

THE RECORD

Initiative to ban aerial spray denied by courts

On March 7, Judge Karsten Rasmussen of the Lane County Circuit Court upheld a determination of Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart that the Freedom from Aerial Spraying of Herbicides Bill of Rights Charter Amendment does not comply with a statutory separate-vote rule.

As a result, the initiative is being kept off of the May 2018 ballot in Lane County.

The Freedom from Aerial Spraying of Herbicides Bill of Rights would ban aerial spraying of herbicides in Lane County. Proponents of the initiative introduced the amendment as a protecting for clean air and water, and public health. A similar measure banning aerial spraying was adopted by voters in Lincoln County in last May.

The issue of a separate-vote

requirement for charter amendment initiatives was brought forward by Stan Long, a timber industry supporter who sued Lane County in September 2016, contending that a review standard for charter amendment petitions must apply to the aerial spray ban initiative.

This came after the county had already approved the petition for circulation. Nearly 15,000 signatures were gathered to place the aerial spray ban question on the ballot.

"Lane County voters, and all Oregon voters, should be disheartened by this ruling," said Katja Kohler Gause, Chief Petitioner, who added that "...The courts have defended the timber industry's government-protected practice of aerial spraying poisons on the people, soil,

air." Gause accused the courts of trampling Oregon voters' right to introduce and initiative to vote on it and pass laws "...when those in office fail to protect us."

Chief petitioners of the proposed charter amendment argued that the applicable state statute — enacted in 1983 — could not be interpreted to require a proposed charter amendment to comply with the separate-vote rule under a 1998 interpretation of the rule.

Rather, they claimed that, consistent with legal rules of statutory interpretation, a county clerk must apply the separate-vote rule under the applicable law of 1983, which reflects the will of the legislature at the time of the statute's enactment.

Notably, the Lane County Clerk had previously determined that the proposed charter amendment at issue addressed a single subject.

"It is highly doubtful that the separate vote test should be applied at all," said Ann Kneeland, attorney for the initiative's Chief Petitioners, who plan to appeal the decision.

Along with Community Rights Lane County and initiative proponents, the Chief Petitioners will turn their efforts to asking the Lane County Board of Commissioners to refer the Freedom from Aerial Spraying Bill of Rights Ordinance and the Community Self-Government Ordinance to the November 2018 Lane County ballot.

OBITUARY

DRAYMAN — George "Doug" Douglas Drayman, 72, of Florence, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, March 11, 2017, in Florence.



George Drayman

He was born in San Diego, Calif., in 1944.

Doug was a long-time employee, retiring from GTE/Verizon, in San Fernando, Calif. Additionally, he served in the United States Air Force, he worked for Riverside Police Department, and for the Manatee County Sheriff's Department.

He also loved to volunteer for Peace Harbor, Peace Harbor Hospice, the Florence Senior Center and the Florence Auxiliary Police

Department. He was an active member of the Florence Elks Lodge 1858.

A special thank you to the Bernice at Hubbard's Retreat for their loving care and support.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ruby Drayman; his sister, Sandra Mason; daughter Cynthia Trezza; his fiancé, Frances "Frankie" Mitchell; and his beloved dog, Agatha.

He is survived by this two daughters: Daphne (Donald) Moss and Carrie (Dave) Kimel; his seven grandchildren: Lindsey, Lauren, Joe, Kegan, David, Zane and Zackary; his great-grandchildren: Sarah and Aubrey; and his beloved, dog Beau.

He will always be remembered as a gentle loving father, friend and grandfather.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Western Lane Ambulance District and Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Ambulance and fire call runs Feb. 25 - March 3

