

Fire danger high, more restrictions are in effect

Fire danger from rapidly drying conditions in northwest forests have caused Oregon Department of Forestry officials to impose further public restrictions to those already in effect. The additional restrictions prohibit the non-industrial use of chainsaws and ban all campfires. Fire officials are urging persons using forested areas to avoid any activities that could cause a wildfire. According to Dan Logan, Protection Supervisor at ODF Columbia City, the woods are drying rapidly and the potential for a large fire exists. "With our recent hot weather, forest areas are getting very dry. It's time for us to tighten restrictions to prevent recreation-related fires."

Fire officials emphasize that before people go into the woods, they must be prepared to take special precautions to prevent fires. The following restrictions apply to lands in Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia and parts of Multnomah County protected by the Ore-

gon Department of Forestry. These regulations are now in effect.

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and at designated locations.

- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated locations. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fluids are allowed.

- Chain saw use is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

- Motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and All Terrain Vehicles are prohibited except on improved (paved) roads.

- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited.

- Recreational fires are permitted only in pre-approved fire pits in official campgrounds.

- No firewood cutting is allowed.

Possession of the following fire fighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state and county roads: one shovel and one gallon of water, or one opera-

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Tower "incompatible", council decides

Banks City Council last week voted against a request by VoiceStream Wireless, a nationwide communications company, to erect a communications tower at 300 Sunset Avenue.

The property is zoned for general industrial use, but the city's planning consultant, K. J. Won, advised the council to consider a city regulation requiring development to be compatible with surrounding land uses. The 120 foot tower would be easily seen from adjacent single family residential areas to the north, south and west of the property. Banks

Lumber Company is on the east side.

Councilors Norma Stewart, Bob Orłowski, Tim Hardy and Gary Coffey voted against the request. Councilor Dana Campbell voted in favor of it

and Councilor Judy Clifford abstained because of a possible conflict of interest.

VoiceStream has indicated that they may appeal the denial to the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

Banks woman passes national test

Charlene Bechen, R.Ph., a Banks resident, recently passed a national certification examination for anticoagulation care providers. She was part of the first group of anticoagulation care providers to go through the national certification process and is now one of

just two anticoagulation care providers in Oregon.

Bechen is a pharmacist in the anticoagulation clinic at Providence St. Vincent. As a member of Friends of the Library she formerly wrote the Banks Library column in *The INDEPENDENT*.

Thomas, Mayden take sprints at Sunset Speedway

Results from the races at Sunset Speedway on July 8 are as follows.

SUMMARY

Bomber:

DASH - Mike Mastrangelo, Stan Asanovic, Jay Silas Jr., Shawn Thomson

HEAT 1 - Michael Meyer, Greg Long, Doug Trout, Phillip Herinckx, Kendall Lee

HEAT 2 - Shawn Thomson, Dave Ruby, Tom Finley, George Daniels, John Weinant

HEAT 3 - Clint Meyer, Mas-

trangelo, Brian Staley, Terry Talbot, Asanovic

MAIN - Thomson, Long, Mastrangelo, Staley, M. Meyer, C. Meyer, Talbot, Herinckx, Ruby, Lee, Finley, Asanovic, Weinant, Daniels, Lonni Finley, Trout, Brian Clark, Steve Anderson

Street Stock:

DASH - Gary Meyers, A.J. Tipton, Brent Porter, Mark Bell

HEAT 1 - Jimmy Masure, Bob Trout, Don Grentz, Nathan Rolston, Mike Mastrangelo

HEAT 2 - Porter, Greg Smith, Mike Fitzpatrick, Doug Sprecher,

Sharon Kelley

HEAT 3 - Meyers, John Nusom, Nathan Morton, James Simeroth, Jeff Gilman

HEAT 4 - Rich Kelley, Tipton, Rhett Dailey, Traci Williams, Dwight Graham

B MAIN - Simeroth, Mark Bell, Rolston, Mastrangelo, Graham, Tony Catalano, Kevin Houston, S. Kelley, Williams, Gilman

MAIN - Masure, Meyers, R. Kelley, Trout, Tipton, Porter, Nusom, Bell, Grentz, Simeroth, Smith, Rolston, Morton, Fitzpatrick, Dailey

Pro 4 Modifieds:

DASH - Keith Peal, Grey Ferrando, Mike Opoka, Scott Peal

HEAT - Tom Pinkowsky, Dave Walters, Bob Wescott, K. Peal, Steve Power

MAIN - Pinkowsky, Walters, Opoka, Power, Stanley Steeves, K. Peal, Wescott, S. Peal, Ferrando

360 Sprint Cars:

DASH - Kenny Cope, Tony Thomas, Bill Winsley, Ty Mayden

HEAT 1 - Thomas, Cope, Vince McDonnell, Jim Skinner, C.J. Whistledech

HEAT 2 - Winsley, Ty Mayden, Marshall Schlenz, Richard Weishan Jr., Mark Hinkle

MAIN - Thomas, Mayden, Winsley, McDonnell, Cope, Hinkle, Schlenz, Skinner, Weishan Jr., Whistledech, Lloyd Goatee, Speedy Kaput

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