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Fire precaution level increases; restrictions imposed

The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) for the south half of the Umatilla National Forest will increase to a Level III and the north half will increase to a Level II at 12:01 a.m., July 30, said John Robertson, Fire Management Officer. The south half of the Umatilla National Forest includes lands south of Interstate I-84 on the North Fork John Day and Heppner Ranger Districts. The north half of the Forest includes lands north of Interstate I-84 on the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts. The IFPL increase only affects commercial or industrial operations.

In addition to the increase in IFPL's, firewood cutting and chainsaw use is now prohibited on the south half of the forest. "Typically, the southern portion of the forest is hotter and drier," said Robertson. "We tend to see high fire danger readings on the south-half first. In the mean time, we'll continue to allow firewood cutting on the north-half, although that is being evaluated on a daily basis." Woodcutters are required to call the toll-free message number each day (1-877-958-9663) to get the most current firewood cutting and public-use restriction before heading to the mountains. The message will be updated by 5 p.m. daily if there are changes in restrictions. Firewood cutters are required to have an axe, shovel and an 8 oz. capacity fire extinguisher in their possession. The use of generators and other internal combustion engines are also prohibited on the south-half, unless it is in a designated recreation site (listed below) and then only in an area that has been cleared, at least 10 feet in diameter, of all flammable material. As a reminder, the Oregon Department of Forestry's

(ODF) NE Oregon District imposed a regulated closure on July 20. At the same time the Umatilla National Forest-wide public-use restrictions on campfires, smoking, and travel went into effect.

Restrictions prohibit the building and tending of open campfires, including charcoal briquettes, cooking fire and warming fires until further notice, except in fire pits at designated recreation sites (listed below). Permissible sources of heat include pressurized gas stoves and space-heating devices for those rare cool nights. Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings, and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. Travel restrictions prohibit traveling off of developed Forest roads and trails except when traveling to and from campsites located within 300 feet of a developed Forest road.

Visitors are advised to use extreme caution while traveling throughout the forest. All vehicles must abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to the area of travel. Restrictions on logging and other industrial operations have also been placed in effect. If visitors are unsure of which restrictions may apply, please contact any Umatilla National Forest or Oregon Department of Forestry Office or visit their website at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma. Campers are cautioned to be extremely careful when using fires only in the following designated recreation sites on the Umatilla National Forest:
North Fork John Day Ranger District— Bear Wallow, North Fork John Day, Frazier, Lane Creek, Winom Creek, Welch Creek; Heppner Ranger District— Bull Prairie.

Country club ladies golf results

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held a playday on Tuesday, July 23. Results are as follows:

Low gross of the field-Shari Stahl, 35.

Low net of the field-Luvilla Sonstegard, 25.

Least putts of the field-Lynnea Sargent and Mary Kincaid, 14.

Flight A: low gross-Pat Edmondson, 37; low net, Betty Christman.

Flight B: low gross-Betty Carlson, 45; low net, Loa Henderson, 29; least putts, Suzanne Jepsen, 15.

Flight C: low gross-Kim Houweling and Barbara Gilbert, 49; low net, Jackie Allstott, 32; least putts, Maud Hughes, 16.

Birdie: Shari Stahl, two birdies, 11 and 18.

Chip in: first Pat Edmondson, 2; second a tie between Shari Stahl and Luvilla Sonstegard, 1.

Secret score: gross 44 (none); net 28, Pat Edmondson and Mary Kincaid.

A Thursday evening playday was also held on July 25. Results are as follows:

Low gross-Missy Cutsforth. Low net-Luvilla Sonstegard. Least putts-Sandi Hanna and Mary Kincaid.

Chip in: Luvilla Sonstegard, #13.

The Willow Creek Country Club men's championship was held July 27-28. The overall winners were:

Low gross-first, Ron Bowman, 130; second, Slater Mitchell, 132; third, three-way tie, Tom Bedortha, Chris Bowman and Earl Fishburn, 138.

