

# Ukiah Community Newsletter

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## Ukiah, July 1969

Michael Metcalf was 15 in the summer of 1969, when he and a church youth group spent two weeks in Ukiah.



Kenny Gilliland's service station, built as a Phillips 66 by Don and Allen Sheff. Kenny bought it in the 1960s and converted it to Chevron. The hotel on the far right was called the Ukiah Hotel then. Bettie attended the school up on the hill. Her grandfather, Arthur Herald, milled and shape boards in Dale and hauled them to Ukiah to build the gym in 1936-1937.



Looking south from the park, which was bare dirt with no grass or play equipment, toward the house where Clyde and Minnie Helmick lived.

"I still have great memories. We had come up from Burbank California to hold a vacation Bible school at the church in town. I stayed with the family than ran the Post Office," he wrote in an email. Today Michael lives in Palmdale, Calif., with his wife.

That family was Wayne and Bettie Barber, and Bettie remembers the event. She was also able to provide some commentary on the photos Metcalf wants to share.



Looking east towards Rhode's Supply, named that in 1946 when it was built by Tempe and Al Rhodes. Cafe across the street was called The Trail Room at that time. The Post Office building is just visible behind the willow trees.



The white building on the right, where Dan's Ukiah Service is now, was a truck shop for Sheff Logging. The green building on the corner where Granny's Store is now was a house.

## Where the City's Money Comes From

Grants have made up a large chunk of revenue for the City of Ukiah over the past few years, as detailed in the April 2013 issue of the *Ukiah Community Newsletter*. But the city runs daily operations on annual revenues from a dozen different sources.

Those revenues totaled \$139,599 for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The largest amount came from water charges, at 48 percent of the total, or \$67,316, followed by sewer charges at 20 percent, or \$28,166. Property taxes totaled \$13,409, or 10 percent of the all revenue for 2011-2012.

This table, based on the most recent audit, shows the city's revenue sources.

### Fiscal year ending June 30, 2012

Line	Revenue Source	Percentage	Amount
1	Property taxes	10%	\$13,409
2	State liquor tax	2%	\$2629
3	State cigarette tax	less than 1%	\$299
4	Telephone tax refund	less than 1%	\$770
5	State revenue sharing	less than 1%	\$1247
6	Miscellaneous	2%	\$2675
7	State Highway appropriation	8%	\$11,067
8	Cemetery	less than 1%	\$1150

9	Public Safety	1%	\$1835
10	Senior Center	1%	\$1999
11	Water service charges	48%	\$67,316
12	Sewer service charges	20%	\$28,244
13	System upgrade and maintenance	5%	\$6491
14	Interest	less than 1%	\$468
15	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$139,599</b>

Revenue sharing (line 5) is money collected by the state and distributed to cities based on their population. This is why the city appealed the finding of the 2010 census that its population was only 185. The appeal successfully changed that number to 235.

The city earns interest (line 14) on money it keeps in the Local Government Investment Pool run by the Oregon State Treasury.

System upgrade and maintenance comes from surcharges of \$1 on the monthly water bill and \$3 on the monthly sewer bill. The money goes into a fund separate from the systems' operating budgets and is reserved for upgrades and major maintenance.

**Audit**--a close inspection of the city's financial records by an accountant to make sure they are accurate. The audit occurs at the end of the fiscal year.

**City Budget**--a legally required fiscal plan setting out estimated revenue and expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

**Fiscal Year**--a period used for calculating annual financial statements, such as the budget. The City of Ukiah's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.



**Meetings and Events**

**May 1**, Wed., Firewood season opens.  
**May 8**, Wed., 6 p.m. Ukiah School Awards Night, Ukiah School.  
**May 13**, Mon., 7 p.m. City of Ukiah Budget Committee, Senior Center.  
**May 14**, Tues., 6 p.m. Ukiah School Budget Committee, Ukiah School, followed by regular school board meeting.  
**May 15**, Wed., 5:30 p.m. Pasta dinner, Senior Center, Fishing Derby fundraiser.  
**May 16**, Thurs., 7 p.m. High School Graduation, Ukiah School.  
**May 21**, Tues., Election Day.  
**May 23**, Thurs., Last day of school.  
**June 1**, Sat., 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Fishing Derby, Twin Ponds.  
**June 4**, Tues., 7 p.m. Comprehensive Plan review, followed by Ukiah City Council, Senior Center.  
 Wednesdays and Saturdays, Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church.  
 Fridays, Senior lunch, Senior Center, 11:30 a.m.  
 Ukiah Food Pantry, Presbyterian Church, once a month, 12:30 to 2 p.m.  
 Check church reader board for dates.

