

Wildfire Safety

As Oregon's weather heats up and vegetation dries out, State Fire Marshal Jim Walker is cautioning Oregonians and summer visitors to be vigilant with wildfire prevention and safety.

"Oregon has already experienced a number of human-caused wildfires, said State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. "It's fortunate that no lives have been lost to this point, and we all need to take every precaution to ensure that doesn't happen."

The OSFM encourages everyone to follow these wildfire prevention guidelines:

- * Know fire risks and obey fire restrictions, such as campfire bans.
- * Avoid parking or driving on dry grass as hot vehicles can start a wildfire.
- * Vehicles are required to have a shovel and fire extinguisher or at least a gallon of water in many areas.
- * Do not use candles, fire-works, tiki torches, or other open flames in wildland areas.
- * Remember that sky lanterns are illegal in Oregon airspace.
- * Dispose of smoking material in deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- * Make sure butts and ashes are extinguished with water and sand.
- * Never discard butts on the ground or in vegetation.

For more wildfire prevention information and restrictions, we encourage you to visit Keep Oregon Green at www.keeporegongreen.org and the Oregon Department of Forestry at www.oregon.gov.

Eugene Police Seek Help

The Eugene Police Department is requesting information related to a possible runaway juvenile or missing person case. The subject is described as a white male, 5'6"-5'8" tall, 120 pounds, with brown wavy/curly hair approximately 2-3 inches in length, blue eyes.

The subject was likely last seen wearing a black sweatshirt with "Young & Reckless" written on the front, black sleeveless Iron Maiden t-shirt, grey sweat-pants with "Dark Side" written on the left pant leg, black Adidas casual/skate shoes, wearing a black "Everest" brand backpack.

Please contact Detective Chris Mackey with any information at

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Oregon Job Growth

In June, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment grew by 8,500 jobs, following a gain of 2,600 in May. The June increase was the largest gain since February 2016 when 9,600 jobs were added. Gains were widespread among the major industries, with 11 of the 14 industries adding jobs.

Leisure and hospitality added the most, increasing by 2,100 jobs. In addition, strong hiring occurred in construction (+1,600 jobs) and manufacturing (+1,400). Financial activi-



ties was the only major industry to cut substantially, as it shed 800 jobs.

Over the past 12 months, Oregon's payroll employment rose 47,300, or 2.6 percent. This rapid pace was an acceleration from earlier in the year when over-the-year growth was hovering around 2.0 percent.

Oregon's unemployment rate was little changed at 3.7 percent in June. The rate remained near its all time low of 3.6 percent reached in May. Oregon's rate was significantly below its year-ago rate of 5.1 percent in June 2016 and well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.4 percent in June 2017.

Other signs of a tight labor market in Oregon include fewer long-term unemployed and falling measures of labor underutilization.

The number of Oregonians who have been unemployed for more than six months dropped to 10,700 in June, the lowest on record dating back to 2002. In contrast, the long term unemployed reached a peak of more than 100,000 in 2010, during the aftermath of the Great Recession.

Meanwhile, U-6--the broadest measure of labor underutilization, which includes the unemployed, those who have stopped looking for work within the last year but still want a job, and those who are working part-time but would prefer to work full-time--dropped to 7.4 percent in June.

This was by far Oregon's lowest U-6 since comparable records began in 2002, and was a continuation of its downward

trend since reaching a peak of 21.1 percent in May 2009. In recent months, Oregon's labor market tightened so rapidly that Oregon's U-6 dropped below the national U-6 of 8.6 percent in June 2017.

Tips for the Eclipse

6 WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT DURING #ORECLIPSE from Oregon Department of Transportation.

Arrive early; stay put; leave late. Stay cool; stay hydrated; stay informed.

So you're in a hot car, on hot pavement, in high heat, with a long line of the same in front of you: Not the #OREclipse experience you expected? ODOT and the Oregon Health Authority have some tips to keep you out of that dark place--so you can enjoy the two minutes of dark you came to see.

A real concern for people who aren't prepared is the possibility of heat-related illnesses. Being stuck in traffic under high heat conditions without enough cold air and cool water could lead to heat exhaustion or even heat stroke--which can be life threatening.

Now that we're one month away from the big day, ODOT and OHA have six suggestions to help you beat the heat.

STAY COOL: Make sure your car's air conditioning is working properly--you may need it in Oregon in August, es-

pecially if you're in central or eastern Oregon.

STAY HYDRATED: Make sure you're traveling with plenty of water for everyone in your car--including your pets.

STAY INFORMED about your planned travel path: Use www.TripCheck.com and its 400 highway cameras to check travel conditions on your route in real time. Listen to your radio to keep up with the changing temperature, humidity and heat index.

AVOID TRAVELING AT THE EXPECTED PEAK TIMES--Sunday and Monday. Treat this 3-hour event like it's a 3-day event because of the large crowds on the roads: It is NOT anything like a college football game day.

HAVE A PLAN B: Where can you get off the highway to get into air conditioning and refill your water, if necessary?

LEARN THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES so you can react appropriately at the right time.

OHA and ODOT want you to have a great time--and a safe time--in the days surrounding the eclipse. We're doing what we can to keep things as safe as possible. Please remember that you and other travelers have a shared responsibility to keep yourself safe on and off the road.

Plan to have a good time in Oregon during the August #OREclipse. Plan ahead so you can.

Cottage

Grove Theater

Cottage Theatre continues its 2017 season in August with *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon and Anton Chekhov. This laugh-out-loud comedy features a collection of comical Russian tales infused with American wit. Cottage Theatre's production of *The Good Doctor* will run for three weekends from August 11 through August 27.

The Good Doctor blends the talents of two widely respected writers from different countries and centuries. American playwright Neil Simon dramatizes several short stories by Russian author Anton Chekhov in this amusing concoction, first produced on Broadway in 1973.

The play consists of a series of sketches, narrated by a character called *The Writer*, who introduces the stories, comments on them, and occasionally plays a role in them.

In one sketch a neurotic government clerk sneezes on a General during an opera performance, with spectacularly unfortunate results. In another, a crafty seducer sets his sights on a wedded woman, with the unwitting aid of her husband. Let us not forget the ridiculous tale of a man who offers to drown himself for three rubles. Animated by Simon's rapid-fire one-liners and witty dialogue, the nine sketches illuminate Chekhov's take on the human condition through stories that are droll, outlandish and fun.

Cottage Theatre's production of *The Good Doctor* is directed and designed by Kory Weimer, with costumes by Chris Carter, and lighting by Amanda Ferguson. The cast features Sophie Blades, Randall Brous, Tracy Nygard, Kathryn Pearson, Glenn Rust, Tony Rust, and Kory Weimer.

The Good Doctor runs for eleven performances at Cottage Theatre from August 11-27. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm, and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm.

Tickets are available online at www.cottagetheatre.org, by phone at 541-942-8001, or in person at the Cottage Theatre Box Office, 700 Village Drive, Cottage Grove. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (ages 6 - 18). Box Office hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and one hour before performances.

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