

TEEING OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE



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Ocean Dunes Golf Links recently held its Memorial Tournament honoring Ocean Dunes' past golfers. In addition to recognizing and celebrating golfers who have passed on, the tournament raised \$400 for Helping Hands Coalition, which is an organization that feeds the hungry three days a week and provides a warming center on cold nights for the needy.

Volunteers needed for lighthouse

Summer is quickly approaching and Heceta Head Lightstation's Interpretive Center is preparing for the tour season

Each year, the Interpretive Center hosts thousands of visitors from all over the world. Volunteers share the fascinating history of the beautiful Queen Anne style Keeper's House, from its construction in 1892 to the present day.

Discover what life was like for those at the turn of the century and why it took a unique

individual to enjoy living the life of a light keeper. Learn what you can do to help keep the house alive as an historic site in our community.

Our tour season begins Memorial Day weekend and lasts through Labor Day, with tours given from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., Thursday through Monday.

Volunteers are needed to help share the history about this historic landmark. Here is an excellent opportunity to develop your public speaking skills, brush up on some local history and spend time at the beautiful Heceta Head Lightstation.

Volunteer 35 hours during the tour season and receive a free night's stay in the bed and breakfast during the winter months.

For more information about volunteering or our historic tours, contact Steven Bursey at (866) 547-3696 or email Bursey at keepers@hecetalighthouse.com

Keep campfires from becoming wildfires

Sitting around a campfire is one of the special times we all enjoy, but campfires are also a major cause of wildfires. May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and Keep Oregon Green, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon

• Know before you go -Call your local forestry or fire district to learn if there are any current campfire restrictions at your recreation destination. An interactive map of Oregon's fire restrictions is available at www.keeporegongreen.org.

campfires at any time of year. Areas that prohibit campfires outside maintained campgrounds with established fire pits will often allow the use of camp stoves.

• Select the right spot -Where campfires are allowed,

ship meet at Hayward Field in Eugene for the second straight vear.

Celie Mans

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The sophomore distance runner

won two Far West District

championships last week in

Brookings. Mans claimed victory

in the 3,000 meters with a time of

11:04.49; and in the 1,500

meters in 4:59.21. The wins will

put her in the 4A State Champi-

Track & Field

Honorable Mention Courtney King

The Viking Senior set two personal records at the Far West District meet, placing third in the 1,500 meters and fifth in the 3,000. Perhaps her most important contribution to the team according to coaches was her leadership role, encouraging other athletes to remain motivated on the way to the Viking Girls winning the district championship.

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• Kick the campfire habit this summer – Portable camp stoves are a safer option to

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avoid building the fire near your tent, structures, vehicles, shrubs and trees, and be aware of low-hanging branches overhead.

Clear the site down to mineral soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle your campfire site with rocks. Store your unused firewood a good distance from the fire.

• Keep your campfire small A campfire is less likely to escape control if it is kept small. A large fire may cast hot embers long distances. Add firewood in small amounts as existing material is consumed.

• Attend your campfire at all times - A campfire left unattended for only a few minutes can grow into a costly, damaging wildfire. Staying with your campfire from start to finish until dead out is required by state law, to ensure that any escaped sparks or embers can be extinguished quickly.

• NEVER use gasoline or other accelerants (flammable or combustible liquids) to start or increase your campfire. Once the fire is ignited, wait until the match is cold and then discard it in the fire.

• Always have water and fire tools on site - Have a shovel and a bucket of water nearby to extinguish any escaped embers. When you are ready to leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is dead out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

• Escaped campfires are costly - The Oregon Department of Forestry spent more than \$3.3 million in 2014 to suppress unattended and escaped campfires. State law requires the proper clearing, building, attending and extinguishing of open fires any time of year.