

Ukiah Community Newsletter

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Ukiah Celebrates the Fourth of July!



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Vacation Bible School Comes to Ukiah

They're back!

In June the Ukiah Family Mission, from Salem Heights Church in Salem, came to town for the third year to hold a Vacation Bible School and other community events.

Scott Hunter and his wife Jill led the mission. In fact, it was Scott who got the project going.

"I've been coming to Ukiah for about 19 years to hunt," Hunter said. He has also filled in occasionally for Pastor Ray Contreras at Camas Creek Bible Fellowship. Three years ago he dropped by the Contreras place during hunting season.

"We were eating ice cream and Pastor Ray said, 'Why don't you come and do a Vacation Bible School here? We aren't able to have one.'"

When he got home Hunter approached the church leadership, which had just been talking about another Vacation Bible School in Eastern Oregon, like the one they hold in Monument.

"That's how we came to Ukiah. Ray just asked the question and our leadership said yes, in a heartbeat," Hunter said.

Missionaries from Salem Heights Church have been going to places like Arizona, Guatemala, Mexico and the former Czechoslovakia since 1999. Their goal is to share the gospel and promote Christ's teachings.

Each family spends \$800 or more to take part in the Ukiah mission. Planning begins in February, with group meetings and training sessions through the spring. This year 34 people took part. Most stay at the school, which they rent for the week.

While here they lead the five-day Vacation Bible School for children and organize a movie night, a girls' night out, a teen night



Landon Knox, 7, stacks firewood with other members of the Salem Heights Church Ukiah Family Mission.

and a picnic. This year's community service projects included splitting and stacking firewood, painting the boy's dorm at the school and yard work at the Ukiah Senior Center.

"The cool part is, the younger kids who help do that, they just love it," Hunter said.

The mission gives a lot, but Hunter believes they get a lot in return from the people of Ukiah. "I've always been taught that you can never outgift God," he said.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Market, City Park, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, August 2.

Ukiah City Council, Ukiah Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 5.

Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 13.

Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wednesday and Saturday, all day.

Senior Lunch, Ukiah Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Senior Center Lunch Menu

July 11--Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, gravy, cabbage salad, fruit, Jell-O cake.

July 18--Sausage links, hash browns, sausage gravy, stewed tomatoes, cottage cheese with fruit, oven toast, spice cake.

July 25--BBQ chicken, potato salad, chips, baked beans, fruit, roll, ice cream.

August 1--Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, veggies, garlic bread, fruit, banana cream pie.

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

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Wagons Ho!—The stagecoach takes a water crossing as the Pendleton Round-up Wagon Train moves out through the Blue Mountains west of Ukiah. Now in its 33rd year, the Wagon Train includes 12 to 14 wagons and more than 100 horseback riders. Photo courtesy Pendleton Round-up Wagon Train.

Ukiah City Council

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Anyone interested in running for City Council or Mayor in the November election needs to file by August 20. The city office has the forms.

The city has signed an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry to require burn permits for all burn barrels and burn piles during fire season, which started a few weeks ago. The free permits are available from the Pendleton and Ukiah ODF offices.

Audit of city books will start on July 23, with a report due in September. The City will pay mileage for City Recorder Donna Neumann to attend a free training for workers comp supervisors on July 30.

Bicyclists with Bicycle Rides Northwest will stop in Ukiah on August 12. They have asked to purchase 1200 gallons of water from a city hydrant.

Repeat water samples taken after samples in May tested positive for bacteria have tested clean. The city is sending a five-page water quality report to residents.

The city did a light chlorine treatment of the water system in June. Maintenance Supervisor Nancy Porter recommended opening the hydrants again, shocking the system with chlorine and taking more samples two weeks later. Ukiah's water system is due for a review by the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services this year.

Water readers were not read in June and will not be read until the city receives a new handheld reader.

The city rented a jetter truck from Pilot Rock's maintenance department for three hours to clean out 400-600 feet of sewer line. Total cost was \$450, including workers. The council discussed hiring them again to start cleaning the lateral lines that service the whole town.

More than \$1,000 has been collected this fiscal year from the park dump station.

City Councilors Randy Scarlett and Louise McKinnon have organized a barbecue at the park for the 4th of July. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing Fourth of July activities.

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Ukiah Library Summer Reading Program Receives State Library Award



Ukiah Librarian Sherri Contreras receives an Outstanding Project Award from Oregon State Library Youth Services Consultant Katie Anderson for the summer reading program.

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Ukiah Librarian Sherri Contreras has run the library's summer reading program for 19 years. Studies show that children who read during the summer start school in the fall a few steps ahead of those who don't.

This year the library was honored by the Oregon State Library as an Outstanding

Ready to Read Grant project.

