

THE RECORD

SVFR responds to house fire on View Terrace Dr.

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Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue responded Thursday evening to a house fire at 87816 View Terrace Drive.

Six fire units and 20 firefighters were deployed to the scene, according to Duty Chief Mike Barrett.

The residents self evacuated

after calling 911, just after 6 p.m.

The building suffered minor structural and smoke damage and first responders were on scene for approximately one hour and forty-five minutes.

There were no injuries reported and firefighters brought the incident under control within a short period of time, Barrett said.

Too late to mail ballots; drop off before Nov. 7

Have you voted but not returned your ballot to Lane County Elections?

Lane County Elections said that voters should have mailed back their voted ballots to the Elections Office no later than Nov. 1. Now, Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart suggests voters return their ballots to one of the many official ballot drop sites available, or turn them in at the Elections Office at 275 W. 10th Ave., Eugene.

In Western Lane County, people may drop off their ballots in the dropbox at Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood St.

A list of available drop sites is on the elections website at www.lanecounty.org/elections and enclosed with the voting material.

To be counted, all voted ballots must be received at the Elections Office or in an official drop site by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7. Postmarks do not qualify your ballot.

With an increase in the number of registered voters in

Lane County, it may take more time this year for the United States Postal Service to process and deliver ballots —making it critical for voters who choose to mail their ballots to allow adequate time for processing and delivery.

Betschart said there are several important reminders for voters to follow as they get their ballots ready to return.

“Please call our office if you have any questions prior to casting your vote,” she said. “We want to make sure every registered voter can have his or her vote counted.”

- Each voter must sign his or her own ballot return identification envelope. Make sure you sign the ballot envelope that lists your own printed name and address.

- Sign the ballot envelope in the same manner as your most current voter registration card.

Lane County Elections is located at 275 W. 10th Avenue, on the corner of 10th and Lincoln in downtown Eugene.

On Election Day, the Lane County Elections Office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Studded tire season runs Nov. 1 to March in Oregon

The studded tire season in Oregon began Wednesday, Nov. 1, and runs through March 31, 2018.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains.

A study completed in 2014 concluded studded tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

If you must travel when weather conditions present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better.

Alternatives to studded tires include:

- Chains: Link chains, cable chains or other devices that attach to the wheel, vehicle, or outside of the tire that are specifically designed to increase traction

on snow and ice.

Drivers should note that link chains may not be recommended for use on some types of vehicles; check your owner’s manual.

- Other traction tires: Other types of traction tires are available. These traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. They work about as well as studded tires on ice, but work better than studded tires or regular tires in most other winter conditions. In addition, they cause no more damage to road surfaces than regular tires.

ODOT provides bad-weather driving tips and how-to videos online at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/pages/winterdriving.aspx.

ODFW says roadkill salvage won’t be legal until 2019

Several times already this year, an Oregon State Police (OSP) trooper has arrived at the scene of a vehicle collision with a deer or elk and the driver has asked if the animal can be salvaged and taken home. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) offices are also getting such requests.

The answer is no, not yet. New rules allowing drivers to lawfully salvage roadstruck deer and elk don’t take effect until Jan. 1, 2019.

Calls and questions about the new roadkill law are increasing because wildlife-vehicle collisions peak this time of year.

According to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) statistics, there were 1,160 such collisions in November of last year and 1,052 in October, compared to just 377 in December 2016.

That’s because deer and elk are on the move this time of year, due to their annual migrations that see them crossing major Oregon highways to get from higher elevation summer habitats to lower elevation winter habitats. Deer are also on the move due to their annual “rut,” or breeding season, which lasts from late October until mid-to-late November. Fewer daylight hours also contribute to higher incidences of collisions.

“Be extra careful driving this time of year, especially where there is a lot of vegetation next to a road, or when going around curves as wildlife near the road might not be visible,” said Oregon State Police Captain Bill Fugate. “Drivers who see an animal near the roadway should try to reduce their speed and be aware that other animals will often be crossing, too. Finally, if you can, stay in your lane because serious crashes involving wildlife are often due to drivers swerving to avoid hitting an animal.”

After any wildlife-vehicle collision, ODFW, OSP or

ODOT attempt to salvage animals and will donate edible meat to a local food bank when possible.

With the passage of SB 372 by the 2017 Oregon State Legislature, drivers will also be able to salvage roadkilled deer and elk for the meat beginning in 2019. The Legislature gave ODFW time to develop a safe, responsible salvage program.

