

## Safe Shelter offers free weekly online parenting classes beginning March 22

The phrase "Babies don't come with instructions" has often been said when it comes to parenting. In spite of the old adage, every first-time parent wants to do their best to provide the love and nurturing that babies need. For that reason, Safe Shelter 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. The course is called "Start

Strong" and will be presented 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 toddlers will help or inhibit

them from forming healthy 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@safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org.

## Florence 'Earth Day' to be a week celebration

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



beach clean-up and more encouraged. In addition, certificate awards will be presented for a variety of categories including "Best Child-Created Display," "Most Imaginative" and "Best Representation of Theme." Yard signs will be available beginning April 12. For more information, visit Facebook.com/florenceoregonearthday or email teenasan67@gmail.com.

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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 determining recompense due. The next item presented to the council was a multi-step 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 visitors.

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 rider. "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 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 late May. 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 approval. 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, according to Miller, as part 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

reports were given, as was a brief update about the recent vaccine clinics offered at the Florence Events Center. Reynolds also reminded the public that one of the best sources for City related information is the City of Florence newsletter, which can 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 damage. 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

accommodation from fellow council members but received none. Henry also reminded councilors the city's work plan has not been finalized and the issue was not currently included in the council's working documents. After a brief discussion, Henry's position was supported by the rest of the council. The next Florence City Council meeting is scheduled for April 5. For more information, visit ci.florence.or.us.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**KYA BLAKE**  
SENIOR  
**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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