

HUNTS

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These events are only open to youth who have passed hunter education. (ODFW has hunter education classes and field days available before the events.)

An adult 21 years of age or older must accompany the youth to supervise but may not hunt.

The hunts are free, though participants need a valid hunting license (\$10

for youth 12-17, free for age 11 and under) to hunt. Youth hunters age 12-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$4).

Purchase online, at a license sales agent or ODFW office that sells licenses.

Licenses and tags will not be sold at the events.

While most areas have a hunt both Saturday and Sunday, youth hunters may only sign up for one hunt. They are welcome to hunt stand by on the other day.

Visit www.odfwcalendar.com for additional details.

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A special demonstration also will compare terminal performance of common lead hunting bullets and non-lead bullets in water barrels and ballistic gelatin.

"This is a great opportunity to try the latest tech-

nology in hunting ammunition without having to buy any," said Leland Brown, the zoo's non-lead ammunition outreach coordinator and a lifelong outdoorsman. "Non-lead ammunition offers great weight retention, consistent expansion and exceptional accuracy, all without lead."

For more information, visit eaglecapshooters.com.

FIELD

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The building is being constructed from colored cinder block and will be topped with a steel roof. Details of the heating system are still being worked out, but it will be an HVAC system that will provide much more efficient climate control than the old fan system.

The plumbing also is designed on a grade, and air can be hooked to the pipes to blow any excess water out for winterization after the foot-

ball season.

The length of time it took to finally come to the point of construction was due to

Drawn-out negotiations between former Superintendent Brad Royse and the district's insurance company delayed the start of construction.

Including as many local contractors as possible was a sticking point for Royse. In the end, Balfor Construction of Boise, which the insurance company insisted on as the oversight company, followed through on its promise to hire locally and local contractors and sub-contractors are doing more than 75 percent of the

work.

Other causes of delay included changes in building codes and the like. In the end, the city of Enterprise vacated a portion of the street in front of the building to allow the field house to occupy the same space it had when originally built in 1949-52. In the intervening years the set-back requirements had changed, but the council voted unanimously to return the set-back rules on South Street to their original writing.

"Otherwise the field house would be clear out on the track," said High School Principal Blake Carlson.

"There was great support

from the public and city in getting that set back changed, but the legal process had to be followed and that took time," Carlson said.

The structure will not be completed in time for the football season, but temporary measures have been taken so that the season can progress. A portable building will provide changing space and storage for gear, and portable bathrooms will be brought in. A decision on how to handle concessions this season has yet to be made.

The Outlaws kick off the season Aug. 26 at the Eastern Oregon University Jamboree.

Town halls address health insurance options

Wallowa County Chieftain

The state of Oregon is hosting free town hall events this month in northeastern Oregon to answer questions about health insurance.

Officials from the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, along with members of the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program, will host the town halls. The Marketplace and SHIBA are part of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

The events, called Health Insurance 101, will discuss the basics of health insurance, as well as the many options

that exist for all Oregonians.

Other topics covered include the myths of health insurance and the Affordable Care Act and the rules of health insurance. There will also be time for audience questions.

"People often find enrolling in health insurance to be confusing and cumbersome," said Amy Coven, outreach and education coordinator with the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. "However, it doesn't need to be. We want people to come get their questions answered so health insurance won't seem so scary."

Pre-registration is recom-

mended to make sure there are enough seats and handouts. Email info.marketplace@oregon.gov or call 855-268-3767 (toll-free).

The schedule:

- La Grande: 6-8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15 at Northeast Oregon Public Transit, 2204 E. Penn Ave.

- Milton-Freewater: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at MFW Public Library, 8 SW 8th Ave.

- Hermiston: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Good Shepherd Hospital, Room CC2, 610 NW 11th St.

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace offers general information for consumers through a local service center, which can be reached by calling 855-268-3767 (toll-free) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by email at info.marketplace@oregon.gov.

Orchestra seeks new members

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa Valley Orchestra, a small teaching orchestra rehearsing in Enterprise, is making plans for their upcoming season and would like to invite anyone interested in joining us to come play this fall.

The orchestra is looking for adult and student musicians who can read music and provide an instrument, or make arrangements to use one.

Spots for woodwind, brass, percussion and orchestral strings (violin, viola, cello and bass) are available.

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