

On The Record

Extreme drought declared for Lane County

The Lane County Board of Commissioners voted today to declare a local emergency regarding the extreme drought conditions found throughout much of Lane County and expected to last into the summer.

“Extreme drought conditions exist across Oregon and Lane County is experiencing a mix of extreme drought in the Cascade Foothills and severe drought nearly everywhere else,” said Lane County Emergency Manager Patience Winningham. “This declaration will open up a host of tools and resources to water right users in Lane County such as farmers, agriculture, and businesses that may be affected by surface water rights.”

The local emergency declaration also requests the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to recommend adding Lane County to the State’s emergency declaration under ORS 536 and to direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to make available temporary transfers of water rights, emergency water use permits, and use of

existing right options and agreements.

A state drought declaration allows the Oregon Water Resources Department to offer certain tools to water rights holders in a drought-declared county. These tools have an expedited review process, reduced fee schedule, and are intended to be short-term emergency authorizations, not permanent solutions to deal with water supply challenges.

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains a drought website that provides the status of current water conditions and state drought declarations, as well as information on what you can do to use water wisely. For more information visit www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch.

The website also answers questions about emergency applications, the state declaration process, and general water supply conditions.

The last drought emergency in Lane County was declared in 2015.

Fire danger leads to call for extreme caution celebrating the Fourth of July

Lane County Parks, Lane Fire Authority and the Lane County Sheriff’s Office are urging caution when celebrating the Fourth of July this year, especially if your plans include parks along Fern Ridge Reservoir.

“Orchard Point and Richardson parks traditionally attract large crowds of people to celebrate the Fourth of July,” said Lane County Parks Manager Brett Henry. “Even though our community partners are not hosting a fireworks show over the reservoir this year, it’s important for park visitors to remember that fireworks are not allowed in any Lane County parks.”

To help park visitors enjoy the holiday safely, Lane County Park Rangers and volunteers from the Lane County Sheriff’s Mounted Posse will be on-hand at Orchard Point and Richardson parks.

“We enjoy getting to volunteer at community events,” said posse volunteer Alan Murphy. “It allows us to serve our community by helping people be safe – and everyone really enjoys seeing and interacting with the volunteers and their horses.”

Drought conditions and an early start to fire season in the Willamette Valley require residents to exercise extreme caution with any flammable items Fourth of July, whether celebrating at a local park or at home.

“If you plan to use fireworks at home you should also have a plan to minimize the risk of injury and wildfire,” said Lane Fire Authority’s Lieutenant Tressa Miller. “Even sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees and we want everyone to celebrate safely.”

Fireworks safety tips:
Never try to re-light or

pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.

Never shoot fireworks off in metal or glass containers.

Submerge the spent device in a bucket of water for several minutes to prevent

a trash fire.

Remember: fireworks are not allowed in any Lane County-owned or maintained park, including Armitage Park, Harbor Vista Campground, Orchard Point Park and Richardson Park. People found to be using fireworks in Lane County Parks may be removed. Park gates will close at 9:00 p.m. for day use areas.

Lane County begins Climate Action Plan outreach

Lane County is developing a comprehensive county-wide Climate Action Plan (CAP) that will outline goals and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

To ensure the CAP represents the needs and concerns of Lane County residents, the County is conducting a series of online open houses

events and surveys.

There are four online open house events planned with the first event already having taken place on June 30.

Those interested can go to lanecocap.participate.online/ to learn more about the online events and to register for them.

CORRECTION

Correction: In *The Sentinel’s* June 24, 2021, article “Council votes to move forward with tree removal,” the article mistakenly states that the Cottage Grove City Council voted for the removal of two redwood trees. The item was in fact an informational

topic, which the council did not vote on. Though councilors had the option to move to change the city staff’s proposal, it did not opt to do so. *The Sentinel* regrets the error.

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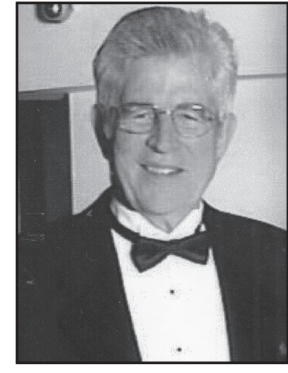
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Franklin “Frank” Murray Long 1932-2021



School and Cottage Grove High School where he retired in 1990. His hobbies included photography and writing. His passion was theater all his life. He acted in 32 productions in college and at The Barn Theater in Porterville, California. He loved the Cottage Theatre and was instrumental in raising the funds for the construction of the new building in 1998. Frank was a true philanthropist; he worked at improving his world through Kiwanis and Scouting. He is affiliated with the Bohemia Sunrises Kiwanis. Frank received Cottage Grove’s First Citizen Award in 1997, The Kiwanis Hixson Award, and numerous other Kiwanis and Boy Scout Awards. Frank is survived by his wife Donna of 48 years; daughters Rebecca Long, Alexandra Zublin-Meyer, Anne Larsen, and Kendra Nguyen; sons Theodore Long, Timothy Long, David Long, Adam Long, Brian Long and 12 grandchildren. Frank was preceded in death by his sister Evan Wall. A memorial service will be held at the Cottage Theatre 700 Village Dr. Cottage Grove, OR 97424 after remodeling is complete. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Franklin “Frank” Murray Long, 89, of Cottage Grove, passed away June 10, 2021. Frank was born February 26, 1932, in Healdton, Oklahoma, to parents James and Winnifred (Burrow) Long. He graduated from Porterville High in California in 1949, then from Fresno State College in 1953 with a bachelor’s degree in journalism. Frank served as a PFC in information services in the United State Army from 1954-1956. He married Catherine Zublin March 15, 1954; they later divorced. Frank married Donna Reif Chandler June 9, 1973, in Eugene, Oregon. He worked as a reporter for the Atwater Signal and Merced Sun-Star in the 1950’s. Frank received his teaching certificate from UC Berkeley, CA and taught at Los Gatos High School, Roseburg High

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