

Heppner Ranger District schedules open houses in March

The Heppner Ranger District has scheduled four open houses in March to discuss off-highway vehicle (OHV) and other motorized travel on 91,000 acres of public lands on the west side of the District. Public input is requested to help identify designated routes for OHV travel west of the Monument-Sunflower Flat Road No. 22. The four open houses will be held:

- March 12, from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at the Heppner Ranger District Office, 117 Main St., Heppner.
- March 16, from 1-6 p.m. at the Heppner Ranger District Office, 117 Main St., Heppner.
- March 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Senior Center, 269 Main St., Monument.
- March 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Wheeler Co. Family Service Center, 401 4th St., Fossil.

"We really need your input in this process. If you recreate in this area, and care about which trails or roads should be open or closed to motor vehicles, we want to hear from you," said Tom Mafera, Heppner District Ranger. "We intend to use a collaborative approach to engage the public throughout this process while coordinating with state, county, local and tribal governments."

The Heppner District has initiated the West End OHV project in response the travel management rule, published in 2005, to providing motor vehicle access to national forests and grasslands. The new rule calls for the designation of roads; trails and areas open to motorized travel to provide:

- better opportunities for sustainable motorized recreation
- better protection of the environment
- reduce effects on big game
- better protection of cultural resource values
- increased public safety
- ample high-quality access to the National Forest System (NFS) for all users

Designated routes for motorized travel are already in place on most of the Umatilla National Forest. The Forest's one exception is the 91,000-acre area, which is currently open to cross-country, OHV travel. In order to comply with the 2005 travel management rule, the District is initiating the West-End OHV project to designate roads, trails and areas open to motorized travel on public lands on this portion of the district. No decisions will be made concerning private or county lands. The District plans to complete the process and begin implementation by September of 2009.

"We're pleased with the public's response and interest in the West End OHV project. The open houses will be a great opportunity to learn about our approach and timeline for the project. More importantly, it will be an opportunity to provide specific feedback for us to consider in the design of the designated system. Those that can't attend will be able to provide their input in writing, through our website, by calling, or stopping in at the district office," said Mafera.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact the Heppner District Office at 541-676-9187, P.O. Box 7, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or visit the website at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma.

Heppner Arbuckle Nordic Club meets



The Heppner Arbuckle Nordic Club held their annual outing to the Historic Cloud Cap Inn together with the Santiam Alpine Club this past weekend.

Cloud Cap is located at 6,000 feet elevation on the North side of Mount Hood and operated by the Hood River-based Craig Rats climbing/Search and Rescue Club.

The adventure was jointly hosted by Craig Rats, Scott Hukari of Salem and Jeff Edmundson of Pendleton.

The Heppner Arbuckle Nordic Club officers are: President Dave Fowler, Activities Director Steve Brownfield, VP Bill Ewing and Sec/Tres. Kay Fowler.

Willows Grange to meet

The Willows Grange will meet on Sunday, March 11. People from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will speak on the elk-feeding program. A potluck lunch will be held at noon with the program to follow around 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

North Gilliam-Morrow Cricket Association scholarship donations



Pictured is Henry Krebs presenting Cathy Halvorsen with the check for the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In the 1940s North Gilliam and North Morrow Counties had an invasion of Mormon crickets. According to a news release, due to the slow action, or reaction of the U.S. government and its programs, John Krebs took it upon himself to collect money from local concerned property owners and formed the North Gilliam-Morrow Cricket Control Association. When the money was collected the amount each landowner gave was never recorded- just their names.

Two different years of cricket invasions were controlled by the work of this association. There was \$2,867.92 left over, and in 1951 the money was put into a savings account at Gilliam County Bank in Arlington

Oregon. Later this money was moved to a T.C.D.

It has been decided by the trustees that this account should be terminated and the money divided equally between Arlington and Ione High Schools for scholarships. As a result of the long time investment of \$2,867.92, which now has grown to over \$25,879.30, the North Gilliam-Morrow Cricket Association presented a check of \$12,939.65 to the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship fund in Ione and a like amount to the Yvonne Erickson Scholarship fund in Arlington. Scholarship recipients will include those applying to trade schools as well as two and four year colleges and universities.

Ione Elementary School holds annual carnival



Stephanie Holland and Brittnee DesBouillons show off the 1-Pod to be raffled off.

The second annual Ione Elementary School carnival, "It's a Zoo in Here" will be held in the Ione High School gym on Thursday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m.

There will be events like the hoop shot, junk food walk, jumping castle, and much more. There will also be a food booth in the cafeteria with soft pretzels and soft drinks. The carnival tickets will be .25 cents each or 5 for a dollar.

A highlight of the evening will be the raffle for the "Special Edition" Red 4GB I-Pod. The I-Pod holds 1,000 songs and is a part of the "Red Campaign" to fight AIDS in Africa.

Tickets are sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and a special of 20 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at Ione Elementary School or at the carnival before the drawing. All the proceeds from the

carnival and raffle will go to an elementary fund to help pay for programs such as Read Across America and Red Ribbon Week.

Everyone is invited to this fun-filled evening for the whole family.

Engagement Haguewood - Lobe



Brian Haguewood and Lindsey Lobe

Jerry and Janell Lobe of Odessa, WA have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey, to Brian Haguewood, son of Kelwayne and Mary Haguewood of Heppner.

The bride elect is currently attending Eastern Washington University in

Cheney, WA. Haguewood recently graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, AZ and is employed with Western States Equipment Company in Spokane, WA.

The wedding date has been set for April 28, 2007 in Odessa, WA.

Church of the Nazarene to hold revival service



Rev. Dana Bencoter and family

Church of the Nazarene will be holding a North Central Oregon revival with Rev. Dana Bencoter as the speaker.

Dana Bencoter is currently the Northwest District Hispanic Ministries Director. He has served as a missionary in Honduras, Central America. Currently he and his family are living the Tri-Cities area. "He is a powerful speaker and you won't want to miss this time of refreshment in the Spirit," said a church spokesperson.

There will be four service locations to choose from: Heppner - 335 N. Gilmore, Sunday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.; Pilot Rock - 589 S. W. Cedar, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.; Pendleton - 2801 N. W. Hailey Ave., Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m.; and Arlington - 400 Main St., Sunday, April 1, 6 p.m.

EPA approves goals

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upper-level waters of Willow Creek Reservoir. However, the US Army Corps of Engineers has installed a Reservoir aeration system, which has largely eliminated the hydrogen imbalance.

The TMDL report was developed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with assistance from the community and various natural resource organizations including the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). DEQ is the issuing authority, with the charter for implementing water quality standards through TMDLs and other processes.

DEQ commends the Morrow SWCD for their efforts in this and other watershed projects and planning in the Basin.

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