

Teens charged in Creswell lumber mill fire

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Three teenagers are in custody after engaging in a mini crime spree that included allegedly starting at least three fires and several minor thefts in the Creswell area.

Sergeant Carrie Carver of the Lane County Sheriff's Office reported that three male juveniles—two 13-year-olds and one 16-year-old—were in custody and facing charges of arson in the first degree, arson in the second degree, criminal mischief in the first degree, reckless burning and burglary in the first and second degree.

A fire broke out at a lumber mill owned by Fore Lumber LLC on Butte Rd. on October 22. The fire caused thousands in damages and a nearby residence was evacuated while crews battled the blaze. A smaller fire was apparently set at the same mill on October 8 which is also being attributed to the teens. Prior to the October 8 mill fire, the teens allegedly started a suspicious fire at Holt Park on October 20 and an additional fire at Creswell Middle School on October 20.

The 16-year-old is also being investigated in connection to a vacant house fire started on September 28.

According to the sheriff's office, all three juveniles had cooperated with the investigation and are currently being housed at the Lane County Juvenile Justice Center. Due to their ages, the names of the teenagers are not currently being released.

Armory hosts railroad show

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Last weekend the Armory transformed into a train station as it welcomed in the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club (WC-MRC). The club put on a free show from Friday to Sunday that had ten running trains at any given time in a variety of sizes.

WCMRC President Lee Temple estimated that there were over 700 people in attendance throughout the course of the weekend and said that the show had something for everyone.

"It's about the kids' excitement when they see Thomas if they are a little preschooler or somebody seeing a train that they rode or they remember a relative that worked for the railroad," said Temple.

One aspect that Temple was especially excited about was the families that come out to the events. Temple first became interested in trains when his dad gave him a train when he was three years old. At 19 he got into model trains and 50 years later, he is passionate about the future of the hobby.

"We've seen lots of kids excited that are into trains. And we're trying to plant those seeds with young people because they are the future of the hobby," said Temple.

Getting the show at the Armory was two years in the making. Temple first had talks of this at a Drain show that the organization put on that Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce director Travis Palmer was attending. The two talked and thought it would be good fit for the community.



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LORANE NEWS

Lorane Grange meets this Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m. Discussions on several events and the Christmas Dinner will be held during the meeting.

Rural Art Movie nights are bringing you a variety of family films this season. On Saturday, November 11, "Fantastic Mr. Fox" will be shown preceded by a delightful preshow Ukulele Sing-along with the Ukulele Community Group. Soup dinner at 6 p.m., everything else begins at 6:45 p.m. You will experience a wonderful evening.

Come enjoy great food and company on Sunday evening, November 12 for the Lorane Christian Church Thanksgiving Dinner at Lorane Grange. Meat and potatoes will be provided

and there will be plenty of food at the 5:30 p.m. meal. They are also having a canned food drive that evening. It will go towards the Lorane food baskets at Christmas.

Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night as we return to standard time on Sunday, November 4.

Fall Sports dessert at 6 p.m. on November 7 at Crow M/H School.

No school on November 9 for grading day and also on November 10 for Veterans Day "observed."

CHS is holding an all year can and bottle fundraiser. Please contact Mrs. Hohnstein's at 541-935-2227 or email hohnstein@cal.k12.or.us to schedule a drop off.

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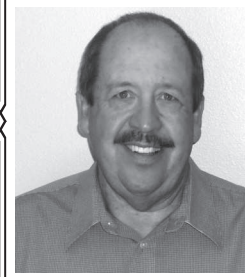


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November 13th-17th • December 4th - 8th • December 18th-22nd

Tips for Leaf Placement in Street

- ✓ Only piles of loose leaves will be picked up
- ✓ Pile leaves on the street surface near the gutter, keeping gutter and catch basins free of leaves so storm water is not obstructed
- ✓ On streets without curbs and gutter, pile the leaves near the street surface away from ditches
- ✓ Stack the leaves so that they don't block bike and traffic lanes
- ✓ Leaves should be piled in rows so they do not block the flow of water along the curb and do not encroach on the traffic lane
- ✓ Do **not** place leaves in the streets where curbside parking does not exist. You may bring those leaves to the designated area outside the Row River Water Treatment Plant at 3300 Row River Road
- ✓ Do **not** place your leaves in plastic bags
- ✓ Branches will **not** be picked up
- ✓ Shrub prunings and blackberry vines will **not** be picked up
- ✓ Do **not** include rocks, metal or other debris in your leaf pile
- ✓ Lawn clippings will **not** be picked up

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