Low net-first, Stub Lewis, 113; second, Dave Mitchell and Rod Ehrmantraut, 115; third, Brian Thompson, 116.

The championship was hosted by Slater Mitchell and Chris Bowman. There were 22 contestants for the field both days.

The next event at the club is the annual couples tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4. It will be hosted by Dave and Deborah Kendrick, Dave and Sandi Hanna, Teresa Hughes, Rick Paullis, Dennis and Penny Miller and Karen and Terry Thompson.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

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Dustin Dale Rollis, 21, Heppner; driving while license suspended violation, \$297 fine; driving while license suspended infraction, \$297 fine.

Marc Jason Angell, Heppner; driving under the influence of intoxicants. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, \$1,798 fine, and three years probation.

Tony A. Fox, 33, Heppner; failure to carry weight certificate in vehicle, \$59.

Michael Patrick Mallory, 32, Hermiston; failure to attend rod/line while angling, \$77.

Erika Dawn David, 28, Yakima, WA; Speeding/VBR, 76/55, \$132 fine.

Correction

Tracy Rankin and Bobbie Rankin were inadvertently left off of the Blue Mountain Community College honor roll list.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

Chamber Executive Director

What an awesome community! "Celebrate Historic Heppner" brought families, friends and visitors to Heppner for bargains, a kids parade, food, a pie auction, the dunk tank, old time displays, costumes, visits to the museum and courthouse and more! One hundred and eight amazing quilts (made from 1850 to 2002) were displayed by generous people willing to share their treasures. The work of many hands at Artisan Village made this happen. It was an exceptional display.

R&W Drive In sponsored and organized the first kids parade with participants receiving free ice cream cones and favors. It was a patriotic parade with flags flying from pony cart to miniature racecar. Hopscootch and a dunk tank run by the HHS cheerleaders kept the physically fit busy.

Friday night, Heppner was as American as apple pie, and rhubarb and almond chocolate, and lemon, and pina colada. The first-ever Chamber of Commerce Pie Baking Contest, sponsored by Sherrell Insurance Agency, had 27 entries from 90-plus years young to 13 years old. Chamber member, Brenda Sherrell, announced judging results at the pie auction, presenting Betty Pfeiffer with a first place \$100 gift certificate. A second place \$50 gift certificate went to Susie Thompson. Sherrell Insurance donated both gift certificates. Tina Fox took home a third place pie connoisseur's cooking set donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon. John's Other Place provided coolers and a place to judge the tasty creations delivered by Willow Creek Valley's best pie chefs. Ken Grieb brought about some lively action as he auctioned the pies in the park. The excellent community support means Chamber projects continue!

A complimentary community barbecue, sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, found Darrell Raver (pie auction co-chair and Chamber vice president) flipping burgers and hot dogs way into the evening. Word has it there was a bun shortage in Heppner that day, with Heppner Hardware also giving away free hotdogs. With all the pies, buns and burgers, many diets went by the wayside this weekend. Topping off "dessert" were Joe and Leanne Lindsay singing for one and all.

Diane Munkers, Judy Richert, Rachael Allen and Dr. Sam Datta won gift certificates to be spent at Chamber member businesses. They will have a variety of choices from haircuts, to groceries, to hardware, gifts and dining out.

Salli McElligott, Julie Proctor and Genia Grant, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, were assisting all day and reminded us that the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is the next big Heppner event, Aug. 14-18.

A Chamber welcome to new members: Whistling Wings Taxidermy - Curtis Christensen; Mary Kay - Amy Kollman; and Commuter Café - Pam Schmidt. Heppner Chamber wishes them all well in their endeavors. The more businesses, the more variety, the more visitors are enticed to return and stay longer. It's the people, behind the counter and in front of the counter with a good attitude, honesty, ability to have fun, forgive, laugh and support community projects that make us all lucky to live in Heppner.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Court's decision upholds meaning of "indivisible"

To the Editor:

With the recent court decision on the Pledge of Allegiance, my thoughts returned to the Heppner school where my classmates and I first recited the Pledge under the demanding eyes of the teacher. (With some sadness I understand that my old school building is being demolished.) I was in high school when the Pledge was altered by an act of Congress to state that mine was a nation "under God." I was worried then, as I remain today, that we had turned what had been a patriotic pledge into a public prayer — something that the original Pledge was not intended to be. The original language of the Pledge of Allegiance - "one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" referred to the rebuilding of our nation after the Civil War. We were again "one nation indivisible."

