

# THE RECORD

## Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue decreases severity of Florence-area fire restrictions

Effective at 1 p.m. on Aug. 31, the Oregon Department of Forestry lowered the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to a I in Western Lane County and a II for Eastern and Southern Lane County. The Regulated Use Closure is still in effect for the public.

To follow suit, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) also is easing the restrictions in the fire district. However, if the weather or fire conditions warrant, precaution levels may rise at any time.

"Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe," said Jim Langborg, SVFR Fire Chief.

The following are the restrictions for all lands protected by SVFR, including the City of Florence and Dunes City.

Under the state's regulated closure, except as to the owner's legal right of entry upon their land, entry to all forestland is unlawful

unless entrants comply with the following restrictions:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water and on sand or gravel bars that lie between water and high water marks that are free of vegetation.

- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated locations, such as Improved campgrounds with fire rings. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.

- Chainsaw use is prohibited in areas subject to Industrial Fire Precaution Level III and IV.

- Chainsaw use is prohibited, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., in areas subject to Industrial Fire Precaution Level I and II. Chainsaw use is permitted at all other hours, if the following fire-fighting equipment is present

with each operating saw: one axe, one shovel, and one operational 8-ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the use of each saw.

- Use of motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads or for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- All motor vehicles must be equipped with one gallon of water or one operational 2-pound or larger fire extinguisher, one axe, and one shovel, except when traveling on state highways and county roads and all driveways.

- All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one operational 2-pound or larger fire extinguisher, except when traveling on state highways and county roads.

- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is permitted at all other hours, if conducted in a cleared area and if a water supply is present.

- Mowing of dried and cured grass with power driven equipment is prohibited, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., except

for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- Blasting is prohibited, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Blasting is permitted at all other hours, if conducted in a cleared area and if a water supply is present.

The State Forester or an authorized representative may, in writing, approve a modification or waiver of these requirements.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until replaced, suspended, or terminated by an additional proclamation of the state forester or an authorized representative.

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### 60th ANNIVERSARY

#### Patricia and Virgle Bechtold

Patricia Ann (Patnoe) and Virgle Duane Bechtold were married 60 years ago on Sept. 7, 1955, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They were high school sweethearts in their hometown of White River, S.D.

Patricia attended Black Hills State Teacher's College in Spearfish, S.D., for one year. Before that she had worked at the local bank in White River.

In 1956, the couple moved to Sioux Falls so Virgle could attend Augustana University on a football scholarship.

Patricia worked at a bank until her daughter Lory was born in July 1958. In November 1961, their son Douglas was born.

In July 1962, Pat and Virgle moved their young family to the West Coast. They settled in Florence, where Virgle's sister

and brother lived with their families.

Two years later, twin boys were born in May.

Logging was a booming industry in Oregon, and Virgle worked for several companies through the years.

In the early 1970s, Patricia went back to working at a bank. During this time Virgle was superintendent for Bohemia Lumber Company, but the logging industry was in decline, with larger companies closing their logging operations. After a few years, Virgle left logging and became a general contractor with his own business.

Patricia retired after 25 years from Western Bank (Washington Mutual), and then she finally convinced Virgle to retire.

Now, they enjoy travelling



back to South Dakota, as well as taking their motor home to Reno, Nev., and many Arizona destinations.

Much of their time is happily spent with their nine grandchildren: Michael, Austin, Joel, Samuel, Chelsea, Kynan, Raudy, Kyler and Beau.

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