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Mostly cloudy with a high of 67 and a low tonight of 55.
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Artfelt moment



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Florence Mayor Joe Henry (left) and City Councilor Joshua Greene, who have often been at odds in the debate over public art, shake hands in a celebratory moment during last Wednesday's mural dedication ceremony, prompting a round of smiles and applause from fellow councilors and members of the Public Art Committee.

Mural dedication bridges differences

Wednesday's mural dedication ceremony was upbeat and well attended

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The most significant example of public art in Florence was on full display at Wednesday's long-anticipated dedication of the "Stitching Time" mural on the corner of Quince Street and Highway 126.

A crowd of over 100 turned out

for the ceremony, including Chief David Brainard of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, and Catherine Rickbone, Executive Director for the Oregon Coast Council of the Arts, along with senior members of City of Florence staff.

Master of Ceremonies for the dedication was Florence Mayor Joe

Henry, who offered praise and appreciation for the effort by all of the participants involved in the project.

Public response and debate on the "Stitching Time" mural has been both mixed and at times heated, with differing opinions regarding the content and placement of the mural propelling the subject of what constitutes good art — and ul-

timately whether the city should be involved in the purchase and placement of art.

Kari Westlund from Travel Lane County was on hand for the ceremony and said she believes the mural is a great addition to the attractions offered in this area.

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Local family nurtures deep roots in logging history

BY VICTORIA SANCHEZ
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Somewhere in the mountains about two miles from Winchester Bay in Reedsport, sounds of engines and metal moving across cables echoes throughout the canyons. Miles

of dark emerald evergreens cover the rolling hills, with the tops hidden by early morning fog. Above the deep canyon is a large ledge known as a "landing," upon which yarders, loaders and a logging truck work in unison as 120-foot trees are pulled by cable up to the landing. Dan Wagoner is a sixth-generation

logger who, along with his wife Jennifer, now are vice president and partners of R&R King logging in Florence.

"In our market niche, we have the yarders. We usually log the stuff nobody else wants to — or can — log.

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Parenting Center offers options, education to soon-to-be parents

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Pregnancy and the birth of a baby can be overwhelming experiences for new mothers and fathers. One of the best ways to handle the responsibilities that come with

bringing a new life into the world is by getting information that will help with understanding the many challenges awaiting parents.

Helping to provide this information are volunteers at the Pregnancy and Planning Center (PPC) located at 1525 12th Street, Suite

G, in the Florence Business Center. Susan Kirby is PPC's Director and she hopes parents to be will stop in if they have questions or need some other type of support.

"We offer prenatal education and support, parenting education and support, life skills education,

pregnancy tests and pregnancy options information, a weekly playgroup for parents and their new born to 5-year-old children, and a Stork Boutique with diapers, baby clothes, blankets, baby supplies, as

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