

Plane crash near Vernonia fatal to Tillamook pilot



Pilot was fatally injured when his kit-built airplane shattered on impact in a field at the end of Mellinger Road.

Raymond W. Baggarley, 72, near the end of Mellinger Road, about a half-mile from Tillamook, was fatally injured July 20 when his plane crashed Vernonia.

The crash was discovered at about 2:20 p.m. by the landowner, Pat Schmidlin, who went to the area behind locked gates to check her bee hives. Schmidlin called 911 from a nearby home.

Though it was only 20 feet off the road, the exact time of the crash isn't known because no one heard or saw it happen. It is estimated at 10:30 a.m. because of reports that a small plane sounded as though it had engine trouble at about that time. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management received a report of a missing plane at about the same time Schmidlin discovered the plane.

At the time of the crash, Baggarley was enroute to Kelso from Tillamook to celebrate his 72nd birthday with friends in Rainier. He was flying a kit-built experimental plane.

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riparian trees for personal firewood, leaving a denuded stream bank. This is not good stewardship and should not be allowed. In fact, the major contributor of heat pollution in the Nehalem system is not the forested lands, but the agricultural and residential lands. This fact is easily seen in water temperature data that has been collected.

Maggie Peyton and I recently deployed some of the 60-plus temperature monitoring devices that are going into the Nehalem River system this year. This will be the most extensive water temperature monitoring effort that has ever been done in the Nehalem. The goal is to collect baseline data for most of the major tributaries and sections of the main river. We met some very nice people in the town of Timber who allowed us access to the Nehalem that runs through their land. It just so happened they had been trying to get in touch with Maggie, to ask her to give a talk to their local water district board. Maggie and I noticed that the number of coho juveniles appeared to be very low this year.

I recently stopped in at the sunset rest area and took a look for coho in the pools. This area has traditionally had very high numbers of juveniles, but I observed few.

The ballot measure banning clearcutting that will appear on the November ballot is another action that goes too far. This measure would destroy the timber industry in Northwest Oregon. I agree that high-risk, slide-prone land should not be clear-cut. The ballot measure would also ban the application of herbicides, which I think are necessary in some instances. The proposed measure would also ban cutting any tree larger than 30 inches in diameter. Are all trees larger than 30 inches suddenly old growth?

This would be a devastating blow to a landowner who has been growing a larger, mature crop of timber. Give me a fair and reasonable ballot measure that limits clearcutting on high-risk, slide-prone ground, and a measure that limits herbicide spraying to what is absolutely necessary for forest production, and I will vote for it; but I will not vote yes on the current ballot measure.

Recently, three bull elk were killed near Mist by poachers. They were all branch-antlered, one five-point and two six-point. Only the backstraps and a hind quarter of one of the elk were taken, with the rest left to rot. This is a despicable act, and there is a sizable reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the poachers. If you can help, please call the Oregon State Police.

Dance, drill clinic for kids at BHS

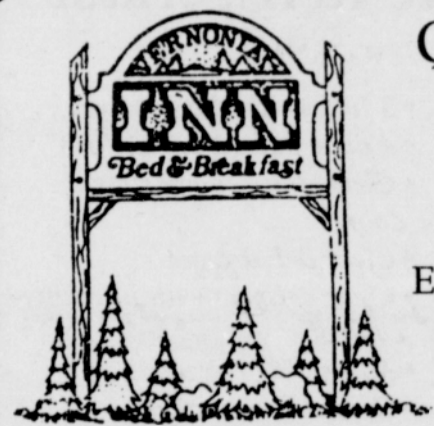
A Kid's Dance and Drill Clinic, presented by Banks High School Lady Braves, 1997 and 1998 Dance and Drill State Champions, will be in the Banks High School gym August 12-14, 9 a.m.-Noon.

The clinic is open to aspiring dancers in grades K-8. Participants will learn a dance routine and a march. The march will be performed in the Banks BBQ Parade Sunday, Aug. 16.

Many members of the dance team are past participants of the Kid's Clinics, and are looking forward to sharing their skills with the younger dancers.

Registration will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, 8:30-9 a.m. The cost of \$40 includes a snack and surprise.

For more information, or to pre-register your dancer, contact Carol Shafer, (503) 324-6045.



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