

“Tools For Schools” drive underway

Sisters’ Les Schwab Tire Center is now hosting the “Tools for School” school-supplies drive.

Community members can drop off school supplies during regular business hours and help students in need begin the school year well-equipped for a successful year. Les Schwab Tire Center is located at 600 W. Hood Ave. and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following new school supply items are needed: 1-1/2-inch three-ring binders; 3x5, 4x6, and 5x8 index cards; composition notebooks; wooden rulers with inches and centimeters; colored markers; three-ring zip pencil pouches; pencil boxes; Fiskars scissors; Prang and Crayola watercolor paints (cheaper, low-quality paints

are not usable); glue sticks; two-pocket folders; yellow highlighters; college-ruled notebook paper; pens; pencils; basic calculators; dry-erase markers; and backpacks for all ages. No liquid glue should be donated.

School supplies collected will be distributed to students in need at the Sisters Family Access Network (FAN) office located in Sisters School District Administration building at 525 E. Cascade Ave. Distribution will take place the week of August 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sisters FAN distributes school supplies to over 100 students in need each year. For many local children the “Tools For School” drive provides their only means of obtaining school supplies.

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Irrigation-free oilseed crop sees early success

ONTARIO (AP) — Oregon State University researchers are seeing some early success in trials of camelina, an irrigation-free oilseed crop that’s getting more interest from farmers in the eastern part of the state as drought conditions persist.

Researchers have found a small profit margin for farmers who plant camelina on land that otherwise would have remained fallow, the *Capital Press* reported.

Oregon State University Malheur County experiment station director Clink Shock says while not a money-maker, camelina could help growers pay land costs while also preventing erosion that can happen on fallow fields.

One test field produced 1,500 pounds of seed per acre; that would have brought a farmer \$300.

While nowhere near the \$4,800 per-acre value of

onions, the camelina test field grew without irrigation.

About 4.17 inches of precipitation fell on the camelina field from planting to harvest.

“We need to be thinking about what we’re going to do without water,” he said. “This is not a big money-maker, but it is a way of taking care of your farm ground. Also, consider that the return on the land will be negative without a crop.”

Owyhee Irrigation District Manager Jay Chamberlin says camelina will be an option farmers will increasingly choose if drought continues.

“If this is a trend we’re stuck with for a while, camelina could be something that brings in some income and protects your soils,” he said. “The whole mind-set of growers needs to change; the traditional things aren’t going to continue to work.”

Sisters City Council Agenda

Sisters City Council
520 E. Cascade Ave.
August 6, 2015, 8 a.m. workshop

- Business license/transient merchant license/public events.


- Preview August 13 agendas.

- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Intergovernmental Agreement for Barclay/Highway 20.

- Pine Meadow Village (PMV) Sisters Development Code revision.

9 a.m. (approximate) special meeting:

- Contract to CXT for the Village Green restrooms.



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