

# Public asked not to release pet turtles into wild

ROSEBURG — A 10-pound snapping turtle recently found at the Yoncalla Water Treatment Plant is a good reminder not to release pet turtles into the wild. It's illegal, and it's harmful for Oregon's two native turtles, the Western Pond Turtle and Western Painted Turtle.



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A 10-pound snapping turtle was recently found in a Douglas County water treatment plant.

Snapping turtles, red-eared sliders, and map turtles are not native to Oregon and are often illegally bought, sold or traded in the state. These are the most common pet turtles but are prohibited by law in Oregon because they are invasive species.

ODFW biologists say invasive turtles compete with Oregon's native turtles for food, basking sites and nesting areas. Many grow bigger and lay more eggs than native turtles, and some even predate upon them, hatchlings in particular.

Turtles can live 40 to 100 years, and are often released

into the wild when people lose interest or tire of caring for them. Pet turtles often suffer from eye, shell or respiratory infections, and these pathogens can be spread to native turtles.

"Turtles take a lot of care and have special diet and habitat needs to keep them

healthy," says ODFW Conservation Biologist Susan Barnes. "Turtles also carry salmonella which can make people, particularly children, very sick."

Anyone finding an invasive turtle can turn it into their local ODFW office.

Use extra caution when picking up a snapping turtle however; they can and do bite.

Pick snappers up by the back of their tail, not the sides — their neck is long enough to swing about half their body size.

This time of year, female turtles are moving to nesting areas. Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species Program Manager has some advice.

"If you find a native turtle crossing the road, pick it up and put it on the side of the road in the direction it was heading," Boatner said.

The Western Painted Turtle and Western Pond Turtle are both classified as "Critical" on Oregon's Sensitive Species list; state law prohibits killing them or taking them from the wild.

Oregon's native turtles are also identified as priority at-risk species in the Oregon Conservation Strategy due to declining habitat quality and fragmentation, pollution and competition with invasive turtles among other reasons.

ODFW tracks native and non-native turtle sightings, and asks the public to help by reporting them at [www.oregon.turtles.com](http://www.oregon.turtles.com).

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No Cats  
No Children



If you would like to meet Gage any of his friends, please visit us at:

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## Emeralds to open season Friday at PK Park

EUGENE — The Eugene Emerald's, a second-year affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, will begin their season by hosting the Boise Hawks on June 17, at 7:05 p.m., in their home, PK Park.

The team, which has been as unlucky as its big league affiliates, The Chicago Cubs, are confident that this will be their year. Fans can come out to the ball park to help "Reverse the Curse" and start the season with a win.

The first 1,000 fans through the Home Plate gate will receive a special edition "Reverse the Curse" T-shirt, presented by Pepsi, and a 2016 playoff voucher.

Last year, the Ems failed to reach the playoffs by only a single game. The team hopes to turn around its fortune this season.

The opening game will be the first chance for fans to see the newest generation of the Emeralds take the field. Fans will also be encouraged to stay after the game to watch a jam-packed laser light show, presented by Pepsi.

During each home game, the Emeralds will feature a local nonprofit through the Kendall Community Spotlight.

This program helps shine a light on some of the nonprofits in the Eugene and Springfield area, and bring awareness to all the hard work the organizations do on a daily basis.

For Opening Day, Alvord-Taylor will be the Kendall Community Spotlight. Alvord-Taylor works to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have quality experiences at home, at work and in the community.

To find out more, visit their website or come see them on the concourse at PK Park.

The Eugene Emeralds are the short-season Class A team of the Chicago Cubs. In 2015, six of the top 30 Cubs prospects spent time in Eugene, including Ian Happ, Donnie Dewees and Eloy Jimenez.

For more information, visit [www.EmeraldsBaseball.com](http://www.EmeraldsBaseball.com) or call 541-342-5367.

## SCORES & STANDINGS

### BRIDGE

#### Florence Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoon Pairs Session June 2, 2016  
Scores after 5 rounds Average: 25.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank	MPs
2	62.00	31.00	A 1/2	0.51(A) John Weatherwax - Lloyd Little
4	62.00	31.00	A 1/2	0.51(A) Doreen MacNeil - Lois Hundtoft
3	53.00	26.50	C 1	0.24(B) David Gustafson - Marian Weiss
6	47.00	23.50	A	John Reiser - Georgia Farman
1	40.00	20.00	B	Anna Hendershot - Roberta Parker
5	36.00	18.00	C	Kenneth Hampsten - Beverly Rozaire-Brown

#### Florence Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoon Pairs Session June 9, 2016  
Scores after 5 rounds Average: 10.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank	MPs
4	60.00	12.00	A 1	0.50(A) Doreen MacNeil - Roberta Parker
6	57.50	11.50	A 2	0.35(A) Georgia Farman - Anna Hendershot
5	50.00	10.00	A	David Gustafson - Marian Weiss
2	45.00	9.00	A	John Reiser - John Weatherwax
1	37.50	7.50	C	Lloyd Little - Beverly Rozaire-Brown

### WOMEN'S GOLF

#### Ocean Dunes Ladies

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016



**LADIES NIGHT**  
LOW NET WINNERS:  
MARISA HAWK, MARLENE DOHN, BRA MCCULLOCH AND STEPHANIE WRIGHT  
SCORE 15.14

### GOLF

#### Hole-In-One



**Joe Howell**

**JOE HOWEL** OF FLORENCE SCORED A RARE HOLE-IN-ONE ON THE 18TH HOLE AT OCEAN DUNES GOLF LINKS ON JUNE 10, 2016. HE USED A DRIVER TO KNOCK THE BALL 287 YARDS. IT IS HOWEL'S FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE IN 20 YEARS OF GOLFING.

### MEN'S GOLF

#### Ocean Dunes

THURSDAY MAY 26, 2016

**4-MAN QUOTA** HOLDER, LONNIE IHOLTS, JACK MAYWOOD  
1ST: LARRY JONES, BOB KESSEL, BILL BARRONG, DAVE RIPLEY  
2ND: RICK WIDLUND, BEN OLSEN  
KPs: BEN HOLDER, BOB LOREN, RICK WIDLUND, DAVE OLSEN

THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2016

**4-MAN SCRAMBLE** MAYWOOD, DICK KAPRIELIAN, RICK HARDWICK  
1ST GROSS: KYLE NELSON, PAUL RUNGE, BOB KESSEL, BOB GRAVES  
KPs: RICH MOORE, DAN PEASE, DAVE RIPLEY  
1ST NET: DAN PEASE, JACK

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016

**4-MAN TEAM** 1ST: ROD MCCULLOCH, RICHARD KAPRIELIAN, LONNIE IHOLTS, BILL SEARLE  
**1 GROSS 1 NET** KPs: KYLE NELSON, JIM EARNSHAW, SKIP CONKLIN, BARKUS, JERRY MULVEY, JACK KYLE NELSON  
A FLIGHT—  
1ST: MIKE WEBB, JEFF  
B FLIGHT —  
BARKUS, JERRY MULVEY, JACK MAYWOOD

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 11-12, 2016

**SPRING HANDICAP** B FLIGHT—  
A FLIGHT—  
1ST: BEN HOLDER  
2ND: ED PFANNMULLER  
3RD: RON SCHREIBER  
1ST: RICH MOORE  
2ND: WAYNE NOEL  
3RD: RICH CASTANEDA

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Sat-Sun 6/18-6/19 9am - 2pm  
10915 Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.  
Furniture, Tools, Household, Misc.

**Garage & Moving Sale**  
June 17-18 9am-3pm  
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