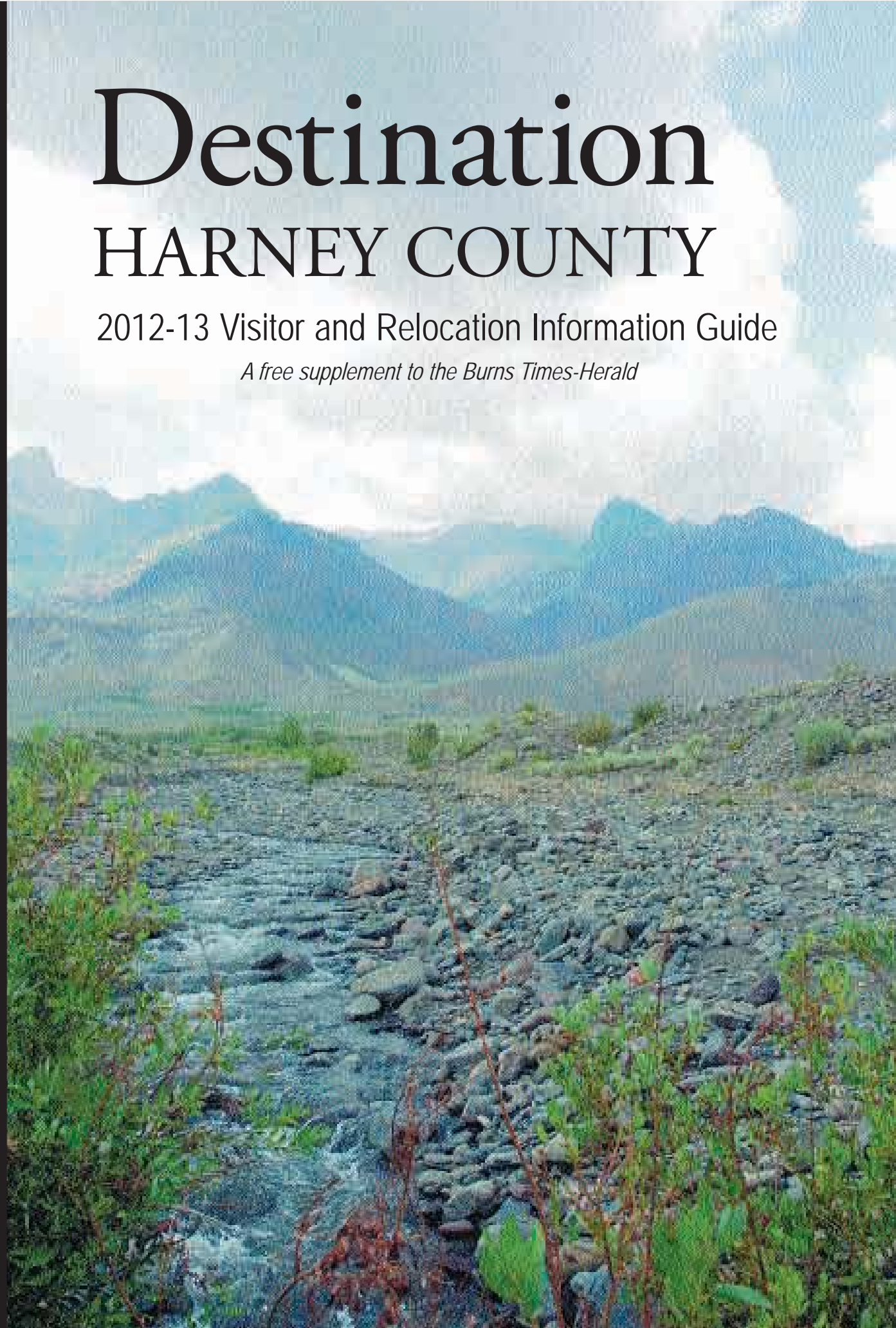


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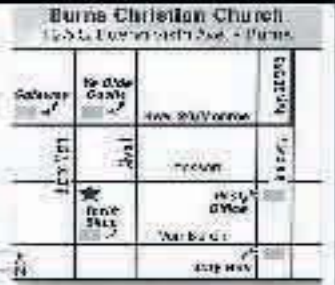
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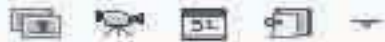
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Harney County at a glance

