

Meet the New Ranger

Ian Reid, the new district ranger at the North Fork John Day Ranger District, did not take a direct path to his job in Ukiah.

Reid arrived in January to replace Bob Varner, who transferred to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Vancouver, Wash.

The Silverton native started college as a premed student, but quickly got hooked on field biology during a science class.

"I realized I liked working outside and working with critters, even more than with people, or so I thought," Reid said. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology from SOU in Ashland.

In college Reid started three years as offensive tackle and guard on the football team and in his senior year was nominated by his team as co-captain. He credits playing and coaching football with helping develop his leadership skills and sometimes uses football analogies to explain his approach to natural resource management.

He took a couple of dead-end jobs after graduation, then lucked out when the ODFW hired him as a seasonal to take fish samples on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

"I'd fished a lot with my grandma growing up," Reid said. "When I got that job I realized how important the fisheries were

to the Columbia River, how big the salmon issue was."

Reid went back to school for a B.S. in fisheries science from OSU. He wrote his thesis at SOU on the effects of stocking fish in historically fishless wilderness lakes.

In 1999 he began working for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest near Medford as a district fish biologist and program manager.

He came to realize that as a biologist he was always working with people. "If people don't care about the critters, you're never going to get any traction. I found out working with people was my true passion, and that's what I should have done all along."

Reid researched the North Fork John Day Ranger District before applying, and knew this was a place he wanted to be.

"It's a really diverse district with a lot going on. There are a lot of different values, with minerals and mining, timber, good range and watershed restorations programs, a lot of fires, a lot of wilderness, the OHV trail system. A lot of exciting things are going on in the Blue Mountains. This is kind of the epicenter of forest restoration, which is also community restoration," he said.



NFJD Ranger Ian Reid.

At a recent district potluck, Reid talked about what it takes to be a good ranger. "Show up and be present, be a good listener and make decisions. I see a ranger as a lot like a football coach, trying to push your people as hard as you can without breaking them, a counselor at times, a cheerleader, a taskmaster and also a communicator. No two days are ever the same. There's always a curve ball, you have to have knowledge a mile wide and a foot deep."

Reid and his wife, Annie, a teacher, and their two daughters plan to live in Ukiah.



Bella and Quinton Orr in the nation's capitol.

Washington, D.C.

by Quinton Orr

Just after Christmas, my sister Bella and I went to Washington, D.C. with my mom, Laura Orr. We left early in the morning. The plane rides were long, but the view

from the windows was amazing! We saw mountains, crops circles, cities, lakes and many other things. As we landed in D.C. we could see the Washington Monument, the Capitol building and the Mall. After we landed we got another experience--subways! I had never been in a subway before, but think they are pretty awesome, even if they are a little loud and busy.

We spent four days in D.C. During our four-day trip we saw many things. The favorites were the International Spy Museum, Ford's Theater (where Lincoln was shot), the Museum of Natural History and the National Archives.

Ford's Theater was really interesting because it had a museum with things like Lincoln's clothes and the gun that was used. I walked up the same stairs that Lincoln used and saw the seat he was sitting in. The theater has left the box just like it was the night Lincoln was shot.

At the National Archives we saw the Declaration of Independence and the Constitu-

tion.

At the Smithsonian, Bella liked the gems and cool rocks in the Natural History Museum, including the Hope Diamond and a tiara worn by princesses. Mom liked the moon rock, rocket and space travel exhibits in the Air and Space Museum. We also saw the Portrait Gallery, the Art Gallery and the Sculpture Gallery.

Most of the museums are around a place called the National Mall and Memorial Parks. I first thought that it was a place to shop--but it is really like a giant park with monuments, statues and museums around it. I like this kind of mall best! My favorite part of the Mall was the day we got to sit in the sun and feed birds pieces of our lunch. Lots of other people came to join us, and it was fun to watch the birds.

This trip was life changing for me. I saw places that my teachers have talked about in class, things that I have seen in books and movies and have heard people talking about. I want to go back and see it all again!

Upcoming Events

Ukiah City Council, Ukiah Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tue., March 4.
Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 12.
Basketball, Ukiah and Prairie City at Prairie City, 4:30 p.m., Fri., Feb. 7.
Basketball District Tournament in John Day and Prairie City, Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 13-15, times TBA.
Bingo!--Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Ukiah Senior Center. All bingo proceeds go to benefit the community.
Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wed. and Sat., all day.
Senior lunch, Ukiah Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.
Sunday Suppers, Ukiah Senior Center, 5 p.m. Feb 9 and 23, \$6.
Ukiah Food Pantry, Presbyterian Church, once a month, 12:30 to 2 p.m. See church readerboard for dates.

