

# THE RECORD

## Sheriff's office reopens 20 additional beds at Lane County Jail

The Lane County Sheriff's Office reopened an additional 20 local jail beds, bringing Lane County's total number of local jail beds to 317 and opening up the East Annex area to full capacity.

The addition is possible due to a five-year public safety levy approved by Lane County voters in May 2013.

"We have been preparing to open these additional local beds since last fall," said Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp. "We have made some great hires and re-assigned space in the last few months that are allowing us to really maximize the effects of the jail levy. Our community is

seeing a real difference in safety and accountability."

The jail levy requires a minimum of 255 jail beds for local offenders. Prior to the levy, there were 125 local jail beds open.

On July 1, 2013, Lane County Jail opened 131 local beds with funding provided by the successful levy for a total of 256 local beds.

On Sept. 8, an additional 41 local jail beds were reopened.

Total jail capacity is currently at 382.

The number of capacity based releases (inmates released from the jail to prevent over-crowding) has fallen from 5,129 in the fiscal year before the levy to

2,126 in fiscal year 2014-15.

The increase in local jail beds has also eliminated the pre-trial

capacity-based release of Measure 11 offenders.

Annual, independent financial

audits of the use of jail levy funds have found that money has been used as promised to restore

local jail beds and critical youth treatment facilities.

### COURTS

#### Florence Municipal Court Feb. 9

Camille Renee Childers pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. She must report to AMP. She must pay \$475 in fines.

Brendon Alex Martinez pleaded no contest to criminal mischief. He must pay \$450 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of

employment of the victim.

John Steven Wyatt pleaded no contest to theft by receiving. He must pay \$375 in fines.

Arthur Leon Flanagan pleaded no contest to theft. He was sentenced to 10 days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$650 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

### GRADUATE NOTES

**April (Dimmick) Miller**, originally from Florence and now a student at the University of Oregon School of Music in Eugene, entered her first vocal competition and won first place in the Upper College Women Division at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Cascade Chapter's annual Classical Festival in Portland.

Miller was formerly an active member and scholarship recipient of the Florence



Community Chorus during her high school years.

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