

## Mushroom permits now available Changes recommended to hunting tag numbers

Spring is slowly finding its way back to the Blue Mountains, and with it comes the morel mushrooms and those who harvest them.

Commercial mushroom permits are now available for the 1999 mushroom season and may be purchased at any office on the Umatilla, Malheur or Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Commercial permits are required for anyone planning to sell, harvest, possess or transport more than one gallon of mushrooms in Oregon or three gallons in Washington.

Commercial permits can be purchased for \$2 per consecutive day (\$10 - for a five consecutive day minimum permit) or \$50 annually. Permits are valid on all three Blue Mountain National Forests (Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur). People wishing to harvest incidental amounts of mushrooms are not required to obtain a permit. Incidental amounts are defined to be consistent with state laws (less than one gallon of mushrooms in Oregon or three gallons in Washington).

This year, the 60,650 acre Tower Fire area southeast of Ukiah will be closed to commercial mushroom harvesting. This closure is due

to the 9th Circuit Court Decision to halt all ground disturbing activities, within the Tower Fire area, pending the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement scheduled for later this fall. Incidental mushroom picking (less than one gallon in your possession in the state of Oregon) is considered a recreational activity and will be allowed. Commercial mushroom harvesters are also required to obtain an industrial camping permit if they plan to camp on national forest lands. Industrial camping permits are free of charge and allow Forest Service officials to monitor commercial use within the forest and to prevent commercial use in campgrounds.

A "designated industrial camping area" will be set up specifically for all commercial mushroom harvesters who camp on the North Fork John Day Ranger District. The designated industrial camp area will help reduce resource damage while providing sanitary services, such as dumpsters and portable toilets, said a Umatilla National Forest news release.

For more specific information about mushroom permits, contact the nearest Forest Service office.

ODFW biologists in northeast Oregon have recommended changes in tag numbers for some 1999 hunts. The recommended changes would cancel an antlerless rifle deer hunt and reduce the number of tags available for several different elk hunts. In addition, based on direction received from director Jim Greer, tag numbers have been adjusted so there will be no zeroed hunts for those species where preference points apply (deer, elk and pronghorn).

"These recommendation will not take effect until the Oregon Fish and Commission meets in early June," explained Craig Ely, acting director of the Northeast Region. "The commission will make the final decision on hunts and tags offered after hearing recommendations from the big game staff, the hunting public, and landowners."

If adopted, the proposals would significantly increase or decrease the number of tags available for some hunts. For instance - hunt number 247 in the Northside Unit for antlerless elk is shown in this year's big game regulations synopsis as having 200 tags in 1998 and 358 applicants. A prospective hunter

would think that they had a 50/50 chance of drawing a tag for this hunt. Based on spring wildlife surveys, the proposed number of tags for the 247 hunt for 1999 is only 25. This would change the prospective odds of being drawn from 50/50 to about one in 14. Hunters who have applied for this hunt in 1999, or are considering applying for it, may want to reconsider, based on the new odds.

The deadline for controlled hunt applications is May 15. Hunters who have already applied for their controlled hunts and who want to change their application based on this new information, have until May 31 to make a change to their application. Changes that can be made include adding or subtracting hunt units or party leaders, changing the order of hunt units and changing Social Security or hunter ID numbers.

To make a change to an application, hunters should make a copy of their application, write the desired changes on the copy, sign it and mail it to ODFW, P.O. Box 59, Portland, Oregon 97207-0059, Attn.: Controlled Hunts. Change requests may be submitted by fax at (503) 872-

5311, Attn.: Controlled Hunts.

"Every spring regional wildlife biologists meet to discuss new hunt proposals and tag recommendations," Ely explained. "We review each unit and decide whether to recommend the same number of tags as the previous year, or whether an increase or decrease is warranted based on surveys, population trends, agricultural damage and other pertinent factors. There are slight changes recommended for many hunts in northeast Oregon. We have highlighted only the significant changes - those that may prompt a hunter to change their application."