Senior Center Lunch Menu February 2014

Feb. 7--Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit, coleslaw, chocolate cake.
Feb. 14--Enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tortilla chips, fruit, ice cream.
Feb. 21--Chili dogs with cheese and onion, tossed salad, fruit, berry delight.
Feb. 28--Leftovers.
March 7--Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, vegetables, garlic bread, fruit, banana cream pie.

Seniors--suggested donation \$3.50
 All others \$6.00

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Mike Adams, working for Jerry Lankford of Lankford Logging in Pilot rock, operates his feller on the Fletcher property south of Ukiah. Lankford's crew logged most of the area while the ground was still frozen during the cold spell in December and January.

Ukiah City Council
 February 4, 2014

The city sent a thank-you letter to the Pendleton Round-Up Wagon Train for their \$500 donation. The Wagon Train hauls city water to their camp each summer.

Amy Word from the State of Oregon Drinking Water Program visited Ukiah on January 15th to do some training with Maintenance Superintendent Nancy Porter and take a look at the booster station and well house.

An appraiser from Citycounty Insurance Services (CCIS) appraised city buildings on January 31. The city will receive a report.

The city has renewed its eligibility to receive surplus state property.

Mike Becker General Contractor repaired the pump at the sewer lift station. Work was also done on the electronic panel. The city is still looking into an annual maintenance agreement for the pumps.

A broken water line was repaired at Ukiah School girls dormitory.

The city's water meter reading equipment is in for repairs with Mike Becker in La Grande.

The council discussed how to spent the \$1168.68 awarded to the city by CCIS for safety and security. Possibilities include a

20-foot fiberglass extension ladder, a climbing harness for accessing manholes, a hoist for the city truck, new locks on bathroom doors in the park and a new fire siren. CCIS must approve items before purchase.

In other business, the council:

- * will pay Donna Neumann's mileage to attend a free budget training in La Grande on March 4.
- * waived half the Ukiah Senior Center rental fee for Ukiah School's sports awards banquet and dance on February 22.
- * waived the full rental fee for a school and community art show on May 1.
- * Umatilla County Public Health is now charging county senior centers an annual kitchen inspection fee. Ukiah's fee is \$34.
- * agreed to discuss rental fees for Tupper Ball Field next month.
- * approved sending Nancy Porter to the water/wastewater short school in Baker on March 31-April 2. This will complete Porter's basic certifications.

See Page 4 for January meeting.

This month the newsletter features three stories by writers other than the editor! You too can write for the newsletter. Just call 541-427-3047 or or drop me a line at ukiahnewsletter@cityofukiahoregon.com Leaf

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Cleve and Delores Hinton with one of their mules at the family ranch in 2006.

Ukiah Profile

Hintons Celebrate 65th Anniversary

by Judy Wilson

Cleve and Dolores Hinton of Dale, Ore. celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve day, 2013. They were married in Pilot Rock on Dec. 31,1948.

Cleve worked for the Pilot Rock Lumber Co., and they spent their first eight years living at Woods Camp on the North Fork John Day River.

There they had three girls--Kathy (Dave) Mosteit of Granite; Judith Wilson of Dale, ; and Georgia (Norm) Burnett of Dale.

They moved to Ukiah in 1957 and lived there until moving to Boardman in 1965 and going on the construction road. Cleve worked on the relocation of the town of Boardman and I-84 due to the John Day

dam construction.

With the girls getting grown, Dolores went out on the road with Cleve. They worked and traveled all over Oregon, Washington, and Idaho making many friends and experiencing the country.

In the '70's they headed for Alaska where Cleve worked on the pipeline and Dolores got a job at the Fairbanks airport. Judith lived in Anchorage at the time, so while they were there they toured, camped, fished and got a real feel for our biggest state. They often stated that Alaska was good to them and they don't know why they didn't stay longer.

In the early '80's they returned to Oregon and moved to the family ranch off Meadowbrook Summit and Hwy. 395 where they still reside. Cleve went into the horse logging business around Ukiah, and later he worked for the Indian Creek cattle association which his parents had done years previous.

Cleve and Dolores and their family enjoyed going on the annual Pendleton Roundup wagon train with their team and wagon for many years. They pioneered and help make it what it is today.

