

FFA, Les Schwab combine to collect food

Seasons are changing, and that means it is back to school and farmers are busy with final harvest. But one thing that does not change with the seasons is the need across Oregon to help fight hunger.

Those affected by food insecurity are in need year-round. Les Schwab Tire Centers of Oregon has partnered with Oregon FFA in a Drive Away Hunger event to help raise awareness and to raise as much food as possible. The initiative will take place the entire month of October.

Since 2008, the Oregon Food Bank has seen the demand for emergency food boxes increase by 40 percent. All month you may see FFA members across the state doing a variety of service activities to raise as much food as possible. Please be on the lookout for activities and collections happening throughout our community.

The public is encouraged to drop food donations at any Les Schwab Tire Center, Wilco Farm Store or a local FFA chapter. Collection bags are being



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distributed to subscribers of the *Capital Press*, *East Oregonian*, *Wallowa County Chieftain*, *Hermiston Herald* and *Blue Mountain Eagle*, or you may pick up a collection bag at your local Les Schwab Tire Center or a Wilco Farm Store.

FFA members are encouraging everyone to be #TiredofHunger and fill a grocery bag to drop at any of the collection sites.

In addition to nonperishable food, the FFA is seeking

farm and ranch crop donations as well. To donate portion of a food crop, please contact a local FFA chapter or Kevin White, executive director of the Oregon FFA Foundation, at kwhite@oregonffa.com. All donations received will be given first to local food pantries. If there is more, it will be distributed by the Oregon Food Bank to other pantries throughout the state.

Last year the FFA's Tired of Hunger initiative helped raise

more than 500,000 pounds of food. That was enough to provide 416,667 meals, or feed 4,960 families for nearly a week.

This year, the more than 6,000 FFA members from 105 chapters have partnered with the 107 Les Schwab stores in Oregon as well as the 13 Wilco Farm Stores to make a dent in helping supply the Oregon Food Bank and other local food pantries.

Workshop on forest engagement planned

'How to get involved with your forest'

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In an effort to increase awareness on how to engage with management of the Malheur National Forest, the public is invited to a workshop focusing on "how to get involved with your forest" from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Grant County Regional Airport, 72000 Airport Road, John Day.

The interactive workshop will open with a brief presentation on public input opportunities related to public lands management on the forest, along with an overview of some of the challenges and sideboards of public lands management.

Following the presentation, the focus of the workshop will be on current opportunities for public engagement, including opportunities to volunteer on special projects and partner

with the forest to accomplish shared goals. Discussions will also highlight procedures on how the public can best interact with the forest to explore project ideas, express concerns about a proposed project, how to initiate a partnership and other topics attendees are interested in.

Workshop attendees are invited to bring Malheur National Forest project examples that they are interested in learning more about.

Vernita Ediger, Ph.D., will facilitate the conversation. Forest Service personnel and others that have successfully worked with the Malheur National Forest will be in attendance to provide insight to the discussions.

RSVP to NEPA Planner Sasha Fertig by calling 541-575-3061 or emailing sasha.fertig@fs.fed.us.

150 years of Grange

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Granges across the country are celebrating the organization's 150th anniversary.

The local Grange in Mt. Vernon was established in March 1925 and has, for over 92 years, provided a wealth of activities, events and memories for the Mt. Vernon community, and Grant County as well.

The organization is united by strong ties to agriculture, but welcomes all. The Grange

advances the cause of education by all just means, including an annual donation of dictionaries to schools in Grant County.

The Grange's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Mt. Vernon Grange. Table reservations are first come, first served, so contact Shannon Winegar early at 541-620-0493.

Homemade stew, pies, cakes and cookies will be available for purchase. A bowl

of stew and a fresh-baked roll cost \$5. The Grange table will have traditional homemade breads, pies, cake, popcorn balls and candy.

The group's annual pancake feed is held the last Saturday of February.

Mt. Vernon Grange No. 659 meets with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. The Mt. Vernon Grange is across from Clyde Holliday State park on Highway 26.

State seeks ATV committee members

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting volunteers for two positions within the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee and three positions within the new All-Terrain Vehicle Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee.

The ATV Advisory Committee members will also serve on the ATV grant subcommittee.

Vacancies are available for Class II: sand rails and four-wheel drive vehicles, such as jeeps, trucks and SUVs, and Class III: off-road motorcycles.

Computer access and experience is mandatory. Knowledge of OHV riding areas

throughout Oregon is beneficial.

For the ATV Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee, one member of the public position and two ATV user positions are available.

The Oregon Legislature established the All-Terrain Vehicle Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee in 2017 under Senate Bill 344 and tasked it with accepting, evaluating and conducting field reviews of proposed ATV highway access routes on portions of state highway rights of way.

The Committee Interest Form is available through a link under ATV Committees within the menu section located online at oregonohv.org. Applications

will be accepted until 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

For more information, contact Jeff Trejo at jeff.trejo@oregon.gov or 503-986-0585.

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MON - THURS 7:00

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The true story of the 1973 tennis match between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and serial hustler Bobby Riggs.
FRI & SAT (4:05) 7:05 9:40
SUNDAY (4:05) 7:05
MON - THURS 7:05

THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US PG-13
Kate Winslett, Idris Elba. Two strangers must forge a connection to survive after their plane crashes.
FRI - SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:35
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON - THURS 7:10

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HAPPY 1ST ANNIVERSARY!

October 11, 2016, John Day Taxi was born. I started the business sort of like a hobby, just to look busy and get out of vacuuming, but people liked my immediate response and it turned into a full-time job! In the beginning I was almost a personal limousine service to half a dozen regulars - they called and I was at their door in no time. It was fun, but now that I have about 40 regulars, sometimes I can't always offer the same accommodation, sorry. I tried speeding things up until I got lit up by a handsome young trooper my wife used to babysit for. Small towns are so cool.

Full time employment is a downer for this old Air Force retiree who just wants to get out of housework, but the upside is I made so many beautiful friends and it has been a blast! From my first client, the dear lady in South Canyon I take to her appointments, to my buddies in Meadowbrook I drive to DQ to get a Blizzard, to the gentleman I took to Fossil in a blizzard, to the businesslike young lady in Prairie I take to her job in John Day, to the energetic couple in Mt. Vernon I drove to their first house in Canyon City, I love them all. On the rides we chatted about church, politics, sports and personal matters.

I'm not subsidized so it wasn't always easy, but I tried to keep my fares as low as I could. I extended credit and always got paid, sometimes in delicious homemade jam or juicy elk steaks, even gold fresh out of Canyon Creek! That ought to give Oster a migraine next tax season. Other times I just got smiles and that's okay. My wonderful new friends tell me they appreciate my service and that's what's really important.

I basically work 6am to 6pm, six days a week and for emergencies. The bar owners get mad at me for not picking up after hours, but I'm just one guy and I can't do it all. Maybe that's a niche for an enterprising entrepreneur interested in a cool evening business.

I'll be 80 next year. If it all ends tomorrow I just hope I did some good in our community; I got out of vacuuming so it worked for me. Thanks for your support and remember, you never need a cab until you need one, so put me on speed dial - 541-620-4255.

God bless, Richie

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