

Local

Rep. Bentz, Sen. Wyden to hold town halls

Senator Ron Wyden will hold four town halls next week in Malheur, Baker, Union and Wasco counties.

Wyden's town halls on Oct. 12-13 will increase to 73 town halls he has held so far in 2017, most this year among members of the U.S. Senate.

These four town halls also will increase to 854 the number of town halls Wyden will have held since pledging when first elected to hold annual town halls in each of Oregon's 36 counties.

Next week's town halls in Malheur, Baker, Union and Wasco counties will be the senator's second this year in each of those counties.

"The unprecedented interest from Oregonians attending my town halls so far this year merits unprecedented access for them to ask me questions and educate me about how they want Congress to fix the broken system of wildfire funding and many other issues," Wyden said. "I look forward very much to continuing these conversations at my town halls next week in Malheur, Baker, Union and Wasco counties."

The more local town hall schedule is as follows (All times below are PT unless indicated otherwise):

Thursday, Oct. 12
MALHEUR COUNTY:
 12:45 p.m. MT, Nyssa High School auditorium, 824 Adrian Blvd, Nyssa

BAKER COUNTY: 5:30 p.m., Community Connection of Northeast Oregon (Senior Center), 2810 Cedar Street, Baker City Friday, Oct. 13

UNION COUNTY: 10 a.m., Eastern Oregon University, Lewis Auditorium, Zabel Hall 101, One University Blvd., La Grande (Free parking in front of Community Stadium off of Sixth Street)

Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) will also hold a series of town hall meetings across District 60—his over the next three months.

At each meeting, Rep. Bentz will review: the 2017 Legislative Session, House Bill 2017 (the "Transportation Package"),

and will preview issues such as water measurement and fees, carbon cap and trade, wildlife management, DEQ rules regarding cleaner air and storm water discharge, tax reform, PERS and other issues, that are likely to be "on the table" in the 2018 and 2019 Legislative Sessions. "It is important to share what has happened and is likely to happen in Salem, and these meetings also provide an opportunity for people to share their concerns with me," said Rep. Bentz.

"Although I have already met with and reported to each of my five County Courts (Malheur, Baker, Grant, Harney, and Lake Counties) and several

of the area Chambers of Commerce, these meetings have been held during the middle of the day when most ranchers and farmers cannot attend. These next six meetings are scheduled in the evenings and in smaller towns so that people who live far from the county seats and work during the day have a better chance of being able to attend."

Rep. Bentz encourages those interested to participate in any of the following meetings:

JORDAN VALLEY
 Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. (MST)
 Lions Hall (902 US 95/ Bassett St, Jordan Valley)
DAYVILLE
 Wednesday, October 18 at

7:00 p.m. (PST)
 Dayville School (285 School House Dr, Dayville)

CRANE
 Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. (PST)
 Crane Union High School (43277 Crane Venator Ln, Crane)

HAINES
 Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. (PST)
 Haines School (400 School Street, Haines)

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One afternoon, music therapist Christina Britton Conroy was taking nursing home residents to activities. She was thrilled when a sweet, disoriented lady joined her group. "Mary, it's so good to see you. Do you want to go to the Bible study or BINGO?" she asked.

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