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on the grass area of the Sisters High School and included an after-event for the children with fun slides and other inflatables ... food trucks and more.

Sisters Community, Vast and Westside churches along with their respective pastors led the public worship in a meeting of unity and prayer. The event demonstrates and promotes fellowship and an encouragement to each other to join together as one. The importance of public preaching of the word of God and together with communion taken by those present ... their proclamation of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus.

The offering taken at the event will be used during the winter months to provide shelter for the homeless.

Peter Storton



To the Editor:

I wanted to compliment and send my thanks to the many participants at the artists reception and art show event that was held Friday night, August 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

A wide and varied display of local talent was there with amazing photography of wild horses, unique and natural handmade jewelry and of course, outstanding paintings and artwork of everything from vegetables to our beautiful landscapes. The food was great and the company terrific. It was a warm reminder of all the local talent concentrated in this small community.

Congratulations to all the participants. You are not only extremely talented, but generous of spirit!

Marlene Dumas



To the Editor:

When did paying taxes become a bad thing in America? Sure, we all get sticker-shock in mid-April when we fill out those complicated forms. And sure, we don't always like everything we're paying for. But look what we get for that money.

We get roads, bridges, and airports. We get schools, universities, hospitals, fire and police stations, and national defense. Our taxes provide protection for workers, consumers, and the environment. We get city, county, state, and federal government. We love to complain about government employees, but what would we do without them?

From the very beginning of America, we have used our government to provide public resources for all, and decent private lives for most citizens. In fact, public resources make private life possible. We would be in serious danger without police and fire protection and our military. We would be lost without an organized system of roads. We would be ignorant without public schools and universities. They give everyone a chance to learn and improve their living conditions. Public resources give us freedom and opportunity. We all share in these great things by paying our taxes.

I'm a progressive, a Democrat, but I know these ideas appeal to other Americans as well. Many of us believe in taking responsibility and making commitments to ourselves and others. We believe in community building, service, and cooperation.

If you believe that paying taxes is a wise investment in the future of our country, consider joining Indivisible Sisters Oregon (<https://www.meetup.com/Indivisible-Sisters-Oregon/>).

Paula Surmann

**CAMPFIRE BAN:**  
Private and public lands both under ban

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campgrounds. This fire ban includes all wilderness areas.

Portable cooking stoves or lanterns using liquefied or bottled fuel may be used in all areas.

In addition to the campfire ban, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) was raised to 4 on August 11. IFPL 4, referred to as "General Shutdown," means that all industrial operations are prohibited including chainsaw use for firewood cutting, and possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads.

In addition to campfire restrictions, smoking

is restricted to an enclosed vehicle or building, in a designated campground, in boats on lakes and rivers, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable material.

Officials want to remind the public that fireworks are prohibited on all federal lands at all times.

With the heavy demand on firefighting resources in addition to the hundreds of thousands of visitors projected to visit Central Oregon for the solar eclipse, every fire that's prevented protects local communities and helps firefighters remain available, rested, and safe.

For the Central Oregon Fire Information Fire hotline, call 541-316-7711 or keep up-to-date with fire activity on Twitter by following @CentralORFire.

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Thurs.....	Jalapeño Potato	Mon.....	Cauliflower Swiss
Fri..	Clam Chowder & Vegetable	Tues.....	Beef Barley