

## Money available to fireproof land

Columbia County homeowners can apply for grant funds to help complete "firewise" landscape projects to protect their homes and property from wildfire. The Oregon Department of Forestry currently has funds available for those who qualify. If you live in forested areas, or your home faces hazards from wildfire, then you could receive assistance in the planning and completion of a project to help protect you and your family.

Grant funds were awarded to Columbia County from a federal fund designated for reducing wildfire property losses in the Western United States. The Oregon Department of Forestry is responsible for the management and distribution of these funds over the next two years. A large driver in securing these funds was completion of the Columbia County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The CWPP was a cooperative effort by local cities, county agencies, fire districts,

land management agencies, and planning organizations to address the growing problem of wildfires in rural communities. The CWPP addresses the challenges faced by local communities in planning for these disasters.

One focus of this program is to get individual homeowners to become aware of how their actions around their homes and structures can affect fire behavior.

Studies show that characteristics of your "Home Ignition Zone" are critical in minimizing risk of loss from adjacent wildfires. Firewise actions such as pruning up tree limbs, selective tree removal and reducing brush are just a few practices that can possibly save your home and property.

For more information on tapping into this grant opportunity contact Kevin Nelson with Oregon Department of Forestry at 503-397-2636.

## Free information on Menopause

The Menopause Years: Take Charge and Celebrate Your Life is the title of a free, 90-minute presentation to be given at 6:00 p.m. on August 12 at the Tuality Healthcare Education Center, 334 SE 8th Ave., Hillsboro.

This women's health forum is tailored to answer questions on the topic of menopause. An obstetrics and gynecology specialist, plus two nurse practi-

tioners specializing in women's health, will provide the latest health information related to menopause. A fitness trainer will also be on hand to share diet and fitness goal information.

The presentation is free, but those planning to attend are asked to call 503-681-1700 so enough supplies can be available.

## Watch for turtles wandering on ground

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists advise Oregonians to be on the lookout for turtles on roads and in parks, yards and campgrounds this summer.

"If you see one, the best thing to do is let it continue on its path. Don't try and return it to the water," said Susan Barnes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Northwest Biologist. Barnes, a member of the Native Turtles of Oregon or-

ganization, works to conserve Oregon's turtles all year. "Our native turtles are in decline, so anything we can do to help makes a difference."

She suggests the public can help by reporting turtle sightings on the Native Turtles of Oregon website, <http://www.oregonzoo.org/Turtles/>.

Oregon has only two native turtles: the western painted and the western pond. They are both protected by law; it is ille-

gal to take them from the wild or to keep them as pets.

Non-native turtles include red-eared sliders and snapping turtles. It is illegal in the state to buy, sell, possess or release non-native turtles. Red-eared sliders are relatively easy to identify. They have red "ears" (markings) on the sides of their heads. If you realize you are in possession of a non-native turtle, contact your local ODFW office.

## Results of July St. Helens race given

By Mike Weber

### CCRA OFFICIAL RESULTS JULY 24, 2010

Sportsman – Fast Time: Clyde White, Longview 15.56. Trophy Dash: White. Heat 1: Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens; Ken Bryan, Toledo. Heat 2: Troy Schreiner, Longview; Bud Russell, St. Helens; Frank Elwess, Portland. Main: Russell, Brian Vaughn, Longview; Clark Tenney, Scappoose; Elwess, Brittain, White, Kaptur, Don Jenner, Vancouver; Devon Reed, Woodland; Schreiner.

Street Stock – Fast Time: David McDaniel, Scappoose 16.19. Trophy Dash: Mike Crase, Portland. Heat 1: Ted Slape, Rainier; Matt Jenner, Vancouver; Ron Dodge, Vernonia. Heat 2: Curtis Zelmer, Portland; Justin McMullen, Deer Island; Crase. Main: Slape, Crase, Zelmer, Todd Newton, Gladstone; McMullen, Jenner, Tom Zywicki, Portland; Ann Carter, Scappoose; Jeff Beehler, St. Helens; McDaniel.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Adam Beehler, St. Helens 16.32. Trophy Dash: Joel Beehler, St. Helens. Heat 1: Travis Tolman, St. Helens; Charlie Ingram, Portland; Jenelle June Harrison, St. Helens. Heat 2: Jerry Winchester, Longview; Joel

Beehler, Nolan Borders, St. Helens. Main: Adam Beehler, Borders, Joel Beehler, Jason Scheibel, Longview; Brad Beehler, St. Helens; Tolman, Harrison, Steven Schreiner, Longview; John Oyler, St. Helens; Jake Van Ortwick, Portland.

Modified – Fast Time: Jeremy Martin, St. Helens 15.58. Trophy Dash: Dan Fox, Warren. Heat: Zelmer, Greg Greer, Rainier; Fox. Main: Martin, Fox, Greer, Don West, St. Helens; Mark Hill, Scappoose; Zelmer, Larry Benson, Longview; Mike Harrison, St. Helens.

Pacific Mini Sprints – Fast Time: Darren Pierson, Chehalis 14.53. Trophy Dash: Pierson. Heat 1: Keith Everson, Marysville; Mike Opaka, Portland; Tracey Titus, Manzanita. Heat 2: Pierson, Opaka, Dave Walters, Gresham. Main: Walters, Everson, Opaka, Pierson, Dan Beck, Castle Rock; Titus, Tom Patrick, Portland.

Women's Division – Trophy Dash: Kathy McMullen, Deer Island. Heat: Tiffany Gee, St. Helens. Main: McMullen, Gee, Sarah Beehler, St. Helens.

## Canning classes offered in Aug.

Have you thought about learning to can vegetables, or fish or game this summer? Are you an experienced canner who would like an update on the latest USDA recommendations? Then plan to attend one or more of the canning classes offered by the Columbia County Extension Service. Classes will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 360 Wyeth St., St. Helens (on the corner of N. 4th St. and Wyeth St.). Each class will cost \$20.00; a small num-

ber of scholarships are available. Payment must be made in advance to hold your spot because class size is limited.

Classes will be:

- Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Pressure Canning Vegetables & Meats
- Thursday, September 2, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Canning Tomatoes and Salsa.

For more information and to register for classes, call or visit the OSU Extension Service office at 505 N. Columbia River Highway, St. Helens, or call 503-397-3462.

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as far as it depends on you,  
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*Romans 12:18*

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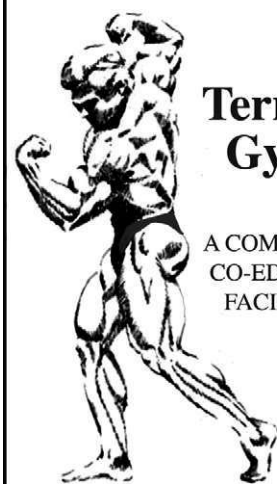
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