

THE RECORD

Sheriffs offer 4th of July safety tips

Fireworks, parades, picnics and get-togethers are Independence Day traditions.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reminds residents of the increased fire danger posed by fireworks during the holiday due to warm and dry conditions.

LCSO is reminding everyone to take a few extra precautions when enjoying the holiday festivities this year.

Firework Safety

- Set up a safe place to enjoy your fireworks away from dry grass, bushes and flammable decorations.

- Establish an area a safe distance away from the fireworks where children can safely observe.

- Never give small children fireworks.

- Read the label on fireworks before lighting to determine how much space is needed. Some fireworks move horizontally on the ground and need several feet of "safe space."

- Keep a bucket of water, a hose and a fire extinguisher nearby.

- Eye protection is recommended when lighting fireworks and for those standing nearby.

- Spent fireworks, includ-

ing those considered "duds," should be allowed to cool, then immersed in a bucket of water to prevent them from starting fires. After they have been extinguished, they can be placed in a trash can for disposal.

- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.

- If you are on a regular landscape irrigation schedule, the 4th of July is a good day to water your lawn as wet landscaping is less likely to ignite than dry landscaping.

- There are several organized 4th of July and firework events that are occurring

throughout many of our communities.

Pet Safety

- Leave pets at home when attending fireworks displays, preferably indoors. Loud noises can be startling for pets, and likely won't be as enjoyable for them as they are for you.

- Keep alcoholic beverages in a safe place away from pets. Alcohol can make your pet very sick and can even be deadly.

- Make sure your pet has current identification tags in the event that they escape or break loose and become lost.

— *Sergeant Carrie Carver, Lane County Sheriff's Office*

Lane County district attorney resigns

Lane County District Attorney Alex Gardner this week announced his resignation from his position.

Gardner has accepted a job with the Oregon State Police as a captain and the director of the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division, a forensic laboratory system serving state and local law enforcement agencies, medical examiners and prosecuting attorneys in Oregon.

"It's been a pleasure and an honor working with the capable and professional staff and volunteers in the Lane County District Attorney's office. I couldn't have wished for a stronger, more dedicated team. I'll miss them all," Gardner said in a news release.



Alex Gardner

Gardner, whose office includes the Lane County Medical Examiner program, worked briefly in an organic chemistry lab, did research in population genetics, and earned a master's degree in

biology from the University of Oregon before attending law school.

He begins his new position Aug. 1.

"The Oregon State Police offered me an exceptional opportunity. I'll be joining a top-notch team that is delivering quality forensic services to public safety partners throughout Oregon," Gardner said. "I look forward to learning, meeting new challenges and working with the fine people of the Oregon State Police."

Remember to water trees deeply as heat rises

For homeowners, rising temperatures and dry weather means it's time to keep fire prevention in mind.

One way to reduce the potential for fire is by protecting the health of trees in yards and landscapes by deeply watering them.

"Summer temperatures can be hard on trees, especially landscape trees in our urban areas," said Kristin Ramstad, an urban forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry. "If they aren't well-watered, warm weather and prolonged drought eventually make trees more susceptible to insects, disease and fire," adds Ramstad.

When temperatures in Oregon get warm and stay warm, it can take a toll on trees as well as people.

The Oregon Department of Forestry suggests a few tips for keeping trees healthy during times of heat stress.

One of the first signs that a deciduous tree (i.e., trees like birches or maples that drop leaves in the winter) needs water is that its leaves begin

to look dull and sometimes limp.

More advanced symptoms of needing water are browning of leaves, wilting and curling at the edges.

Leaves may also develop a scorched or burned look, turning yellow or brown on outside edges, or between leaf veins. Leaves may even appear smaller than usual, drop prematurely or turn brown but remain on the tree.

When drought-stressed, the needles of conifers (evergreen trees such as Ponderosa Pine or Douglas-fir) may turn yellow, red, purple or brown.

With their benefits, longevity and contributions to the environment, give trees higher watering priority than lawns.

Keep in mind that if trees are only provided with shallow water every so often, they're probably only getting a fraction of what they need.

Watering trees for short periods of time encourages shallow rooting, which can lead to future health problems for the tree.

To make sure trees get the water they need, saturate the soil within the drip line — that's the circle that could be drawn on the soil around the tree directly under the tips of its outermost branches.

Using a regular hose or a soaker hose, water deeply and slowly — slowly is important, so the water doesn't run-off.

To make sure it gets enough water, keep moving the hose around different areas under the tree.

For conifers, water three to five feet beyond the drip line on all sides of the tree.

Also, if you have a choice, water trees during the cooler part of the day.

Another way to water trees slowly is to put a nail hole in the bottom (near the edge) of a five gallon bucket. Fill the bucket with water, and leave the slowly leaking bucket under the canopy of the tree.

Do this twice or three times per tree, moving the bucket each time.