"Ukiah Public Library is striving to engage youth in high-quality summer literacy and learning programs," said Katie Anderson, Youth Service Consultant with OSL, while presenting the award at the June school board meeting.

Last year's program, "We Dig Summer Reading," included rock hunting and research on worms and digging machines. Eight children, ages 5-14, took part.

"The outcome Sherri Contreras wanted to achieve was for students to read and work together, and have fun doing it," Anderson said. "She achieved her outcome. The kids didn't miss any summer reading sessions; that is a rare accomplishment."

Contreras uses the annual \$1,000 OSL grant to purchase books and supplies for the program.

The state library sets a theme each year, but Contreras often tweaks it in consultation with teachers to align with the school's regular reading incentive program. Children get credit for how many books and pages they read and attend a reward party at the end of the program.

This year's science-based theme is Fizz Boom Read! Each week features a different science project. Science teacher Laura Orr will lead an astronomy session and U.S. Forest Service employees are planning a



When the moon is an Oreo cookie—Alex Knudsen creates the phases of the moon with cookies during one of the summer reading program science activities.

fish biology activity. Contreras is purchasing science books to give to children and for the library.

Six Fizz Boom Read! sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. at the Ukiah Library for June 18, July 2, 9, 16 and 23 and ending with a party on July 30. Just show up—no advance registration is needed.

Ukiah School Board June 11, 2014

The board voted to adopt a 2014-2015 budget of \$1.06 million, up \$44,000 from the previous year. Taxes for school support remain at \$4.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Echo School District will perform annual maintenance on the school bus again this year. The Round-up Wagon Train rented the school bus and driver on June 25. The rental charge is up from last year due to increased fuel costs.

Salem Heights Church is once again holding Vacation Bible School in Ukiah, from June 21-28. Church members are

renting the school and will stay in the classrooms and use the restrooms, showers and kitchen. The group plans community service activities including maintenance at the school and Ukiah Senior Center and providing firewood for residents in need.


The board voted to give Superintendent Dan Korber authority to rent out either of the dormitories over the summer if the opportunity arises.

Volleyball coach Reagan Enriquez said she learned a lot during the two-day coaching workshop she attended at Portland State University.

Rob Batease will teach social studies next year. Batease taught at Ukiah School

about 10 years ago, and has recently coached football and wrestling at Hermiston High School. He was selected from seven applicants for the position.

The school board will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on August 13.



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Weekly Home Bible Studies
Women 6 p.m. Monday
Men 6 p.m. Wednesday

For more information call
Pastor Ray Contreras, 541-427-3720





Laura Orr Receives Earth Science Award—Ukiah High School science teacher Laura Orr has been named the Oregon State Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for 2014 by the Pacific Northwest Section of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. The award recognizes teachers who have worked hard to instill and foster a love of all the earth sciences.

ODFW Photo Contest

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to showcase your fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing photos on its website, in promotional materials and on social media channels. It is a great way to share your love of the outdoors and to show others the amazing natural resources Oregon has to offer.

“We are especially interested in photos that show people participating in fishing, hunting, crabbing and clamming,” said Rick Hargrave. “Think casting, catching, netting, glassing, tracking, digging—and how much fun you have while doing it.”

The contest runs from June 24 to August 1, 2014, with categories in fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing.

All photos must have been taken by you personally in Oregon, of native species in a natural environment.

One winner will be chosen by a panel of ODFW judges in each of the five categories. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Cabela’s.

More information and submission guidelines are available at www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2014/june/062314.asp

New Campfire Safety Rules

The Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur national forests have issued new campfire safety regulations.

Under the new rules, all campfires must be located in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a five-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use of charcoal briquettes is included.

The rules apply to campfires in both developed and dispersed campsites and will be in effect from June 1 through October 31, with more restrictive measures possible in times of high or extreme fire danger.

“The intent is to allow campfire use while promoting safe campfire building techniques that, in the long run, will protect lives, property, and our natural landscapes,” said Brian Goff, Umatilla Fire Management Officer.

“We live in an area where the summers are hot and dry. There’s a long history of wildfire in the Blue Mountains and we do not expect that to change,” added Goff.

Though lightning is the number one cause of wildfires in this area, human-caused wildfires are preventable, unpredictable and can occur anywhere with no warning.

Saturday Market Starts Up Again

The first Ukiah Saturday Market of the year opened on July 5. Two more markets will be held on the first Saturdays of August and September in the City Park from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Artists, farmers, craftspeople, food vendors, musicians and flea market and garage sale booths are all welcome. For more information contact Stacie Schock at UkiahSaturdayMarket@yahoo.com or 541-427-3303.



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