

Florence Chamber announces 2021 photo contest winner



Brittany Buhler's snapshot of a girlfriend getaway is the winner of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce 2021 photo contest.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce has selected the winner of a \$250 cash prize in its 2021 photo contest. The contest was conducted from Aug. 15 to Oct. 15, and a panel of chamber members reviewed the entries.

The chamber was looking for the best photos of the fun, frolic, and distinctive scenery from Oregon's Coastal Playground — an area up to 25 miles in any

direction of Florence. More than 100 photos were entered.

Brittany Buhler of Harrisburg entered the winning photo, taken on Heceta Beach during a girlfriend getaway to celebrate a friend's upcoming wedding.

"We rented a beach house, went out for chowder, then went to the beach to build sandcastles. It wasn't a typical bachelorette party, but it was what we wanted to do for our friend," she said.

Buhler used her iPhone SE set at f/2.2, ISO 25, and 12 mpx with no filters.

The photo will be featured in the Chamber's Visitor Resource Guide in early 2022 and other printed marketing pieces, on the chamber's website and in social media.

"Brittany's photo really captured a fun 'playground' moment with her friends

all jumping in unison by their sandcastle with the ocean in the background," said Chamber CEO/President Bettina Hannigan. "It expresses how great of a destination Florence is for friends and families vacationing in Oregon's Coastal Playground."

The chamber received such a variety of outstanding amateur and professional photos in this year's contest.

"Each showed different aspects of the best of our area's scenery, iconic bridge and architecture, natural wonders and people having fun in and around Florence — but Brittany's showed best why we call this place Oregon's Coastal Playground," Hannigan said.

Buhler, an amateur and hobbyist photographer, shoots families, seniors, couples, weddings and life-

style photos. More of her work can be seen at BrittanyBuehlerPhotography.com.

She and her husband, the youth pastor at Harrisburg Christian Church, and their two boys, love the Florence area.

"It's just a hop, skip, and a jump from Harrisburg. It's the first place we think of when we want to get away or go enjoy clam chowder and ice cream in Old Town," she said. "It is exciting to be recognized by the chamber and to have my work featured on their website, in their Visitors Guide, and in local media."

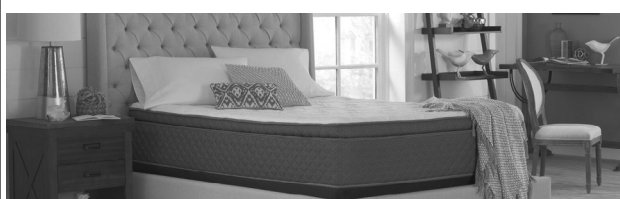
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tunity to play down a classification in football, Siuslaw went from the smallest 4A school in enrollment to the third largest enrollment for 3A. With Junction City given the same opportunity, it is safe to say both schools have benefitted from that decision. Both schools are in the state play-offs.

If the Vikings and my alma mater Warrenton each win their first two games, they will face each other in the semi-finals. Both teams are higher seeds than their two opponents, so it could happen. The 4A Vikings are playing down at 3A and the 3A Warrenton Warriors will be the underdogs. I have a Warrior and a Viking tattoo on my right calf. They are separated by a Chinese Foo Dog, the mascot from Pacific University. If they meet, I hope the battle will be memorable.



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