



Ukiah Fishing Derby

Twin Ponds, June 7. A day of free fishing for kids and families in celebration of National Fishing Week. Sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Fork John Day Ranger District and local vendors.



Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at Work

When Tim Campbell became chair of the Pendleton chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, he wanted to do something a little different.

For years the chapter has raised money through a banquet in March. The money goes to the national organization, with 91 percent going back to field projects.

"That's why my family is involved," Campbell said. "I know where the money goes, and there is very little overhead."

But Campbell wanted to do something more hands-on to benefit the elk he loves. He got his chance at the Eastern Oregon Sportsman Show last winter when he met Ian Reid, the new ranger at the North Fork John Day Ranger District.

Reid suggested planting hardwoods in the Tower Mountain area, which was devastated by fire in 1996. Campbell and his volunteers jumped at the chance.

"Partnerships and volunteers are essential to the Forest Service staying relevant in today's rapidly changing society. Projects like this one enlist local groups that are excited to put their boots on the ground to conduct meaningful land management work that is often unfunded," Reid said.

The project fit the RMEF mission, which Campbell sees as primarily habitat conservation.

"We like to hunt, but the membership recognizes that without habitat there won't be any deer and elk. This project will improve forage in the area, and it's an opportunity for us to show that we raise dollars and they come back, but our membership is motivated to have a presence in the community with volunteer labor,

getting dirty and being good stewards of the land as well."

It all came together on May 16, when Campbell and six other volunteers joined three Forest Service employees to plant and cage a variety of hardwoods.

"The Pendleton Chapter of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has made a solid contribution to habitat enhancement on the North Fork John Day Ranger District and I hope it is just the beginning of other partnership opportunities and projects in this area," Reid said.



Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation volunteers Darrin Nelson, Patti Baker, Marla Campbell, and Tom Baker cage newly planted cottonwoods for habitat improvement. Photo by Tim Campbell.

Upcoming Events

Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wed., June 11.
Summer Reading Program, Ukiah Library, 2-3 p.m. on Weds., June 18 and 25.
Ukiah City Council, Ukiah Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tuesday July 1.
Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wed. and Sat. all day.
Senior lunch, Ukiah Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Senior Center Lunch Menu

June 5--Fish, hash browns, gravy, peas and carrots, tossed salad, fruit, roll, chocolate cake.
June 13--Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, coleslaw, veggies, roll, tropical fruit pudding.
June 20--Franks, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, roll, cake.
June 27--Sloppy Joes, corn, tossed salad, ice cream.
July 4--BBQ hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, potato salad, baked beans, ice cream.

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

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Sheep on the move—In May employees of Cunningham Sheep Company began moving bands of sheep from Pilot Rock up into summer pasture in the mountains. The sheep spend weeks, grazing as they move. This bunch seems to know just where to go as they leave the corral.

Ukiah City Council

June 3, 2104

The mayor's position is open for the November election, along with council position number two, held by Randy Scarlett, and position number four, held by Linda Kerr. Anyone interested in running for mayor or city council can pick up filing forms at the city office, Rhodes Store, or the post office. Forms are due at the Umatilla County Elections Division by August 26.

The council adopted the 2014-2015 budget of \$334,214, an amount less than in previous years because many large projects funded by grants and loans have been completed. The city property tax remains at \$2.68 per \$1,000.

Using money from a Citycounty Insurance Services incentive grant, the city purchased a pike pole for the fire truck and a safety harness for the lift station. About \$1,350 of the grant remains to be spent.

The city has received a grant of \$9,980 from the Oregon Department of Forestry to purchase turnouts, fire hoses and nozzles for the Volunteer Fire Department. The council approved a proposal to apply for an ODOT Small Cities Allotment Grant for \$50,000 to fix the drainage problem on the

west end of Main Street.

Mike Martin, the city's contractor for noxious weed control, sprayed the sewer lagoons, ball field, cemetery, city park, water reservoir, fire station and road right of ways. He will return in the fall.

The City of Pilot Rock will bring a truck and two employees to Ukiah to flush gravel and rocks out of the main sewer line on Alba Street for \$150 an hour.

The city plans to send courtesy letters to absentee homeowners who have let their grass grow too high, including contact information for a person who is willing to mow and weed-eat.

Water Samples Trigger Public Notice

Water quality samples taken from the city's water lines in May tested positive for total coliform bacteria, possibly due to sediment stirred up when the VFD flushed the water lines on May 18. The sample from the well was clean.

Total coliform bacteria, while not considered harmful in themselves, do indicate the existence of a pathway for bacteria to enter the system. A second test for E. coli, which can sicken people, was clean. As a result of the May tests, the city is required send a public notice to residents.

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Ukiah Profile
That Crafty Teri Lynch



Teri Lynch with a shadow box, a birdhouse and one of her quilts.

Teri Lynch's interest in crafts came from her mother and grandmother, though she didn't start herself until she was an adult. "My grandma was a seamstress who made blankets and quilts and lots of things. She made my wedding dress. I would sit and watch her make these little decorative Christmas balls out of foam and cover them with soft silk and pin jewelry on them," Teri said. Teri's mother taught her how to make birdhouses, and then when she was getting sick Teri offered to take the project over and worked on it until she joined Stitch 'n' Chatter quilters a few years ago. "Ruthie Smith and Barb McCormack and Nancy Martin got me involved. They're so good. We're like one happy family over there--Stitch 'n' Chatter--I think we do more chattering than we do stitching," she said. "I was always interested in the details that go into making quilts. I watched my grandma make afghans and baby blankets for us

kids. Now I'm busy getting quilts made for everybody." She has also made shadowboxes to showcase the jewelry of her mother and grandmother. She made one for each of her sons, and says she has her mother around every time she looks at them. In 2009, Teri was diagnosed with fibrous dysplasia, a disorder in which scar-like tissue develops in place of normal bone. Headaches and balance problems are two of her symptoms. "Since my diagnosis, I just thought the only way I'm going to fight it is to be busy doing things, and doing things for other people makes me happy," Teri said. "It's easy getting through day by day, but some days are not so good and I can't make it over to sewing, but the girls tell me they miss me. I like being around people, and I like doing things for my adopted grandkids. The crafts are a way to be involved with other people."

