the high school gym balcony from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to the pep assembly in the high school gymnasium, at which the mothers of the football players will put on a skit.

Adding to the activities Friday, the Viking Boosters will sponsor a pancake dinner at the high school, with pancakes, ham and coffee or punch will be served for 75 cents per person.

A short serpentine will leave the school about 7:15 p.m., go over the new paved road past the primary building to Highway 101 and follow the same path as on Wednesday, except ending at the athletic field about 7:35 p.m.

Student spirit is high this week around Siuslaw High School after the Waldport game last Friday night. The Viking victory there has given confidence that their varsity squad will topple higher-rated Newport during Friday night action here. ❖



SIUSLAW NEWS FILE PHOTO

Classes at Siuslaw High School had a competition decorating sections of the hallways to help put students in the mood for the upcoming Homecoming game.

LETTERS

Respect POTUS

Regarding the recent protests in Roseburg, I am reminded of President Harry Truman’s alleged response during his firing of General Douglas MacArthur in the middle of the Korean War.

Responding to MacArthur’s decisions in the conduct of the war, made without Congressional or White House approval, Truman is quoted as saying, “I don’t give a damn what you think of me personally, but you will respect the Office of the President of the United States of America.”

May that still be true under this administration.

Charles E. Walker
Florence

FRAA poetry event a success

Last Tuesday Florence was treated to a performance by Chicago’s BreakBeat poets, a group of young, modern poets, who perform and hold workshops throughout the country.

If you thought about attending the event at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Center on Maple Street but decided that “modern, hip hop” poetry wasn’t for you, you missed what was one of the most awesome, energizing experiences that Florence has seen in quite some time.

The Center was filled to capacity with high school and college students, young adults and seniors. We all laughed, smiled and even got a bit teary at the beautiful and real poetry of these young people.

Of course, listening to poetry was great, but even better was the workshop that the poets conducted. With about five minutes of simple direction, they literally had everyone in the room writing a poem. We all discovered our inner poet, many of us writing the first poem of our lives.



The energy in the room was simply electric.

Thank you, FRAA, for bringing this wonderful group to us, and for teaching us that we all have a little poetry in us.

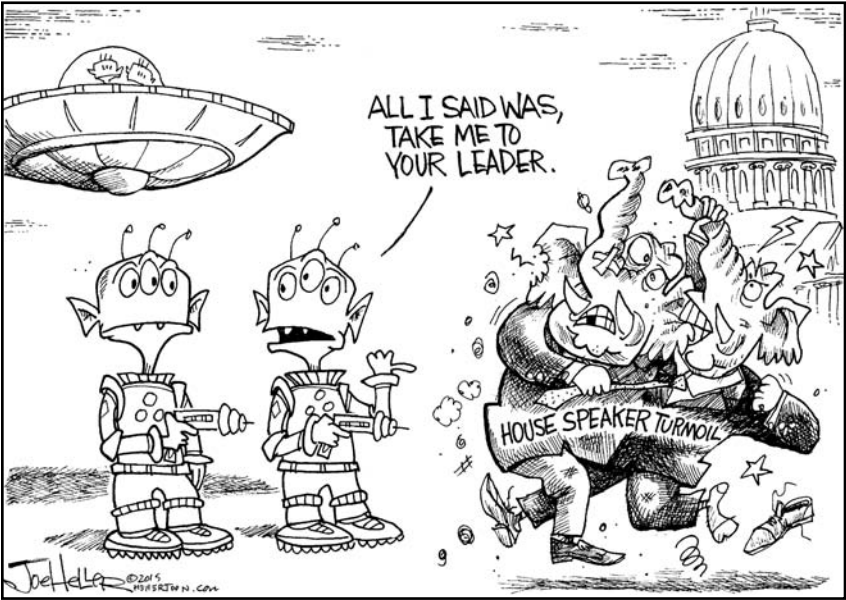
Judy Plumery
Florence

Protect our environment

An open letter to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown:

I implore you to stop the Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) project planned for Jordan Cove near Coos Bay/North Bend. This project would destroy at least 232 miles of forest and cause enormous damage to our air, waters, fish and wildlife.

It would devastate fishing and tourism industries. It would condemn the properties of hundreds of



Oregonians. It would increase crime in the area of worker camps.

The state would lose tax revenue due to tax breaks given to the project

backers. This LNG facility could cause an unparalleled explosion and damage in the case of a potential 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami.

Please stop the Jordon Cove and Pacific Connector Pipeline projects. It is insanity to allow a LNG facility in an earthquake zone.

The governors of Washington, California and Hawaii have already rejected the LNG industry. It is especially galling that this reckless project is for a Canadian company, Veresen Corporation, to export LNG. It creates all the environmental destruction here in Oregon and all the profit goes elsewhere.

You have the power to stop this LNG madness and the destruction of our state. Please stop the Jordon Cove LNG Project. Protect our environment.

You are our last hope. LNG is bad for our people, wildlife, animals, waters, forests and air. Promote clean energy jobs instead. Stop the madness. You have the power.

Kevin Liebel and Susan Leclair
Florence

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