

Wildfire season has arrived

Creating defensible space zones

Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs or any wild-land area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it protects your home from catching fire - either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home.

Two zones make up the required 100 feet of defensible space.

Zone 1
Zone 1 extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).

Zone 2
Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of four inches.

Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.

Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones

and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of three inches.

Evacuation Notice

If you live in an area threatened by wildfire you should monitor local news, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page and sign up for AlertSense. Authorities will publish evacuation levels based on the threat to your community. The levels are:

1. **Ready** - monitor news, prepare a "go bag" and begin to plan your evacuation strategy.

2. **Set** - You should have essentials packed and you should be ready to evacuate.

3. **Go** - Evacuation is mandatory to preserve life. Evacuate your family immediately.

Know Before You Go
Before planning your summer getaway, make sure wildfires are not threatening your intended destination. For the latest information on wildfires in the state, go to: //wildfireoregondeptof-forestry.blogspot.com.

John A. Bowles,
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Morrow County Sheriff's Office

4-H club holds June meeting

Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H Club held a meeting on June 14 at the USDA Service Center in Heppner. Aden Lathrop, the club's secretary, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. He also read the minutes, which were approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

Jenn Wilson led the club in an activity to prepare for livestock judging for the fair, in which club members judged a set of cookies. Next, the club members participated in a group activity in which

teams of two competed at melting ice cubes as quickly as possible.

Following that, Kaycee Lathrop taught club members about health papers for their livestock, which she instructed would be necessary for animals being sold at fair.

Finally, club members discussed Fair Cleanup Day, which will be held on August 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The meeting was dismissed by Secretary Aden Lathrop.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be a special training session for members on the use of the new Heppner Chamber website, JAG Chamber. The training will be held on Monday, July 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heppner City Hall conference room.

All members are welcome to attend and may also bring or send an additional representative. The developers of JAG Chamber will be doing the training to help members understand what the new website will allow

them to do.

Lunch will be provided by Two Old Hags Pizza for \$10 per person. The menu consists of assorted pizza, green salad and dessert. RSVP's are required no later than July 18.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Chamber Chatter

Friday, July 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., customer appreciation barbecue at Bank of Eastern Oregon. Stop on over and grab a BBQ hamburger or hotdog in the open area between the administration office and the Heppner Branch.

Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at Heppner Christian Church. This program is for children three years of age through sixth grade and the theme for this year is "The Incredible Race - Exploring God's love for the Nations." There will be a closing program on Sunday, July 28, followed by a BBQ. The church is located at 293 Gale Street. For more information or questions, contact Rhonda at 530-370-2854.

Friday, July 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Oregon Economic Summit, hosted by the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition at Hermiston High School. The summit will offer in-depth discussion about factors affecting rural Oregon's economy, from the impacts of legislation enacted during the 2019 session to changes in technology, demographics and environmental resources. The summit is designed for private and public sector leaders throughout eastern Oregon interested in learning how to tap into the growth and potential of the regional economy. Cost is \$25 and registration is required. Register at: www.EasternOregonSummit.com.

Saturday, July 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., 7th Annual Bowl-A-Thon sponsored by Domestic Violence Services, Inc., held at Desert Lanes at 1545 N. First Street, Hermiston. \$30 per bowler or \$120 for team of four, which includes three

lines of bowling and shoes. There will be raffle tickets for \$1 each or six for \$5. Fun for all ages and great prizes. To register, contact 541-276-3322, www.dvs-or.org or on Facebook.

Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fifth Annual Veteran Benefit EXPO19 at the Pendleton Convention Center. Learn about available federal, state and local veteran benefits including health care, disability compensation pension, business, burial, transportation, education, recreation, long-term care, records, ID's, home loans and more. This event is designed to provide a one-stop shop for Oregon veterans of all eras and walks of life to learn about and access the full range of their earned benefits. For more information about the Expo, visit www.expo.oregonvba.com. For questions, please contact Tyler Francke at 503-373-2389 or tyler.francke@state.or.us.

Thursday, August 1 is the deadline to apply for Morrow County Cultural Coalition grants. Applications for cultural-based activities are being accepted, with grants to be awarded for up to 50 percent of the total project cost. For complete guidelines and application form, contact Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or via email at ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us.

Friday, August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m., First Friday summer event in downtown Heppner. There will be food, shopping, vendors, live music and family activities.

Sunday, August 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wasteland Kings will be the entertainment for Music in the Park at the Heppner Main St. park. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Ann Spicer, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Megan F Futter, 35, Heppner, was convicted of failure to acquire a permit for keeping an animal, fine \$110; Nuisance abatement, fine \$260; accumulation of solid waste, fine \$265.