Date	Time	Area	Type	Date	Time	Area	Type
2/25/18	3:02	9th St	Landing Zone	2/28/18	13:56	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH
2/25/18	5:48	10th St	FPD Transport to PHH	2/28/18	14:23	Bay St	Transport to PHH
2/25/18	14:07	17th St	SVFR Transport to PHH	2/28/18	14:29	Saltaire St	Transport to PHH
2/25/18	17:13	Hwy 101	FPD Transport to PHH	2/28/18	18:58	10th St	Transport to PHH
2/25/18	21:29	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH	2/28/18	20:04	Windward Wy	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	9:31	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH	2/28/18	20:18	9th St	Transfer to RB
2/26/18	10:58	Hemlock	Transport to PHH	2/28/18	22:53	Rhododendron Dr	SVFR SVFR Public Assist
2/26/18	11:45	Oak St	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	0:48	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	11:59	9th St	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	8:23	9th St	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	13:06	Heceta Park Way	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	9:06	Brownings Corner	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	15:41	Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH	3/1/18	9:16	Oak St	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	16:14	Rhododendron Drive	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	12:53	Willow Lp	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	16:58	21st Street	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	12:58	Spruce St	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	18:21	9th St	Transfer to RB	3/1/18	14:08	N Marsh Dr	Transport to PHH
2/26/18	21:43	Ranch Rd	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	14:23	9th St	Residence
2/27/18	0:29	Xylo St	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	16:54	Willow St	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	1:58	Nopal St	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	17:52	Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH
2/27/18	3:35	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	23:27	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	10:29	9th Street	Transport to PHH	3/1/18	23:59	Spruce St	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	10:51	Sherwood Lp	Transport to PHH	3/2/18	1:05	21st St	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	11:37	9th St	Residence	3/2/18	5:52	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	12:52	Oak	SVFR Public Assist	3/2/18	10:25	21st Street	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	15:01	Hwy 101	FPD, OSP, SVFR Transport to PHH	3/2/18	12:52	Kingwood St	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	15:30	9th St	Transport to PHH	3/2/18	15:11	Upas St	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	15:31	Blanco St	Transport to PHH	3/2/18	17:29	9th St	Transport to ALF
2/27/18	16:21	30th Way	Transport to PHH	3/2/18	17:51	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	17:23	21st Street	Transport to PHH	3/2/18	19:07	9th St	Transfer to RB
2/27/18	17:27	Winchester bay	SVFR Public Assist	3/3/18	2:13	29th St	FPD Transport to PHH
2/27/18	18:42	Sweet Creek Rd	MFR Transport to PHH	3/3/18	7:07	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH
2/27/18	18:52	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	11:46	9th St	Residence
2/27/18	20:20	Mitchell Lp Rd	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	12:09	Lakeshore Dr	SVFR Public Assist
2/28/18	0:48	Nopal St	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	12:31	Heceta Park Way	Transport to PHH
2/28/18	1:56	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	14:21	9th St	Transfer to RB
2/28/18	3:38	9th St	Transfer to RB	3/3/18	15:24	Riverview Ave	Transport to PHH
2/28/18	7:16	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	16:05	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH
2/28/18	9:35	30th Way	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	17:16	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH
2/28/18	11:13	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH	3/3/18	21:26	9th St	Transfer to RB
2/28/18	12:47	Rio Rd	Transport to PHH				

CORRECTION

In the editorial opinion piece "Decreasing Gun Violence Requires Increasing Evidence-Based Debate" by Ned Hickson on A4 in the Wednesday, March 7, edition of Siuslaw News, a reference to the passage of legislation raising the minimum age of

gun purchasers to age 21 was incorrect; the term "passage" should have been "initiative."

Siuslaw News regrets the error and any confusion that may have resulted. We strive for accuracy and appreciate those who took the time to alerted us to the misstatement.

Reports of cougar, bear confrontation at Greentrees unsubstantiated by ODFW

By MARK BRENNAN
Siuslaw News

Residents of Greentrees Village have recently reported increased numbers of sighting of larger animals, including bears and cougars, to representatives of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

David Lane, ODFW Acting Deputy Administrator for Information and Education, said that recently reported skirmishes between the two species of predators were unsubstantiated and unconfirmed.

"There was no fight between a cougar and a bear that we know of, and we have not had to remove or euthanize any animals in response to these reports," Lane said.

This is in response to rumors circulated briefly this week about an interaction between the two species within Greentrees Village.

"There have been sightings of both animals at Greentrees and they appear to have lost wariness of humans," Lane said. "Due to human safety concerns, we are asking folks to be cautious and to keep pets inside when possible. People should also be securing any food that might attract animals to their property. They should also exercise caution when walking outdoors."

Lane said ODFW will be attempting to remove the predatory animals living in Greentrees, using non-lethal traps after determining the locations most likely to attract them.

It is ODFW policy to euthanize animals that have been habituated to human contact.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police Feb. 28

Theft was reported in the 100 block of Evergreen Terrace.

Accident, without injury, was reported at Munsel Lake Road and Highway 101.

Driving while suspended was reported at 18th Street and Highway 101.

DUI was reported at Spruce Street and Highway 126.

Mar. 1

Fire was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 101.

Mar. 2

Arrest was reported in the 1600 block of 12th Street.

Mar. 3

Dispute was reported in the

87000 block of Highway 101.

Mar. 4

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Mar. 5

Driving while suspended was reported at Kingwood and Hill Streets.

Dispute was reported in the 1500 block of Highway 101.

Fire was reported in the 91000 block of Highway 101.

Mar. 6

Theft was reported in the 5000 block of Highway 101.

Menacing was reported in the 2000 block of Oak Street.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported at Tamarack and 10th Street.

Dispute was reported in the 800 block of Highway 101.

DUI was reported at Heceta and Rhododendron Drives.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Mar. 7

Hit-and-run accident was reported at 12th and Spruce Streets.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported at Ninth and Kingwood Streets.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry Street.

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