

Ukiah Community Newsletter

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Ukiah Art Show



The Ukiah Art Show, sponsored by Ukiah School, the City of Ukiah and the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition, drew a crowd May 1 at the Ukiah Senior Center. Proceeds from art sales and a raffle go to the art program. Photos by Stacie Schock and Lee Farren.

Awards: Best of show, Tyler Lynch, Honorable Mention, Lee Farren; Community First Stacie Schock, Second Ron Fagg; Young Adult First Pijittra (Guide) Songaksorn, second Marutsa (Pear) Waikakul; Elementary first Colton Schock and Bella Orr, second Jacob Cunningham.

Lee Farren Receives 2014 Lampman Award

by Sherri Contreras and by Becky Pearson, Lampman Award Committee

The Children's Services Division of the Oregon Library Association has selected Lee Farren from Ukiah to receive the 2014 Lampman Award.

The Lampman Award honors a living individual who has made a significant contribution to the children of Oregon in the areas of literature or library service. Named for Oregon author Evelyn Sibley Lampman, it has been awarded annually since 1982.

For the past 12 years Farren has touched the hearts of the children of Ukiah, encouraging them to engage in reading, writing, art and literature. She was nominated for her volunteer work with Ukiah school, her history as a teacher and librarian, and her championship of literacy.



Lee Farren with Lampman award. Photo by Sherri Contreras.

Farren earned her teaching certificate and media specialist endorsement at Western Oregon University, then taught for 11 years as a school librarian in Milton-Freewater.

Since moving to Ukiah in 2001, Farren has conducted a weekly story time with elementary students. She is assisted by a monkey puppet named George.

In her remarks after receiving the award at the OLA annual conference in Salem, Farren said that she was "very pleased to accept an award that singles out what I too think is of great importance—developing and instilling in children a love of reading."

Because, she said, "that is what the Lampman award is for—to show our appreciation for all the writers and teachers and librarians who show children—not just tell them, but show them—how reading can enrich our lives."

Farren was nominated for the award by teachers Norma Barber and Melinda Scarlett, librarian Sherri Contreras and superintendent Dan Korber.

Upcoming Events

Ukiah City Council, Ukiah Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tue., June 3.
Ukiah School Awards Night, 4:30 p.m. Tues., May 13 at the school.
Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wed., May 14.
Ukiah Budget Committee, 7 p.m. Thurs., May 15, Ukiah Senior Center.
High School Graduation, Thurs., May 22.
Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wed. and Sat.
Senior lunch, Ukiah Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.
Ukiah Food Pantry, Presbyterian Church, once a month, 12:30 to 2 p.m. See church readerboard for dates.

**Senior Center Lunch Menu
May 2014**

May 9--Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, gravy, cabbage salad, roll, fruit, jello cake.
May 16--Sausage links, hashbrowns, sausage gravy, stewed tomatoes, cottage cheese with fruit, oven toast, spice cake.
May 23--Barbecued hamburgers with lettuce, tomatoes and onions, potato salad, baked beans, ice cream.
May 30--Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, fruit, berry delight.

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

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Ready to go—kids line up for a photo before racing off to find candy eggs at Ukiah's Easter egg hunt. Photo by Stacie Schock.

**Ukiah City Council
May 6, 2014**

The city's budget committee meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. One position is still open. Contact Donna Neumann at the city office, 541-427-3900 if interested.

The city's insurance rates have gone up 14 percent since last year, while power has increased 15 percent and propane has doubled.

Maintenance supervisor Nancy Porter attended the short school and will take a one-day water system class on May 28. She will post notices in town when the chlorinator is turned on. The park restroom is open. She suggested posting signs in the park asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Matt Hoehna from ODF explained how proposed burn permits within city limits would work. ODF permits will be needed for burn barrels, debris piles

and fire rings during fire season, from late June through mid-October. The free permits will be issued after a site inspection by ODF. Burning is limited to 6-10 a.m., and all burning is prohibited during times of high fire danger. No permit is required for burning outside of fire season.

At the council's request, Hoehna will draft an agreement between ODF and the city to go into effect by June.

- In other business, the council:
- * Voted to increase the fee for U.S. Forest Service use of Tupper Ball Field as a fire camp from \$200 to \$400 per day.
 - * decided not to hold a cleanup day this spring due to lack of funds for a dumpster.
 - * voted to sign an agreement with the CTUIR for noxious weed control.
 - * heard that the U.S. Forest Service will house two 20-person crews in the area this summer, one in town and one at the Frazier bunkhouse.

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Ukiah School Graduates Six



Back—Tyler Lynch, Jorge Higuera, Charlotte Hildebrandt.
Front—Minji Koo, Obuka Bayarmagnai, Tyanna Billings.

Six Ukiah High School seniors are ready for graduation and the next big steps in their lives.

Obuka Bayarmagnai and Minji Koo both came to Ukiah as juniors and liked it so much they returned for their senior year. Obuka will return to Mongolia for the summer but hopes to come back to the U.S. to earn a medical degree in radiology. She plans to practice medicine in Mongolia.

Minji, from Korea, will also return home to prepare for college, in either Korea or the U.S.

Both have come to appreciate Ukiah's peace and quiet, so different from the busyness of their lives as students in their

home countries. "Here I have time of my own," Obuka said.

Even though Charlotte Hildebrandt, from Germany, is graduating, she has two more years of school in Germany before starting university. Already fluent in German, English and French, she plans to become a language teacher.

Her school in Germany was so large that often teachers did not know their students' names. "I've experienced something different here, where teachers know you," she said. "I think it makes me want to learn more."