-Pete E Haney, 65, Heppner, was convicted of solid waste-junk ordinance, fine \$265 and abandoned junk vehicle, fine \$165.

-JD Wilford Easley, 35, Heppner, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.

-Felicia Rene Cavan, 35, Lexington, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.

-Gene R Ball, 33, Lexington, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.

-Richard Lee Bohna, 29, Heppner, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.

-Jason James Abbott, 28, Irrigon, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440 and failure to yield right of way, fine \$265.

-Timothy John Gray, 70, Heppner, was convicted of refusal to take a breath test, fine \$650.

-Ashley Joyce Floyd, 24, Heppner, was convicted of no operator's license, fine \$249.

-Adrian J Haney, 31, Heppner, was convicted of two counts of driving while suspended, fine \$440 each.

-Giovanni Alberto Alvarado, 28, Forest Grove, OR, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440 and received warnings for violation of basic rule, 75/55 mph and use of invalid license.

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Nineteen Willow Creek Country Club ladies enjoyed sunny weather during the playday on July 9.

Low gross of the field went to Karen Hague-wood and least putts of the field was a tie between Corol Mitchell and Cindy Burright.

Flight A winner of least putts went to Karen Thompson. Virginia Grant got the long drive and Karen Thompson the longest putt.

Flight B low gross went to Shirley Martin and Betty Burns received low net.

Least putts winner was Sarah Rucker. Karen Hague-wood managed the longest drive and the long putt.

Sharon Harrison took low gross on flight C and low net was split between Kathy Martin and Bonnie Lindsay. Least putts went to Sue Edson and Lorrene Montgomery. Sharon Harrison also got the longest drive and Lorrene Montgomery made the longest putt.

Betty Carter, Corol Mitchell and Cindy Burright all got chip-ins.

Golfers compete in weekly event

Twenty-three golfers participated in men's play at the Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, July 14.

Kelly Fox scored first place in net with 57. John McCabe and Mike Doherty tied for second.

Josh Coiner took first place gross with 64. Dave Pranger was second with 66 and Charlie Ferguson was third with 70.

John McCabe got KP

Glow Ball golf scramble scheduled

Glow Ball night golf will be held at the Willow Creek Country Club on Saturday, July 20. Sign up begins at 9 p.m. with golf beginning at dark, approximately 10 p.m. The event is open to members and non-members.

The cost per person is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Glow balls will be available although players may bring their own glow balls if they choose. The two-person

with 9'5" and Dave Pranger got KP second shot with 1'5". Josh Coiner got least putts with 26.

The next men's play will be held July 21 with Rod Wilson, Bill Canady and Dale Boyd hosting. The men's club championship will be held July 27 and 28. For additional information contact any men's club officer.

scramble will be played by walking the course as it is easier to navigate walking. Those with special needs may use a cart. Prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is invited to attend and is asked to bring their favorite finger food snack items as well as your friends and family. Putting and lawn games will be available after signing up. For additional information contact Tiffany Clement at 541-676-8007.

the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Willow Creek Water Park is open for the summer. Normal hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday (weather permitting). Daily admission for adults 18 and up is \$4, students 5-17, \$3 and children and seniors is \$2. The daily family rate is \$14. Summer passes are available for \$140 and a single summer pass is \$75. Swimming lesson sessions will be July 17-27, July 8-18 and July 29- August 8. Each session will last two weeks and will be held Monday through

Thursday. Each session is \$40 with a \$5 discount for season passholders. For additional info, call the Willow Creek Water Park at 541-676-5752.

Willow Creek Farmers Market is held every Friday through September at the Heppner City Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vendors will have produce, baked goods, plants, jams and jellies and a variety of handmade and artisan items. For more information or to become a vendor (\$25 for the summer for adults and \$10 for school-age children), contact Andrea DiSalvo at 757-285-5792 or by email at gutching@juno.com.

Remember to make pen requests

Open class pen requests for the fair are due by July 31 at 5 p.m. Requests can be made by calling the fair office at 541-676-9474. Late entries will not be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE!

Murray's Beer & Wine Tasting

Fiesta!

Morrow County Fairgrounds
Thursday, August 15, 6:00 - 10:30pm
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Live Music by Brady Goss

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Who: Ages 3 years old through 6th grade
When: July 22-26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Where: Heppner Christian Church
293 Gale Street, Heppner
Questions: Call Rhonda
(530) 370-2854

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