



Happy Independence Day!

Early press deadlines for Fourth of July

Siuslaw News will join other area businesses by being closed Independence Day, Thursday, July 4. Deadlines for the following Saturday's issue, July 6, will be advanced. All display advertising, legal publication, by-the-word classified, news articles and press release deadlines move to 5 p.m. today.

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Mostly sunny with a high of 68 and a low tonight of 53.
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Crafting for a cause



The Mustard Seed opens its doors in Florence



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As part of the Mustard Seed's Red White and Blue crafting Palooza this week, families decorate Fourth of July-themed cupcakes. From patriotic sprinkles, fondant stars, gluten-free cake options and homemade icing, youth and adults bonded over cupcakes and crafting at The Mustard Seed.

On the corner of Kingwood Street and Rhododendron Drive sits a creamy white building with a baby blue door. Inside, there's a reading nook to the left, a floor-to-ceiling chalkboard calendar of events to the right and a hallway that leads into the main area — complete with vaulted, white ceilings. On the right, there's a large wooden table adjacent to a cabinet filled with any crafting supplies anyone could

ever want. On the left side of the main room is a sitting area with M&M's on the side table, a large kitchen to the back and, most of all, the distinct impression that HGTV's home stylist Joanna Gaines has somehow visited and worked her magic.

This is The Mustard Seed. "I was feeling like maybe I was supposed to be doing something else. As a believer in Jesus Christ, I listened to my signals," said Deb Vander Bogart, who worked
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USCG Auxiliary acts as force multipliers

Local volunteers donate resources, time to keep area waters safe

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Station Siuslaw River has been providing security and assistance for residents and sailors along the Oregon coast since it was established as a lifesaving station in 1917. The Coast Guard's first presence in the Pacific Northwest began with the construction of 16 lighthouses in the 1850s, one just north of Florence at Heceta Head, and continues unabated to this day.

The manner in which the USCG protects boaters has changed over time, but its goal of providing waterway assistance to those



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U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 05-02 members Bob Redfern (left) and Brad Hooper show the 22-foot aluminum boat now able to be used by the flotilla thanks to Redfern's donation.

in distress has not. part of USCG's 13th District (D13), headquartered in Seattle, which has an area
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CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY WITH SAFETY IN MIND

The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds residents of the increased fire danger posed by fireworks during the holiday due to the warm and dry conditions that are typically present in July. The staff would like to wish all community members a happy Fourth of July, and remind everyone to take a few extra precautions when enjoying the holiday festivities.

FIREWORK SAFETY

Set up a safe place to enjoy fireworks away from dry grass, bushes, and flammable decorations. Establish an area a safe distance

away from the fireworks where children can safely observe.

Never give small children fireworks.

Read the label on fireworks before lighting to determine how much space is needed. Some fireworks move horizontally on the ground and need several feet of "safe space".

Keep a bucket of water, a hose, and a fire extinguisher nearby.

Eye protection is recommended when lighting fireworks and for those standing nearby. Fireworks should only be lit by adults, and matches and lighters should be

kept out of reach of children.

Spent fireworks, including those considered "duds," should be allowed to cool for 15-20 minutes, then immersed in a bucket of water to prevent them from starting fires. After they have been extinguished, they can be placed in a trash can for disposal.

Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.

If on a regular landscape irrigation schedule, the fourth of July is a good day to water lawns as wet landscaping is less likely to ignite than dry landscaping.

PET SAFETY

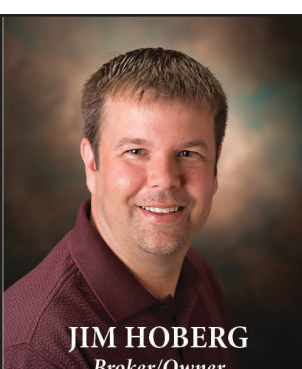
Leave pets at home and indoors when attending firework displays. Loud noises can be startling for pets, and likely won't be as enjoyable for them as they are for humans.

Keep alcoholic beverages in a safe place away from pets. Alcohol can make pets very sick and can even be deadly.

Make sure pets have current identification tags in the event that they escape or break loose and become lost.

More information can be found at www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Fireworks.aspx.

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