

GENERAL NEWS

Siuslaw Valley gives update on Tuesday's fires

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Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue crews responded to three fires on Tuesday, Sept. 13. For Fire Marshal Sean Barrett

and area firefighters, it was a long day battling the effects of dry conditions.

"They come in threes," Barrett said. "For us, it started around 10 a.m. with the wild-land fire north on Highway

101." The fire spread across half an acre of land behind the Central Lincoln PUD substation near Taylor Road. It came within a quarter mile of Highway 101. "Oregon Department of



PHOTO BY ROBYN BARRETT

Firefighters work to suppress the third reported fire on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Forestry worked with us on that one. It appears to be started by transients," Barrett said.

Dry and warm conditions compounded to spread the fire, though the two agencies were able to contain the fire before afternoon winds could spread it to nearby trees.

Department of Forestry will continue the investigation.

While Siuslaw Valley was still at the brush fire, crews received the second call of the day at 1:30 p.m. — a house in the 2100 block of 17th Street. Firefighters worked to contain the fire for several hours, but the house and its contents were a near total loss, with only a few personal items saved.

"It appears to be started by smoking materials," Barrett said.

The fire began outside the house near a door to the garage. Before long, it spread up the outside wall and into the attic.

Barrett said the windows of the house blew out right as firefighters arrived.

Andrew and Marcy Kellermen and their teenaged son lived in the home with their pets.

"The man and the teen were home at the time but got out OK. We found out later that the pets were also found safe," Barrett said.

He added that firefighters always check for pets and people when they respond to a fire.

"We were concerned, too, when we heard the pets might be inside," he said.

The local Disaster Response Team with the American Red Cross also responded to the fire. Red Cross provided resources to help address the immediate basic needs of the family, including temporary housing, food, clothing, information about recovery services and health and mental health services.

Florence residents also stepped forward with supplies and created a fundraising campaign to assist the Kellermen family at GoFundMe.com/2p47fd34.

Later that night, Siuslaw Valley received a dispatch about a third fire.

At 11:30 p.m., a motorhome caught fire in front of Dunes Cafe on Highway 126.

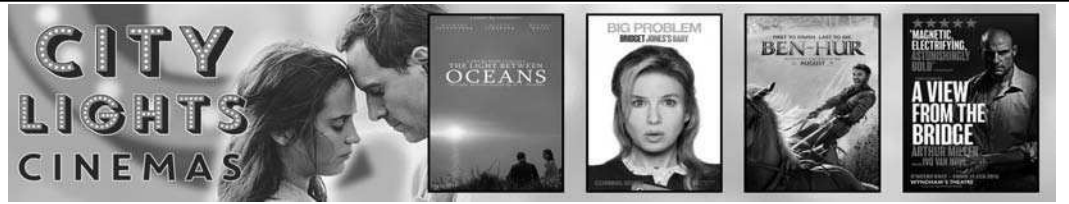
According to Barrett, the driver had just purchased the vehicle in Veneta and was on her way home to Lakeside. Engine difficulties prompted her to pull over.

She fought to put out flames beneath the engine compartment with a fire extinguisher. Firefighters were unable to save the rest of the vehicle.

"It was a busy, tiring day," Barrett said. "Training more volunteers would really help on days like today."

He also said that the fire danger will continue until there is a larger change in the weather.

"Absolutely be on alert. The danger will not pass until we have two weeks of rain to soak the ground and raise the moisture level. Things are still really dry," he said.



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| HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE PG-13 93 MIN - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED | 4:05 PM 9:15 PM | 4:30 PM 9:25 PM | 8:05 PM | 4:05 PM 9:15 PM | 4:05 PM 9:15 PM | 1:05 PM 9:35 PM | 4:05 PM 9:15 PM |
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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student

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| A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE 180 MIN - National Theatre Live - Award-winning Arthur Miller revival: "a meticulously conceived production that reinvents Miller without ever getting in the way of the view." | | 11:00 AM | | | | 6:00 PM | |
| THE BEATLES: EIGHT DAYS A WEEK NR 120 MIN - Ron Howard Directs "You can't watch them in these days and not be caught up in Beatlemania." NY Daily News | | 11:05 AM 5:15 PM | 2:45 PM 8:05 PM | | | | |

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PeaceHealth to host ER open house

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center will host an open house for Florence com-

munity to tour its newly expanded emergency department on Sunday, Sept. 25, at

12:30 p.m. The expansion and remodel project took approximately 15 months and cost \$6 million to complete.

With donations from the community and grants totaling \$5 million, this wraps up the largest fundraising campaign to date in Florence. The open house will allow donors and the community to see firsthand how the expansion will better serve the needs of Florence and surrounding communities.

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