

Community News

Sheriffs participating in nation-wide seat belt blitz

Now through June 2, law enforcement agencies across the nation are stepping up enforcement to crack down on motorists who aren't wearing their seat belts during the annual Click It or Ticket campaign.

In 2017, there were 10,076 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. To help prevent crash fatalities, Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO)

deputies will be out in the community participating in this enforcement effort.

LCSO received special allocated funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to provide overtime patrols with a focus on traffic and life safety. Through the grant funding, LCSO deputies will be conducting overtime patrols in the Lane County area.

The focus of the enforcement will be seat belt use, child safety seat use, cellular telephone use, speeding, and aggressive driving.

In 2017, there were 12,786 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations in the United States, compared to 10,316 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 49 percent of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared

to 44 percent in urban locations.

With the passage of Oregon's marijuana laws, this is also a reminder of the impairment marijuana creates in drivers, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) applies to drivers under the influence of marijuana, as it does with alcohol.

City code requires residents to remove Scotch broom

Scotch broom is in bloom in the area again.

More than an allergic irritant, Scotch broom is a highly competitive shrub that has year-round growth enabling it to form impenetrable thickets, invade rangelands and replace more desirable plants.

As an invasive plant, Scotch broom grows rapidly and spreads quickly, and according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), it is the second-greatest threat to biodiversity after habitat

loss.

As one of the plants originally used to prevent erosion along highways, Scotch broom is still rapidly invading Oregon more than 150 years after it was first introduced. Scotch broom was sold as an ornamental in California in the 1860s and by 1900 it became invasive throughout the area.

It was also used in fresh cut bundles to package cases of imported whiskey for gold camps across California and northward to Canada.

The packaging was readily discarded, scattering hardy seedpods and creating new infestations.

Scotch broom is identifiable by bright yellow, pea-like flowers and woody stems. Shrubs grow 3 to 16 feet in height and have a lifespan of 15 to 20 years.

Mature plants can produce up to 3,500 pods, each containing 5 to 12 seeds. As seedpods dry, they split and spiral, expelling the contained seeds near the parent plant. Seedpods are hardy, remaining viable in

water, soil, and gravel for more than 50 years.

For all these reasons, Florence City Code prohibits people from allowing any noxious vegetation to grow on their property. Help Florence protect local resources by hand-pulling, cutting or mowing any Scotch Broom infestations.

These actions are effective against Scotch broom with prompt re-vegetation of competitive native shrubbery.

Soar, Sip Wine Tour announces vineyard destinations

The 2019 Soar and Sip Wine Tour is excited to unveil the three wine tasting destinations for the Saturday, June 22, tour. Wine tastings will be at Henry Estate, Bradley and River's Edge.

"A few of us were sampling Umpqua Valley Wines at the Newport Seafood and Wine Festival and these are some very special wines.

They were some of our favorites. This is going to be a wonderful experience," said Wine Tour hostess, Megan Shervin.

In addition to wine tasting at these wineries, guests will be excited to learn that lunch will be catered by Elkton's famous restaurant, Tomaselli's.

They will be bringing their wood oven to Henry

Estate for homemade fresh pizzas and salads.

Tickets for the tour are going quickly and need to be purchased soon. People can buy tickets at crowdkids.com for \$75, which include breakfast and mimosas, air conditioned charter bus transportation, three wine tastings and lunch.

Anyone who would like to purchase a ticket direct-

ly, or for more information, can call Jennifer Waggoner at 541-520-1255.

All proceeds from the Soar and Sip Wine Tour go to Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW), the area's local youth performing arts organization.

For more information, visit crowdkids.com.

Soroptimist of Florence announces scholarship winners

Soroptimist International of Florence awarded \$33,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors in May.

The awards were as follows:

Eugene and Thora Chin Scholarship Award, at \$5,000 each:

- Danielle Goldblatt
- Grace Hammonds
- Hannah Freudenthal
- Audrey Lowder

• Samantha Scheer

Chigasoki Scholarship Award at \$3,000 each:

- Angela Bartlett
- Naomi Shoji

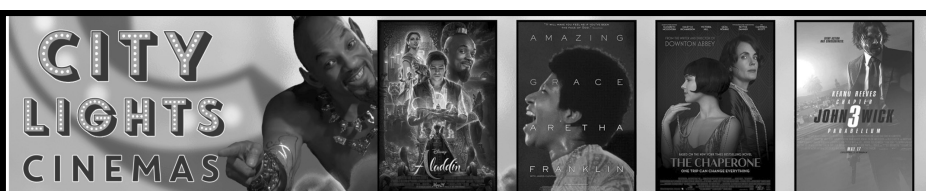
Professional Technical Award Scholarship \$2,000:

• Joshua Smith
Florence Soroptimists send congratulations to all the winners.

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May 24 - 30	FRI 24	SAT 25	SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30
ALADDIN - Stars Will Smith PG 128 MIN - Director Guy Ritchie takes brilliant charge of this live action remake of the much loved Disney 1992 animated Aladdin.	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:40 PM	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:25 PM 8:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
AMAZING GRACE - Aretha Franklin Sings G 87 MIN - "It's the closest thing to witnessing a miracle - just some cameras, a crowd and a voice touched by God." Rolling Stone	12:20 PM 4:40 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	11:00 AM 2:40 PM 4:50 PM 6:50 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM 6:50 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:20 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 7:55 PM	12:00 PM 4:20 PM
THE CHAPERONE - Downton Abbey alumni NR 103 MIN - "With these two top-drawer talents, one expects the picture to be terrific...and it does not disappoint."	2:20 PM	1:20 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:10 PM	2:00 PM
JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 3 - PARABELLUM R 130 MIN I- Super-assassin John Wick (Keanu Reeves) returns with a \$14M price tag on his head & an army of killers on his trail.	12:10 PM 3:10 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:10 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:10 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	12:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:50 PM
POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU - PG 104 MIN "But even more baffling, and heartening, is how well it all works." Atlantic	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	11:00 AM 3:40 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM
ROCKETMAN - The life of Elton John R121 MIN - Preview							7:00 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 24	SAT 25	SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE' FAUST 180 MIN - ENCORE		11:00 AM					
WATER LILIES OF MONET: THE MAGIC OF WATER AND LIGHT 80 MIN - Astounding tours of Monet's house, gardens and key museums. A visual delight.						6:00 PM	
ASBURY PARK: RIOTS, REDEMPTION AND ROCK & ROLL NR 130 MIN - Springsteen, E-Street band members, Southside Johnny & more							6:30 PM

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

Mapleton hosting kindergarten kick-off

Mapleton Elementary School will hold its Kindergarten Kick Off on Tuesday, June 4, for all children in the Mapleton School District who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019.

Parents and their upcoming kindergarten students should plan to attend school beginning at 6 p.m.

Students will have a chance to meet their fellow students, and parents will receive helpful information about kindergarten.

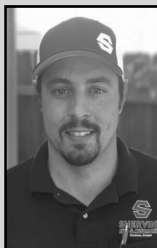
Families are asked to bring each child's birth certificate, immunization records and their social security card to the Kindergarten Kick-Off.

Knowing how many kindergarten students to expect in the fall is extremely important to Mapleton Elementary School. If you know of a student who will attend kindergarten in the fall and is unable to attend the Kindergarten Kick-Off, call Mapleton Elementary School at 541-268-4471.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28
Cloudy	AM Clouds/ PM Sun	PM Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	PM Showers	AM Clouds/ PM Sun
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