

# Tips for fire safety around your property

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While it is too late for homeowners to burn off debris, it's never too late to create more defensible space around homes, to reduce vulnerability in the event a wildfire encroaches.

Wildfires that occur in the wildland-urban interface often are started by human activity and then spread to the forest, according to Illinois Valley Fire District Chief Dennis Hoke.

"Keep in mind that once underway, a fire follows the fuel, whether it is trees or houses, so it's critical to minimize human-caused fires and not add to the natural threat," Hoke said. "And the more you can do to make your home defensible, the easier it is for firefighters to protect it."

To create defensible space, Hoke recommends that within a 30-foot perimeter, dead sticks, leaves and pine needles should be removed, and also, pine needles should be cleaned off the roof and from under the eaves, and rain gutters kept free of needles and leaves. He also said within 100 feet of homes, tall grass and low lying brush underneath trees that can act as ladder fuels should be eliminated.

In general, Hoke and other experts say to start with the house and work outward. Be sure to remove fuel sources close to the house, including gas cans, chemicals, organic mulch, needles on the ground, juniper bushes or any other flammable plants. A wind-cast ember or a creeping ground fire could ignite fuels in this zone and carry flames to the structure.

It's also important to maintain landscaping within 100 feet of the house. Plants should be low-growing and well irrigated. Adequate spacing between trees and shrubs is also

important; and prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground. Also, create fuel breaks, such as driveways, gravel walkways and green lawns - as a fuel break can stop the advance of a fire by starving it of flammable vegetation.

Fire officials also want the public to pay attention to their driveways. Trees should be limbed or pruned and shrubs trimmed back from the driveway and brush cleared away, to provide safe access to firefighters. Fire engines must be able to enter and exit properties without running a gauntlet of flame.

Brush from these projects should be chipped, but if this is not possible, create brush piles well away from the home, preferably in an open field away from trees or other live brush.

To get more fire safety tips, please call 541-474-3152 or the Illinois Valley Fire District at 541-592-2225.

## Home Country: by Slim Randles

Well, the bears are out now and will be until late fall, so maybe a bear tip might be in order. As a guide and outfitter emeritus - and emeritus is Latin for "I'm too danged old to pack mouse meat out on my back" I'll talk a bit about ol' ursus.

If you're in dangerous bear country, some people tell you to wear a little bell that tinkles, and the bear hears this and says, "Oh, that must be a person, and I'll bet it's a nice person, too, so I'll just amble off this way."

Well, when I'm in thick cover that bears might inhabit, and I'm not looking for one, I make a lot more noise than that!

One time Jim Kershner and I were going through some willow thickets along a creek at the base of Mt. McKinley ... which is a large frozen rock that is now called Denali, and the salmon were running. I was in the lead, and Jim was behind me, beating on a gold pan with a rock. I looked down and saw a four-pound salmon flopping in the trail in front of

me. It had toothmarks about four inches apart. And, it was on top of a bear track that measured 10 inches across. I measured it later. Much later. A little guide translation here: A 10-inch-wide bear track means a nine-foot long bear. Well, Jim and I went up one side of that creek and two big sows and a yearling went up the other side. Then we sat there snorting at each other.

So is that bell a good idea? Sure, if you don't have anything as loud as the Lon-

don Philharmonic with you.

But the bottom line is: if you're out messing around in the same country with grizzlies, or with black bears during small cub season or a salmon run, you always ALWAYS carry a rifle. A .30-06 is a good minimum caliber.

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## Backyard bird watching with Harry: in memory of Harry Johnson

### Hummingbird Q & A Ratio:

Q: What is the best sugar-to-water ratio to use for feeding hummingbirds?

A: Four parts water to one part sugar has been shown to be the closest to the sucrose content of natural flower nectar. Concentrations stronger than this, like a 3-1 ratio and stronger are readily consumed by hummers, but no scientific evidence exists regarding the potential helpful or harmful effect to the birds.

### Red Dye:

Q: Is the red dye that is found in premixed hummer solutions bad for the birds?

