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## THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT COMMUNITY JOB FAIR Making connections



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Organizers estimate that more than 350 people attended Three Rivers Casino Resort's second annual Community Job Fair Thursday. "This year, attendance stayed steady throughout the day. It was a nice stream of people all day long," said Pam Hickson, event organizer and Three Rivers recruitment specialist. "Vendors said they made a lot of great connections and it was a good opportunity." An afternoon rush brought in youth from Siuslaw High School and Angell Job Corps from Yachats. "It was awesome to have so many young people," Hickson said. The job fair was designed to place area employers in one location as a "one-stop shopping" destination for job seekers.



## Guns stolen from The Sportsman

Six handguns taken during sporting goods store break-in

The Sportsman sporting goods store, 249 Highway 101, was burglarized early Thursday morning.

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According to Florence Police Commander John Pitcher, police received a call at 3:30 a.m. reporting the break in. According to Pitcher, the alarm activation was called in to owner Bill Pinkney, who then responded and found that a block had been thrown through the north window.

Six handguns — four nine-millimeter, one .38 caliber and one .40 caliber — were stolen.

Pitcher said no ammunition was taken. Anyone with information is asked to call the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.

## Fire destroys \$200K RV

Electrical short likely cause of fire on Thursday

A 40-foot RV was completely destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of March 23, but the two occupants and their two cats managed to escape uninjured.

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Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) firefighters were dispatched to an RV fire at Heceta Trailer Park, 4636 Heceta Beach Road, at 2:50 a.m. Thursday.

A total of six fire vehicles, two support units and 17 firefighters were called out.

Containing the fire was complicated because the nearest fire hydrant was 1,200 feet from the fire, too far for fire hoses, causing firefighters to rely on water supplied by the firefighting vehicles.

According to Fire Marshal Sean Barrett, the occupants smelled what appeared to be smoke and awoke to investigate.

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## Council declines agenda proposal

Proposed Protection for Individuals/Sanctuary City ordinance won't be heard by Florence City Council

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During the April 22 Florence City Council Work Session, councilors chose not to include an agenda item submitted by Councilor Ron Preisler asking city staff to prepare a draft ordinance similar to the "Ordinance Concerning Protections for Individuals" recently approved by the Eugene City Council.

Preisler's letter states, "The city manager is asked to prepare a draft ordinance to prohibit all city employees from

using public resources to enforce immigration laws and, or collect information about an individual's political, religious or social views."

On Feb. 3, City of Florence issued a press release in response to Executive Order 13768 signed by President Donald Trump on Jan. 25, which states, "It is the policy of the executive branch to empower state and local law enforcement agencies across the country to perform the functions of an immigration officer in the interior of the United States to the maximum

extent permitted by law."

That executive order directly conflicts with language in the Oregon Revised Statutes, (ORS) and the Florence City Charter.

The city's press release states, "The Florence Police Department does not enforce federal immigration laws and we will continue to follow state laws regarding immigration."

ORS 181A.820 states, "No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision (city or county)

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## Clearing the air 'Speck' air monitor now available at library

Take in a long slow deep breath. Now hold it for a second or two. And then let it escape easily. That will be just one of more than 20,000 lung fulls of air that the average person will take in today, with no way of knowing what is in the air.

BY MARK BRENNAN  
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According to the Center for Disease Control, poor indoor air quality stems from many sources and it can be quite dangerous. The CDC says indoor pollution can lead to suffering from lung diseases such as asthma.

It can also cause headaches, dry eyes, nasal mucus, nausea and tiredness. Lead exposure can negatively affect nearly every system in the body. Additionally, it is hard to tell by the simple act of breathing what may or may not be in the air we take into our bodies.

The public's susceptibility to indoor air pollution is one of the reasons that the Siuslaw Public



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The Speck Air Quality Monitor can be used to identify particulates in the air.

Library has begun offering, for patron checkout, a device that will analyze the air in a home or

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