

THE RECORD

Attorney General issues 'fake news' scam alert

"Fake news" and "alternative facts" demonstrate how prevalent news hoaxes have become in today's media landscape — and how dangerous it can be to rely on bogus or unsubstantiated information.

"This is a significant consumer fraud problem," said Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. "People who post these bogus articles make a lot of money off your clicks, while you get information that can harm you."

"For years I've encouraged Oregonians to be skeptical of emails and phone calls that sound too good to be true. I now urge you to do the same

with news reports that aren't properly sourced."

This Scam Alert contains tips to help consumers distinguish between what's real and what's not in daily news consumption.

1) If the author of an article or post is not given — or if the author is not properly identified — be skeptical.

2) The same is true if there are not references or links to legitimate source material.

3) If there are multiple errors in spelling or grammar, this should be an immediate tip-off to doubt what you're reading.

4) If the report seems hard to believe, it likely isn't worth

believing.

5) The same is true if only one side of the story is reported.

6) If the headline is not consistent with the story, don't trust either one.

7) Doubt overly emotional stories — including those that "hyperventilate."

8) Give the website's domain name (URL) a careful look. "ABCNews.com" is real; "ABCNews.com.co" is not.

9) Similarly, check the "About Us" section of the website. Again, if it's sketchy, the website likely is, too.

10) Have quotations been altered? You can check this

easily. Just cut and paste into Google's Search engine.

11) You can verify stories that make you doubt them by utilizing www.FactCheck.org and www.Politifact.com, which monitor U.S. political stories.

Snopes.com fact-checks internet rumors only.

12) Facebook is now providing warning labels on questionable news reports. You can also report news hoaxes to Facebook.

Remember: People who post fake news make money from clicks on the bad information they provide.

Consumer must do their part in stop it.

First City Debris Disposal Day is today at airport

The first City of Florence Yard Debris Disposal Day of 2017 is today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 27th Street entrance to the airport (Kingwood St. and 27th St.)

The City is providing disposal of yard debris on the third Saturday of each month from March through October.

The disposal day in May will be held on the second Saturday, May 13, so as not to conflict with Rhody Days.

The current cost to dispose a standard pickup truck load or small utility trailer (single axle or less) of yard debris is \$10; medium utility trailer (10-12 feet in length) is \$15; and a

large utility trailer (greater than 12 feet in length) is \$20.

For loads larger than 20 cubic yards, the cost is \$20 plus \$5/yard over.

Debris loads must be tied, tarped, secured, or covered in the vehicle or trailer in a manner that prevents any material from leaving the vehicle or trailer while in motion.

The 2017 Yard Debris Disposal Days are: March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, and Oct. 21.

For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.florence.or.us or call 541-997-4106.

OBITUARY

NORDSTROM — David



David Nordstrom

A 11 a n Nordstrom, born on N o v . 1 9 , 1936, in Worcester, Mass. He joined the U.S. Navy at 17 years old. He was active duty for 20 years and 10 years in the reserves.

David worked in two different companies as an electronic technician in Mt. View and Palo Alto, Calif., an area known as "Silicone Valley."

The last of November 1998 David and his wife retired to Florence. David was well liked by the many people he met here. It seemed, no matter what, he was always positive, looking for the best in people and situations.

The first part of 2017, David's health became more

fragile and, on March 6, he went to his eternal home to be with Jesus, his Lord and Savior.

David is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Barbara Jean; a sister, Linda La Branche, now residing in Florida; a brother, Richard Nordstrom, also residing in Florida; niece Jennifer Katori of Blackstone, Mass.; his Uncle Oscar in Massachusetts; various cousins and many great friends.

There will be a memorial service at First Baptist Church at 25th and Spruce streets in Florence today, April 8, at 10 a.m.

There will be refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Navy will be arranging a burial at sea to scatter David's ashes, in accordance with his wishes.

David will be greatly missed by all.

COURTS

Florence Municipal Court March 14

Forrest Luis Mendez-Lewis pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$425 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Eric Dean Sexton pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for driving with a suspended driver's license. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$575 in fines.

Jack Edward Schmidt III pleaded no contest to attempted possession of methamphetamine, attempted criminal trespass, attempted criminal mischief and furnishing alcohol to a minor. He was sentenced to eight days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$1,400 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residences or places of employment of the victims.

Clyde Franklin Clark pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful use of weapon and menacing. He must report to treatment and pay \$575 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residences, premises or places of employment of the victims.

Norman Lee Larsen Jr. pleaded guilty to DUII. He was sentenced two to days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. He must pay \$1,525 in fines and his driver's license is suspended for one year.

Katy Miriah Rainwater pleaded guilty to theft. She was sentenced six to days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. She must pay \$475 in fines.

Dennis William Nichol pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to four days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. He must pay \$475 in fines.

Lane County raises age for tobacco buyers to 21

Lane County commissioners, acting as both the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Health, voted last week in favor of raising the legal age to purchase or possess tobacco products to 21 throughout Lane County.

Lane County is the first county in Oregon to pass such an ordinance. The ordinance (17-01) amends Lane Code, Chapter 9, Section 7.

This includes electronic smoking devices and any component or accessory used in the preparation or consumption of tobacco products, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, and substances used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine.

The ordinance will take effect beginning April 13. It prohibits individuals less than 21 years of age from purchasing or possessing tobacco products in Lane County.

The ordinance does include an exemption that allows licensed retail outlet employees between the ages of 18 and 21 to sell tobacco products for their employers.

The approved ordinance does not include a grandfather clause exempting individuals currently between 18 and 21 years of age as was discussed previously by commissioners.

For more information, contact Devon Ashbridge, public information officer- 541-682-4526.

WEATHER DATA

Florence Food Share Monthly Statistics February 2017

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 7	49	42	2.36
March 8	50	45	1.06
March 9	55	49	1.03
March 10	56	43	0.05
March 11	51	42	0.32
March 12	62	45	0.00
March 13	55	47	0.82

Rainfall Week: 5.64" Month: 7.73" Year: 41.74"

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FLORENCE FOOD SHARE IS HIRING:

Position: Volunteer Coordinator

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\$11.00 per hour
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Florence Food Share is seeking a levelheaded, even keeled, caring, multi-tasking individual. Must be able to keep calm under stressful situations, which you will encounter periodically and unexpectedly with this position.

Prior experience coordinating a large volume of volunteers is required.

Experience with Excel spreadsheets is a plus.

Ability to interact in a positive and respectful manner to clients, volunteers, staff and board members.

Please come in to the food pantry:
2190 Spruce Street, to fill out an application with a working phone number. If qualified, you will be contacted by phone for an interview. Position to begin with paid training on Monday, April 10, 2017.

SEACOAST ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

DALLAS BRASS

Wednesday, March 29 - 7:00 pm
Pre-concert talk 6:15 pm

A unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music.

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