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There's also the issue of middle schoolers themselves.

"They are very physical and they like to rebel," Marohl said with a laugh. "It will be a real challenge to continue to physical distance. I've seen some instances throughout the community with social gatherings and there was very little physical distancing occurring, the kids and adults."

Marohl also listed chal-

lenges with the classes themselves, including how music or woodshop could be done while maintaining physical distance.

The principal stated that the process of figuring out solutions was overwhelming. He has already gone through five iterations of student scheduling, and is still creating more.

"Creating one master schedule is challenging, and I'm now on number six," Marohl said.

But he was optimistic.

"We're going to figure it

out, but we've got a lot of work ahead of us," he said. "I've got a great team and they will rise to the occasion."

Siuslaw High School

Interim High School Principal Garth Gerot also believed that in-class instruction was desirable, but not possible. He did provide an overview of distance learning only options, which he described as the "safest" model.

According to Gerot, this way would be adaptable for the future, takes into account any possible outbreaks that could close the school for extended periods, and would be consistent.

But he also called it the least favorable as it does not provide the best instructional model for students, as well as creating the greatest burden on families and staff.

Gerot stated that he will be looking at the hybrid model, which mirrors the middle school model in scheduling.

"A lot of the things are the same. A-J, K-Z works pretty

well numbers wise, it almost splits perfectly," Gerot said.

Core class sizes under this model would range from 9-17.

Like Marohl, Gerot is also having difficulties with classroom transitions from period to period.

"I've been spending some time looking at the directionality of the high school, and there's a lot that can be done to keep kids apart," he said. "But trying to deal with the bathrooms and some of those common areas, keeping kids apart is going to be difficult."

Lunches will be tricky. The school will have to split the fourth period to accommodate them, but that still means there's 100 students taking lunch. The building may have to utilize the gym or lecture hall to accommodate the remaining students.

"The other question that will come up is that we can't necessarily control a kid when they go off campus, and we currently have open campus for lunch," Grzeskowiak said. "That might end up being a decision families make about keeping kids on

campus during lunch."

The superintendent stated that the district is still working through "quite a few" logistics for the high school.

For example, what should be done about students in cohorts at different levels of prerequisites? One student is in algebra, but the other in geometry?

"They start making course level splits as soon as the ninth grade," Grzeskowiak said. "We're trying to pair up some natural courses by having a math period adjacent to a science period and teachers shifting."

The high school schedule will take the most work to stay within OHA/ODE guidelines.

There are many other considerations going into opening, from organizing transports to the effects the regulations will have on special education. Childcare will also be extremely important in a hybrid model, as more adults go back to work.

"There will be a childcare crunch in town," Harcklerode said. "If we are on an A/B schedule, there are three days a week when

students aren't coming to school. It's going to be a challenge for families, and not one I foresee we will be able to remedy."

As far as when this will be decided, Grzeskowiak stated ODE will continue to update guidance throughout the summer.

"Plus, we're starting to see an uptick in first wave infections right now, and so OHA may come in and mediate," Grzeskowiak said. "We need to make a decision and have a plan submitted by Aug. 15. Right now, we have every option out on the table, and as we get a little closer to August then we'll put out a probable plan."

The full list of state requirements for districts can be found at www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Ready%20Schools%20Safe%20Learners%202020-21%20Guidance.pdf.

Editor's Note: Siuslaw News covered Mapleton School District's preliminary plans in the Saturday, June 20, edition.

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last year during the federal government shutdown."

BMCS Jay Nilles is Officer in Charge at Station Siuslaw and his thoughts regarding the Christmas in June collection are simple: It's a way of showing solidarity with a community that strongly supported local Coast Guard members during the government shutdown of 2017.

"Members of the Station Siuslaw River crew are honored to participate by volunteering their liberty time to support the fine Coast Guard City of Florence," Nilles said. "Our local community has supported our

unit, assisted us in carrying out honoring our past in military remembrance events.

The City of Florence became a Coast Guard City in 2017 after local residents stepped up to submit an application the US Coast Guard.

According to Nilles, "Our active-duty members not only serve here, but have spouses and children involved in the community. We take pride in supporting our community relations so our Coast Guard City can prosper and grow. The City of Florence is a permanent home for some, and temporary for others, but that being said, we are a

community. And supporting one another to ensure we are all able to succeed, and not suffer, is one of the founding principles of a community."

Coast Guard members will volunteer at sites around town throughout the day Wednesday.

There is still time for the community to contribute to Christmas in June program by making a financial donation directly to Spayd or by volunteering to help at one of the collection stations located at Bi-Mart, Safeway, Grocery Outlet and Fred Meyer.