The couple has six grandchildren--Brian, Christopher, Kasey, Mathew, Jason, and Ingrid--and eight great-grandchildren. They are truly blessed by the many friends and family they have and all the life experiences they can reminisce about.

Ukiah School Board

January 8, 2014

Ukiah School students received a \$200 donation to the student body fund for their help setting up and cleaning the gym for Columbia Power Co-op's annual meeting on Dec. 7. Minji Koo and San Um played piano during the event.

Two of Ukiah's Technology Student Association teams placed in the regional competition at BMCC on Dec. 12. Tyanna Billings and Tyler Lynch took first place in manufacturing prototypes. Obuka Bayarmagnai, Jorge Higuera, and Charlotte Hildebrandt took second place in the same

event. The students donated the 40 prototypes they produced to children at the school Christmas program.

The school's bus transportation and maintenance plan has been approved, including a provision for a driver from Echo School District to provide driver training and certification. Recent repairs to one of the buses came to \$2,050.

The dishwasher in the boys dorm was repaired at a cost of \$1,000. Superintendent Dan Korber said this is the first overhaul the machine has had in 10 years.

The board approved the school's 2013-2014 Division 22 Assurances report, due at the Oregon Department of Education by

April 15. The report details the school district's compliance with state standards.

The board accepted the InterMountain ESD local service plan for 2014-2015.

The school's auditor will attend the next school board meeting on Wed., Feb. 12.

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Cunningham Family Says Thanks

by Michelle Cunningham

My mother, Judy Cunningham, asked me to thank everyone in our community who offered help and prayers for her and my dad, Gene Cunningham. The last year has been an extremely trying time for our family, and especially for Mom as she lost her head of household, who took care of everything. Even though Dad is still here with us, he is not Gene anymore.

Mom wants to thank Linda Kerr for rounding up help as needed. You can always count on Linda to get the job done!

Thank you to Helen Franklin and her daughter, Tennie Hogeland, for their offers of help, and rides to town.

Thank-you to the entire Schock Family for help in a dire time of need, for Dusty's strong muscles, your concern and prayers for Stacy for running to get help.

To Dan Pettigrew for muscles and helping when it was desperately needed.

The Gill family, thank you for checking on Mom and Dad, driving many miles to visit and talk, even though Dad couldn't talk much back.

Rick Icenogle, thank you for checking in and your help, especially getting the snow tires on for Mom. You have been a good friend and neighbor!

To Penny Alford, for all the food you sent down when we got Dad home. It helped feed an army and was greatly appreciated.

To Norma Barber and Stephanie Picard, for coming to help and bring oxygen with this last stroke Dad had, your comforting words to my Mom helped hold her together that day. Thank you so much!

Thank you to the church and Ray and Sheri Contreras for their visits and prayers, and to all others that may not be mentioned, you are very appreciated, and we know you were in prayer for us. Thank you, and may you all be blessed greatly!

Lastly, but I am sure not least, the Billings family. What wonderful neighbors they have been! Thank you for watching after our property while we were gone for so many weeks with Dad in the hospital. Thank you Chad for keeping care of the wood and fire so the pipes didn't freeze. Tyanna, thank you for the outstanding care of Mom's animals, walking them, feeding and watering them, loving them. Thank you for the ramp you built so we could get Dad in and out of the house when we got home from the hospital. Thank you for keeping an eye on our place as well. Thank you for your prayers as well, as I know you sent up many on our behalf!

Again, if there is anyone left out, I apologize. Mom will feel bad if she has forgotten anyone, but it has been very stressful and hectic. We are moving and leaving the state, but will be back and forth for months getting the move completed.

We are praying blessings for all, thank you!



The Columba Power Co-op crew trims trees in Ukiah. The co-op wants to keep the lines clear for 15 feet on each side for safety to prevent power losses during storms.

Ukiah City Council
January 7, 2013

The City submitted a bill to the Forest service for water and sewer services during the 2013 Vinegar Hill Fire. The Forest Service is auditing payments.

Mike Becker, general contractor, came on Jan. 8 and resolved the problem with the pumps and alarms.

Water meters are not being read during the winter.

The city approved mileage payments to members of the Ukiah VFD to attend free crisis intervention training sessions in Pendleton and Hermiston.

Tyler Lynch agreed to pay \$200 to the city and perform 20 hours of community service to pay for the sign he damaged at Tupper Ball Field last fall.

Sunday Suppers began on Jan. 12, at 5 p.m. at the Ukiah Senior Center. Cost is \$6 per person.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Ukiah Senior Center.

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