



‘ART FROM THE EARTH,’ featuring the work of five Southern Oregon Guild (SOG) artists, will be displayed in the SOG gallery in Kerby through June 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily; closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A reception for the artists was held Saturday, June 2. (From top to bottom): Guests enjoy refreshments with ceramic work by Art & Barbara Linne-meyer at right; wood-worker John Ellis with some of his handiwork; and doll maker Nancy Hall. Other displaying their work are Roxanne Hunnicutt, Heidi Rouseau and Irene Stephens. (Photos by ‘Illinois Valley News’)



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Dasher Meadow aided by hunting unit

For the past 10 years, members of the Josephine County Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) have partnered with the U.S. Forest Service, Siskiyou National Forest to maintain a unique wildlife habitat known as Dasher Meadow in the Illinois River watershed. A former homestead, 20-acre Dasher Meadow is one of the few meadow habitats in Siskiyou National Forest’s Wild Rivers Ranger District, according to David Austin, district supervisory wildlife biologist. “The meadow provides habitat for deer, elk, quail and for a whole slew of non-game species,” said Austin. To maintain this important wildlife habitat, he added, the meadow needs continuing management, since over time Douglas firs encroach into the meadow and would eventually convert it to forest. The firs also have a tendency to invade nearby black oak stands, which also provide a unique type of wildlife habitat, he said. “What OHA has been doing is going in and cutting out the conifers that have been encroaching on the meadows and black oak forest,” said Austin. The chapter’s most recent Dasher Meadow work project took place earlier this year. The meadow, reached via Six Mile Road (Forest Road 4105), is at the mouth of Soldier Creek where it runs

into Briggs Creek. “Nine members worked about seven hours and completed the slash cutting and piling, and pruned some apple trees in the meadow,” said Brett Loper, Josephine County OHA Chapter president. “The only thing left to be completed is burning the piles by the forest service.” The forest service also burns the meadow periodically to keep down conifer seedlings and non-native vegetation. The meadow last was burned during 2002 and will be burned next year. The Josephine County

OHA Chapter works with the Siskiyou National Forest on other wildlife habitat projects, including a prescribed burn last fall to improve habitat on 35-acre Horse Creek Meadow. The Oregon Hunters Association is the state’s largest pro-hunting organization, with more than 10,000 members and 25 chapters statewide. Its mission is “to provide abundant huntable wildlife resources in Oregon for present and future generations, enhancement of wildlife habitat and protection of hunters’ rights.”

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Ten holiday fatalities set Oregon record

Preliminary information indicates that a new record of 10 fatalities in six separate fatal traffic crashes occurred on Oregon highways during Memorial Day weekend between Friday, May 25, and Monday, May 28, said Oregon State Police.

This is the highest number of fatalities during this holiday weekend since 1982 when 11 people died. Half the fatalities involved motorcycle riders, as four of the six fatal crashes involved motorcycles.

In Josephine County, there were no fatal accidents, said Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. He reported two traffic accidents with injuries, one boating accident, two felony arrests, and 12 cases of domestic violence.

Additionally, he noted six cases involving stolen vehicles. Five were recovered, including three boats, the sheriff noted.

The following confirmed fatal crashes, said OSP, were reported:

*Friday evening, May 25 - Four members of an Idaho family died on Hwy. 95 north of the Oregon/Nevada border when their Chevrolet Suburban collided head-on with a commercial truck.

*Saturday morning, May 26 - Two people died on a Portland-area street when the motorcycle they were on went out of control and struck a utility pole.

*Saturday afternoon, May 26 - One person suffered fatal injuries on Interstate 84 westbound near milepost 54 when his motorcycle struck a guardrail and ejected the operator.

*Sunday morning, May 27 - A pedestrian died after walking onto the roadway in front of a vehicle on Hwy. 101 north of Bandon.

*Sunday afternoon, May 27 - A motorcycle operator became a fatality in a head-on collision with a pickup truck on a Bureau of Land Management road northeast of Eugene.

*Monday afternoon, May 28 - A motorcycle operator died after crashing into a guardrail on an Interstate 5 southbound off ramp at Morrison Bridge in Portland. The victim was ejected and came to rest below the bridge.

Extra OSP patrols led to a higher number of arrests for driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUI). This year OSP troopers arrested 88 drivers

for DUI, up from 81 DUI arrests noted during the previous two Memorial Holiday weekends.

The highest number of DUI arrests was noted by the OSP Central Point Area Command office where troopers arrested 12 DUI drivers. OSP Klamath Falls area troopers made nine DUI arrests, and troopers from the Bend Area Command office made eight DUI arrests.

Besides impaired driving enforcement, OSP troopers participating in the continuing national “Click It or Ticket” campaign made nearly 400 enforcement contacts for safety belt and child safety seat violations. Nearly 300 disabled motorists also were helped by troopers along Oregon highways.

Also during the holiday, OSP noted the following:

*On May 25, an OSP trooper investigating an alleged road rage incident on Interstate 5 south of Wilsonville arrested an 18-year old Pendleton boy after finding approximately 2 1/4 pounds of marijuana and 2 1/2 ounces of cocaine in his backpack.

*May 25, an OSP trooper stopped two drivers during separate incidents on Hwy. 26 east of Seaside for driving 100 mph or faster. The first incident involved a 19-year old driver traveling 100 mph. The second incident involved an adult driver with four juvenile passengers going 105 mph.

*On May 28, an OSP trooper responded to a crash

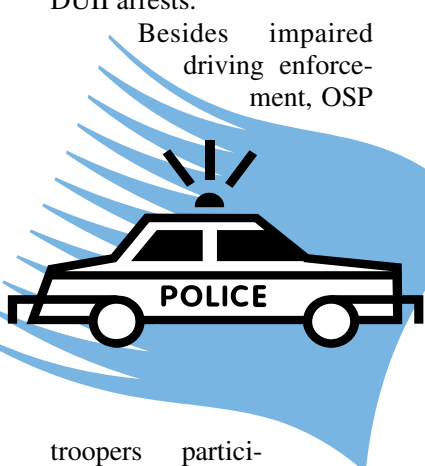
in Yamhill County on Hwy. 240 involving a 22-year old woman driver text messaging on her cell phone. While doing so the driver continued straight off the highway on a curve and drove through five sections of fence, three driveways, multiple mailboxes, and electronic gates before striking a tree. The driver was treated and released at a hospital for minor injuries, and then was cited for careless driving.

*On May 28, OSP troopers and local police and fire personnel responded to a single-vehicle, partial rollover crash in the McMinnville area on Hwy. 221 at Palmer Creek Road. The male driver, Alejandro Martinez, 21, from McMinnville, fled the scene leaving a woman and infant child in the crashed Toyota Corolla.

An OSP trooper en route to the scene found Martine about one-quarter mile away in an orchard. The female and infant child was transported to a hospital where they were treated and released on Tuesday.

Martinez was lodged in Yamhill County Jail for DUI, felony hit & run, recklessly endangering another person (two counts), third-degree assault (two counts), reckless driving, and driving while suspended.

*On May 28th, an OSP sergeant stopped a motorcyclist between Tumalo and Sisters after obtaining a radar speed reading of 107 mph. The operator was from Washington state and admitted not being familiar with the area, especially the fact that it was an area known for having deer- and elk-crossing incidents. The driver was cited for exceeding the posted speed in excess of 100 mph with the enhanced scheduled bail of \$1,103.





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