Jorge Higuera, from Spain, has wanted to work in advertising and publicity since he was a child. He plans to attend university in Spain, but first he will spend the summer hanging out with friends and attending a reggae music festival.

Jorge has made close friends with other students. Like many of them, he was dismayed when he first arrived at how small the town is, "but finally you finish loving it," he said.

Both Tyanna Billings and Tyler Lynch have spent most of their lives in Ukiah. Tyanna plans to work as a certified nursing assistant this summer, the first step to becoming an emergency or trauma nurse. Tyler will work for the Forest Service as a seasonal firefighter, with eventual plans to study welding and human performance.

They have both benefited from the school's small size and personal relationships. "Mr. Korber helped me through in a lot of ways," Tyler said, "motivating and pushing me to play sports and keep my grades up."

"You are so close to everybody in the school that even when you are going through hard times they are right there to help you," Tyanna said.

They both love the little town they grew up in, the freedom they found here and the encouragement from their families and friends.

All six students wanted to thank the school and the people of Ukiah. "They trained me right," Jorge summed up.

Ukiah School Board

April 23, 2014

Ukiah School's new \$1.1 million budget is up \$44,000 from the year before.

The increase comes from the state's general fund and will go toward salaries, PERS payments and health insurance.

Property taxes for the school remain at \$4.80 per \$1000 of assessed value.

The budget is based on an enrollment of 42 students.

Seniors presented their projects on April 18. Prom was held in John Day on April 26. Awards night is Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Stacie Schock will receive this year's Crystal Apple award for her work with students and service on the school board on Wednesday, May 14 at EOU.

Representatives from the U.S. State Department visited Ukiah to review the schools International Family Living program on April 30.

In compliance with ODE rules, the school will send letters to the families of students behind on lunch payments.

In other business, the school board:

- * adopted an updated policy on weapons in the school.

- * approved the 2014-2015 calendar.

- * agreed to rent the girls' dormitory for

next year.


- * approved rental of the school bus by the U.S. Forest Service on May 28.

- * hired Reagan Enriquez as a substitute boys' dorm parent.

- * agreed to co-op with Long Creek next year in volleyball, soccer and basketball.

Drama Fans Take Note

Ukiah School students will see the play "Les Miserables" at EOU on Friday, May 23. The bus has room for several community members. Tickets are \$10 each. Drama fans should call Norma Barber ASAP if interested—541-427-3740.



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Women 6 p.m. Monday
Men 6 p.m. Wednesday

For more information call



Summer Work and Traffic Changes on I-84

ODOT is in the midst of a three-year high-way improvement project on I-84 between the Kamela interchange at exit 246 and the Second Street undercrossing in La Grande near milepost 260.

This summer the freeway is being resurfaced between Hilgard State Park and exit 261 in La Grande, with concrete in the slow lane and new asphalt in the fast lane.

Expect reduced speeds, narrow lanes and no shoulders with single-lane eastbound and westbound traffic separated by concrete barriers.

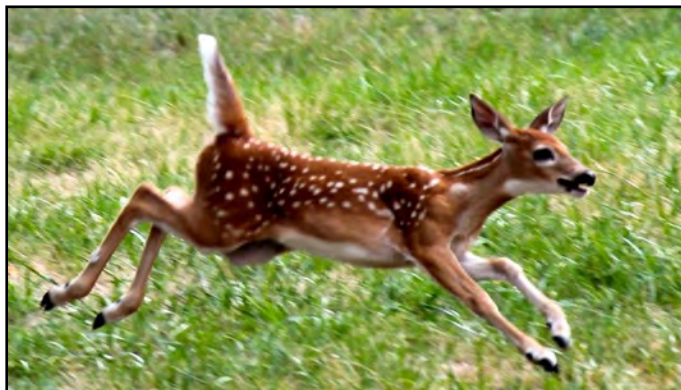
Work on the project will be completed in 2015. Along with pavement resurfacing, the \$43 million contract includes replacement of median barriers, bridge repairs, truck chain-up area improvements, rock fall upgrades and a westbound truck climbing lane along the Spring Creek grade near mile post 247.

This third westbound freeway lane at Spring Creek Grade will be a major improvement for travelers trying to pass slow-moving trucks heading up the steep incline around mile post 247.

Several new or extended truck chain-up areas will be constructed to provide more room for commercial vehicles to install and remove chains.

Money for the project comes from Jobs and Transportation Act funds passed by the 2009 Oregon Legislature, federal interstate maintenance funds and transportation safety and operations money.

For more information contact Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330 or Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us



"We have been privileged to share our home with a family of white tail deer for the last five years. They have provided lots of entertainment and joy along with other critters here on the end of Pine Street." J.C. & Deb Gardner and the Yellow Cat.

Firewood Season Opens

Personal-use firewood permits for the Umatilla National Forest go on sale Thursday, May 1. Permits are \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. The maximum limit for personal-use firewood is 12- cords-per-household-per-year.

The same permits are available from Rhodes Supply and the Dale Store for a small additional fee.

Beginning this season firewood cutters are required to keep a record of the date, time, and quantity of firewood removed from the national forest on a chart on the front of the permit.

Play Ball!

Softball is back at Ukiah's High Country Days, with a softball tournament at Tupper Ball Field on Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6.

Come by to watch the plays, cheer on the teams and check out the new concession stand and other amenities. Better yet, organize a team and play a few games. More information from Amie Gulden at 541-720-9080 or Stephanie Picard at 541-427-3016.

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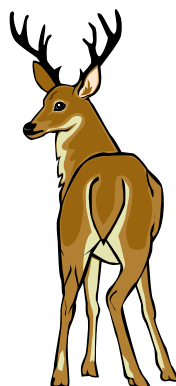
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