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**LIGHTNING ALERT**  
DRY LIGHTNING IS PREDICTED IN THE GORGE THIS WEEKEND, TO GO WITH THE HIGH TEMPERATURES. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY HAS RAISED THE INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL TO 3, MEANING MOTORIZED TRAIL USE ON ALL HOOD RIVER COUNTY TRAILS IS NOW PROHIBITED UNTIL THERE IS SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL.

## 'Water is survival'

*County Commission declares drought; three main irrigation districts request users to cut back by 25 percent*

By **PATRICK MULVIHILL**  
News staff writer

The Hood River County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to pass a countywide drought declaration at a special meeting Wednesday. The resolution will go to Gov. Kate Brown's desk for executive action.

Hood River joins 20 other Oregon counties that have issued a drought declaration this year, including neighboring Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties.

The County hopes their formal declaration to the state will allow for smoother local water management, and will qualify Hood River County for state and federal grants in the coming

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**KITERS** and yacht crews share the river Wednesday night just off Marina Beach and the Spit. With temperatures near or above 100 degrees this weekend, the beaches will throng with sailors, paddlers and swimmers, including crowds at this weekend's Beach Bash at the Event Site.

## Stay cool as you can, keep safety rules in mind

Dangerously hot weather is predicted for Oregon and Southwest Washington through Sunday.

"High temperatures, humidity and hot, indoor environments can quickly cause heat-related emergencies," said Troy Jenkins, Red Cross Health and Safety training manager. "Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke."

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The National Weather Service in Portland and others have issued an excessive heat watch for the inland areas of southwest Washington and northwest Oregon from the coast range to the Cascades. The NWS Portland watch is in affect from Fri-

day afternoon through Sunday, June 26-28.

Oregon State Forestry Department on June 19 issued a Regulated Closure, which bars entry to forestland (other than an owner's legal right of entry upon their land) to all forestland unless entrants comply with the following restrictions:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads.
- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except in designated areas. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. Open fires are allowed if conducted in compliance with a valid Burning Permit issued pursuant to ORS 477.515.

As the summer season progresses with continuing warm dry weather, the public

is encouraged to be careful with camp fires. Anyone tending a campfire is required to have a shovel and plenty of water on hand. Before leaving a campfire unattended, the fire should be drowned with water, stirred, and be cold to the touch.

- Chainsaw use is prohibited between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Chainsaw use is permitted at all other hours, if the following firefighting equipment is present with each operating saw: one axe, one shovel, and one operational 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited between the hours of 1

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## Places to keep cool: fire hall, library, pool

You know to go to the pool to keep cool. How about the library and fire hall, too?

Hood River Library and Hood River Fire Hall will officially serve as "cooling centers" in the coming heat wave. Anyone may come in and make use of the air conditioning.

Also, Hood River Aquatic Center will be open each day for anyone wanting to take a cooling dip, and more lifeguard staff have been scheduled in anticipation of high numbers of pool users, according to Lori Stirn, Parks and Recreation director.

The downtown library is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or at hoodriverlibrary.org.

Hood River Fire and EMS is offering its Community Room and public access areas to be used as a cooling station, since the heat is going to affect those without air conditioned homes the most.

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## Spotlight

A weekly series about a day in the life ...

### Ailene Hibbard keeps history alive for News staff

By **TRISHA WALKER**  
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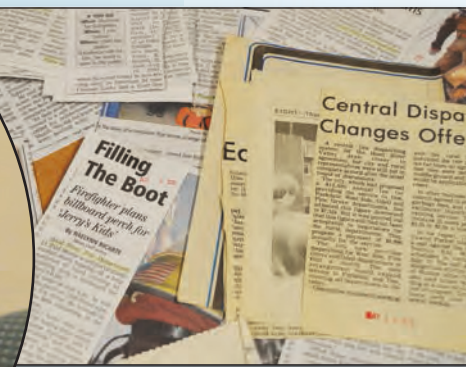
You're on deadline and you really should have done your research earlier, but you've been pulled a hundred ways all week (excuses!) and you're just now getting to your story. Which is due in four hours. And okay, you're panicking more than a little bit. Because this is going to be impossible.

And then you remember Ailene's clip files.

The panic subsides. It's going to be okay. Ailene Hibbard is in her 80s, but she faithfully comes into the Hood River News on Tuesdays and Fridays to manage the newspaper's archives. Yes, we have envelope upon envelope of clip files, all sorted by topic: Obituaries, people, businesses and subjects. Those envelopes are filled with stories that date back several decades, and get pulled daily by editorial, front desk and ad staff for a variety of reasons.

"We will never be able to replace what Ailene does," said News general manager Chelsea Marr. "She has collected an amazing amount of history about businesses and the people of Hood River County. The collection might seem old fashioned with today's technology, but the ease of use for our

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Photos by Trisha Walker

**AILENE HIBBARD** has worked at the Hood River News since 1972, but these days she focuses on the paper's clip file archives. Twice a week, she saves ads and stories for files such as these clips from the 1970s to the present in her "Fire Department" file.

## Four To Go

### Vets Office seeks volunteers

Hood River County Veterans Office, in partnership with the American Legion Post 22, is looking for veteran volunteers to participate in the Fourth of July Parade and festivities. The office would like to honor veterans by carrying the flags of each branch of the military in the parade. The route is about one-mile long.

The Veteran's Office also needs volunteers to help block off streets along the parade route, shuttling people back to their cars after the parade, and helping carry the Legion banner in the parade.

To participate, contact Tricia Stevens at Hood River County Veterans Office, 541-386-1080 or veterans@co.hoodriver.or.us.



### Port beach closures for July 4

The Port of Hood River will close the Spit area at noon on Friday, July 3, until noon on Sunday, July 5, for the annual fireworks show.

Access to the Sandbar from the Event Site will be closed at 7 p.m. on July 4 to all spectators and recreationalists due to fireworks. Kiteboard launching and landing from the Event Site grass is prohibited.

### OSU hosts irrigation tour July 7

On July 7, from 1-4 p.m., OSU Extension and Hood River Watershed Group will host an orchard irrigation management workshop and tour at Evans Creek Orchard. Highlights include looking at the farm's centralized filtration system, micro-sprinklers on trellised trees, and an established orchard drip irrigation. Participants will also discuss using an online irrigation scheduler developed by WSU, soil moisture monitoring, and automated systems. Nelson Irrigation, Bryant Pipe, Wilson Orchard Supply, Irrinet, and Measure Tek will share information on equipment and services. RSVP to Steve Castagnoli at steve.castagnoli@oregonstate.edu.

### City does work next to Exit 62

On Monday at 7 a.m., Crestline construction will start work on and around the frontage road Westcliff Drive, where it intersects the Interstate 84 interchange on- and off-ramps from exit 62 westbound.

The work zone will extend approximately 200 feet in either direction, and will be controlled by flaggers.

Traffic delays should be minimal; work areas are expected between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., with the road opened weekends and evenings.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area.