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## Rapper catalyzes feline adoption at OCHS

*New executive director partners with Moshow The Cat Rapper*

STORY & PHOTOS  
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On July 7, the light-hearted docuseries “Cat People” hit Netflix, starring cat lovers from around the world — including “Portland’s No. 1 cat rapper,” Moshow The Cat Rapper, also known as Dwayne Molock.

He’s caught traction for his viral bathtub cat rapping videos, along with his soul-touching connection to cats, as depicted in the series. Moshow further seized the attention of cat rescuers and cat lovers in Florence and Lane County with his first time visiting the area through a partnership with Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS).

On Friday, Aug. 6, he filmed a music video promoting adoptions featuring the OCHS kittens for his latest album, “Cat Rapper Dropping Heat.” Then, on Saturday, OCHS



Moshow The Cat Rapper, based in Portland, and his wife visited the Oregon Coast Humane Society last weekend in support of adopting senior and special needs cats in Florence.

held a book signing event with Moshow.

A total of 57 people attended — the most visitors the OCHS has seen for a while, according to OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson, who joined the humane society at the start of the year.

Moshow posted about the book

signing on his social media accounts, exclaiming, “I will also be helping all the kitties get adopted. ... Let’s save all the kitties!”

Throughout the day, families, adults and children gathered sought to connect adoption seekers to senior and special needs cats living at the shelter.

During Moshow’s visit, six cats were adopted, with two special needs cats’ adoptions still pending. In addition, the event raised \$100 in donations for the shelter.

Thompson said she is hopeful that Moshow’s visit will catalyze more cat adoptions in the coming weeks.

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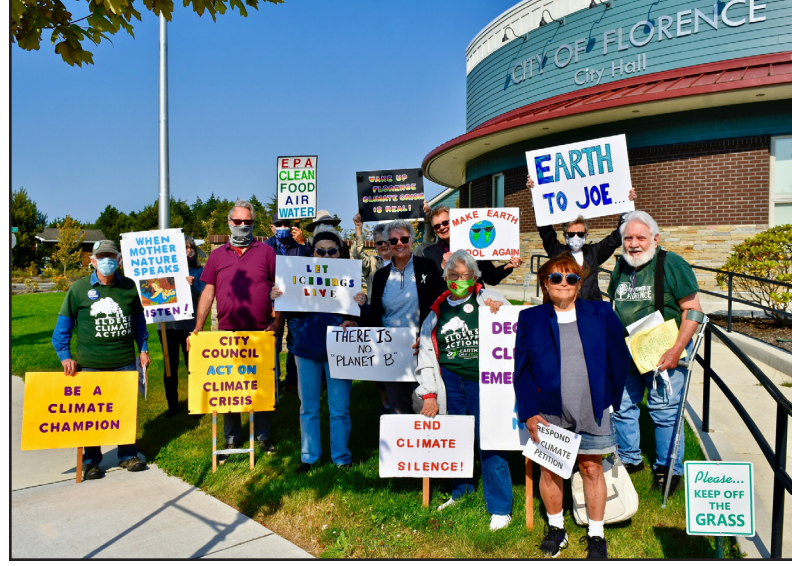
## FRIDAY CLIMATE STRIKES HIT 100 WEEKS

*Intergovernmental panel calls climate change ‘a code red for humanity’*

BY MARK BRENNAN  
SIUSLAW NEWS

Ferocious wildfires in multiple locations in Oregon have forced renewed attention on higher than normal temperatures and increased drought conditions in California, Oregon and Washington. There are currently 11 major fires being fought in the state, which have claimed thousands of acres of forest and farmland and destroyed hundreds of structures.

One thing that these and the dozens of other fires currently being fought globally have in common is the assessment of those on the ground fighting the fires, and those studying them, that condi-



Members of the Florence Climate Emergency Campaign and other local groups gather outside Florence City Hall each week.

tions on the ground have dramatically changed for the worst, mostly caused by human behaviors.

Many scientists report there are real, quantifiable changes in the impact, intensity and widespread nature of fire, which can be traced primarily to changing climatic conditions. This phenomenon is commonly referred to as climate change and it has become a point of debate and worry for many around the world and many here in Florence.

The nature of the negative changes in the condition of forests and oceans was bolstered this week with the release Monday of a report compiled by the Intergovernmental

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## NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY ALERT TEST

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) this summer.

The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests will begin at 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

The Wireless Emergency Alert portion of the test will be directed only to consumer cell phones where the subscriber has opted-in to receive test messages. This will be the second nationwide WEA test, but the first nationwide WEA test on a consumer opt-in basis. The test message will display in either English or in Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless handset.

The Emergency Alert System portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. This will be the sixth nationwide EAS test.

FEMA and the FCC are coordinating with EAS participants, wireless providers, emergency managers and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confusion and to maximize the public safety value of the test. The test is intended to ensure public safety officials have the methods and systems that will deliver urgent alerts and warnings to the public in times of an emergency or disaster.

Major information about the test includes:

- The purpose of the Aug. 11 test is to ensure that the EAS and WEA systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about

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## Siuslaw announces resiliency framework

*ODE prepares for Ready Schools, Safe Learners*

On August 3, the Oregon Department of Education released the updated guidance for the upcoming school year, the Ready Schools Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 21-22 School Year.

This updated guidance is a pivot back to state mandates for the reopening of school this year. The legal citations related to these mandates, and the authority to enforce penalties, are linked through [www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/RSSL-Guidance.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/RSSL-Guidance.aspx).

- Masking Requirements in Schools – OAR 333-019-1015 – investigation and control of diseases
- Public Health Programs & Activities – ORS 431A.010 – authorized actions, rules, penalties
- Disease and Condition Control

– ORS 433.004 – reportable diseases, effect of failure to report

- Proclamation of Public Health Emergency – ORS 433.441
- Authority of Public Health Director – ORS 433.443

Penalties assessed by the Oregon Health Authority at the school or district level for lack of enforcement or negligence will result in a civil penalty of \$500 per day per violation. One violation per school site (elementary, middle, high school & alternative school) per day over the course of the school year for the Siuslaw School District would be approximately \$362,000.

Complaints about lack of enforcement or negligence made to the Oregon Health Authority or to the Oregon Department of

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