A: Although there is no conclusive evidence that red food dye is harmful to hummingbirds, this chemical additive is not necessary to their feeding solution. Many commercial brands contain the coloring, which is meant to be attractive both to hummingbirds and to shopping bird watchers. You'll find most feeders already have red painted on the feeder to attract the birds. The solution doesn't need to be red. We bought some new feeders and they came with the packets of red dye. Cheryl thought she would use it just to see if the birds like it or not. The vote is in and they didn't like it at all. The feeder she used is a very busy feeder and once the red dye went in the birds stopped using it. We use the 4-1 water/sugar solution here and our hummers love it.

### Flying U's:

Q: Why does a male hummer fly in a U-shaped pattern?

A: Male hummingbirds perform a variety of courtship displays. This is the pendulum display flight of a male hummer to a perched female. It's common to see this behavior in later spring and early summer.

### How long for babies:

Q: What is the incubation period of hummingbirds, and what is their life expectancy?

A: The black-chinned and rufous hummingbirds average incubation period is around 15 days. Very few nests have been watched and documented, particularly the rufous. Hummingbird longevity is hard to determine. Five years has been the traditionally accepted figure, however, one female broad-tailed hummingbird in Colorado was netted more than 20 years after she was originally banded.



Rufous hummingbird

# Church News

## Community Bible Church

### Full Senses

*Psalm 24:1* "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those that dwell therein."

John Denver wrote some wonderful music, including a song called "Annie's Song." One of the phrases in the song is "You fill up my senses like a night in a forest, like the mountains in springtime, like a walk in the rain, like a storm in the desert, like a sleepy blue ocean ..." I appreciate the secondary message in that song, because we all too often don't allow our senses to appreciate that which surrounds us. There are things that fill my senses that are vivid in my mind - that bless my heart. Some of those things are: the smell of wood smoke and the warmth of a woodstove, the smell of fresh cut wood - be it firewood or a board cut on a table saw in the shop, the smell of fresh cut grass or the garden after it's been tilled up, the smell of the air after the

first fall rain or the mornings when the air here smells and feels of the ocean, the feel and sound of rain, or sometimes at night the absolute stillness and darkness. I used to walk through the hayfields on my uncle's farm just after they were cut, enjoying the smell of new mown hay. I enjoy seeing the sunrise or the stars in the night. When our children were at home, we would go out and watch for falling stars. I enjoy the hoot of an owl, the smell of flowers, the warmth of the sun, the brisk feel of a frozen morning. God gave us our senses to enjoy all that's around us and not to waste it on unhealthy things. He speaks to me through His creation. Take time to use your senses, and then thank Him. See you Sunday.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

Sunday  
Ministry at CBC  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

VBS is here!  
June 19-23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Age 3 to grade 6

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool - 12th grade  
Applications for 2017-2018 available

Senior Exercise Class  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

## Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ  
541-592-3923  
"Come Join the Worship!"  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Sonny Moore  
[www.bridgeviewcc.org](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

7th DAY ADVENTIST  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Martin  
Church (541) 592-3218  
Madrone Adventist School  
541-592-3330

IMMANUEL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 541-592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children

Illinois Valley Praise Center  
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ  
Non-denominational  
Bible-believing Church  
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.  
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.  
[www.ivpraisecenter.com](http://www.ivpraisecenter.com)

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@gmail.com](mailto:cbccca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
407 W. River St., CJ  
541-592-3658  
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days TBA

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH  
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Selma  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
541-597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
East River Street  
& Lewis Court, CJ  
Annemarie Richardson  
Lay Pastor.  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Church Phone: 541-592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

VALLEY EVANGELICAL  
FREE CHURCH  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
541-592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Morning Worship  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY  
SAINTS  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -  
12:10 p.m.  
Bishop  
Larry Hammersmith  
541-592-3919

Illinois Valley Baptist Church  
541-592-6149  
102 S. Redwood Hwy.  
(in the County Building)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer  
& Youth Program 7:00 PM  
Friday Ladies Bible Study  
11:00 AM

Wonder Bible Chapel  
11911 Redwood Hwy.  
Wonder, Ore.  
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