# 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.

By Ned Hickson SIUSLAW NEWS

An abandoned vehicle along Heceta 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, Dylien 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 matter.

could be taken to remove the vehicle - residents continued to weigh in on the county pursued avenues to resocial media as to the motivation be- move the vehicle, one being through hind 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

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 period. or vehicle owner to remove the abandoned vehicle.

sight responsibility for the vehicle or any authority to intervene in the

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 the car was removed. County's nuisance vehicle storage code. The drawback was that it required the vehicle to have been in the much more quickly," said Ashbridge, 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

"We have continued to work with the property owner, as well as field The City of Florence had no over- staff, to determine where the rightof-way ends," Ashbridge told Siuslaw News on Wednesday. "We have

public right-of-way. This allows us to Ashbridge said. "We appreciate how tag the car for removal and, after the many community members called required 24-hour waiting period, we in to report the vehicle and to report will tow it away."

Around 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, been spray painted on it."

who added that property owner cars from parking on the property in

"We are still in the process of deterplaced safely in that location. Resiout the right-of-way in preparation."

abandoned in the same location, "It problems." will be immediately clear that it's enough information that indicates in public right-of-way and we can

Throughout Tuesday afternoon, the abandoned vehicle is partly in the take immediate steps to remove it," the reprehensible statement that had

> Word of the vehicle and the Flor-"The fact that it was technically on ence community's response was republic property allowed us to move layed by Ashbridge to Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich.

"I'm proud that the Florence com-James Head was also supportive of munity would not stand to have the the county adding barriers to prevent incredibly offensive language painted on the car represent their community." Bozievich said of the situation. "The partnership among the comfollowing a required 24-hour waiting mining what kind of barrier can be munity, local media and county staff to find a quick solution and remove dents will likely see surveyors staking the car, as well as find a more permanent fix for that area, was a great In the future, should a car be example of working together to solve

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## OCMM to host special Heritage Day event Aug. 25

The Oregon Coast Military in 2016, will be one of those 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 Air-

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 Program."

speakers.

"I feel fortunate every single day to be able to work with women veterans and comfor women veterans," she said.

Capt. Sharon Armstrong, speaking.

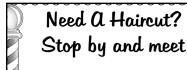
She began her career in 1972 under the Coast Guard Reserve's "Direct Petty Officer always seeking volunteers to

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 munity partners and facilitate first woman in District 12 to shaping policies and proce- receive a direct commission dures that improve services from the Inactive Duty ranks since WWII.

The Museum is located at USCGR (Retired) will also be 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, and open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is 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.oregoncoastmilitarymu seum.com.





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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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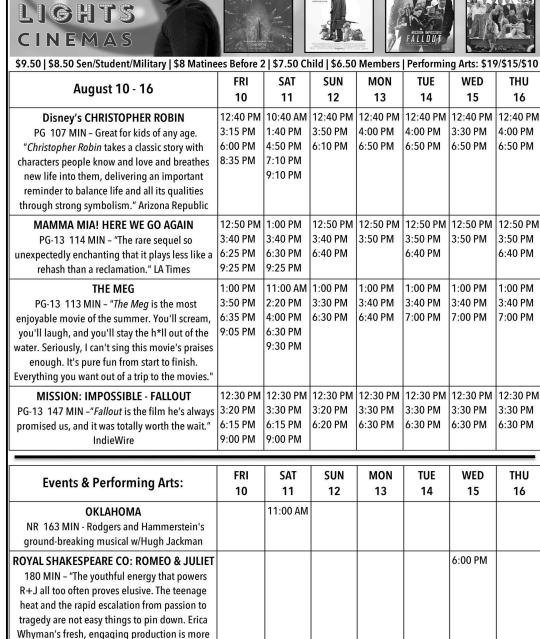
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