



Friends of the Columbia Gorge urge caution this Fourth of July, noting that drought conditions could make for a rough wildfire season. Hood River News file photo

Heat waves, fireworks and forests don't mix

By Friends of the Columbia River Gorge

Land managers around the Pacific Northwest are preparing for what could be another tough year for wildfires. With all of the six counties that make up the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Gorge in a state of drought — and with most of the Scenic Area categorized as in a state of moderate, severe or extreme by the U.S. Drought Monitor — extra care is called for as we approach the July 4 weekend.

In advance of the holiday weekend, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Executive Director Kevin Gorman, in a blog post, urged the public to celebrate responsibly in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and around the Pacific Northwest:

“As the climate changes, it is critical that all of us — Scenic Area county residents, tourists, campers, and day-hikers alike — take extreme care and act as responsible stewards for our public lands in the Columbia Gorge. Forests are no place for fireworks and in fact are illegal on federal and state public lands.

“Be sure to follow all local advisories, and if campfires are allowed by local land managers, never leave a campfire unattended. And if you do hit the trails, please follow all trail closures and advisories, staying on official trails, packing out any trash with you, being courteous and considerate of others on the trail and those who live in nearby Gorge communities by observing parking restrictions.

“With our world finally opening back up, all of us are eager to enjoy the best of what the Pacific Northwest offers. But please remember that one careless action can turn an enjoyable outing into a deadly situation. Please keep fire out of your holiday plans in our great outdoors.”

Read Gorman's full blog post at gorgefriends.org/newsroom/blog/2021-06-24/heat-waves-fireworks-forests-dont-mix.html.

'Never Forget Garden' dedicated at Oregon Veterans Home

THE DALLES — Nearly 40 visitors, staff and residents gathered at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles on June 16 to dedicate a “Never Forget Garden” in the outer roundabout in front of the facility.

Through an initiative started in 2018, the Society for the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has spearheaded a nationwide campaign to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, according to a press release. They have asked Americans to plant gardens to show our commitment to recognize, remember and honor our veterans and their families now and for many years to come.

The members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Celilo Chapter provided this garden at the Oregon Veterans Home to express the need to never forget or forsake all those who have served and sacrificed on behalf of America in times of war or armed conflict, said a press release.

Guests at this dedication ceremony included Donna Dial,



Pictured, left to right, are Donna Dial, NSDAR Oregon State Regent; Gladys Wesley, NSDAR Oregon Celilo Chapter Regent; Melissa Sanders, Oregon Veterans Home program director; and Nancy Slagle, NSDAR Oregon State First Vice Regent. Contributed photo

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Oregon State Regent and Jerry Frazier, Associate Member of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Surrounded by roses and agapanthus, the marker is the central point of the garden. The quote at the end of the marker is from the Declaration of Independence and is tied to America's sacred duty to never ever forget.

The marker reads: “This garden is a living tribute to all of America's veterans and their families. In silence and respect, this is a place to remember why millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom. Here we renew our promise to fulfill America's sacred duty to never forget. Here we renew our mutual pledge to support them with “our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

GLENWOOD NEWS

Ketchum Kalf Rodeo crowd enthusiastic, supportive

By Mary Pierce

Happy Fourth of July, everyone. This year's Fourth celebrations will be different than in 2020. People will be more able to gather and celebrate with friends and family and enjoy fireworks displays. What a great feeling that is.

If you're reading this and you attended the Glenwood Ketchum Kalf Rodeo, your enthusiasm and support were greatly appreciated by the Glenwood Rodeo Association. It seemed the grandstands were filled with people eager to get back to normal and enjoy a good rodeo show. The first bucking horse and rider out of the chute even got a standing ovation as people were filled with the exhilaration of the occasion. At the rodeo wrap-up meeting on Monday night, all in attendance were still feeling the elation of the success of this year's rodeo. Thank you to all who supported the 86th rodeo. The association members are energized and eager to make next year's rodeo even better, so remember the rodeo on Father's Day Weekend 2022.

