

Buzzed driving is drunk driving

Each year, Independence Day explodes with festive fireworks, tasty backyard barbecues, and American pride. Unfortunately, the merrymaking can create dangerous road conditions, as some drivers hit the streets after drinking alcoholic beverages. This Independence Day, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) want to remind drivers that "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving." If you are under the influence of any substance and you choose to get behind the wheel of a vehicle, you put everyone in danger, including yourself. During the Fourth of July holiday, make sure you plan for a safe week of festivities.

During the 2017 Fourth of July holiday period (6 p.m. June 30 to 5:59 a.m. July 5), 237 people were killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. These deaths accounted for 39 percent of the total motor vehicle traffic crashes that occurred over the holiday period. The deaths also represent a 23 percent increase from 2016, during which 192 people were killed during the same holiday period. That's 237 families who will forever remember Independence Day with a heavy heart and nightmarish memories.

"The Fourth of July should be a special time for people to come together and celebrate the birth of our great nation," said Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack. "We've partnered with NHTSA to help remind drivers that 'Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.' Under no circumstances is it ever okay to drink

and drive. This behavior is illegal, it's deadly, and it's 100 percent selfish. Do everyone in your community a favor, if you've been drinking at a Fourth of July party, or for any occasion, find a sober ride home."

According to NHTSA, drunk driving accounted for 29 percent (10,874) of motor vehicle traffic crash-induced deaths in 2017. With Fourth of July festivities wrapping up in the evening or late at night, more cars will be on the roads. The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes is higher at night. During the 2017 July 4 holiday period, of the 237 people who died in alcohol-impaired motor vehicle traffic crashes, 79 percent (187) of the alcohol-impaired fatalities occurred during nighttime hours (6 p.m.-5:59 a.m.).

"If you are drunk or high, or even a little buzzed, stay off the roads," said Undersheriff John A. Bowles. "Drunk driving is deadly. If you plan to be the sober driver, then don't indulge—your friends are relying on you."

Safely enjoy the 4th on the Umatilla National Forest

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, the Umatilla National Forest would like to remind forest visitors that fireworks and forests don't mix. Whether you're planning to spend the weekend camping at your favorite campground or enjoying one of several back-country trails or scenic drives, one message remains consistent:

LEAVE YOUR FIREWORKS AT HOME.

Forest regulations prohibit possessing, discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, including sparklers and smoke bombs, on National Forest lands. Violators will be fined and, if found responsible for starting a forest fire, can be held liable for costly fire suppression expenses. In addition, while areas of the Umatilla National Forest look green, forest fuels will dry out quickly

so please be careful with campfires, cigarettes, and chainsaws. Forest visitors should build their campfires in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. A shovel and one gallon of water are recommended to be in your possession while building and tending campfires. These safety guidelines also apply to the use of charcoal briquettes. All campgrounds on the Umatilla National Forest are first come, first served. For more information about the current status of forest campgrounds, trails and roads for the holiday weekend, please contact the Umatilla National Forest offices or visit the website at: www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

Correction

Memorial contributions for Michael Kindle should be sent to Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, OR 97836. Last week's G-T inadvertently included the PO Box as 97, not 917.

Outreach Council schedules First Friday

The Heppner Outreach Council has scheduled a Heppner First Friday on July 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Live music, children's activities, wine tasting, beer garden and vendors will be set up on the sidewalks of Main Street and on Willow Street, which will be closed. Additional dates for First Friday will be Aug. 2 and Sept. 6.

The First Friday events will have something for everyone. Kids will be entertained by a police car, firetruck and an ambulance from local agencies in the parking lot next to Bank of Eastern Oregon. Craft projects and face painting will be set up along Main Street.

Food will be provided by food trucks as well as Gateway, Bucknum's and Breaking Grounds. The

beer garden provided by Bucknum's will be set up on Willow Street along with wine tasting from Murray's.

Most of the businesses along Main Street plan to be open and will have special sales just for First Friday. Vendors will also be set up with unique gifts and products. Live music is provided by Dally Puzey, a local talent from Hermiston. Seating will be available for those wishing to sit and enjoy the hustle and bustle of the event.