In 1954, at the height of the cold war, Congress added the words "under God" in an effort to distinguish the U.S. from the godless communist countries. But when Congress enacted the additional words, President Eisenhower was quoted as saying how nice it will be when public school children reciting the required Pledge, will also be pledging their faith to his god.

It is often difficult for us to balance our personal faith with our public life and to separate our personal professions of faith from our public requirements for it. We are often blind to subtle dictates forcing everyone to profess reverence to our own concept of a deity. What do I gain when I use the power of government to require others, when pledging their allegiance to our republic, to also pay homage to my god?

Some people who wish for the government to continue to require the words "under God," do so because they believe that it clearly professes a devotion to a particular supreme being. These people suggest that those who cannot profess such a devotion should remain silent while others pledge their allegiance to their country and their devotion to their god. All legal scholars would agree that such a purpose for the words "under God" would clearly be impermissible. To be upheld, the purpose for the extra words must be something different than this.

Perhaps the words are merely an acceptance of any supreme deity. If so, the words "under Allah" will sufficiently express that thought. But I doubt that people who ask the government to require the words "under God" will be content with requiring the words "one nation under Allah." If I must object to the words "under Allah," I can begin to understand why other citizens who wish to pledge allegiance to our republic may object to the words "under God" and why the words "one nation under god or Allah, indivisible" may demean the concept of "indivisible."

If it is legally impermissible for me to tell someone who does not recognize my god that she cannot participate in a patriotic pledge to our country unless she also pays homage to my god, and if I cannot accept the words "under Allah" because I do not think those words really mean my god, then, perhaps, I can accept the words "one nation, indivisible

with liberty and justice for all in accord with an 'omnipresent universal supernatural force.'"

If those words are unacceptable to me, I may have to admit that the original words "one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all" is the best statement of an inclusive patriotic pledge of allegiance to our republic.

(s) Lance Tibbles
Professor of Law
Capital University Law School
Columbus, Ohio

Litter is dangerous to pets

To the Editor:

My husband and I enjoy walking the dog on the upper end of the lake. We went out Saturday night and there were piles of broken glass just over the cable for about 20 feet all the way across the road. We did our best to keep her out of it. There are many others also that use that for a dog run. But really, whoever is responsible probably doesn't read the paper. Please don't take any frustration out on a poor, defenseless animal.

(s) Jessie Scott
Heppner

Searching for family

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the obituary for Edwin Wilson dated November 1980. He passed away in Heppner.

He was my uncle. I have been searching for my family and found out when he passed away through Social Security records. I am trying to find, or at least know more about, my family as I was orphaned at 11 and am now 58. I do not know where anyone is or where they might be buried except my grandfather, the father of Edwin, Lee Wilson and my father, Earl Lee Wilson, Edwin's brother.

If anyone can help me, I would be forever grateful. Any information will be of help.

(s) Sandra Lee Wilson-Dennis
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Ione woman receives Alpha Xi Delta scholarship

The Alpha Xi Delta Foundation has awarded a \$750 Phillips Scholarship to Shelby Krebs, a member of the Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity at New Mexico State University.



Shelby Krebs

Krebs, a sophomore majoring in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism, was chosen for this scholarship by demonstrating leadership and responsibility to her fraternity, university and community. Krebs has served her Alpha Xi Delta Chapter as president and as a member of the Theta Omega Housing Corporation. In addition, she serves her community by volunteering with the Las Cruces Unidad Park, the Las Cruces Junior League Literacy Fair and National 4-H.

Krebs is the daughter of Clint and Maureen Krebs of Ione. She graduated from Ione High School in 2001.

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