

THE RECORD

Police issue cougar alert for Florence area

Florence Police Department (FPD) has issued an alert regarding recent cougar sightings in Florence, including the Munsel Lake Road area and around Coastal Highlands.

The FPD has received several reports of cougar sightings in those areas over the past few months, as well as sightings along Kingwood Street earlier this year.

The City of Florence is asking residents to keep an eye out when outside. If anyone should see an animal that appears to be a possible cougar, call the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515 to report the sighting and location as soon as possible.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) explains that cougars are native to Oregon and common throughout the state.

Cougars are territorial animals and maintain home ranges of up to 100 miles. They are generally solitary animals, except for mothers who remain

with kittens for about two years.

While actual cougar sightings have increased, coyotes, bobcats and dogs are often mistaken for cougars. A cougar can be identified by its large size, cat-like appearance, consistent tan or tawny body color, and long tail. An adult cougar's tail is nearly three feet long and a third to a half of its total length.

ODFW advises people to be on alert and provides the following as a list of things to keep in mind if you encounter a cougar:

- Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Leave the animal a way to escape.
- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.
- Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an



COURTESY PHOTO

Homeowners caught a cougar on camera at their home in the Munsel Lake Road area north of Ocean Dunes Golf Course in July. If you spot a cougar in your area, contact Florence Police at 541-997-3515 to report the sighting.

- If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any items available. Visit www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with_cougars.asp for more information.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.

Recreational fire ban continues at state parks

The statewide campfire and open flame ban in Oregon State Parks remains in place for at least one more week.

Conditions have not improved since the ban began Aug. 19.

Fires are not allowed on properties owned and managed by Oregon State Parks, including the ocean shores.

The ban includes but is not limited to fire pits, tiki torches and candles.

Although the state park ban doesn't apply to propane

cooking stoves and/or charcoal briquettes for cooking, there may be fire restrictions local to a specific area that do limit propane cooking stove and briquette use.

Visitors planning a trip should check with park staff for the most current information, or call the state park information line at 800-551-6949 or visit www.oregonstateparks.org.

The ban will be re-evaluated next week based on current wildfire status, weather and guidance from state and local fire officials.

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Heavy rains this weekend could mean problems traveling

With the weekend forecast predicting heavy rains in Northwest Oregon, travelers need to be prepared for difficult conditions.

Oil and grease don't wash away during the dry season; they come to the surface when the next rain comes, which can make roads unexpectedly slick and treacherous.

"Hazards created by snow and ice are obvious but the travel hazards that come with the first rain after a long dry spell can catch you by surprise," said Rian Windsheimer, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) region manager for the Portland area. "Roads will be slick, especially in the first few hours. Drivers and bicyclists, please slow down, give yourself extra stopping distance and please

be aware of the possibly slick conditions."

Rain can create dangerous travel conditions with reduced visibility, reduced traction between tires and the road and less predictable handling for cars, motorcycles and bicycles. When it's raining, be cautious and give yourself more time to get where you're going.

Also remember to:

- Slow down. Driving through water at high speed can cause you to lose control. Lowering your speed helps you avoid sudden stops caused by disabled cars, debris and other hazards.
- Expect road surfaces to be slick. The first few hours of rain can be the most dangerous.
- Turn on your headlights to improve visibility. Disengage

your cruise control.

- Keep your distance. A car needs two to three times more stopping distance on wet roads.
- Motorists and bicyclists must watch for each other: Cars won't stop as quickly and bicycles may be harder to see. Give riders room!

The most common vehicle problems in wet weather involve wipers, brakes, tires and defrosters.

- Check your wipers. Replace wiper blades regularly. Make sure your defroster is functioning properly, especially if you haven't used it in a while.
- Check your brakes. After driving through a puddle, check that brakes are working properly by tapping them gently a few times.

- Check your tires. Make sure tires are in good condition and are at the recommended inflation level. Tires should have at least 1/32 of an inch tread depth at any two adjacent grooves, the minimum allowable by law.

Driving on overinflated or underinflated tires is dangerous on wet pavement.

Hydroplaning occurs when your front tires surf on a film of water. It can occur at speeds as low as 35 miles per hour, especially if tires are worn. If you hydroplane, ease off the gas, gently apply the brakes and steer straight ahead.

For updated information on highway work and current travel information throughout Oregon, visit TripCheck.com or call the Oregon road report at 511 or 1-800-977-6368.

OBITUARY

FOSBACK—Ole Fosback passed away Aug. 17, 2015 at age 93.



He was born to Ingeborg Halvorson Fosback and Karl Konrad Fosback in Bardu, Norway. The family came to America in 1927, making their home on the Siuslaw River near Cushman, Ore.

Rain or shine, Ole was an outdoorsman, working in the lumber industry most of his life. He helped build logging roads and drove lumber carriers and loaded barges.

He loved the river and helped move the logs around to get them ready to go into the sawmill.

He also ran tugboat on the Siuslaw.

Ole was a commercial fisherman in his younger years.

He bought and sold a tire shop, finding out after a few years that he wanted to be outside again.

He was drafted into the Army during World War II.

BIRTHS

ROCHON—Flora Rose Anne Rochon, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 13.5 ozs., was born to Millie and Joseph Rochon of Florence on Aug. 25, 2015, at 9:01 a.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

JACKSON—Emma Elizabeth Lynn Jackson, a girl, was born to Amy and Tyler Jackson of Glendale, Ariz., on Aug. 23, 2015. Grandparents are Christine and Leo Duwell of Florence.

COURTS

Florence Municipal Court
Aug. 25

Katy Miriah Rainwater pleaded guilty to theft. She was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail and must report for treatment. She must pay \$435 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Randy Scott Swift pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license. He must pay \$1,125 in fines.

Kayla Nicole Hubbard pleaded guilty to harassment. She was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail and must report to Court Services Institute Anger

Management program. She must pay \$425 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Robert Ernest Bean pleaded no contest to resisting arrest, property damage and hit and run. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$500 in fines and his driver's license is suspended for 90 days.

Corrine Robyn Briggs pleaded no contest to reckless driving and reckless endangerment. She was sentenced to 10 days house arrest through AMP. She must pay \$525 in fines.

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