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A Siuslaw Elementary student looks at a calendar as her father signs up to help in the classroom as a member of the school's new Watch DOGS program.

Dads join classroom as Watch DOGS

Dad-focused program brings fathers, children together at school

BY JARED ANDERSON
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"I think it's just the stereotype. It's always been the mom's roll, I guess."

Josh Haring was talking about how fathers are viewed when it comes to getting involved with their children's lives at school. He recalled a moment when he was talking to his daughter's teacher about a class project she was

working on. The teacher suggested Haring's wife, Michelle, come in to pick the project up.

"I said, 'No, I can come in and do that,'" Haring recalled. "It's just kind of the way things have always been. He was just reverting back to what he's always seen is having the moms come over."

To help combat the stereotype, the national program Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) was created in the late '90s by

a "couple of dads who wanted to know what was going on in school," Haring said.

The program is simple: A parent or guardian of an elementary school student gets to spend a full or half day in their student's classroom, helping out.

"It's a different viewpoint for dads and it's an advantage that I think is so valuable," Haring said.

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Climate debate continues within community

BY MARK BRENNAN
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"Scientists have known for some time, from multiple lines of evidence, that humans are changing Earth's climate, primarily through greenhouse gas emissions."

—U.S. National Academy of Sciences

A major shift in the discussion surrounding the planet's climate is underway and it might be attributed, in part, to

"I am convinced we have reached the stage when change will only come when we take direct action directed at the powerful."

—Michael Allen, Florence Climate Alliance

an angry teenager. There are new scientific studies released on a regular basis that

confirm reports already in the public domain that document the dramatic rise in sea levels, the ever-increasing amounts of Carbon Dioxide in the air and the melting of millennia-old glaciers.

Still, these studies are regularly dismissed by those who disagree with the assessment given by 97 percent of the world's climatologists, arguing against the idea that there is a potentially dangerous environmental change underway. The re-emergence of the

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Florence resident becomes steward of her own 'Little Free Library'

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The Siuslaw Public Library is undoubtedly a great community asset and an important component of what makes Florence a vital place to work and live. There are thousands of books and magazines along with other forms of media that residents can borrow and enjoy at home. The sheer amount of information avail-

able at the public library can sometimes seem a little overwhelming to potential readers. So many books and so little time for reading, which raises the question: What should I select?

There is now a less intimidating way to pick up a book for area residents, without having to go through the thousands of titles available at the public library. Residents and readers of all ages can now stop by

the new "Little Free Library" (LFL) on Kingwood Street and Juniper street.

Kay Bacon is the LFL's "Head Librarian" and she thought it would be fun to join what has become a nationwide effort to offer a no-charge, no registration way for people to share books.

"Little Free Library's is a non-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, sparks creativity

and builds community by fostering neighborhood book exchanges," Bacon said. "The premise is that you take a book and leave a book for someone else to read. I saw my first Little Free Library in the little town of Dayville, Ore., years ago. I loved the idea and began thinking of how I would build one and where I would put it."

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