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## Bottom line: Rain fills the lake

JUSTIN MUCH  
STAYTON MAIL

While there's plenty of engagement with the issue, problems emerging from a comparative dearth of water in Detroit Lake draw few answers.

The engagement was clear July 20 at Gates Fire Hall, when more than 150 people turned out to the discuss consequences of low water levels. That meeting came on the heels of an announcement that for the second consecutive year, water levels will directly affect boating and recreation at the lake.

A year ago, late July water levels at Detroit Lake hit a 15-year low at 1,488-feet above sea level. This year's projected

1,544 feet is the second lowest in that same time span, prompting locals to anticipate once again many grounded docks by August.

The meeting's attendance sheet filled with recreation and tourism advocates, along with elected officials and representatives from other agencies and entities involved with the issue.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Specialist Michelle Helms said the Corps is charged with monitoring and regulating water levels and discharge. It has many partners, hence varied interests, in the process, including National

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Jennifer Harrison, who is visiting from Florida, takes pictures of driftwood on July 18 at Detroit Lake in Oregon. The reservoir east of Salem is projected to drop to 1,544 feet above sea level by July 23.

## Police training class welcomes survivor



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Rianna Riegelmann, 7, sits in driver's seat of a SWAT vehicle on Thursday at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem. Rianna spent the day with law enforcement.

### 7-year-old spends day with recruits

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It was another day of training for the 359th Basic Police Class, but on Thursday, the group of 38 recruits had an honorary member—a 7-year-old cancer survivor from Silverton.

Rianna Riegelmann, along with her mother, Lori Riegelmann; father, Peter Riegelmann; and brother, Noah Riegelmann, joined in on the fun at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

She and Noah threw flash grenades with the SWAT team, played with a reconnaissance robot and gave commands to Salem police's police dog Enzo.

"She's had so much fun," Lori said. "We're just overwhelmed with gratitude."

Each basic police class has the opportunity to pick a service project, said Lt. Andrew Bechdolt, a training coordinator for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Some hold fundraisers for memorial projects or nonprofit agencies. The 359th class chose to sponsor a law enforcement day for Rianna and her family.

Rianna was diagnosed with leukemia in March. While undergoing chemotherapy, she and her family met Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy Nick Bohrer, a volunteer with the Chemo Pals mentoring program. Bohrer introduced the Riegelmann family to Forest Grove recruit Officer Austin Adams, who pitched the idea of having

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Salem Police Officer Marty Miranda lets Rianna pet police dog Enzo.



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Oregon Mayors Association essay winner Sophia Borgstahl, center, with Val Lemings, Scotts Mills Councilor Val Lemings, right and Silverton Mayor Rick Lewis.

## Scotts Mills child named top essayist in contest

JUSTIN MUCH  
STAYTON MAIL

Scotts Mills 7th grade student Sophia Borgstahl captured first prize in the Oregon Mayors Association's essay contest, the group announced last week.

The statewide contest is geared toward civic awareness with a theme an titled of "If I were mayor, I would..."

Sophia discussed her foothill community's minimal resources, and said if she were mayor she would work toward providing a recreation center for area youth, outlining the activities it would provide and ideas for running it; she even pondered the center's financing and discussed applying for grants.

She also mentioned spearheading a collective community effort to clean up the town, providing a strengthened business environment and perhaps luring businesses such as a coffee shop, drug store, diner or tourist shop to help the town's image.

"Her essay had well thought-out ideas for community improvement, contained relevant research, and she spoke from a touching, personal perspective and experience," Scotts Mills City Councilor Valerie Lemings said. "Sophia has the rare quality of a poised, natural leader. We are so excited to

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## Two killed in crash near Scotts Mills

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

A fatal crash on Highway 213 near Scotts Mills Thursday afternoon left two people dead and sent three people to the hospital, officials say.

A 2003 Toyota Sienna minivan was driving south when it drifted onto the shoulder before coming

back onto the highway where it struck a northbound 1999 Acura sedan, according to a statement by Captain Bill Fugate of the Oregon State Police.

The crash occurred around 4 p.m.

The male driver and male front passenger in the Toyota were pronounced dead at the scene.

An adult female and two-year-

old were taken to Oregon Health Sciences University with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Acura sustained non-life threatening injuries and was also transported to OHSU. Officials have not yet released the identity of any involved.

The highway was closed for

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