

THE RECORD

County expands veterans services as strike continues

The Lane County Board of Commissioners met in executive session on Sunday, followed by several hours of continued mediation until 12 a.m. on Monday morning. Lane County and AFSCME will continue in mediation this week. As of 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, some 20 percent of AFSCME members have chosen to return to work. This has enabled Lane County to restore several services that were impacted by the strike:

- Behavioral Health will return to normal business hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Veterans Services will return to normal business hours and offer full walk-in services, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The Land Management Division is now able to offer its customers building permit and land use application consultations during its reduced customer service hours of 9 a.m. to

1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parole and Probation will extend its main office lobby hours to 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The River Stone Community Health Center in Springfield has reopened and is offering full adult clinical services Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Methadone Treatment Program group therapy

resumed today. Visit www.lanecounty.org for a list of service changes occurring during the AFSCME employees strike; it will be updated regularly. Community members with questions about affected services are encouraged to call the hotline at 541-682-3977. The hotline is open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the strike ends.

Florence City Recorder installed on board

The Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) recently installed Florence City Recorder/ Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese, as the 2017-2018 OAMR Second Vice President.



Kelli Weese

Weese received the oath of office at the association's annual conference banquet held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn on Sept. 22.

Weese has been an active member of OAMR since 2010. She has served on the Records Management Committee, Internet Committee and Conference Committee.

She is also very involved in her local community. She serves on the board/committee for the local Downtown Revitalization Team/Main Street USA, City Club, Florence Area Chamber of

Commerce (Ex-Officio) and many others.

In addition, Weese serves as the staff representative of the Public Arts Committee, helping establish a strategy and protocols for Florence's new program.

Weese has worked for the City of Florence since May 2008 and has served in multiple other capacities in addition to city recorder, including Geographic Information Technician and Interim Planning Director.

She is a certified planner and has earned her city AICP status.

OAMR is a professional organization dedicated to promoting governmental relationships and providing educational and training opportunities for more than 200 Oregon city recorders statewide.

Two Oregon children recovered during recent FBI sex trafficking sting

The FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, working with a number of local and state partner agencies in Oregon, recovered two child sex trafficking victims as part of a national and international operation in the past week.

The FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) spearhead the "Operation Cross Country" initiative to recover minor sex trafficking victims and to target the criminal enterprises responsible for the commercial sex trafficking of children.

Across the United States, FBI task forces recovered more than 80 minors and arrested 120 traffickers. In all, 55 FBI field offices, working with hundreds of local and state law enforcement partners took part in this, the 11th iteration of Operation Cross Country (OCC). International partners included Canada, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines.

The Oregon operations resulted in:

- Portland — Two minor sex trafficking victims recovered in Portland. One of these two just recently turned 18 but disclosed victimization that began when she was a minor; nine adult prostitutes were arrested and/or cited.

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- Eugene — Five adult prostitutes contacted. Law enforcement and social service providers offered assistance to all contacted.

- Salem — One arrest, Terrence Martell Williams, age 34, on a state charge of promoting prostitution. He was arrested by Salem Police Department; six adult prostitutes were arrested and/or cited.

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The FBI's victim specialists work with state protective service agencies and social service providers to offer those minors recovered medical assistance, mental health counseling or other support as needed.

Adult prostitutes arrested by local law enforcement partners assisting in Operation Cross Country are also given the option to receive social services.

"It can be easy to think that selling sex with children is so corrupt, so depraved that it couldn't possibly happen in my town, my neighborhood, my school. But, as we find out every time we recover a child, these victims are here and their

needs are very real," said Loren Cannon, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon. "These kids are everyone's responsibility, and they are counting on us — the FBI, local law enforcement, the community — to come together to give them a chance at a life we would all wish for our children."

Nationally and internationally, investigators staged operations in a number of locations, including casinos, hotels and truck stops as well as on street corners and via the Internet.

With regards to the Oregon operations, specifics will not be released as to the stings, including locations, to protect the integrity of future operations.

"We were honored to join

this massive effort to hold offenders accountable," said Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts. "We've made child exploitation a major enforcement focus at our agency, with initiatives and partnerships that include our Child Abuse Team, the Inter-agency Child Exploitation Prevention Team (INTERCEPT), A Safe Place Family Justice Center and our annual Child Abuse Family Violence Summit.

"We salute the FBI, our deputies and partner agencies in their large-scale effort to bring these individuals to justice."

For more information, contact Beth Anne Steele, FBI Public Affairs, Portland Division at 503-460-8099.

IMPOUNDMENT



13676

Male Labrador mix #13676 has been impounded at the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

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WEATHER DATA			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Oct. 17	62	39	0.00
Oct. 18	57	48	0.02
Oct. 19	58	48	2.57
Oct. 20	54	46	0.35
Oct. 21	57	45	1.34
Oct. 22	60	54	1.74
Oct. 23	67	52	0.00

Rainfall **Week:** 6.02"
Month: 7.98" **Year:** 81.91"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham