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**1998 fire season
 may be repeat
 of '96**

Central Oregon is rapidly approaching a fire danger level equal to the years of 1990, '92, '94 and '96, according to an Oregon Dept. of Forestry news release. Those years included Awbrey Hall, Sage Flat, Skeleton, Wheeler Point and the Ashwood/Donnybrook fires. These five fires combined to burn approximately 144,000 acres; evacuation of homes was necessary and homes were lost. This year, there is a much bigger grass crop than any of the previous years, allowing fires to spread faster and making them more difficult to control.

What does this mean to you? The fire danger right now is extreme and people must be absolutely careful with fire. State protected lands within Central Oregon are currently in a regulated use closure. Regulations include: no fireworks, no smoking in the woods, keep campfire in designated areas only and carry firefighting equipment such as a bucket, shovel, ax and fire extinguisher off developed state and county roads. These public use restrictions are designed to help prevent fire starts. Check with local fire agencies for debris burning regulations.

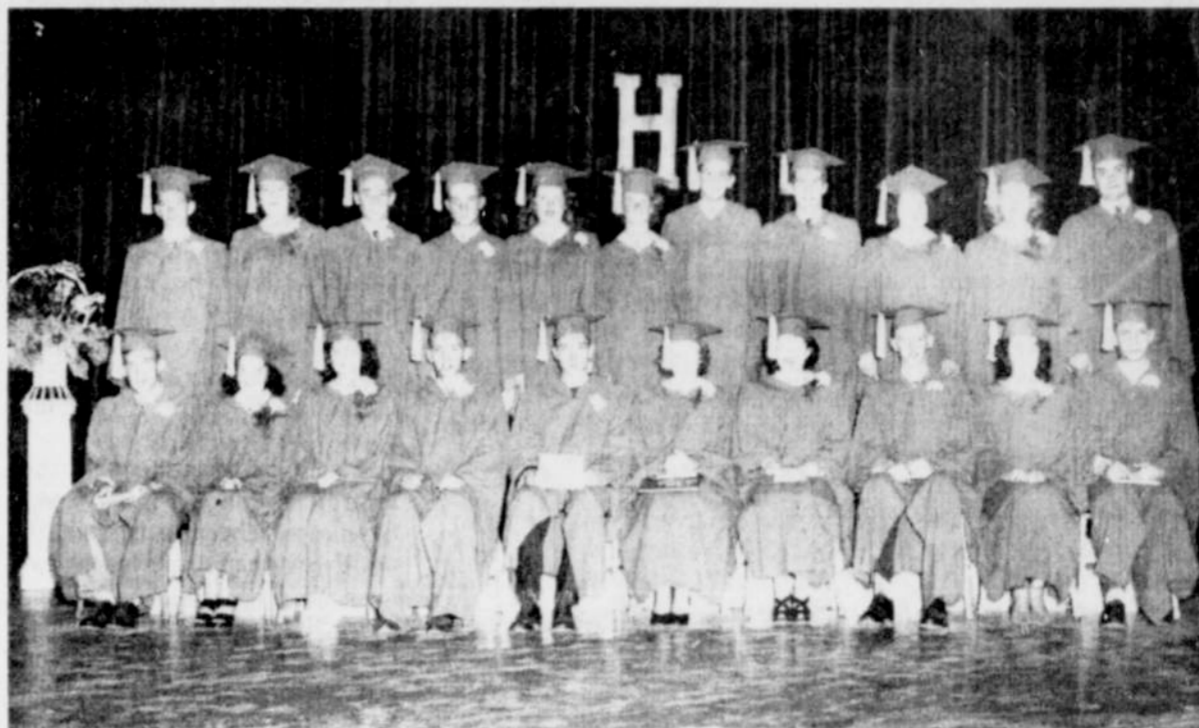
"Before you get in the woods or do anything with fire, please be responsible and remember to call your local fire agency for current fire restrictions," said the release.

**Stakeholders
 committee
 to meet**

A meeting of the Umatilla TMDL Stakeholder Committee will meet Wednesday, August 19, at 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hospital at Hermiston.

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Heppner class of 1948 holds 50th reunion



1948: back row-Herval Pettyjohn, dec., Cork Nutting Norene, Myron Rill, Clarence Greenup, Clara Ledbetter Pickens, Betty Smethurst Zeigler, Jack Ployhar, Don Rippee, Mary Gearhart Fox, Edda Thorpe Lovgren, Bob Kilkenny; front row-Doyle Key, dec., Harriet Ball Hall, Beverly Yocum Gunderson, Buster Padberg, dec., Kenneth Green, Joan Hisler Sumner, Yvonne Hastings Bunker, Morgan Connor, Leila McLachlan Sullivan, Donald DuBois.



1998: back row-Clarence Greenup, Jack Ployhar, Bob Kilkenny, Morgan Connor, Don DuBois; middle row-Mayless Johnson Coxen, Joan Hisler Sumner, Betty Smethurst Zeigler, Harriet Ball Hall, Clara Ledbetter Pickens, Myron Rill, Bill Jones; front row-Lillian Hubbard Boyce, Joan Corwin Lound, Yvonne Hastings Bunker, Beverly Yocum Gunderson, Kay Kelly Robinson, Leila McLachlan Sullivan. Attending, but not pictured-Bill Kenny and Bob Lovgren.

The Heppner High School Class of '48 held their 50th Reunion July 14-16 at the Bob Kilkenny Ranch out of Lexington.

Tuesday evening, the group enjoyed a hamburger barbecue and visiting. Brunch was served on Wednesday morning, followed by lots of visiting, reminiscing and looking at pictures, annuals, etc. Wednesday evening a barbecued steak dinner, catered by Kim and Mike Armato, was enjoyed by 42 persons.

Besides spouses of the classmates, special guests were: Bill and Pat Gentry, Tad Miller, Ellis and Kay McRoberts, Skip Connor and John Mollahan. Following dinner, an anniversary cake was presented to Gene and Harriet Hall in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Classmates and spouses enjoyed a horseshoe tournament on Wednesday and golfing on Thursday morning.

Members of the class who started first grade together and

graduated through graduation were: Bob Kilkenny, Joan Hisler Sumner, Harriet Ball Hall, Edda Thorpe Lovgren, Morgan Connor, Doyle Key and Don Rippee. A very special classmate who started first grade and continued through her junior year, was Gladwin Hudson, who was killed by a falling tree while working for the Forest Service the summer of '47.

Classmates said that the hosts, Bob and Eva Kilkenny, made the reunion a very memorable occasion.

Health District hires Gonty's selected yard of the month billing service

The Morrow County Health District (MCHD) announces their recent decision to have all their patient accounts receivable handled by ACCENT (Account Control Consultant Enterprises, Inc.). These changes will begin within the next two weeks, said Scot Jacobson, MCHD human resource director.

ACCENT is headquartered in Portland and has been in business more than 20 years. "ACCENT was chosen because of their past experience in patient account receivable control and also their dedication and commitment to positively impacting community relations," said Jacobson.

ACCENT will have a toll-free number for all patient inquiries. District employees will still produce the first billing cycle, Jacobson said, and will be available to answer questions.



The yard of Eleanor Gonty and her son, Tom, has been selected as the Heppner Garden Club Yard of the Month for August. Eleanor and her late husband, Ed, moved in the house in 1938. Ed's father, Ed, Sr., owned the house previously.

Lowell Turner retires from airlines

Lowell Turner, 1956 Heppner

High School graduate and 1960 Willamette graduate, son of the late Ernie and Lois Winchester, recently retired from American Airlines with over 32 years piloting.

Prior to working for American Airlines, Turner flew fighter planes for the U.S. Air Force. A military high note for Turner was being in the first supersonic student pilot class in the world (T-38s, Sept. 1961).

Turner, and his wife, Mary, now call Gunnison, CO., home, and live in a remodeled school house originally built in 1914. The Turners plan to restore a 1956 Ford in time for the next Heppner class of '56 reunion.

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