Anyone interested in participating in First Friday should contact Darcie Chick at 541-945-9495 or darcie@sageshopping.com. Volunteers are needed for set up and vendors are needed to sell goods or share ideas.

Wishing you a happy, safe Independence Day!!

Bank of Eastern Oregon
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BOARDMAN THUNDER 2019
4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7-10 am Boys Scouts Troop Pancake Breakfast -Marina Pavilion-
- 7 am Color Fun Run 5k/10k Registration
- 8 am - 10 am Color Fun Run -Riverside Jr/Sr High School Track -
- 9:30 am Parade Participants Line Up -NE Front St-
- 10 am Judging of Entries
- 11 am- 12 pm Parade
- 1-6 pm Kids Activities
- 12:30 Youth Soccer Tournament
- 1 pm Horseshoe Tournament
- 1-4 pm DJ Kora -Next to Pavilion-
- 6:30 - 9:30 pm Cruise Control (Live Music)

10 PM FIREWORKS
FIREWORKS FUNDED BY - Morrow County Unified Rec District

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\$330,000
NEW LISTING!

One of Heppner's premier homes with so much to offer. Have room for a large family or when friends and relatives gather. 4 bedroom 3 bath with large living room, family room. Lots of storage everywhere. Enjoy a great view of the city from your front window, or enjoy a barbecue on one of two private decks. Lots of parking too with two attached spaces and a carport. All this on a secluded 1.88 acres at the top of town. Call for a showing
725 S CHASE ST Heppner

\$85,000
SOLD

Sit out and enjoy a cup of coffee with this two story 4 bedroom home on a dead end street in Heppner. Great views of town off both front and back decks. Yard for the kids or your pets, partial basement and a tool shed out back.
520 S Main Heppner

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Extensive Advertising of Your Property
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Call David to List Your Property
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\$75,000

Looking for a place for your business here it is. Main Street frontage with large display windows. about 1296 square feet of office and retail area. Includes a metal storage shed out in the back. Is on city sewer but currently line will not drain to the city main. Currently has a second hand store there but sale is for building and property only. All personal items will be removed at closing
369 N MAIN ST, HEPPNER

SALE PENDING
\$50,000

2 bedroom 1 bath home on quiet street in Heppner. Includes additional lot next door. Home needs some work but would make a nice place for someone at this price and some repairs. Come have a look.
340 E Aiken Heppner

\$24,900

Large level lot. City water at site sewer across Hwy. Corner lot with 2 access near edge of city limits.
525 LINDEN WAY, HEPPNER

\$149,000
SALE PENDING

Four bedroom, 2 bath home with lots and lots of upgrades like a new tankless water heater, new propane heater, new dishwasher, new garbage disposal and carpeting. Includes a big finished shop/garage with an upstairs. Large yard with partial underground sprinklers, and city alleyway access for parking in the back. Recent foundation work make this home ready to finance and move into. Call for your appointment.
570 N GALE ST HEPPNER

SALE PENDING
REDUCED \$65,000

3 Bedroom 2 bath 1978 Fleetwood Manufactured home in good condition. Has parking outback for your RV and "toys". Wood stove keeps home warm, and has AC for the summer. All appliances including washer and dryer included.
315 LINDEN WAY, HEPPNER

\$275,000

Top of the world view Or at least top of the town. Great view of Heppner from the exciting 4 bedroom 2.1 bath home on the hill overlooking the fairgrounds. Visit with friends and family while preparing meals in your beautiful open kitchen. Enjoy the expansive carpeted living room in this one of a kind home. Must see to fully appreciate, call for an appointment today.
380 N THOMPSON ST. HEPPNER

~~\$95,000~~
\$85,000

Spend your free time enjoying your home, because this owner has already made the upgrades to this cozy 2 story house on a dead end street in Heppner. New plumbing and wiring, dependable metal roof and a nice looking outside paint job make this property ready to move into. One room upstairs now an office. Call me to get a tour and see for yourself all that has been done to this home. And appliances are included in the sale too.
540 S Main Heppner

\$59,000

Large 4 bedroom 1 bath home in Heppner. Big front yard near to grade school. Needs some TLC and will make a nice big home for you. Call for a look.
170 QUAIL STREET, HEPPNER