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## Girl, 11, attacked by dog; owner cited

Police chief: Canine had similar incidents with two people last year

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An afternoon spent playing in Silver Creek quickly turned into a nightmare for an 11-year-old Silverton girl when she was attacked by a dog.

Olivia Payne was standing near the water underneath the James Street Bridge with her three cousins around 3 p.m. Saturday when a dog described as a bull terrier mix approached the group.

Payne told her grandfather, Kelly Carroll, the dog ran straight at her, latching onto her left calf with its teeth before jerking her leg back-and-forth.

Silverton Police Chief Jeff Fossholm said officers cited the dog's owner, Kimberly Ferrell of Silverton, for maintaining a dangerous dog, only to learn later the

dog had previously attacked two people last year.

Marion County Dog Control Director Tamra Goettsch said the 3-year-old canine had attacked someone in May 2017, inflicting "fairly serious" injuries. A month later, the dog bit a cyclist while off-leash.

Goettsch said her agency was unable to locate the dog after the two incidents in 2017.

Payne's family contacted animal control Monday when they learned the dog hadn't been picked up yet.

Goettsch said the dog — which was registered with the county as a service animal — arrived at their shelter June 26 and would remain in quarantine until July 3, in case it develops evidence of rabies.

Following the attack, Silverton Police officers transported Payne to Legacy Silverton Medical Center, where she received 11 stitches.

Carroll said the dog's bite caused extensive damage to his granddaughter's leg, tearing through muscle tissue and exposing her bone.

"She's absolutely traumatized," Carroll said.

The dog's future hasn't been decided, Goettsch said.

Since Ferrell was cited by police and not by animal control officials, a hearing is needed to determine whether the county is able to issue an infraction and ultimately decide the dog's fate.

If granted the citation, Goettsch said options include returning the dog to Ferrell with or without conditions, relocate it to a safe home or euthanize it after the quarantine period is up.

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## Building on last summer's lessons

New regulations at Opal Creek enter second season



Marion County began charging for parking fees in the Little North Santiam Canyon last summer.

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MEHEMA — It wasn't the smoothest rollout for a new system of rules in the Little North Santiam Canyon last summer.

The U.S. Forest Service and Marion County implemented a system that limited parking and banned alcohol last May in hopes of curbing an overcrowded and chaotic scene at the emerald swimming holes east of Salem.

The results were ... mixed.

But with hot temperatures in the forecast and school about to let out, officials are gearing up for the second season of the new system.

"There was definitely a learning curve last year, in that a lot of people hadn't gotten the message before they arrived," said Josh Weathers, developed recreation manager for Willamette National Forest. "By the end of the season, things did start to get better and we're hopeful things are even better this year."

The new rules — which targeted places such as



Large crowds at Three Pools Recreation Site have forced officials to establish new rules to improve the situation. PHOTO COURTESY OF USFW

Salmon Falls, Three Pools and Opal Creek Trail — also produced some unexpected problems.

A crime ring targeted the facilities set up to collect money. They used lock cutters, crowbars and even a

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## Sheriff's deputy not charged for punching homeless person, 28

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A Marion County Sheriff's deputy caught on video repeatedly punching a homeless person while taking him into custody June 4 will not face criminal charges.

The Marion County District Attorney's Office released a statement Friday afternoon stating Deputy Jacob Thompson's use of force against Kevin Straw, 28, was justified because it was either "necessary to

make an arrest" or in self-defense.

"The Marion County District Attorney's review is limited to whether criminal charges are appropriate," wrote officials. "Whether Marion County Sheriff's Office policy was appropriately followed is outside of our review."

Thompson was reassigned after the arrest pending an investigation into his conduct by the district attorney.

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## New water tests are imposed statewide

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Public water systems in the state that draw from surface water sources with a history of toxic algal blooms, or are susceptible to those blooms, will be required to monitor for cyanotoxins starting in July, according to rules released Friday by the Oregon Health Authority.

The agency estimates between 150 and 200 Oregon water systems will be affected, including water suppliers that purchase water from systems that draw from at-risk surface waters.

Development of the rules began in early June, days after elevated cyanotoxin levels in Salem's water initiated a do-not-drink advisory for vulnerable populations.

"As harmful algal blooms become the norm in Oregon, as they are around the country, we must address this emerging threat to our drinking water supplies," OHA Director Patrick Allen said in a statement. "These temporary rules close a gap in regulations and will help us protect our drinking water systems so everyone in Oregon is kept safe from exposure to cyanotoxins."

Salem's current drinking water advisory was placed June 10 and remains in place. The advisory is for children under 6 years old and vulnerable adults, including those with impaired immune systems, people affected by kidney or liver disease and pregnant or nursing mothers.

The most recent test results from June 27 show cyanotoxins below the health advisory level, marking nine days since the last time higher levels were detected.

The city is eyeing early next week for the full-scale implementation of a cyanotoxin treatment system — one critical factor that could lead to the advisory's lifting.

OHA's temporary rules will last through Dec. 27 as the agency goes through the more-extensive permanent rule-making process, which they hope to have completed by the time the temporary rules expire.

"The rules are a good step forward and provide a reasonable level of protection and assurance," said Dave Emme, drinking water manager for Oregon Health Authority.

Up to this point, Emme said, testing for cyanotoxins has been voluntary and only recommended as needed when officials identified evidence of a bloom on the water.

The temporary rules require systems to test for microcystins and cylindrospermopsin (two kinds of cyanotoxins) every two weeks, starting between July 15 and July 28. Testing continues until Oct. 31.

"This requires surveillance monitoring regardless of if there is physical, visual evidence of a bloom," Emme said.

A water system must begin testing if: it draws from or downstream from a surface water source that has had toxin algae blooms or cyanotoxin detentions, or it draws from a source susceptible to cyanotoxins based on water quality characteristics, or if it purchases water from any of those water systems.

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Brandin Krempasky, a watershed program coordinator with the city of Salem, takes a water sample on Blowout Creek at Detroit Lake on June 7. ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

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