

Boaters can find non-blended gas

If you're a boater or aviation enthusiast, there's a good chance you already know of the potential damage to your boat or airplane engines if you use gasoline blended with ethanol or E-10. Earlier this year, the legislature passed a bill that exempts boats, aircraft, ATVs, snowmobiles, yard equipment, antique and racing vehicles from using blended fuel. However, the real issue is finding retailers or distributors who sell non-blended gasoline.

The Marine Board is working with the Department of Agriculture on a comprehensive list of retailers, distributors and wholesalers of non-blended gasoline locations, statewide. "There is certainly a market for non-blended gasoline," said Ashley Massey, Public Affairs Specialist for the Marine Board. "Ever since the switch started, our office has been receiving calls from Ports and from

boaters saying they can't find anyone who sells the non-blended fuel."

In response, the Marine Board sent out a survey to all marinas with fueling stations to find out what they are selling, and who they are getting their fuel from. In addition, as the Department of Agriculture's inspectors tour the state, they are required to document the type of fuel being dispensed on their inspection reports. Any fueling locations that dispense non-blended gasoline are being forwarded to the Marine Board to include on the website.

The combined information of retailers and distributors is now available online, along with information about ethanol in fuel, what boaters can do to protect their motors, and other articles explaining the ethanol issue. "We're hoping this will be a resource for retailers and distributors, as well as boaters," Massey added. The web page is updated daily, as more information becomes available.

To find out where to get non-blended gasoline, visit www.boatoregon.com or www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/news/E10.shtml. For information about the ethanol mandate and exceptions, visit www.oregon.gov/ODA/MSD/renewable_fuel_standard.shtml.

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Between the Bookends

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The summer reading program is in full swing! Three more events will be held at the Banks Public Library on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Check out these fun events and those at all other Washington County libraries at wccls.org. A weekly prize winner is drawn immediately before each program begins, so be sure to turn in your slips. Winners receive a \$10 Barnes and Noble gift card courtesy of the Friends of the Banks Public Library.

Each child should sign up at only one Washington County Library, but may attend events at any library. Sign-ups began June 2 and continue until July 15. August 1 is the first day that reading records can be turned in and they must be turned in by August 30. Summer reading is open to pre-readers on up through teen-agers.

Join us for Preschool Story Time Wednesdays at 10:15 am. This event is geared toward 3-6 year-olds, but younger siblings are welcome. This month Miss Cathy will read on the following themes:

July 2	Naughty or Nice
July 9	Crazy Critters
July 16	Cat's Meow
July 23	Surprise!!
July 30	Fun in the Sun

Story Time will continue through July, but will not be held during August.

There will be no Friends of the Banks Public Library craft night in July or August.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, volunteer, or bring your recycling to Swatco on the **second Saturday** of each month. Money that the Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

On the Shelf:

On those summer days when it's too hot or too wet to be out, why not catch up on seeing some movies? The library recently added the following titles that will appeal to many ages.

The Golden Compass. Based on the novel

by Philip Pullman, this action-packed fantasy includes flying witches and armored bears. It tells the tale of Lyra Belacqua as she becomes the keeper of the Golden Compass and learns to read its messages to help prevent her world and all others from slipping into an evil darkness. And if you enjoy the film but haven't tried the book, the library has the trilogy.

Enchanted. Drawing inspiration from its classic heritage, Disney creates an inspired story unlike any other. Filled with excitement, fun and incredible music from Alan Menken, **Enchanted** is the tale of princess-to-be Giselle as she is banished from the animated land of Andalasia and thrust into modern-day Manhattan.

The Bee Movie. From creator and comic icon Jerry Seinfeld comes this comedy about an ambitious young worker bee, Barry B. Benson, as he soars out into the world with the high-flying pollen jocks in search of nectar and adventure. But when he breaks one of the cardinal rules of beedom and speaks to humans, Barry sets off a chain of events that proves even a little bee can make a big difference.

If you prefer reading to viewing and are seeking to expand your knowledge base this summer, try Tony Horwitz's **A Voyage Long and Strange, rediscovering the new world**. While visiting Plymouth Rock, Horwitz realizes that in his historical knowledge of the United States, there is a gap that spans from Columbus in 1492 to the founding of the Jamestown colony in the 1600s. He wonders, did nothing happen in between, and sets about finding out. This book chronicles what he discovers, that in fact, many people explored over half of the present day states during that time, searching for things as diverse as grapes, gold, and a cure for syphilis. Horwitz also embarks on his own quest for some of these things and other mysteries of early America. He weaves together history, myth and misadventure to create an entertaining book that fills in historical gaps.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
Hours: Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.;
Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
There will be no Story Time in August.
Phone: (503) 324-1382 for information
Internet: www.wccls.org
Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*

Sign up for women's self-defense class

Power Curve, the women's self defense class offered by Washington County Sheriff's Office is in full swing this summer offering classes in July, August and September.

The course is designed to empower women with tools to maintain personal safety and to successfully confront and survive potentially dangerous situations. A focus on situational awareness and training in physical self defense techniques will provide options to

reduce the risk of abuse and sexual attack.

Members of the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Team and Deputies who instruct Defensive Tactics for the department will provide the training. The course is provided as a service to the community, free of charge.

Plan a mother daughter class with your child home from college, or maybe one going away to college or moving out on her own. The class is open

to girls 14 years and up with a parent present.

Classes this summer are as follows:

- July 8 and 10, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- August 26 and 28, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and
- September 16 and 18, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.,

Those interested in registration or additional information can call 503-846-2579.