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Mushroom hunting season starting

PENDLETON Ore. (April 26, 2024) — As the snow retreats, various fungi will begin sprouting on the forest floor. Personal-use mushroom picking is free and does not require a permit or payment under the legal limits, which authorizes an individual to harvest, possess, or transport less than a gallon in Oregon and less than five gallons in Washington. These free mushrooms are only available for personal consumption and cannot be sold, bartered, or given away.

A commercial mushroom permit is required for those that intend to harvest mushrooms to sell, or individuals that plan to harvest, possess, or transport more than one gallon in Oregon or more than five gallons in Washington. Commercial mushroom picking is prohibited in Wilderness areas; but mushrooms can be harvested for free use within Wilderness areas, up to the legal daily limits identified for each state.

Commercial mushroom permits cost \$2 per day, with a minimum purchase of 10 days (\$20), or an annual permit (valid from May 1 – Dec. 31) for \$100. An individual must be 18 years or older to purchase a commercial mushroom permit. The Forest Service requires an Industrial Camping Permit if commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers plan to camp overnight on National Forest System lands. Industrial camping permits can be obtained at the local Ranger District Office or electronically by contact-

ing the Forest where the individual plans to harvest. Commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers are prohibited from camping in developed campgrounds.

Some mushroom hunters are interested in harvesting within past prescribed burn or wildfire areas. Past prescribed burn locations are identified on an [interactive prescribed fire map](#) for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. To locate recent wildfires, please refer to the National Interagency Fire Center's [interactive wildfire map](#). The public should be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds. Temporary road and area closures may also still be in effect from wildfires where unsafe conditions, such as hazard trees, are still being mitigated.

With the continued growing interest in harvesting mushrooms from National Forests, proper identification, and determination of whether a mushroom is edible or poisonous is vitally important and is the responsibility of the picker. Many forests mushroom varieties are poisonous. There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. Some Forests offer field guides for sale. Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. Remember: When in doubt throw it out.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

The setting was George Fox College, the event was the Northwest College Championships, and we know who was there to help Whitworth University place second among nine track teams.... Yes, Allison Ball once again earned the distinction of "Athlete of the Week" at her college as she placed first in the 200, second in the 100, helped her relay team take first, and had another personal best as she broke her school record in the 200-meter with a time of 24.93! Obviously born to run! This was the last meet for Duane and Stephanie's daughter, Diana's granddaughter, who will be graduating this year.

Mary Ann Elguezabal shares a delightful, warm-feeling story: [On May 1] "I came home from a Mustang softball game (we won!), and when I got to my front door, I saw a beautiful bouquet of home-grown flowers! I remembered it was May Day!! I almost cried because I remember doing that with my children! I am so glad that the wonderful tradition has not been forgotten!"

Jan Huddleston reports, "I have the best news in my family! After nine years of living in Austin, Texas, our daughter, Mahaley, has moved back to the Pacific Northwest. Nine years ago, on Memorial Day Weekend, Kyle and Jared packed up their sister's 'stuff' in a Honda Accord and made the sibling road trip to Austin, Texas, where Mahaley moved in with her college roommate, Emma Gordan. I thought this would be a short-term move, but she fell in love with Texas. We loved visiting her in Austin and made many trips during these past nine years. This week, she packed up two cars, hers and her boyfriend's, Rudy Mikeska (a Texas Native), and their adorable English springer spaniel, Rocky, and made the four-day trek back to Heppner! The Pacific NW is calling their names for a new adventure. They will be living with Mark and me while Rudy looks for a job in the PNW as a welder. Mahaley will be working remotely with the company uShip out of Austin, Texas. We are thrilled to have them back home!!!!"

Reminiscing and laughing were the most abundant activities last weekend when Doris Brosnan joined college friends Ferne Healy (also a local school friend), from Roseburg, and Roberta "Bert" Donaldson, from Champoeg, on a trip to Baker City to reconnect with two more college friends, Dee Becker, and Judy Head. Even the wet weather did not dampen their pleasure in sharing time and memories, and they found a window of time for exploring some Baker City downtown shops and touring the town. A visit with Pat Prock, Ferne's sister, in Pendleton on their return trip was a great topper to a great weekend!

If you enjoy a little positive news from others, think of how your tidbit would be enjoyed by them!! Send to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490, please.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

Obituaries

Virginia Dale (Osmin) Wonderly

Dale, as she was known, passed away on April 20, 2024, in Redmond, Oregon after having a stroke.

Dale was born December 26, 1938, in Heppner, Oregon. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1956. After high school she attended business school in Salem and met her future husband, Don, there. Dale was a teacher's assis-

tant in Aumsville, Oregon for 30 years. Don passed away in 1996 and Dale then moved to Salem from Aumsville. Later on, Dale married Dan Wonderly, and they lived in Redmond, Oregon for many years.

Dale is survived by her husband, Dan, along with two sons, Robert (wife Carol), and BJ, a daughter, Krystal and a granddaughter, Jarra. She is also survived by her two brothers, Al Osmin (wife Donna) and Frank Osmin (wife Cara) in Heppner, Oregon.

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