**Senior Lunch Menu**

**May 10**--Mother's Day--Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruit, roll, ice cream.  
**May 17**--Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup, garlic bread, banana cream pie.  
**May 24**--Breakfast--Sausage patty, hashbrowns, sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit cup, stewed tomatoes, apple crisp.  
**May 31**--Barbecued hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes and onions, pork and beans, pasta salad, fruit cup, strawberry short cake.  
**June 7**--Oven-fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cabbage salad, fruit mix, roll, cake.  
 Seniors--suggested donation \$3.50  
 All others \$6.00



Jarod Russell and Kip Turner refill the hopper with native grass seed at Twin Ponds. The two U.S. Forest Service firefighters spent a couple of days in mid-April seeding areas torn up by illegal mud-bogging at the popular recreation site.

**May City Council**

A representative from ISO will inspect Ukiah's fire truck and hydrants in early June. The city has asked ISO to upgrade its fire protection rating in a move to lower resident's insurance rates.  
 ODOT will do some paving work around the Ukiah ODOT shop in late May. The city will buy \$6000 of asphalt for paving a city street as part of the project.  
 The park restroom is now open, and the water meters have all been read. The readings will establish a base for future billings.  
 Troy Baker from Anderson Perry presented the city with a large framed poster of the recently-completed lift station project, to be displayed at the Senior Center.  
 In other business, the council:  
 \* awarded the ball field picnic shelter contract to Seth Moses Roofing from Heppner.  
 \* awarded the noxious weed contract to Gerry McLain from Wallowa.  
 \* appointed Mary Nielsen, Ted Alford, Ed Farren, Carol Schock and Revae Varner to the budget committee.  
 \* set a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan review for 7 p.m. Tues., June 4.  
 \* renewed a land-use agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to lease Tupper Ball Field for fire camp at \$250 a day.

**April School Board**

On April 11 the entire student body, including pre-school, attended a performance of "Grease" at the Elgin Opera House.  
 Three teams competed at the Technology Student Association event at BMCC.  
 On April 25, SOLV Day, some students picked up trash around town while others attended a construction education class at the La Grande ODOT office.  
 Pilot Rock High School and Nixyaawii Community School invited Ukiah students to their prom at Wildhorse. The Ukiah prom, held jointly by all the schools in the sports league, was May 4 in John Day.  
 The school plans to rent the girls' dorm again next year.  
 The budget committee meets May 14 with members Ron Fagg, Helen Franklin, Lee Farren, and Carol and Stacie Schock.  
 The Pendleton Round-up Wagon Train will lease the schoolbus for a 60-mile round trip shuttle on June 26.  
 Librarian Sherri Contreras reported that the library has purchased a Kindle Fire tablet, a digital camera and 75 new children's books. The library lends 10 to 20 books a week to borrowers outside Ukiah through the library district and Libraries of Eastern Oregon.

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Ukiah Profile

# Graduating Seniors from the Class of 2013



Luisa Ferreira

Brazilian exchange student Luisa Ferreira is ready for graduation. She feels free now that she has completed all her tests and presented her senior project in medicine.

Luisa plans to return to

Brazil to study for a college entrance test. If she passes she will start college there, but if not she hopes to come back to Oregon to study nursing at Eastern Oregon University. Either path will lead to a degree as a medical doctor and a career in immunology.

"Since I've been in seventh grade I really like biology, and to study the human body and understand disease," she said.

Sports rank high among her best moments at Ukiah School.

"The sports were a pretty big part, I always loved it. Here I participated in volleyball and basketball and was a captain in both, and now I am doing track. In Brazil the big sport is soccer, no other things," she said.

Luisa thanked her parents for giving her this opportunity and said she will remember dorm parent and teacher Anne Coote, the Billings family and all of the good friends she made here.

by Ryan Wong



Brittni Gulden

"I want to thank my grandparents, my mother, the teachers, Mr. Korber, my boyfriend and Falica for being there when I thought I couldn't make it. They helped me

through," Brittni Gulden said.

She is ready to move on to life, but has mixed feelings about graduation.

"I'm upset, but I'm happy. Sad that it's going to be over but happy that I get out of school for part of my life," she said.

Gulden will remember how small Ukiah is, the fun she had and the life experiences she gained. She also enjoyed meeting all the different kids, playing sports with them, and the dances and field trips.

"I will miss each teacher like crazy, because they had a certain part of school that changes you," she said.

She plans to earn a B.S. degree in criminal justice and then work as a police officer.

While completing her senior project she learned that it takes five years of police work to reach her eventual goal of being a criminal investigator.