Fizz and Boom Summer Reading

Ukiah Library's summer reading program kicked off on June 9 with a performance by Portland juggler Charlie Brown. Six sessions will be held each Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. starting on June 18, with a party and awards on July 30.



Student Award
 Senior Minji Koo received the 2014 Umatilla County Student Achievement Award for Ukiah School for her academic success and citizenship. Koo came to Ukiah as

an exchange student for two years and graduated with honors at the top of her class. She took part in sports, won three banners in TSA competitions and taught health topics to elementary students. She earned college credits while in high school and plans to become a pharmacist.

Ukiah School Board

May 15, 2014

The end of the school year was a busy time for students and at Ukiah School. On April 30, high school students attended a college fair at EOU and the next day the TSA team took a first and a third place in the competition at BMCC. The team arrived back in Ukiah in time for the art show at the Ukiah Senior Center.

Middle and high school students traveled to the Elgin Opera House on May 8 to see "13," a play produced and written by a student as a senior project. On May 23 they saw "Les Mis" at BMCC.

Brandon Gill and Jayden Stroe competed in a spelling bee at BMCC on May 12, where Gill placed second.

An awards ceremony was held on May 13, and graduation on May 22.

Cockburn & McClintock, the school's auditors have audited student files and the Associated Student Body account.

Social studies teacher Tom Sorensen resigned at the end of the school year. The board appreciates his dedication and commitment to Ukiah School.



Stacie Schock is the recipient of this year's **Crystal Apple award** from Ukiah School. Stacie was honored at a ceremony in La Grande on May 14 for her work as a school volunteer and school board member.



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Camas Creek Focus

On April 16, 21 people met for Camas Creek Focus, a program to gain information about stream processes in Camas Creek and handle future flooding. Elaine Eisenbraun, of the NFJD Council facilitated the meeting and John Zakrajsek from the CTUIR provided scientific details.

The main concerns are flooding over the dikes, stream function and community cooperation. Additional discussions included riprap, fish, the county bridge, extracting gravel and a short-term fix.

The group decided unanimously to move forward with an assessment of the stream, to be carried out by Zakrajsek.

Quilt Show

The Ukiah Stitch 'N' Chatter Quilters will have their annual Quilt Show and Sale on the 4th of July at the Ukiah Presbyterian Church from 10a.m.-4 p.m. Quilts of Valor and quilts for Project Healing Waters will be among those displayed. The quilts for sale will generate funds to purchase more supplies and for the Ukiah food pantry.

Chip Seal on Hwy 395

Look out for chip sealing on sections of Hwy 395 from Pendleton to Cape Horn between June 16-19, June 23-26 and June 30. Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.

Three other area highways will also be chip sealed. The pavement preservation treatment includes spreading rock chips on a bed of emulsified oil, then com-pacting the material with rollers.

Work on the \$2.65 million contract is being done by Harney Rock and Paving.



Road 5506 Partially Closed

A section of Forest Road 5506 (North Fork John Day River Road) closes to full-sized vehicle travel for public safety concerns

A 3.3 mile section of Forest Road 5506 along the North Fork John Day River, from Oriental Creek Campground to the end of the road at the Big Creek Trailhead, has been closed to full-sized vehicle travel for public safety concerns. The road, leading to the wilderness trail bridge at Big Creek, will remain open to ATVs 50 inches wide or less, motorcycles, horseback and foot travel. No motorized vehicles are allowed inside the wilderness.

A segment of the narrow road washed out four years ago when the river flooded. Crews were able to stabilize a small portion with gabions to preserve access to the trailhead.

Since that time, the road bed has continued to erode to the point where it is now impassable to full-sized vehicles.

A closure device will be constructed near Oriental Creek Campground and water bars will be installed along the closed portion of road to help prevent sediment delivery into the river.

Burn Permits Available Soon

The City of Ukiah and the ODF plan to sign an agreement giving the state agency authority to issue permits for burn barrels and burn piles within the city limits during fire season.

"It will hopefully be in effect before fire season occurs, starting around the first part of July," said Matt Hoehna, ODF Wildland Fire Supervisor.

The city council asked for the agreement, which will bring city residents under the same restrictions as county residents living just outside the city limits, at the May council meeting.

Permits will be issued only during fire season, typically from early July to early October, depending on the weather. No burning at all is allowed during periods of extreme fire danger, usually from late July into September, leaving only a few weeks at the beginning and end of fire season when burning is allowed and a permit is required. Most burning is restricted to a 6-10 a.m. burn window.

"Because we haven't issued any permits in Ukiah in the past, we will come to landowners' property to do a site inspection and issue the permits," Hoehna said. While there, the ODF employee will explain the instructions that come with the permit and answer any questions. Permits for burn barrels can be issued each year over the phone once the initial site inspection has been done.

Burn permits will be available at the Ukiah ODF Guard Station or the Pendleton office. Call 541-276-3491 for more information.

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