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which reaches moderate risk of community spread of COVID-19. "The science is clear: vaccines are very effective in keeping people safe from COVID-19, and they are the key to returning to normal life and lifting health and safety restrictions statewide," said Brown. "Thanks to all the Oregonians who have been vaccinated so far, Oregon's case rates have continued

to decline. "But, COVID-19 remains a serious threat to unvaccinated individuals and communities with low vaccination rates. If you have been waiting to get vaccinated, go get your shot today. It's never been easier to get vaccinated, and you may just win \$1 million through the Take Your Shot, Oregon campaign." On May 11, Governor Brown announced that counties that vaccinate

at least 65% of their adult residents with at least one dose and submit documentation on how they will close equity gaps in their vaccination efforts are eligible to move to the Lower Risk level. As of Tuesday, a total of 2,863 prime doses need to be administered in Lane County to achieve 65 percent Lane County Public Health reported. A county vaccination data dashboard is available on OHA's website at

https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/. People should note that the dashboard displays state vaccine allocations only, and does not track federally administered vaccine doses. While additional counties submitted equity plans this week, none of those counties achieved the 65% threshold needed to move to Lower Risk this week. As case rates continue to decline, county risk level changes will be announced every week. Counties can move to lower risk levels based either on vaccination

rates and the submission of an equity plan, or declining case rates and positivity rates. The next risk level changes will be announced on Tuesday, June 8, to take effect on Friday, June 11. Counties facing moves back up to higher risk levels this week are in a warning week only, giving county health partners an additional week to focus efforts on driving case numbers back down before additional health and safety restrictions are renewed. When Oregon achieves a first dose 70% statewide vaccination rate for residents 18 or older, Oregon

will lift all risk level health and safety restrictions. Some restrictions based on CDC guidance for use of masks and physical distancing may remain in place. [Note: Previous announcements had based the 70% vaccination metric on residents 16 or older, however, in order to align state data with CDC data, the Oregon Health Authority is tracking adult vaccination rates for residents 18 and older.] Data regarding Lane County testing, patient status, case ZIP codes and more is available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/local data.

# the spotlight

A weekly roundup of shopping, savings and doings around town.

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Fire and EMS Chief Michael Schick is coordinating the numerous elements of the merger and has responded to concerns by hiring a professional polling firm to elicit the opinions of residents regarding the merger. The poll will start Monday, June 7, with calls made to random phone numbers divided by precincts. According to Schick, the poll will add more public input to the decision-making process and assist with the creation of an updated strategic plan. "The idea of a public poll first came up when we established a committee made up of directors from Western Lane Ambulance District and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue to look at what it will take to merge the operations of the two Districts," Schick said. "We are using a polling company and they have a lot

of experience in running polls like this one. They will continue the poll until they get a total of 300 responses. If someone does not answer their phone, a message will be left including a number that they can call and participate in the poll if they would like to. The caller ID should indicate Western Lane Ambulance or Siuslaw Valley Fire." Currently, both districts are in the process of updating their respective strategic plans. For Schick, this is another reason for taking the poll and integrating the thoughts of the respondents into the final decisions as to which option is best suited for Florence area residents, first responders and the city. "There have been many discussions by the boards and with our employees and volunteers on if we should merge operations and how to do it. The one bit of information that

we are missing is how the public feels about a potential merger," Schick said. "We aren't even sure if people know that there are two separate districts providing fire suppression and EMS." Data gathered from the poll will be made available during the strategic planning processes of the two district. "The community's participation is very important so these two emergency service districts can better understand the community's opinions and point of view on fire and ambulance services," Schick said. There are at least three possible outcomes that could come about as a result of the information gathered, including a continuation of the merger, a return to separate operations and a possible third party, either private or contracted, to handle all emergency calls in this area. For more information, visit www.svfr.com and westernlaneambulance.com.

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**CORRECTION**

In an advertisement that ran Saturday, May 29, the ad should have read, "Paid for by some Florentine Estate Owners." Siuslaw News apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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We are in need of volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. We need volunteers to serve food, set up for meals and also prepare meals beginning at 11:00 am and finishing at 2:00pm. New Location: Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence (Across from Fred Meyer)

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relies heavily on volunteers. There are many opportunities to volunteer and a variety of skills and talents are always in need. Volunteer interest forms may be found online, at the shelter and at our Thrift Shop on Bay Street. www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org/volunteer/

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