Her immediate goal is to get a summer job in Pendleton or Hermiston.

by Tyanna Billings



Falica Steelman

Falica Steelman has lived in Ukiah for four years. Right now she looks really happy to be graduating and says she is ready to join the adult world.

She is looking for a summer job to make

money. Her long-range plan is to study criminal justice at Blue Mountain Community College. She researched how to become a probation officer for her senior project.

She appreciates Ukiah School for its small size and the one-on-one time with teachers. Both, she said, have helped make her graduation possible. She has also enjoyed meeting the exchange students.

"I love the different cultures that come here, something new to experience, most little towns don't get that privilege," she said.

She has learned a lot from the town as well, a place that does have opportunities in spite of its size. She wants to thank her parents Pat and Steph Picard, whom she loves dearly. Also Dan Vincent for giving her a job whenever she needed money and Ted and Penny Alford because they provided a lot of support and helped with her senior project

by Minji Koo

Note: Kankanit (Gun) Wiriassajja, from Thailand, and Sara da Silva, from Brazil, also members of the class of 2013, graduated in a small ceremony at the school board meeting on January 7, 2013. Both have returned to their home countries.

### School Board Election May 21

Dee Croteau, position #4 and Ed Farren, position #5 are running unopposed for reelection to the Ukiah School Board on May 21. Stacie Schock is running as a write-in candidate for position #1 to replace retired board member Walt Pettigrew.

### Ukiah 4-H Updates

Tyanna Billings will serve as the Teen Leader for the small animal project groups (rabbits and chickens). Quinton Orr plans to attend 4-H camp in July. Contact 4-H leader Laura Orr at 541-427-3134 for more information.

### Road 5506 closed weekdays

Forest Road 5506 will be closed Mon-Fri. during May from Texas Bar to Oriental Creek for cut-slope stabilization and drainage improvements. The road will open for weekend travel Fri.-Sun. evenings and over Memorial Day weekend.

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### Ukiah Fishing Derby June 1

Same place, same time and same great fun. Join the Ukiah Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for fishing and casting contests, prizes, food and fish art. This free fishing weekend is sponsored by the USFS, ODFW and Am-Vets Auxiliary. Children up to 15 may fish without a license.

Support this popular event at the Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Five dollar suggested donation benefits the fishing derby.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$25 gift certificates from PGG and Pacific Pride, a trout rod made by Randy Scarlett, a fish print by Allison Johnson and two dinners at The Thicket, donated by the The Thicket Cafe.

Donations or new camping and fishing gear for prizes at the derby are also welcome. Contact Allison Johnson at the NFJD Ranger District for more information, 541-427-5305.



Elizabeth Gulden shows off her catch at last year's fishing derby at Twin Ponds. Children up to 15 can bring their own tackle and fish without a license for the day.

### Best to Leave It Be



Look for tiny spotted fawns in the woods this spring, but please don't touch.

May and June is fawning season for mule deer and whitetails. That means that if you walk around in the woods you may see a tiny spotted fawn tucked away under a fallen log or in a bed of ferns.

"It's best to leave it be if you see a fawn," said ODFW wildlife biologist Mark Kirsch.

A doe leaves her fawns in what she hopes is a safe place as she moves off to feed. Even if you don't see a doe in the area, she is likely to be somewhere close. And if her fawn is disturbed, she may abandon it.

"The human scent, especially with a young doe new to being a mother, makes the fawn vulnerable to abandonment. It's a really big issue for them," Kirsch said.

Each spring about 160 fawns are born to each 100 does. Only 25 to 30 survive their first year, or about 20 percent. They die from predation, illness, automobile accidents and all the other things that can happen in the wild.

"That's why deer twin a lot. You need a big reproductive rate if you're going to suffer those losses," Kirsch said.

And if someone does pick up a fawn? The best thing is to put it back where it was as soon as possible. There is a chance that the doe, especially if she is an experienced mother, will take it back.

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### Firewood Permits Available Now

Firewood cutting opened May 1 on the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

Personal permits for up to 10 cords on the Wallowa-Whitman and 12 cords on the Umatilla are \$5 per cord.

Starting this year, during times of high fire danger all firewood cutters must follow new fire closure rules, including a 1:00 p.m. shutdown and one-hour fire watch (partial hoot-owl).

All firewood cutters must carry an ax, chainsaw spark arrester, shovel and 8 oz. or larger fire extinguisher.

Permits are available at Rhodes Supply, Granny's Store and the North Fork John Day Ranger Station.



Primary teacher Melinda Scarlett, right, and kindergartners Lyla Hart, Jacob Cunningham, Chaeden Hartzog and Lizzy Enriquez picked up litter around town for their Oregon SOLVE project on April 25. The statewide organization encourages residents to restore natural spaces and take care of Oregon's environment.



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