Spayd said he is appreciative of the money donated thus far but hopes to help

even more people if the generosity of residents continues.

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 during the month of June. We will be distributing checks for \$500 to deserving individuals who have had their income drastically reduced, some to zero," said Spayd. "By attaining our goal, we will be able to help 200 people in the City of Florence. This will be a tremendous boost to our economy and help get Florence back to the wonderful place we all know and love."

For more information or to volunteer, call Spayd at 541-991-6139.

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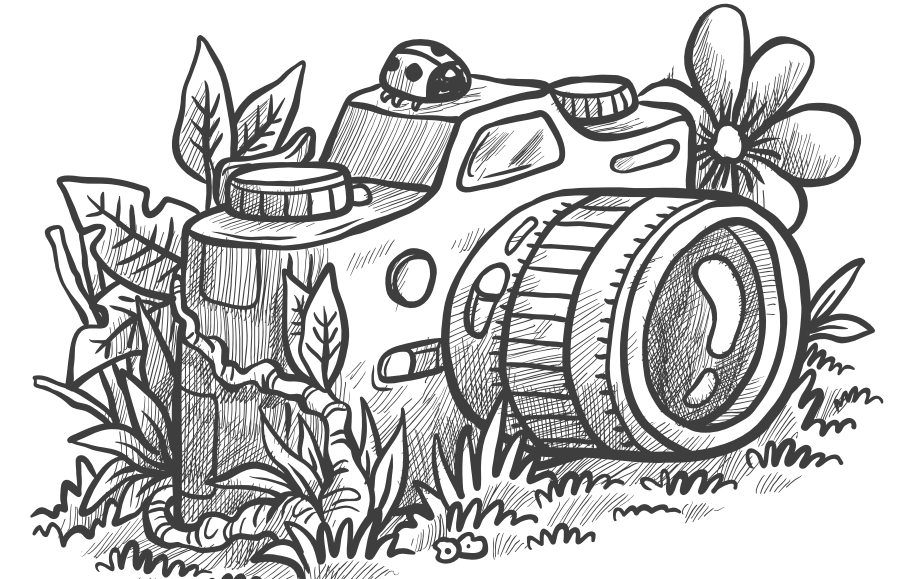
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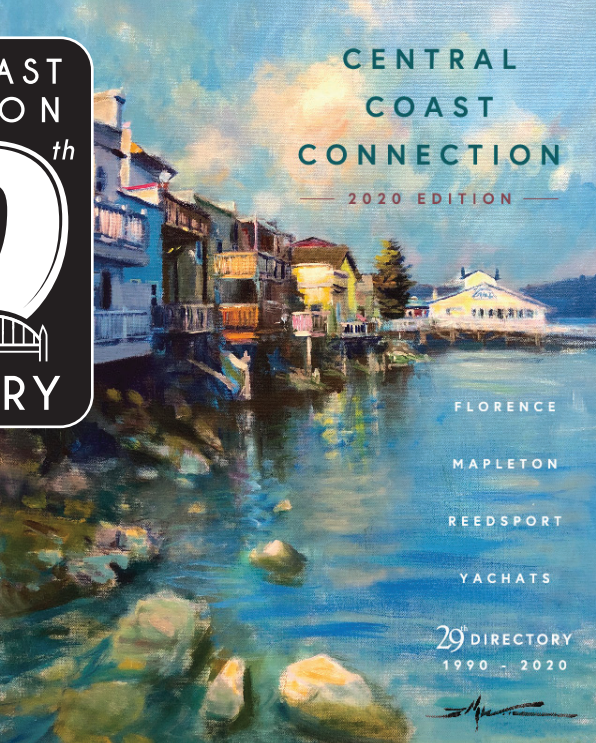


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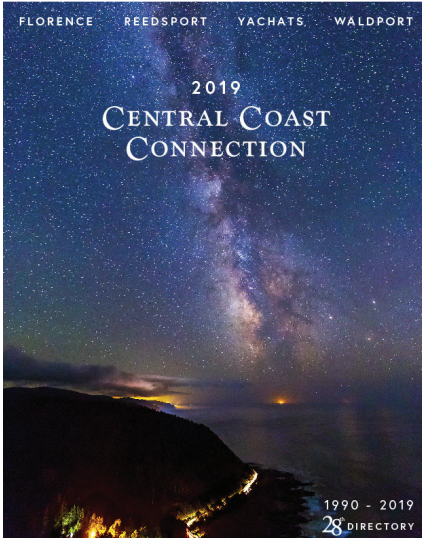


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