

BRIEFLY

Local graduation dates and last days of school set

Prairie City graduation is 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, and last day of school is Friday, June 2, for a half day.

Dayville graduation is 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, and last day of school is Wednesday, June 7.

Monument graduation is 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27, and last day of school is Thursday, June 1. Long Creek graduation is 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, and last day of school is Thursday, June 1, for a half day.

Humbolt and Seneca School have their last day Wednesday, June 7.

Natural Resource Camp registration deadline June 1

Natural Resource Camp, a weeklong, outdoor education summer camp for Oregon students entering seventh through ninth grade, will take place June 26-30 at Lake Creek Youth Camp in Grant County.

The camp aims to stimulate appreciation for the natural environment and teaches environmental stewardship. Participants will learn about fisheries, wildlife, fire ecology, rangeland management, timber harvests and stream morphology from a diverse group of natural resource professionals, including private contractors, permit holders, agency personnel and watershed councils. Some of this year's activities include an early morning bird walk, stargazing, watershed simulation, macro-invertebrates course, salmon bake, fish and wildlife education, rangeland health, bat box building and bonfires.

The registration deadline is June 1. Registration forms are available at OSU Extension Offices across the state. The forms are also available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/grant/camps>. The "4-H Summer Camps" link leads to the registration portal, which is found under the Natural Resource Camp link. Scholarships are also available.

Natural Resource Camp would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of local partnerships and volunteers.

Harvesting over a gallon of mushrooms requires permit

Mushrooms are pushing up through the soil, but harvesters should be aware of regulations.

A permit is not required to harvest, possess or transport less than one gallon in Oregon, according to a Forest Service press release. These free-use mushrooms are for personal consumption and cannot be sold, bartered or given away.

A commercial permit is required for people 18 or older for more than one gallon. Commercial picking is prohibited in wilderness areas. An Industrial Camping Permit is required if commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers plan to camp overnight on National Forest System lands, which can only be obtained at the local ranger district office on the forest being harvested. Commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers are prohibited from camping in developed campgrounds.

Commercial permits cost \$2 per day with a 10-day minimum, or \$100 for the year. A buyer's permit costs \$600 plus administrative costs.

Check with ranger districts to determine if temporary road and area closures are still in effect in last year's wildfire areas.

Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the picker. Many forest mushroom varieties are poisonous.

Disaster drill planned June 1

Blue Mountain Hospital will be performing a training disaster drill on Thursday, June 1. The drill will start at 9 a.m. at Grant Union Jr./Sr. School and will end at 11 a.m. at the hospital. More emergency vehicles will be out on the roads and at the hospital. The vehicles will not be using their lights and sirens during the drill. Services will not be interrupted at this time, and emergency crews will still be on staff and prepared in the event that an emergency does arise during the training.

Prairie City clerk retires after 29 years

McDonald looks forward to remodeling home and traveling

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Lyn McDonald has been through 11 mayors.

After almost 29 years as the Prairie City city clerk, she decided it's time to retire and enjoy life.

Her husband, Dan, a lifetime contractor, retired in October, which prompted her to spend more time at home.

"I just decided I wanted to be home so we could do things together," she said.

The two are currently remodeling their home, and she is looking forward to purchasing new furniture and landscaping their yard. Once they've completed the remodel, she said they have a week-long trip to the coast planned in their RV.

McDonald is looking forward to visiting friends in northern California and exploring some of the eastern part of the country.

"I've never been east of Boise, so it would be a joy for me to go east and see some of that country and some of those other states," she said.

While she is glad to be retiring, she said she would miss interacting with residents, especially the seniors.

"When they come in to pay their bill, it's become over the years a time to catch up with them and see what they're doing," she said. "We always have to stop and visit a little bit, and I've enjoyed that a lot."



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs
Lyn McDonald stands for a photo outside the Prairie City City Hall on Wednesday, May 17. McDonald said she looks forward to traveling and spending time with her husband, Dan.

Her least favorite part of the job was chasing down people with delinquent payments.

She remembers when the city renovated Front Street, adding new sidewalks, trees and flower beds.

"That was probably the best event that happened in the time I was here," she said.

McDonald performed a wide variety of duties, including acting as the city planner.

"I'm not educated in that, but I've managed to get them through," she said.

In her retirement, McDonald said she wants to stay involved with the city. She isn't planning on run-

ning for city council, but plans to attend meetings. She plans to get involved in local activities and groups like Talents and Treasures.

"People tell me that you become very busy, whether you like it or not," she said.

A celebration is planned for McDonald's retirement from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 26, at the Prairie City City Hall. Cake will be served all day, and residents will have a chance to meet the new city clerk, Bobbie Brown.

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Love, Mom



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