

GENERAL NEWS

Police identify Mapleton drowning victim

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Siuslaw News

Oregon State Police has identified the 23-year-old man who drowned July 3 in Mapleton as Duong T. Ngo, of Eugene.

Local emergency dispatch received a call for a welfare check at 87957 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton at 3:24 p.m., where a group of adults was swimming in the Siuslaw River. Oregon State Police, Mapleton Fire Department's Quick Response Team, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance responded to the call for a water rescue.

According to the three wit-

nesses, also from Eugene, a group was swimming together when Ngo disappeared from sight.

The response agencies sent divers into the river, where they conducted a search for approximately 30 minutes before locating the victim. After bringing him to a nearby dock, rescue crews made resuscitative efforts before transporting Ngo to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Oregon State Police's public information officer said there was nothing suspicious about the drowning and there will be no further investigation.

Ames photography featured at OPB this month

Oregon Pacific Bank is highlighting the photos of highly acclaimed local photographer Stephanie Ames during the month of July.

"I love how light and the camera lens combine to reveal our everyday world as a mysterious and perhaps, unknowable place," said Ames, who is a retired educator and a Pacific Northwest native.

She has spent decades hiking, backpacking, birding, kayaking, snowshoeing, rock-hounding and photographing all over Oregon.

She has also climbed Mt. Hood.

Ames' images have appeared in many publications and calendars, and her work has been juried into many shows, including: Celebrate Arts in Florence; Photo Zone Gallery; Eugene Mayor's Art Show and Viewer's Choice Award; Coos Art Museum



Siuslaw River Bridge photo by Stephanie Ames

Show; Jacobs Gallery, Eugene; Corvallis Art Center and Eugene Biennial at the Karin Clarke Gallery.

This past year she won first

place for photography in the Florence Event Center's Artistic Visions Award Show.

Ames has been a member of Backstreet Gallery in Florence

since 2010, where many of her photographs are on exhibit. She is also a member of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA).



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Spring clean-up nets 18 tons of hazardous waste

Lane County Waste Management Division's Special Waste staff collected 35,836 pounds of household hazardous waste from 506 households in Oakridge, Florence and Cottage Grove last spring.

Each spring and fall, the Special Waste Program hosts rural collections for households. The purpose of the pro-

gram is to divert hazardous wastes from the landfill.

Household hazardous waste from residential customers is also accepted free of charge year-round at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center at the Glenwood Transfer Station. Collections are scheduled on Thursdays and Saturdays; appointments can be made at 541-682-4120.

Special Waste staff also screens incoming loads at Lane County sites for hazardous waste and issue permits for special wastes such as asbestos and contaminated soils.

The Special Waste Program accepts up to 35 gallons of the following items per household, including: Paint, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, car care products,

and other household hazardous waste.

The Special Waste Program does not accept: Empty containers, drums, radioactive waste, asbestos, explosives or electronics

For more information about Lane County's Special Waste Program, visit www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/HazWaste/Pages/default.aspx.

Lane County forestland classification committee meeting to be held Tuesday

The Forestland Classification Committee for Lane County will hold a meeting and work session in Florence

on Tuesday, July 12, to continue review of lands within the county to determine which should be classified as forestland for the purpose of fire protection.

The Oregon Department of Forestry provides wildfire protection services to forest-

lands in the county, and a Forest Patrol Assessment on protected lands helps fund firefighting.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Oregon Department of Forestry office in Florence, 2660 Kingwood St. It is open to the public.

River restroom winner named

The Port of Siuslaw has announced that Ron Caputo, president of the Port Commission, has selected a name for the floating restroom.

Caputo said he came under intense community pressure to find a fitting and apt name for the relief head.

"It needed to be a name that would endure the test of time, a name which would not flush away with the current," said Caputo.

Runners-up included "Non Invasive Feces," "Toilet Island," "Head Above Water" and "Dumptanic."

The winner was Bonnie Kramer, who submitted the name "Relief Station."

Kramer will receive a \$100 gift certificate to ICM Restaurant.

The floating restroom, a gift from the Oregon State Marine Board, will go into the river this week. It will be available for use immediately thereafter.

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