Here are the significant proposed changes in northeast Oregon for 1999 (Hunt #: Hunt Name; Species; 1998 Tags; 1999

- Proposed):  
 560B-Bear Creek; Bighorn Sheep; 1; 0.  
 657A1-Flora #1; Antlerless Mule Deer; 10; Cancelled.  
 247-Northside; Antlerless Elk; 200; 25.  
 258-Chesnimnus; Antlerless Elk; 0; 10.  
 259A1-Snake River #1; Antlerless Elk; 0; 10.  
 259A2-Snake River #2; Antlerless Elk; 0; 10.  
 260A1-Minam #1; Antlerless Elk; 100; 10.  
 260A2-Minam #2; Antlerless Elk; 100; 10.  
 261-Imnaha; Antlerless Elk; 0; 10.  
 296A-NE Damage Pool; Antlerless Elk; 20; 10, Union County only.  
 256R-Wenaha; Spike and Elk; 30; 10 Spike+.  
 256Y-Wenaha #2; Spike and Elk; 30; 10.

## HES site council hears concerns about head lice

The Heppner Elementary Site Council, at their April 14 meeting, heard a concern about head lice in the school. A reminder was given for students not to share combs or wear other people's hats. Some suggestions were brought forward, such as issuing plastic pull tie bags for students in which to keep their coats, hats and other clothing items to be hung on their hooks in the classroom. Another suggestion was to do mass checks of all students prior to the Christmas and spring breaks. The school furnishes shampoo for all members and recommends shampooing and combing by the parent prior to reinstatement of the child.

The site council decided to check into this problem further.

The site council looked over the parent/guardian, student and teacher surveys that will be sent out this spring. By sending them out in the spring, the council felt that a more accurate picture could be drawn. December 1 will be the deadline for the entire School Improvement Plan.

Members present were Jannie Allen, Kay Chinen, Robanai Disque, Sharon Morris, Jean Strange, Bill Karwacki, Karen Clough, Kelly Boyer, Kathy Cutsforth and guest Janice Huddleston.

The next site council meeting was held Monday, May 3.

## Youth receives first communion



Fr. Gerry Condon presents the Holy Eucharist to William Meulink who received his First Holy Communion at St. William's Church, Ione. Assisting is Aaron Tworek.

## Mother's Day Proclamation

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 By Julia Ward Howe (the original founder of Mother's Day)

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage for caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated earth, a voice goes up with our own.

It says: "Disarm, disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice!"

Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession.

As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

-Boston; September, 1870

## Commission seeks proposals

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families is seeking community development proposals for the July-October 1999 quarter.

The Community Development Fund was established for anticipated yet unidentified community needs and to leverage other funds and resources into services, advocacy and unique application projects for the children, youth and families of Morrow County.

The commission is seeking new proposals for the upcoming quarter. There is approximately \$1,500 available this quarter and the maximum grant is \$500. Examples of reasonable Community Development Fund requests include, but are not

limited to: seasonal program needs; small capital expenditures (except for private property); service program staff training; one time events and pilot projects.

Next quarter's proposals will be reviewed on June 8 during the monthly commission meeting but must be received by the commission office by May 30 to be considered. Applications are available at the commission office at 120 South Main in Heppner or by calling 676-9675.

## HES schedules kindergarten visitation

Heppner Elementary School will have kindergarten visitation from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20.

Children should plan on staying for lunch. Lunch is available at a cost of \$1.75. A parent meeting will be held from 12:30-1 p.m.

Parents need to bring a birth certificate, social security number and immunization record for their child. Call Heppner Elementary, 676-9128, to sign up.

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Walk-in intake: **SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS,**  
 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.  
 120 S. Main, in basement, Heppner.

Other times can be scheduled in advance on Thursdays if necessary.  
 RaNae Brooks, case manager, can be reached at 1-800-213-8475, ext. 273.

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