Mosquito spraying season has begun

West Umatilla Mosquito Control District has started spraying to control the insects through October.

The district provides mosquito abatement over 525 square miles of western Umatilla County including the cities of Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo.

The district will target areas of standing and stagnant water where mosquito larvae thrive. Large water bodies will be sprayed with a helicopter while smaller areas will be treated by truck mounted sprayers or by hand.

To control adult mosquitoes, the district uses truck-mounted ultra-low-volume foggers. This spraying will be done after sunset in areas that have large populations of adult mosquitoes. In rural areas, aerial spraying to control adult mosquitoes will take place when mosquito trap collections indicate the need for large scale spraying. Aerial spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done in the early evening hours just after sunset. If for any reason residents do not wish to have their properties sprayed, please call the mosquito control hotline at 541-567-5201 and ask to be placed on the nospray list. This number is also available for any questions regarding the district's mosquito control program, or visit the district's web page at www.wumcd.org.

The district urges homeowners to take steps to eliminate mosquito breeding around their homes and properties.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Health screenings offered

Residents can receive various health screenings at a special event from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, room 136, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Four health screenings wil be offered: a cholesterol check for \$10; cardiac risk panel, testing cholesterol, HDL, LDL, VLDL, triglycerides and a cholesterol/HDL ratio, for \$20; health profile and cardiac risk panel with more than 16 other blood chemistry tests, including glucose, kidney function, carbon dioxide, liver enzymes, protein and electrolyte levels, for \$30; and a blood screening for prostate cancer, recommended for men over age 40, for \$30. A 12-hour fast is required for all tests. Drop-ins are welcome. Call 541-567-1800 for more information.

Church installing pastor

Residents are invited to the installation of pastor Bruce Sexton at 3 p.m. Sunday at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Dinner will follow the service.



Conference Center

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