

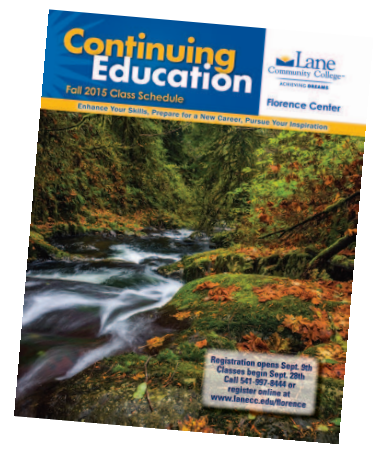
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This single-trailer fire burned hot, starting at about 3 a.m. Thursday on Glenada Ridge south of Florence. One person died inside, according to Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, whose firefighters had to peel the metal siding off the building to subdue the blaze.

Fire marshal, sheriffs investigate death, cause of early morning fire

By CHANTELLE MEYER
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A fire on Glenada Ridge, about a half-mile south of Florence on Highway 101, claimed the life of one resident early Thursday morning. Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) arrived at

the scene, 85149 Highway 101, within 10 minutes of receiving the call at 3:03 a.m. “We were pretty quick to get here,” said Fire Marshal Sean Barrett. By then, flames from the single-trailer fire could be seen from as far away as the

Siuslaw River Bridge. “It actually was a very stubborn fire,” Barrett said. “Usually single-wide trailers burn down and they’re gone real quick. We had a good stop — it’s still standing — but it took a lot. “It took about 8,000 gallons of water, and not a lot

of firefighters.” He counted a total of 13 SVFR representatives, including Fire Chief Jim Langborg. “It was just stubborn trying to put out in the walls, the ceiling and the floor,” Barrett said. “Fires can melt the siding, but because the

siding was steel, it held a lot of heat inside the building. We peeled all that off just to get to the fire. That’s why there’s no siding on it.” The fire was easier to subdue once more of the siding was removed.

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POLICE

More info sought on body found

Medical examiner releases details, but man’s identity still unknown

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Florence Police Department (FPD) is still working to identify the body of a man found in the wooded area north of Sandpines Golf Links on Aug. 30.

Police worked with the Lane County Medical Examiner, who conducted an examination of the body.

FPD Lt. John Pitcher said, “We work with the medical examiners on all unattended deaths. That means every death that does not have a doctor present.”

He said that includes deaths such as homicides, suicides and even from illness.

The examiner said, “It is believed that this subject is a white or hispanic adult male between 20 and 40 years of age. He is approximately 5’6” to 5’10” in height, with dark brown or black hair approximately 1.5” in length.”

At the time of discovery, the body was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with no markings, a black T-shirt that read, “Total Recall,” blue jeans and newer black/gray/white size 10.5 Nike shoes.

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Mapleton presents 3 new teachers

Annual welcome barbecue set for Wednesday

By JACK DAVIS
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Mapleton School District welcomes three new teachers this fall.

Elisa Gray will be teaching special education classes for grades seven to 12. She has more than 30 years of teaching experience.

Jay Blake will be teaching seventh and eighth grade language arts and social studies. He will also be the assistant volleyball coach. Blake and his wife Lori moved to Florence last year from Minnesota.

Ruth Larson will teach ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grade English language arts and high school drama. She will also be teaching middle and high school Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes. Larson lives in Veneta.



Elisa Gray



Jay Blake



Ruth Larson

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Popular produce vendor may retire

This season may be last for Winston farmer

Farmer Jim Lee has been bringing his fresh produce to Florence every Tuesday for 15 years, but the 74-year-old may be calling it quits after this season.

He has already scaled back on his hectic summer schedule.

“I used to do 11 towns in seven days but I quit that,” Lee said, adding that he has cut back to selling in three coastal towns, four days a week. “I also go to the Coos Bay Farmers Market on Wednesday and Sunday and I do Bandon on Friday.”

Lee grows almost all of what he sells on his 44-acre farm in Winston, about 8 miles south of Roseburg. He also rents another 10 acres.

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Farmer Jim Lee prepares fresh watermelon from his farm as part of the produce he sells every Tuesday in Florence.



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