

GENERAL NEWS

County removes racially tagged abandoned vehicle

County put removal on fast-track after determining the vehicle was partly in public right-of-way.

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An abandoned vehicle along Hece-ta Beach Road that drew a mixture of concern and disgust from many area residents Tuesday was removed by Thursday morning. The vehicle, a blue, late '80s four-door Honda, came to the attention of Florence residents last Tuesday morning when a passing driver on his way to work saw a racial slur had been spray-painted on the side facing the roadway reading: "Kill Ni-ers" (sic). The driver, Dyllen Jack, took a photo of the vehicle and posted it to the Florence, Oregon Facebook page, where it immediately drew a flurry of comments condemning the racially-themed vandalism.

As local and county officials worked to determine whether the vehicle was on private or public property — and ultimately what steps

could be taken to remove the vehicle — residents continued to weigh in on social media as to the motivation behind the vandalism and what could be done to have the car removed.

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Public Information Officer Sgt. Carrie Carver explained that the agency was aware of the situation surrounding the vandalized Honda but, unfortunately, was limited in the response it could take to remove the car.

Carver pointed out the abandoned vehicle was believed to be sitting on private property and, unless it posed a public safety risk, LCSO would need permission from the property or vehicle owner to remove the abandoned vehicle.

The City of Florence had no oversight responsibility for the vehicle or any authority to intervene in the matter.

Throughout Tuesday afternoon, the county pursued avenues to remove the vehicle, one being through a lack of code compliance. Due to damage the vehicle had sustained during its three weeks in that location, it could be removed under Lane County's nuisance vehicle storage code. The drawback was that it required the vehicle to have been in the same location for 90 days.

But by Wednesday, Devon Ashbridge, Public Information Officer for Lane County, said that the vehicle was in the process of being tagged, after which it could be towed away following a required 24-hour waiting period.

"We have continued to work with the property owner, as well as field staff, to determine where the right-of-way ends," Ashbridge told Siuslaw News on Wednesday. "We have enough information that indicates

the abandoned vehicle is partly in the public right-of-way. This allows us to tag the car for removal and, after the required 24-hour waiting period, we will tow it away."

Around 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, the car was removed.

"The fact that it was technically on public property allowed us to move much more quickly," said Ashbridge, who added that property owner James Head was also supportive of the county adding barriers to prevent cars from parking on the property in the future.

"We are still in the process of determining what kind of barrier can be placed safely in that location. Residents will likely see surveyors staking out the right-of-way in preparation."

In the future, should a car be abandoned in the same location, "It will be immediately clear that it's in public right-of-way and we can

take immediate steps to remove it," Ashbridge said. "We appreciate how many community members called in to report the vehicle and to report the reprehensible statement that had been spray painted on it."

Word of the vehicle and the Florence community's response was relayed by Ashbridge to Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich.

"I'm proud that the Florence community would not stand to have the incredibly offensive language painted on the car represent their community," Bozievich said of the situation. "The partnership among the community, local media and county staff to find a quick solution and remove the car, as well as find a more permanent fix for that area, was a great example of working together to solve problems."

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Fri.-Sat. 8/10-8/11
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1515 Xylo Street
Lots of misc., sofas & housewares.

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8am-2pm
3979 Spruce Street
3-Collections - tea pots, clowns, Green Bay Packer collectibles. Tools & much more.

Fri.-Sat. 8/10-8/11, Sun. 8/12
9am-3pm
87909 Limpit Lane
Nice mix from A to Y, anyone to see & buy.

OCMM to host special Heritage Day event Aug. 25

The Oregon Coast Military Museum is hosting its Military Heritage Day on Saturday, Aug. 25, starting at 2 p.m. at the hangar of Sam Spayd at the Florence Municipal Airport.

The program will focus on Women in the Military with two speakers and a poster display featuring 20 women veterans from around Oregon.

Elizabeth Estabrooks, herself a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1977 to 1980, joined the ODVA in that capacity

in 2016, will be one of those speakers.

"I feel fortunate every single day to be able to work with women veterans and community partners and facilitate shaping policies and procedures that improve services for women veterans," she said.

Capt. Sharon Armstrong, USCGR (Retired) will also be speaking.

She began her career in 1972 under the Coast Guard Reserve's "Direct Petty Officer Program."

During her 31-year career, which included assignments in the Coast Guard's District 5, District 12, and our own District 13, she became the first woman in District 12 to receive a direct commission from the Inactive Duty ranks since WWII.

The Museum is located at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, and open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is always seeking volunteers to work in the displays as a docent, or in the gift shop.

For more information about the museum, its Aug. 25 program or to volunteer, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

Area veterans invited to DAV barbecue

On Saturday, Aug. 18, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) are hosting an All Veterans Barbecue at the DAV Hall, 1715 21st St.

Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be available starting at 11 a.m.

DAV meets the third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. at the DAV Hall. The next meeting is Aug. 21.

For more information, call 541-590-0420.

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Disney's CHRISTOPHER ROBIN PG 107 MIN - Great for kids of any age. "Christopher Robin takes a classic story with characters people know and love and breathes new life into them, delivering an important reminder to balance life and all its qualities through strong symbolism." Arizona Republic	12:40 PM 3:15 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	10:40 AM 1:40 PM 4:50 PM 7:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:10 PM	12:40 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN PG-13 114 MIN - "The rare sequel so unexpectedly enchanting that it plays less like a rehash than a reclamation." LA Times	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:25 PM 9:25 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM 9:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:40 PM
THE MEG PG-13 113 MIN - "The Meg is the most enjoyable movie of the summer. You'll scream, you'll laugh, and you'll stay the h*ll out of the water. Seriously, I can't sing this movie's praises enough. It's pure fun from start to finish. Everything you want out of a trip to the movies."	1:00 PM 3:50 PM 6:35 PM 9:05 PM	11:00 AM 2:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 7:00 PM
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT PG-13 147 MIN - "Fallout is the film he's always promised us, and it was totally worth the wait." IndieWire	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:15 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:15 PM 9:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:20 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:

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OKLAHOMA NR 163 MIN - Rodgers and Hammerstein's ground-breaking musical w/Hugh Jackman		11:00 AM					
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE CO: ROMEO & JULIET 180 MIN - "The youthful energy that powers R+J all too often proves elusive. The teenage heat and the rapid escalation from passion to tragedy are not easy things to pin down. Erica Whyman's fresh, engaging production is more successful than most in this respect." Stage						6:00 PM	

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