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were actually huge, and led to said anything and nobody did heated public arguments. Several city councilors ended up quitting, as did much of the city staff.

called.

city was treading water. The olation." Lane County rule change went County didn't notice either, so city annually. for the past decade the city has continued to collect the shared ble," if the money went away, tion is to create a \$.005 tax on

revenue.

"We don't know why it wasn't Orr said. Those differences in opinions noticed," Mills said. "Nobody anything. Not even our auditors saw it, and they do our books. We've just been flying under the "It was a brutal time," Mills re- radar screen because we've been ty tax. receiving those funds, but we do Running on volunteers, the not assess the tax. So that's a vi- a tax," Mills said. "We needed a

unnoticed by Dunes City. Lane away up to \$100,000 from the ty tax, so give us the money our revenue collected from all of the

"We would be deep in trou-

City Council President Robert property value.

It wasn't until this year that staff realized the discrepancy and spoke to the city's lawyers about ways to rectify the problem.

The answer? Impose a proper-

"We don't really want to assess very, very minimal tax just so we A violation that could take can say, 'Yes we assess a properpeople pay you already."

Dunes City's suggested solu-

And how much will residents end up paying annually? For a the city \$1 annually.

"You're not paying \$4,000 a I think it's the right thing to do." year from property tax," Dunes City Mayor Robert Forsythe said.

The city believes that the total city's residents would be around \$1,216.

councilors, there is always a danger of "creeping taxes." It may start off at half a penny, but future city councils could push to increase the amount.

The solution staff came up with was to make this "tax" an fines. option levy that expires in five years. The rate can't be raised within those five years, and after the levy runs out, the city and the voters reevaluate.

Dunes City Budget Committee member Rory Hammond, who helped with the idea, exgood for Dunes City.

said. "I fear a great governmental bureaucracy that grows. I fear overzealous code enforcements. I fear high taxes. This done it, which has happened," state has a culture that 'govern- Mills said. ment knows best,' but frankly it doesn't. I believe in local control,

create more good to help Dunes "Half a penny," Mills ex- City residents than hurt them. have to travel to Eugene and have overzealous regulations. It's too home that is worth \$200,000, the it's the only way to get around homeowner will end up paying it. I don't want to see this be the court approval." start of a huge property tax, but

> In another ballot measure approved by the city council, the city's current struggles with colwas addressed.

Currently, the city has no But, as was pointed out by city agreement with a municipal court judge to hear cases regarding code enforcement infractions, such as violation to septic codes to nuisance orders.

to avoid forcing citizens to pay

"If people will sit down with me and talk about how they can Dunes City to have its trials get results to everybody's satisfaction, we don't fine them," a lot of flexibility to everybody's satisfaction."

But sometimes people aren't expense. pressed why he felt the plan was so amenable. Some residents say they will fix an issue but don't "I fear over regulation," he while other residents don't even better than 100 percent of nothbother responding to an inquiry in the first place.

"Or they just lie and say they've ordinances."

away with this is because Dunes and I believe that this tax will City has no real enforcement.

"In order to do anything, I We have to do this tax because them enter it in," Mills explained. "I can enter fines now, but I can't bad that we have to do this. But collect them. I don't have the authority to place a lien without

> So the city is looking to enter an agreement with the circuit court judge who hears trials in Florence three times a week.

City code does state that any lecting code enforcement funds court proceedings would have to take place at Dunes City hall.

"The way our charter is written right now, in order to have a municipal judge, they have to meet right here," Mills explained. "If that were to happen, you would have to have several meet-Generally, the city attempts ing rooms. You have to have a separate place to put all files and a bailiff as well."

The measure would allow heard in Florence.

However, councilors ques-Mills said. "We try and build in tioned if paying for a judge through the collections of fines would be worth the effort and

> "My thought on the topic is, a small percentage of [fines] is ing," Forsythe said. "And what happens is, it puts teeth into our

Dunes City residents will have the opportunity to vote on the The reason people can get measures this November.

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Grzeskowiak continued, "Many of their parents are working during the day, so continuing meal services during the sum-

mer is a natural fit to meet the over the long term.

The impact of hunger on a student's life can be uncomfortable and distracting in the short term, but also significantly detrimental

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No Kid Hungry has found that 4 million youth rely on free meals during the summer when school meals are not available.

This is one reason for Siuslaw School District's summer meal program, which has been designed to serve all youth in the area, from one year old to 18, free

Grzeskowiak said that any young person that needs something to eat can receive a free meal, or two a day, even when school is not in session.

"Unlike the school sessions, there is no qualifying criteria. All you have to do is be a kid in the community under the age of 18," Grzeskowiak said. "It doesn't matter to the district whether they are visiting relatives for the summer, home schoolers, preschoolers or get rolled up in a stroller.

"So, I guess there are really two criteria; be a kid and need a meal."

The meal locations and the distribution times for this year are slightly different than in year's

Breakfast and lunch service will be Monday through Friday beginning June 19 and continuing through Aug. 17, with a day off for the Fourth of July.

Breakfast is served between 8 and 8:30 a.m. at Siuslaw elementary and high schools on Oak Street.

Lunch is served at the elementary school from 11:30 to 11:55 a.m., then delivered to Miller Park between noon and 12:15 p.m. The delivery van then goes to the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., from 12:20 to 12:35 p.m. The lunch distribution ends up at Siu-

slaw High School from 12:40 to

There are a number of other programs underway in Florence that are also concerned with the issue of childhood hunger.

12:55 p.m.

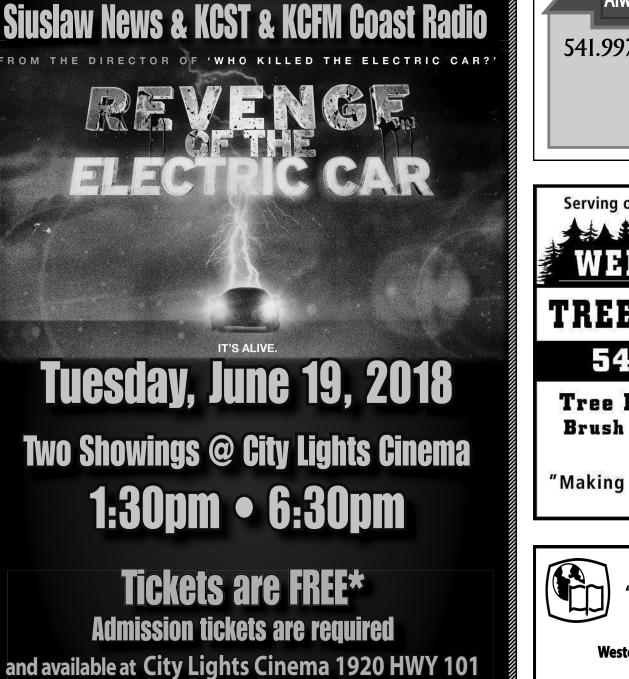
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Grzeskowiak is glad for the broader attention being paid to

"Summer seems to one of the forgotten times for donations to many service organizations. If anyone in the community is interested in donating or helping one of our partner organiza-tions, I would encourage them to contact Food Backpack For Kids, the Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County or Florence Food Share," he said. "They can always use a few more dona-tions or helping hands, no matter the time of the year. The need is always present."

For more information, contact the Siuslaw School District Office at 541-997-2651 or visit siuslaw.k12.or.us.





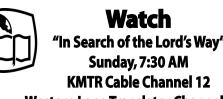
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