

# 'Milk Men' documentary to screen in Florence Nov. 3

Pacific Northwest native Dr. Jan Haaken, a psychology professor and documentary filmmaker, returns to her family roots in a new film, "Milk Men: The Life and Times of

Dairy Farmers," which reveals the complexities of dairy farming in the Pacific Northwest, where Haaken's grandparents once farmed.

It is a seemingly common

opinion that a small, local farm is heavily preferred to the idea of the much larger "factory farm."

When Haaken heard that so many of the dairies in the area

where she grew up were going under, she felt compelled to go back and learn more.

What she learned will surprise audiences.

The truth about the dichotomy between factory farms and the often romanti-

cized smaller farms is far more complex than many people might think.

The documentary will premiere in Florence on Thursday, Nov. 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Lights Cinema, 1930 Highway 101.

# Sign up to track your ballot

Lane County voters can sign up to track their ballots via a new service called BallotTrax.

BallotTrax allows voters to sign up online to receive alert messages via text, phone or email. Voters will receive messages when their ballot is mailed out and when it is accepted for counting.

Voters can sign up at [lanecounty.org/elections](http://lanecounty.org/elections) by selecting the "Track Your Ballot Alerts" link.

"We have a record number of registered voters in Lane County this year," said County Clerk Cheryl Betschart. "This new technology provides a great way for those voters to be even more engaged in the process."

"It also provides confirmation that ballots have been received and prepared for counting, which we think many voters will appreciate."

BallotTrax is offered to Lane County voters thanks to a partnership with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. There is no additional cost to Lane County to offer this service.

There is no charge to voters for this service, although text message charges may apply depending on the cell phone carrier.

# Presbyterians get 'Back to Basics'

The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw is working through the basics of Presbyterian belief and practice.

Each Sunday morning at 10 a.m., during the worship service, one aspect of what it means to be a Presbyterian will be discussed.

Last Sunday, a brief history of the Reformed Tradition was the theme. This Sunday, Oct. 23, the "Connectional, Confessional and Christ Centered Nature of the Church" will be featured.

In future weeks, the church will look at: "Basic Tenants of the Faith," "The Meaning and Practice of the Sacraments," "Membership has its Privileges, Or Does It?" and "Worship: Why Do We Do It That Way?"

The pastor will be available after the services to answer questions about the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Come and listen, and bring questions.

The church is located at 3996 North Highway 101, just south of Bi-Mart.

## EMERGENCY SUTURING CLASS

to be held at the **Florence Events Center** during the **Be Ready Disaster Preparedness Expo on November 5, 2016!**

Please call the Siuslaw News at 541-902-3526 to sign up. You may pay by credit or debit card.

There are two classes being offered. Positions in the class are on a first paid for, first reserved basis and classes are limited to the first 25 paying participants in each class. **So don't delay, sign up for a place now!**

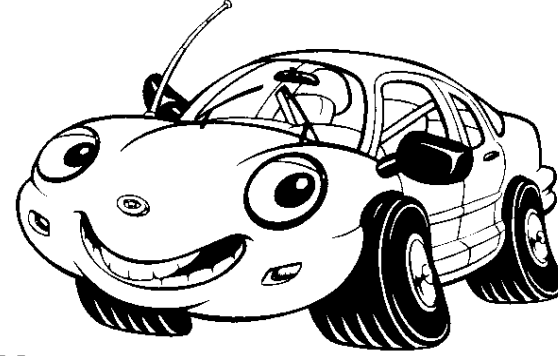
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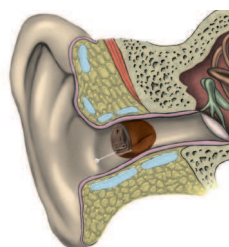
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