Community life is enhanced in Burns and Hines by 17 active churches, a number of civic organizations, a weekly newspaper, a radio station, cellular telephone, cable television and satellite access. Other community amenities include the Senior and Community Services Center, a counseling center, public library, golf course, a theater with the third largest screen in Oregon, a skate park and summer swimming pool. Several restaurants, motels and bed and breakfast establishments serve visitors.

Schools

Kindergarten through 12th-grade education is provided in Burns and Hines and surrounding rural areas by Harney District #3. Crane Union High School supports an elementary school and boarding high school for rural residents of the county. Crane is one of only two public boarding high schools in the country. Rural elementary schools in the county are at Diamond, Double O, Frenchglen, Fields, Suntex, Drewsey and Pine Creek.

College course work and training is offered locally by a consortium of Treasure Valley Community College, Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University. Each offer college



Children play on the playground equipment at Slater Elementary School. Kindergarten through 12th-grade education is provided by Harney District #3 in the Burns/Hines area.

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credit classes, in person, by video and interactive television. Associates, baccalaureate and masters degree programs are available in general studies, vocational specialties, education, business and nursing.

Financial institutions

Financial institutions that are located in the county include US

Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Sterling Savings Bank and Greater Oregon Federal Credit Union.

Emergency services

Fire and emergency services include fire departments in Burns and Hines. Burns fire insurance rating is Class 5, Hines is Class 6. Burns has a well-equipped ambulance service that includes three ambulances, ALS rated, on call

24 hours a day. Harney County is also served by AirLink (also subscription) from St. Charles Medical Center in Bend and Life Flight air ambulance from Boise, Idaho.

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Harney County at a glance



LEFT: Members of the Burns Paiute Tribe host a powwow with drumming and dancing. RIGHT: Each year in September, Harney County holds its fair, rodeo and racemeet. It is one of the big events of the year.

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care homes, dentists, a visiting orthodontist, two chiropractors, a naturopathic doctor and many visiting specialists. For livestock and pets, there's the Harney County Veterinary Clinic or Jessica Rue, equine veterinarian.

Government

Burns and Hines each have Mayor-City Council form of government. The county operates under a County Court, with a Judge and two County Commissioners. The Burns Paiute Reservation is governed by its Tribal Council.

Paiute Tribe

The Burns Paiute Tribe has its own police, court, health service, social services, natural resource department and maintains a community center for tribal members.

The Old Camp Casino, an Indian gaming enterprise, opened in August 1998.

Natural Resources

The U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and private land holdings provide for a large livestock industry. Alfalfa and wild meadow hay provide for winter feed and hay for sale outside the county.

Ponderosa pine, a renewable resource, has played an important role in the economy of Harney County. The Malheur and Ochoco National Forests provide logs for lumber product. Exotic woods and greens are found in abundance: sage, mountain mahogany, juniper, aspen, tamarack and several species of fir.

A very promising resource (as

yet, largely undeveloped) is geothermal energy. Extensive areas with known or suspected underground hot water reservoirs have been located. Geothermal energy is being used in at least one manufacturing facility for heating.

Vast quantities of water appear to be available in the Harney Basin, which serves as a collecting basin and storage area covering thousands of square miles of drainage. Deep well water from Burns and Hines and other parts of the county is suitable for distribution as bottled water.

Minerals found in Harney County in commercial quantities include pumice, zeolite, diatomaceous earth, cinnabar (mercury ore), copper, gold, silver and related minerals. Commercial deposits of uranium ore have also been identi-

fied.

Rock hounding enthusiasts can find large quantities and varieties of obsidian, agate, petrified wood, jaspers, opalite and others.

