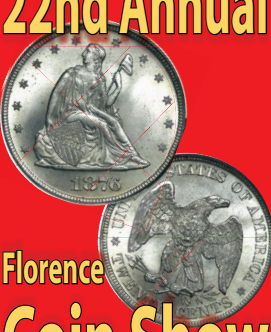


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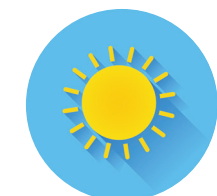
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Air Academy celebrates flight



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3rd annual program
promotes science,
careers & fun

The desire to fly is one of human-kind's oldest dreams. These hopes first surface in the forms of legends and myths, like Icarus, the story of a young man who wanted to fly and perished in the attempt, and the Irquois, whose myths include The Flying Heads, evil creatures that attack through the air.

These tall tales eventually gave way to real life attempts at flight, most famously by the Italian Leonardo DaVinci. DaVinci was a man of many talents who painted iconic works including "The Last Supper" and the "Mona Lisa." He was also a scientist and designer, and was one of the first to conceive and draw a viable design for a flying machine.

DaVinci's scientifically based designs for an aircraft and his accompanying observations have formed the basis of many later attempts at flight, including the successes of Wilbur and Orville Wright, who are credited with inventing, building and flying the world's first successful airplane.

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The point of acupuncture

Wellspring Clinic continues to offer alternative pain management options

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"I find it fascinating that we have this medicine from ancient China that, fast forward to the 21st century, is such a gift. I'm kind of in awe of what that has to offer in this day and age when honestly, we so desperately need help keeping on an even keel," said Patricia Immel, a licensed acupuncturist who runs The Wellspring Clinic with her



Four visitors at the Points of Grace Community Acupuncture clinic receive a five-needle protocol treatment, where hair-thin acupuncture needles are inserted in each ear to help with stress relief, pain management, and many other benefits.

husband Dr. Mark Immel, who is a naturopathic physician.

The Immels established the clinic in 2007. Three years ago, Patricia

started the community acupuncture program.

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Students aid with Lane Blood Works blood drive



Lane Blood Works and the Siuslaw School District held a blood drive Wednesday at Siuslaw High School. The request for donations took place at the same time as registration for fall classes and the event was coordinated by members of the Siuslaw High School HOSA Chapter. HOSA, a club for future health professionals, provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation and recognition for students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. Lane Blood Works pledged to give the Siuslaw HOSA chapter \$500 for every 25 people who donated. According to Siuslaw HOSA Treasurer Hannah Waller, money raised from the event will go to registration for competitions, equipment needed by the chapter and travel fare for the students.

Facilities Advisory Committee presents new plan for high school bond

Siuslaw School Board dismisses complaints after executive sessions

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Siuslaw School Board met for its August meeting on Wednesday, beginning earlier than usual to meet in executive session on several items. The meeting covered business items and a presentation by the district's Facilities Advisory Committee, with approximately 20 people attending the public sessions of the meeting.

During the open meeting, Siuslaw Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak introduced the Facilities Advisory Committee cochairs Aric Sneddon and Bob Orr. The two made a presentation based on information from the failed school bond bid from the November 2018 election, as well interactions with the community and district faculty and staff.

In two separate election cycles, the school district has failed to pass school bonds for upgrades and improvements to the district's buildings, mainly the high school and elementary school.

"We have spent from November up until now reaching out to the community, trying to engage them in multiple ways to try to get feedback off the last bond measure to see where we are as a community," Aric said. "We're trying to make sure we have a lot of community members from a lot of different worlds helping us along the process."

The slideshow presentation gave details on a survey offered to members of the community as well as one offered to faculty and staff.

Orr said the results only included responses from the 350 residents and 125 faculty who took the surveys, and of those, 60 percent voted in favor of the bond.

Some of the results showed that the community felt there was a "clear need" for the bond measure, that people "always vote for schools" and that the bond would improve classrooms, safety and security.

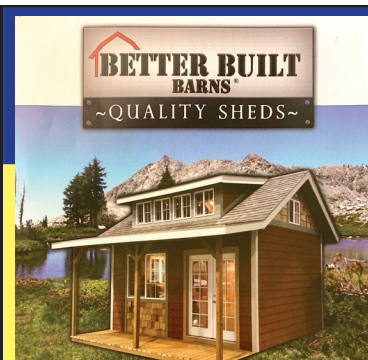
"They also showed 'improving the economy,' which we think is certainly significant," Orr said. "If we'd had more time, we might have been able to convince more people that that was an important reason to vote 'yes.'"

The results also showed why people voted against the bond.

"Too expensive" was by far the largest reason," Orr said.

People reported wanting to see the high school remodeled instead of replaced and felt that the bond tried to loop in too many additions, including athletic fields and an auditorium.

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