

KNOW THE RULES ABOUT PRIVATE TIMBERLANDS, SAY SHERIFFS

Those who enjoy traveling the back roads of our private timberlands have found locked gates or restricted access.

This leaves some people to believe that private timber companies deny access to their lands simply because they don't want private citizens on their property.

This is not the case. With the exception of active commercial use such as logging or harvest of other forest products, the closures are in reaction to the ever-increasing incidents. Those incidents include

littering, abandonment of vehicles, theft of forest products, and acts of criminal mischief such as destruction of property, destruction of road access gates, and more.

Damage and theft detracts from the natural beauty of our forests, incurs costs for cleaning, repairing, and removal of vehicles and garbage.

These costs are borne by private timber companies as well as taxpayers in the county.

What can each of us do to stop the current trend of defacing our forests and waterways?

During your visit and when you leave forest lands and waterways:

- Read signs posted at entry points into private and public lands — signs include important information including log truck activity
- Report criminal acts to law enforcement
- Report located dump sites or abandoned vehicles
- Stay informed of possible land use restrictions usually posted at each access
- When in doubt about access, contact the land owner

or your county Sheriff's office

• Do not discard any glass, cans, rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or litter other than in receptacles designed or provided for these items

• Report anyone observed hauling trash or debris into our forests. Anyone enjoying nature in our local forests might bring a trash bag or two to pick up any trash you should observe

• Do not discard any glass, cans, rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or litter in any waters of the state

• Do not drain, or cause or permit to be drained, sewage or the drainage from a cesspool, septic tank, recreational or camping vehicle waste holding tank or other contaminated source, upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way

• When target shooting, be sure to pick up brass, targets and anything else used during your visit

• Do not permit any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse to be thrown from a vehicle you are operating

Our forestlands, public and private, should be treasured and protected by everyone.

Through our efforts, we can strive to regain the trust of the private timber owners. The challenge for each of us is to take pride in where we live and work and clean up our county by recycling any and all materials that can be reused rather than simply discarding them.

For more information and tips, visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

— Lincoln County Sheriffs Office

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FALL SPORTS SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County youth registration for fall sports is currently underway.

Registration forms are available at the club administrative

office located at 1501 Airport Rd.

- Participation fees are:
- Soccer \$50
 - Volleyball \$55
 - Cheer squad \$50

- Flag football \$55
- Fifth-and sixth-grade tackle football \$100.

All athletes must be registered members of Boys and Girls Club, and pay the annual

\$25 membership fee.

Adults interested in being a coach or referee will receive the following discounts: the first child of an eligible coach is free and each additional child

is \$25 for the sport in which the parent or guardian coaches.

Companies or individuals interested in sponsoring a team or sport should contact Boys and Girls Club at 541-902-0304

for more information.

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View

from 1B

The women's national soccer team won the World Cup in decisive fashion. We even won the Pan-American Games.

Off the field, South Carolina finally ceded the Civil War, and thanks to NASA we now know more about Pluto than we know about Idaho and South Dakota.

Good news was coming out of the technology sector and job market.

Then we fell down the stairs.

Shootings in movie theaters.

Routine traffic stops turned into horror flicks, speed traps became death traps, and a campus policeman in Cincinnati had more firepower than Marines at the recruiting centers in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The guy who used to teach me "Picture Pages" while he lectured Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, who introduced me to New Coke, pudding on a stick and Lisa Bonet, admitted he's a serial rapist.

Universal laws of physics

teach us that for every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction. American exceptionalism requires more than that, however. We like to turn things upside down, too.

So we made sure that July was the month that had actual crying in baseball. It happened when a shortstop learned during the middle of an inning, with millions of people watching, that he had been traded.

And get this — he was crying because he DIDN'T want to leave the Mets.

The guy who wants to be our next commander-in-chief insulted an American war hero and POW, and the only military experience he had was time served as an owner of the New Jersey Generals.

Then he surged in the polls.

We passed toy gun legislation that is tougher than our actual gun laws because we're afraid our kids pretending to play cops and robbers may actually get shot and killed by a real cop who may mistake him as a real robber.

We learned that we have dentists in America more lethal than adult male lions. The King of the Beasts is now thought to be friendlier and safer than some Midwestern oral hygienists.

Time was, dentists used to just badger us into flossing; maybe now, we'll start to take that with a little more seriousness.

Then, everything changed on a Saturday. The first weekend in August took what we thought had left us — the hero — and

made things right. Wilmer Flores will now forever be remembered as the King for a Day in Queens when the trade falls through, and he responds by hitting the game-winning, walk-off home run.

And out of Brazil, a bantamweight named Rhonda, and from inside New Jersey, where a horse with a misspelled name answered the clarion call: You can still have sports heroes.

Don't cry.

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