

Mango from 1A

Spencer continued, "Then, once you set up your account, it will actually track where you

are in your lesson." The high profile introduction of the Mango Program was unusual in that library staff and the Friends of the Library, which sponsored the event, had

on-site assistance for those patrons wishing to familiarize themselves with Mango.

There was also the added benefit of enjoying geographically-themed snacks that echoed the language being demonstrated.

For example, the workstation set up for learning Japanese offered teriyaki meatballs to patrons interested in that language.

Spencer said she and her staff wanted to create a "buzz" around the Mango introduction and thought the themed snacks would be an additional incentive for patrons to enjoy while finding out about the new database.

"This is our big unveiling and our chance to let the community know what we are doing, so we featured six of the languages that are included in the Mango program and we added some food items from those areas to add a little bit of fun to the afternoon," she said. Another important aspect of



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Friends of the Library host a workshop on a new language learning program.

The Mango system is its user and mobile friendly application options. The system can be used on smart phones, tablets and laptops and the apps are free.

The integration of the Mango Program into the SPL database is complete. Interested patrons can go online or stop into the library for more information on how to use the system with their particular devices or at home.

For more information on the Mango Language Program or on becoming a Friend of the Library, call Siuslaw Public Library at 541-997-3132.

Council from 1A

In other business, the council approved the change of ownership liquor license for Jerry's Place located at 88274 Rhododendron Drive.

The council also voted to accept the engineering services proposal from RH2 Engineering, Inc., to engineer two sewer line extensions along Highway 101.

Sewer improvements are proposed along the east shoulder of Highway 101 from the 52nd Street sewer pump sta-

tion to just south of Heceta Beach Road.

Sewer improvements will also run along the west side of Highway 101 from just south of Munsel Lake Road, north, to the south side of Heceta Beach Road.

City Manager Erin Reynolds reported that the city has received one completed grant application for the city's \$5,000 nonprofit grant program. Nonprofit organizations that meet the city's grant eligibility criteria may receive up to \$1,000. Applications must be received by Feb. 24.



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During the Jan. 9 Florence City Council meeting, Larry Scott (left) listens as Western Lane Ambulance District Operations Manager Matt House recounts the events leading up to Scott's receiving the Citizen Life-saving award for his actions in saving a car crash victim on Highway 126 in September.

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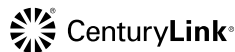
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Town hall from 1A

education to health care to senior citizens to early childhood. Everybody is going to be upset with this budget," Roblan added.

An audience member asked if cutting Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) benefits could fix the budget deficit.

Roblan said no, because the Supreme Court ruled that benefits could not be pulled back after they had been promised to public employees.

"In 2007, before the recession hit, the PERS system was funded at 110 per cent. It was the best funded system in the nation," Roblan said. "We lost

35 percent of its total value in one year.

"You can't catch up. The amount lost was so large that the only way to get back was to raise the rates to get more money in there."

Roblan said the highest PERS benefits go to "tier one" recipients and that the state halted those benefits 15 years ago.

"Current people being hired are getting much lower rates for their retirement," Roblan said.

Even with the large budget deficit, McKeown said she and Roblan are working on legislation to improve the state's memory care regulations.

"We need to take a hard look at how we regulate our memory care facilities," McKeown said. "We haven't done an overhaul of those regulations for about a decade. If you look at the most vulnerable people in our community they are our children and the elderly and particularly those elders who have dementia, Alzheimer's and who are heading in that direction.

"Arnie and I are trying to bring some legislation that will shine a spotlight on this particular issue and try and make some changes that will add some protection and some assurance of quality care for our adults who are in memory care facilities.

She said currently, in Oregon, memory care facilities are not required to have licensed medical personnel on staff.

On a more positive note, Roblan explained the success Oregon was having in negotiating trade deals with other countries. He listed China as a prime example.



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Sen. Roblan listens to constituents' concerns after the Town Hall meeting.

"China buys a lot of our crab and a lot of our shrimp. We just made a deal to sell blueberries, blackberries and cranberries to China without tariffs. That has been a boon to some of those industries.

"The reality is that Oregon is one of the few states in the nation that has a trade surplus. We sell a lot more to Canada, China and other places than we buy from them."

Roblan added, "We grow wheat and grass that is sold all over the world. We are one of those exporting states that have been helped by some of these trade agreements that are not necessarily like in other places. China has been an interesting partner for us."

Roblan and McKeown spoke about the threat of ocean acidification and its threat to shellfish harvesters along the entire west coast.

After explaining how ocean acidification occurs, Roblan gave the audience a stark reality check.

"The (ocean's) cycle for acidic water takes about 30 to 40 years. The water we have right now is the best we will

have for about 30 years. We have 30 years where the water will get more acidic. It is on its way," he said.

Roblan then brought things back to a more positive focus by sharing an ocean acidification success story.

"In 2007 and 2008 we lost almost our entire production of oysters because of ocean acidification," Roblan said.

"Oregon State University discovered a way to buffer the water to prevent acidification. An oyster farm in Netarts Bay is using the system to protect oyster embryos.

"The shellfish industry is larger than most people realize," he added. "We have put together a task force that came up with 32 recommendations, that would take legislation to enact, to help support our shellfish industry to be more productive."

Roblan said Oregon oyster growers sell every oyster they grow. The demand is exceeding the supply.

"They are becoming iconic in the world market. We want to help them be successful," he said.



Oregon Department of Transportation PUBLIC HEARING/OPEN HOUSE

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - Draft 2018 to 2021 STIP for Public Review

The open house will feature maps to view and handouts about selected projects. ODOT staff will be on hand to answer questions and take comments. There will be comment cards available to leave comments regarding specific projects.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Lane County Area Commission on Transportation (Lane County ACT)

Lane County ACT Open House 4:30-5:15PM; followed by Lane County ACT Meeting 5:30-7:00PM

Lane County Public Works Complex
3040 N. Delta Hwy.
Eugene, OR
Goodson Conference Room

The meeting is open to the public for comment.

To view or comment on this document, please visit:
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