At the end of the meeting, several members of the Goldendale High School and Junior High School Rodeo Club, including the three

Glenwood members, presented the association with a large thank you card with words of gratitude for the use of the Glenwood rodeo arena for their high school and junior high school rodeos in May. To top off the great evening, the Mt. Adams Community 4-H Club members served delicious desserts. No dinner was needed at our house after the meeting.

Every time a member of our Rodeo Association passes, it squeezes our hearts and we miss each and every one of them greatly. This year there were empty saddles for six members. On Saturday, Mary Anita Addington, Doug Daniels and Bobbie Burns were honored, and on Sunday, the empty saddles were for Charlie and June Allen and Jim Clemmer Sr.

A very touching gesture came from Trino Murillo, who led his mule with the empty saddle and boots around the arena in tribute to his friend, Jim Clemmer. Jim was not a horse guy, but he fondly remembered and reminisced about farming



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with mules as a young man in Tennessee and how much he loved those mules. All six of these Glenwood Rodeo Association members dedicated decades to this rodeo and are greatly missed.

There was a very moving moment in the rodeo on Saturday when Darren Jones and his family were called out into the arena so Darren could be presented with the 2020 Hank Ladiges Buckle. Darren had already been presented with it earlier this year, but it is just more meaningful when it is awarded in that arena, with a grandstand full of great rodeo supporters to share that special moment. Thank you, Darren, for all you have done and continue to do to help make everything run so smoothly each rodeo season. You are appreciated more than you can ever know.

I'm going to share what made this year's rodeo so memorable for me. On Sunday, about halfway through the rodeo, my husband Glenn found me working in the beer token booth and said I was needed in the arena. As we walked around the corner, I found our daughter Amy Pierce and our son-in-law Josh Kales waiting for us. We walked to the warm-up pen



The Junior Barrels event at the Ketchum Kalf Rodeo drew loud cheers from spectators. Jacob Bertram photo

and waited for the team roping to be completed. We then walked out into the arena, where there were several Rodeo Association directors and members waiting by the chutes, and our Hector and Miller families, with our three cowgirl granddaughters, coming into the arena from the other side.

As Association Secretary Amy McNealy read a very moving tribute written by dear friend Roxie Clemmer, Harry Miller and Keith Kreps presented me with the

2021 Hank Ladiges Buckle. This award has such deep meaning, reflecting the work ethic and dedication of the late Hank Ladiges, who worked tirelessly for decades to ensure the success of the Glenwood rodeo. With my family behind me and our granddaughters, Joice and Jentry, on either side and little Natalie in my arms, my heart just filled with such a swell of emotion that the members of the association chose me for this award. I am so proud to be a member

of this great association and a friend to all its members. Next year, when this award is presented again, I will have a deeper understanding of what it means and how it feels to receive it. From my heart, I want to say thank you to all my friends in the Glenwood Rodeo Association for this wonderful recognition.

Please send any news items for next week's paper to gm Pierce09@gmail.com.

'Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series' offered by OSU Extension

"Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series" is a monthly Zoom series that offers education for the experienced gardener led by OSU horticulture experts from across the state.


Participants will take their gardening knowledge to the next level with timely topics from gardening in a changing climate to techniques to extend your season," said a press release.

The free classes will be held at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month through November; recordings will be available to watch at any time. The series is open to the public; OSU Extension Master Gardeners will receive continuing education credit.

Register at extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series.

Schedule

- July 13:** Fire-wise Landscaping with Amy Jo Detweiler
- Aug. 10:** Season Extension Techniques with Heather Stoven and Nicole Sanchez
- Sept. 14:** Gardening with Native Plants for Pollinators with Gail Langelotto
- Oct. 12:** Adapting Your Garden and Landscape for Climate Change with Weston Miller
- Nov. 9:** Using Life Cycle Analysis to Understand the Sustainability of Your Garden Products and Practices with Gail Langelotto



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