As with all regulations, ODFW staff will write draft rules and present them to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for public comment and consideration before adoption.

“ODFW will work to write rules that make getting a permit to legitimately salvage a roadstruck deer or elk as simple as possible, but that also discourage poaching,” says Doug Cottam, ODFW Wildlife Division Administrator.

Salvaging roadkill has been unlawful to discourage people from deliberately hitting a game animal with their vehicle in order to keep the meat or antlers, or from poaching an animal and covering it up by claiming it was roadkilled.

“OSP will continue to aggressively enforce wildlife laws once this new regulation takes effect on Jan. 1, 2019,” added OSP’s Fugate.

Until 2019, current Oregon wildlife regulations remain in place, stating, “No person shall possess or transport any game mammal or part thereof, which has been illegally killed, found or killed for humane reasons, except shed antlers, unless they have notified and received permission from personnel of the Oregon State Police or ODFW prior to transporting.”

Even licensed hunters may not pick up roadkilled deer and elk during legal hunting seasons.

For more information about roadkill and what to do if your car hits a wild animal, visit ODFW’s webpage at dfw.state.or.us.

COURTS

Florence Municipal Court

Oct. 24

Jessica Lynn Davis pleaded guilty to hit-and-run. She must pay \$2,263 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim. Her driver’s license was suspended for 90 days.

Crystal Songer pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. She must pay \$525 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Michael Jerome Gilbert pleaded no contest to harassment and assault. He was sentenced to eight days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$480 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Nicholas Edward Costas pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. He must pay \$200 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Oct. 31

Elijah A. Yell pleaded no contest to theft. He was sentenced to three days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$405 in fines and not contact or be in or about the

premises or place of employment of the victim.

Charles Willy Wright pleaded no contest to driving with a suspended driver’s license. He was sentenced to 14 days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$1,730 in fines.

Phillip Dearing pleaded guilty to resisting arrest. He must pay \$475 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Diana Karina Infante-Marquez pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct and unlawful use of a weapon. She must pay \$425 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Oct. 24	72	51	0.00
Oct. 25	63	41	0.00
Oct. 26	65	48	0.00
Oct. 27	72	47	0.00
Oct. 28	54	45	0.01
Oct. 29	55	51	0.00
Oct. 30	66	41	0.00

Rainfall Month: 7.99” Week: 0.01”
Year: 81.92”

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham



Siuslaw News Congratulates
Florence resident **Gary Lizzo** on winning \$75.00. Gary followed the clues published in the Siuslaw News and found the hidden pumpkin October 31st. The pumpkin was hidden at **Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care**.


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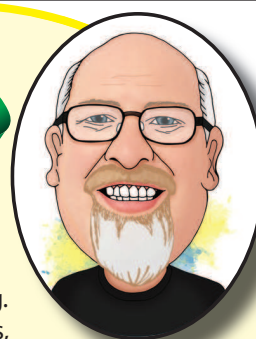
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- The Siuslaw News
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- Vardanian Gallery
- The River Gallery
- Rodger Bennett Photography
- Purple Pelican
- Siuslaw Public Library
- Florence Events Center
- Florence City Hall
- BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery



Dave's RE-CORNER



Most people have heard of the 3Rs of environmentally friendly behavior-

REDUCE is to use less of something. Use less water, turn off lights, use both sides of a paper.


REUSE is to use an item again. Refill a water bottle, reuse a container and buy reusable bags.

RECYCLE is to make new items from old ones; recycle bottles, glass, paper, cans, plastic, cardboard & more.

Tip
Re-use candle holders
If you think a candle is done when the wax is gone, think again! You can re-use many of your old candle jars for bathroom essentials like cotton swabs and cotton balls. Some could even serve as toothbrush holders. Use your imagination!

Quiz
Answer to Previous Quiz: A Reducing
If you take your old fluorescent lights to a drop off site you are...
A) reducing. B) reusing. C) recycling.

Did you Know?
People in the U.S. make up 5% of the world's population but use 25% of the world's resources and generate 30% of its garbage.*



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Caregiving Support Group meets Nov. 14

The Florence Caregiving Support Group’s meeting on Nov. 14 will feature a viewing the documentary “Care,” which shows the lives and plight of a few caregivers from around the country.

Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St.

Come meet others who are caregivers or who are receiving care. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Steve Benson at 541-429-2600.

The group meets to connect, discuss caregiving issues and work toward improving caregiving.



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