CHINA MOUNTAIN FIRE
By Sheriff John Ward

On Thursday 04-05-18 at about 8:39am, The Curry County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call regarding a brush fire on China Mountain Road. The caller stated that a logging crew had started a small hand warming fire in the unit they were working and that it had spread and got out of control. The location given was about two and a half miles east of Highway 101 on China Mountain Road just south of Port Orford, Or. The land is being managed by Barnes and Associates.

The Coos Forest Protective Association and the Port Orford Fire Department were paged and quickly responded along with the Curry County Sheriff’s Forest Patrol Deputy. Fire crews were able to contain the fire keeping it to a 2 1/4 acre size. According to CFPA, the fire started as a warming fire in a Fell and Buck area but that they were able to get a handle on it and will remain on scene through 04-08-18 mopping up. The rain that came in the afternoon helped with the fire suppression.

This information is being given to the public as an awareness of the fire danger already this early in the season. After last year’s Chetco Bar Fire, we all need to be cognizant of the fire dangers and take precautions to try and avoid such disasters the best we can.

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE ON THE COAST

The Oregon Coast has 360 mile of coastline – that’s a lot of miles for some coastal wildlife viewing fun. Here are a few highlights from this week’s Rec Report:

- The spring migration of shorebirds typically starts in April, and is in full swing by May.
- Gray whales will continued to be on the move northward towards the Bering Sea well into April.
- Velella vellela, or by-the-wind sailors, are blue jellyfish-like hydrozoans washing up on some beaches with the strong winds.
- For even more coastal viewing opportunities, visit the newly expanded Wildlife Viewing section for the Marine Zone.

PORT ORFORD-LANGLOIS SCHOOL REALIGNMENT

At March’s School Board Meeting, Mr. Perkins recommended to the
The board is inviting community input in regards to this proposed realignment. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please address them to Mr. Steve Perkins, Superintendent, at steve.perkins@2cj.k12.or.us or Ms. Krista Nieraeth, Principal, at krisnaieraeth@2cj.k12.or.us or at a monthly school board meeting. Questions, comments or concerns will be taken until the May 14 board meeting, where this proposal will be voted on.

SUSTAINABLE TRAILS

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is beginning the process to develop a Sustainable Trails Strategy for the Forest. In November 2017, the Forest Service highlighted the importance of trails to individuals, families, local communities and economies, and identified significant shortfalls in the agency’s ability to adequately maintain the vast system of trail in the National Trail Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

In an effort to bring home the intent of the National Trails Strategy and to promote an “All Lands, All Hands” approach to tackling land management challenges, the Forest will be hosting its first open house to trail users and trail partners in Gold Beach on April 11, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The open house will be hosted at the Gold Beach Ranger District Office, located at 29279 Ellensburg Avenue in Gold Beach, Oregon.

The open house sessions will aim to bring trail users and trail partners together with the Forest Service so that we can better understand the issues that are important to the people and communities we serve. We want to know:

- Which trails are important to users?
- Where are groups and/or individuals working already to help maintain trails?
- Where can we work together to bring efficiencies toward maintaining and promoting the natural beauty of southwest Oregon?

The open house is also intended to provide a forum for trail users and trail partners to network with others, with the hope of developing a new awareness of others who may have a shared interest in the same trails or trail networks.

All are welcome! For more information contact Dave Sheehan at 541-247-3640 or Julie Martin at 541-618-2066.

UPCOMING PRESSURE CANNER GAUGE TESTING IN COOS BAY AND BANDON

The Coos County Master Food Preservers will be offering free pressure canner gauge testing at two upcoming events in Bandon and Coos Bay the first weekend of May. Pressure canner dial gauges are delicate instruments that should be checked annually for accuracy. This free service is offered year-round at the OSU Extension Office in Myrtle Point, but here are two opportunities for those in the Bandon and Coos Bay areas to have their gauges checked closer to home:

- The Master Food Preservers will have a booth at Bandon ACE Hardware during their annual garden event on Saturday May 5th from 10am to 3pm. Both Master Food Preserver and Master Gardener volunteers will be present to answer your food preservation and gardening questions as well as test gauges.
- You can also find the Master Food Preservers at Cascade Farm and Outdoor’s event on Saturday, May 5th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. They will be setup inside the store. Again, gauges can be tested and you’ll have the opportunity to ask your food preservation questions.
Starting on Wednesday, May 2, the MFP volunteers will have a booth at the Coos Bay Farmers’ Market. They will be offering free gauge testing, as well as answering your food preservation questions. Hours will be 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Master Food Preservers will be at that location the first Wednesday of each month, through the market season.

When bringing your gauge in for testing, you can leave it attached to the canner lid. You may also choose to bring the entire canner so a thorough inspection can be made of the equipment. For more information about gauge testing, to ask food preservation questions, or to just learn more about the Master Food Preserver program, contact coordinator Samantha Clayburn at 541-572-5263, ext. 25299.

BEACHED BIRDS TRAINING

The Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST) will be hosting a Beached Bird training sessions in Port Orford on Sunday, May 20th, from 10 am to 4 PM, at the OSU Port Orford Field Station. Mark your calendar now!

COMMUNITY GARDEN 2018 SEASON

The Community Garden is celebrating its eighth year of providing garden beds for the community to grow and harvest. Garden beds are available to rent for the 2018 season. Renting a bed is very reasonably priced at $10.00 per year with a limit of one bed per person though renting a second bed is an option if extra beds are available after the registration period.

If you are a returning gardener wanting to rent your bed for the 2018 season, please come to the Port Orford Community Co-op to fill out your form and pay your fee. If you are new to the Community Garden and want to inquire about renting a bed for the season, please call Laurie 541-287-2000. A big thank you to the Rotary for creating the space for the garden to grow!

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