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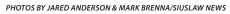
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### FESTIVE FLORENCE FIREWORKS





undreds of area residents and visi- Chamber hosted the fireworks, with tors celebrated an "Old-Fashioned additional sponsorship by Banner Fourth of July" in Florence on Bank, City of Florence, Florence Dental Wednesday.

town. It feels very Americana and small town," said Florence Area Chamber of American Legion Post 59, Kitchen Commerce Assistant Director Terry Klutter, Duman Inc. Florence and the Abeyta. "It's a very special feeling when Florence Saw Shop. you're walking down Bay Street and around the area."

Groups held events all over town to barbecues, pie and watermelon-eating fireworks over the Siuslaw River pro- Port of Siuslaw." viding a "big bang" conclusion. The

Clinic, Great Western Corporation, Hop "The Fourth of July is a big deal in Valley Brewing, Lofy Construction, Port of Siuslaw, Shorewood Senior Living,

"The old-fashioned Fourth of July is one of the nicer family-oriented events we do here," said Chamber Executive celebrate Independence Day, including Director Bettina Hannigan. "It's a wonderful family event with a lot of people contests, snow cones and more — with coming in and hanging out around the

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## Summer Brain Gain boosts area youth

Boys & Girls Club institutes new learning program to combat summer scholastic loss

n some ways, it's all about the slime.

"One of the things we're doing with teens is learning about molecular structure by making slime," Boys and By Jared Anderson

Girls Club of Western SIUSLAW NEWS Lane County (BGC)

Executive Director Chuck Trent said. "By adding various different components to the slime, it affects the viscos-

Generally speaking, when introducing these concepts to teenagers, "they run out the door," Trent said. "But when you change that, and you use these kinds of things that are hands-on and you make slime by adding different components, affecting viscosity is fun."

At first, it is just a stringy slime. Add different components, and the product gets firmer.

"You keep adding until you can actually bounce it like 'flubber," he said.

Trent, along with Elementary Program Director Samantha Gauderman and other BGC staff, use slime, along with Tootsie Rolls and superhero powers, to help children learn scholastics through a new program called Summer Brain Gain.



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County is participating in a new program to keep brains healthy and kids thriving all summer. Here, elementary program students demonstrate that they are "Superheroes of Kindness."

specific to math, science and English, but it's all eight weeks of theme-based activities designed done with a lot of activities that are real fun," to mitigate summer learning loss. Trent said.

Summer Brain Gain, a national program

"This is an eight-week program that is very produced by the national BGC program, is

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# **Getting to** great idea

Oregon coast gets first entrepreneur Startup Weekend July 13-14

"The hardest part of starting up is starting out," says the official StartupWeekend.org.

By Chantelle Meyer SIUSLAW NEWS

For entrepreneurs and new businesses, finding and connecting to resources

can be especially hard in rural areas, such as Florence and the Oregon coast. Now, community partners are bringing together a weekend catered specifically to startups to pick the right idea and potentially pitch a winning product.

Florence will host the region's first-ever Startup Weekend Oregon Coast on Friday evening, July 13, and all day on Saturday, July 14, at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

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Trent and Jenna Petersen, May today be filled with happy memories of the past year and bright hopes for the future.

#### Happy 1st Anniversary!

Love you both, Mom, Dad, Bryce and Carly Petersen

