Safe Shelter offers free weekly online parenting classes beginning March 22 The phrase "Babies don't Strong" and will be present- them from forming healthy

come with instructions" has often been said when it comes to parenting. In spite of the old ad-

age, every first-time parent wants to do their best to provide the love and nurturing that babies need. For that reason, Safe Shel-

ter for Siuslaw Students and West Lane County Safe Families for Children are offering an online parenting course for families and caregivers of babies and toddlers, ages birth to 3.

ed by renowned author and educator Dr. Becky Bailey, founder of Conscious Discipline. This e-Learning experience addresses the needs of the adults first, then addresses the needs of the child during the critical early years of development. The ability to recognize

and manage both mild and toxic stress is an adult prerequisite for equipping the next generation to do the same. The way we respond to the needs of infants and The course is called "Start toddlers will help or inhibit

life patterns.

Classes will be offered on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., beginning March 22.

Costs for the course are paid by a generous grant from The Ford Family Foundation; there are no fees for participants. Preregistration is required

to access class materials and sign on information. To pre-register, contact Suzanne Mann-Heintz at

541-590-0779 or email her at Suzanne@safeshelterforsiuslaw students.org.

Florence 'Earth Day' to be a week celebration

Earth Day April 22 and, despite COVID-19 restrictions, Earth Day committee is planning a people-friendly, safe event for the Florence area community.

The Florence Earth Day Porch Parade will commence April 15 and continue through the next week.

Individual homes and businesses — or pairings of both — can decorate their porch or yard to celebrate



Earth Day.

The theme this year is "Restore Our Earth."

Community members can use their imagination in decorating, with themes of recycling, climate, tree planting, green energy,

Henry also reminded

plan has not been final-

and more encouraged.

In addition, certificate awards will be presented for a variety of categories including Child-Cre-Display,"

Imagina-

tive" and "Best Representation of Theme."

"Most

Yard signs will be available beginning April 12. For more information,

visit Facebook.com/florenceoregonearthday or email teenasan67@gmail.com.

reports were given, as was a accommodation from fellow ments. After a brief discussion, Henry's position was supported by the rest of the

The next Florence City

Council meeting is schedized and the issue was not uled for April 5. For more information, visit ci.florence.or.us.

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Johnston used a formula based on the value of surrounding properties to determine the plot's value. This was one reason for forwarding the request to the Planning Commission.

Calfee made a brief statement thanking the council for its time and asked the recuperation amount to be as low as possible. The council then unanimously passed the suggested staff option of assessing costs associated with the request at \$3,196 and forwarding the issue to the Florence Planning Commission for its input and recommendations on which formula should be used in

The next item presented to the council was a multistep request to accept a grant, enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and authorize the purchase of equipment for a new series of seating options along the boardwalk and in Historic Old Town Florence.

The presentation was made by Economic Development Catalyst Sarah Moehrke. She guided the council through a detailed explanation of a grant awarded from Travel Oregon and what the city hoped to do with the funds awarded.

Moehrke also reviewed the plan to work with the Port of Siuslaw to expand its seating capacity along the boardwalk, as well as additional bike racks in the area to encourage alternative transport options among

"The City of Florence was awarded \$44,361, which is the fourth-largest grant awarded overall and the second largest outside of the Portland metro area," said Moehrke, who then shared images of the additional benches and ADA compliant tables and bike racks which would be purchased and placed on the boardwalk and in Old Town.

Resolution No. 10, Series 2021, authorized acceptance of the money awarded from Travel Oregon and Resolution No. 12, Series 2021, would authorize Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds to enter into a purchase agreement in order to buy the tables and bike racks needed to complete the

planned seating expansion.

The issue of the importance of bike racks was highlighted by City Councilor Bill Meyer, who was supportive of the idea of increasing the facilities available for visitors to the port.

Meyer is a sitting commissioner on the Port of Siuslaw Board and an active bike

"It is weather dependent, but [the port] does get a lot of bike activity and a lot of people do stop, and there would be times when they would take advantage of them," Meyer said. "You are going to see more and more people acquiring electric according to Miller, as part bikes and I personally own one, and it sure makes the option of commuting 1, 2 or 3 miles a piece of cake when the weather is right. That is a growth industry and it is quite a wonderful product."

According to Moehrke, once approved, the order for the equipment could be placed soon and the installation of the new equipment might be accomplished by

The entering into an IGA with the port did not require a resolution and the IGA will be discussed by the Port of Siuslaw commissioners at tonight's (March 17) commission meeting.

All three action items were then approved unanimously by the council.

Public Works Director Mike Miller completed the meeting's staff presentations with two separate action items brought for council

Miller asked councilors to consider accepting the proposal from TAG/West Yost in the amount of \$52,458 for completion of the City of Florence Water Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan. He also asked councilors to approve Resolution No. 11, Series 2021, authorizing the City of Florence to enter into a Mutual Emergency Water Agreement with Heceta Water People's Utility District.

The first item is required, of the American Water Infrastructure Act, which places an emphasis on assessing and mitigating cybersecurity risks posed from outside agitators. The project's preliminary schedule shows the potential for final certification by the Environmental Protection Agency of the response plan could come in December 2021.

Miller's requests were met with few questions and the expenditure of \$52,458 was approved, as was the acceptance of the emergency water agreement with Heceta Water District.

Following this, general committee and commission

brief update about the recent council members but revaccine clinics offered at the ceived none. Florence Events Center.

Reynolds also reminded councilors the city's work the public that one of the best sources for City related information is the City of currently included in the Florence newsletter, which council's working docucan be accessed online.

During the councilor discussion portion of the meeting, Councilor Sally Wantz revisited the possibility of a member of EMAC participating in a county-led effort to coordinate climate change ideas and thoughts on how to mitigate climate

In response to Wantz's comments, Henry once again expressed his preference EMAC initiate the manner in which the city determines its climate related policies. He also asked for the council to clarify the policies which can improve the local environment without entering into any affiliation which uses the issue of a climate emergency as a political tool.

There was little support shared for extending the role of the council in determining any climate policies.

Wantz continued to push the issue of climate discussion, seeking some level of 15% = 10% =

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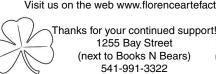


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ATHLETE OF WEEK >>>



VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHT:

The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News and Coast Radio Sports congratulate Siuslaw volleyball senior Kya Blake. In the win against Elmira last week, Kya had 13 kills in one set that led the way to the win. Kyra recorded a total of 19 kills and had 6 service aces in two games.

Honorable Mention: Rylee Colton - Siuslaw Cross Country

Highlight:

Honorable mention goes to junior Rylee Colton for her first place finish with a time of 19:39:59 at the Bandon Fugate Farms XC Challenge.

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