Using mulch is an excellent way to care for trees in warm

weather, as it helps the soil below trees retain moisture and stay cool.

Mulch can be made of bark, wood chips, leaves and evergreen needles.

Apply mulch within the drip line, at a depth of four inches, leaving a six-inch space between the mulch and tree trunk. Mulch will also help discourage weeds.

Lastly, don't plant annual flowers or other ground covers under the canopy of your tree; they'll compete with the tree's roots for moisture and nutrients.

Trees and forests enhance quality of life in many ways, providing shade, wildlife habitat, clean air, wood and other products, raising property values and providing clean, healthy streams.

On hot days, we all rely on the shade of the trees in our yards and communities.

Therefore, it is a really good idea to keep our trees healthy and watered.

For more information about trees and tree care, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

Free shuttle to Wings, Wheels, military museum

Are you and your family planning to attend Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show at the Florence Municipal Airport or the Grand Opening of the Oregon Coast Military Museum this weekend?

Don't worry about finding parking with the free park-and-ride shuttle service being provided by the Rhody Express on Saturday, July 4.

The Rhody Express will be making regular trips starting at 9:45 a.m. to offer service to the Oregon Coast Military Museum and the Wings and Wheels show.

Just park at the Siuslaw Middle School parking lot, board the Rhody Express and catch a ride to the events.

Getting back to your vehicle is just as simple by boarding the Rhody Express at the

Airport.

The Rhody Express will operate from 9:45 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:15 p.m.

More information is available by calling the Rhody Express at 541-902-2067.

Correction

In the front-page article, "ABC Preschool to Close Next Week," in the July 1, 2015, issue of the Siuslaw News, the date the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County took over operation of ABC Preschool was incorrect. It was July 1, 2013. Siuslaw News regrets the error.

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OBITUARY

LEONE—Connie Joy Leone, 70, died peacefully in her sleep at her home from small-cell lung cancer June 21, 2015.

She was born March 26, 1945, to Robert and Joyce Parsons in Portland, Ore.

She married Ernie Leone on Oct. 2, 1965.

Connie is survived by her husband, Ernie Leone; her brother, Bob Parsons; her daughter, Lynette Leone; and her grandchildren, Maddie and Trevor Leone.

A celebration of life will be held at Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home, 2765 Kingwood St., in Florence on July 7, at 1 p.m.

WEDDING

Watt — Watt

Belinda Watt and **Dale Watt** were reunited in marriage Saturday, June 26, 2015.

The two were married at the gazebo in Historic Old Town Florence, with their daughter, Kim Tuttle, giving them back to each other.



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\$7 Child/\$6.50 Member**

Inside Out 2D - 102 min (PG) - "Inside Out expands the possibilities of animation. It's also a hilarious ride that delights the eye, the mind and the heart." Portland Oregonian
Daily Except Sat, Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:30 | Sat: 12:00, 3:00, 6:00
Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Jurassic World - 124m (PG-13) - "Jurassic World is fresh and thrilling." Empire
Fri: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:10 | Sat: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30
Sun: 11:40am, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50
Mon: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:10 | Tue: 3:30, 6:30, 9:10
Wed, Thu: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:10

Max - 111 min (PG) - "Max is a throwback of sorts - a movie about the relationship between a boy and his dog. Lassie springs to mind as the genre classic, but this has a closer kinship to Rin Tin Tin. Although its sensibilities are old-fashioned, the movie offers a modern look and feel." ReelViews
Fri: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 8:50 | Sat: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10
Sun: 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40
Mon: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 8:50 | Tue: 12:10, 3:10, 8:50 | Wed: 12:10, 3:10, 9:10
Thu: 12:10, 3:10, 9:30

Terminator Genisys 2D - 119 min (PG-13) - John Connor sends Kyle Reese back in time to protect Sarah Connor, but when he arrives in 1984, nothing is as he expected it to be. Arnold Schwarzenegger returns and is joined by Emilia Clarke, J.K. Simmons, Jai Courtney and Jason Clarke
Daily Except Sat, Sun: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:00
Sat: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20 | Sun: 11:50am, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00

Special Events:
I Am Big Bird: The Carol Spinney Story - 90 min (NR) "Spinney is as impossibly sunny as his alter ego (with none of the crankiness of his other incarnation, Oscar the Grouch). At 80, he has no plans to hang up his feathers—welcome news for kids and parents everywhere." EW
Tue: 12:20, 6:10 - True Story Tuesday - Must see!
Julie Taymor's A Midsummer Night's Dream - 148 min
- ENCORE - \$15/\$19
Wed: 6:00 - Taymor (*The Lion King* on Broadway) tackles Shakespeare with a visual fervor
The Audience - 145 min - National Theatre Live Presents
Thu: 6:30 - Helen Mirren just won the Tony Award for her performance as Queen Elizabeth. See it, as if by magic, at City Lights Cinemas.

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