Transportation

Burns and Hines lie at the crossroads of U.S. Highway 20, east-west, U.S. Highway 395, north-southwest, U.S. Highway 205, south, and Oregon Highway 78, southeast.

Traffic in Harney County and much of Southeastern Oregon passes through Burns/Hines. This crossroad location assures year-round access by cars and trucks. All the roads are well surfaced and maintained.

The Burns-Hines area is served by several freight companies. United Parcel Service and Federal Ex-

Meet the Burns Times-Herald staff

If the newspaper could talk, what would it say? After documenting over 125 years of the goings-on in Harney County, it might say, "We've come a long way, baby."

Having diligently covered county events for so many years, the newspaper itself made the news. In 2006, for the first time in many years, the Burns Times-Herald became a locally-owned paper. Five staff members decided to pool their money to buy the newspaper.

In 2002, Scott Olson of Creswell bought the paper from Western Communications, a corporation, which owned it from 1976 to 2002. Olson then sold the paper to David and Judy Thouvenel of Sun Valley, Idaho, in November 2005.

The paper's staff got together and decided it was high time to take control. Who better to buy the business than the very people who care so much about its local content? Together Manager Sue Pedersen, Former Editor Debbie Raney, Ad Seller Donna Clark, Bookkeeper Linda Baker and Reporter Randy Parks formed the LLC Survival Media and bought out the Thouvenels on April 1, 2006. The group received a grant from the Southeast Regional Alliance to help make the initial investment.

Not only was the staff takeover noteworthy in that it finally offered county residents a locally-owned product, but it was the first staff buyout of a newspaper in the state of Oregon.

The paper's staff was excited to take the reins. They are committed to offering residents a newspaper filled with local happenings and continue to "cover Harney County like the Sagebrush," just as the paper's motto states.



Jenks takes the helm

In January 2012, Jennifer Jenks moved from production coordinator into the role of editor, replacing Debbie Raney, who had previously held the title of editor and sports writer.

Jenks started working at the Times-Herald in 2002 as a proofreader. Originally, she was only supposed to work one day a week, but during her second day on the job, management increased her hours and asked her to take on reporting duties. On her third day of employment, she became a full-time reporter.

In 2005, Jenks transitioned to the advertising department, where she built ads, designed the classified pages and retained some of her newsroom duties as a court reporter as well as covering community events from time to time.

"Jennifer was an obvious choice [as editor] for me," said Sue Pedersen, general manager for the Burns Times-Herald. "After working with her for almost 10 years, I appreciate her writing and organizational skills."

Jenks is excited to take on the responsibilities as editor and be-

lieves that having experience in so many facets of the paper gives her an added understanding of what this community wants from its weekly newspaper. "I think readers want the same local news stories and coverage of local events and sports that they've come to expect from our paper," Jenks said. "I hope they know they can come to me with their story ideas and concerns."

Jenks is no stranger to Harney County having lived and worked here for the past 10 years. She also attended Crane Union High School, graduating as salutatorian of her class in 1992. After that, she attended many different colleges including Eastern Oregon University, Central Oregon Community College and Treasure Valley Community College, before landing at Portland State University, where she earned the equivalent of a bachelor of arts in English.

While she was growing up, Jenks' family moved around quite a bit. At different times she called Gloucestershire, England; Pennsylvania; Los Alamos, N.M.; and many places in Oregon home. "From driving with my parents and five siblings in a VW van through Europe, to skiing every year in the mountains of New Mexico and watching the beautiful sunsets there, to the hustle and bustle of city life in Portland and the slow moving lifestyle of the country in Crane and getting lost in corn fields in Pennsylvania – every place I lived was different and opened my mind to all the varied experiences life can throw at us," Jenks said.

In her spare time, Jenks enjoys reading, cross stitching and spending time with her daughter, Elina. "My childhood prepared me for a life of traveling, so I love to travel and have new

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Backcountry byway: Scenic tour of Harney County

The High Desert Discovery Scenic Byway, adopted in 2003, showcases the geological landscape, wildlife and historical features of Oregon's southwest frontier. The routes carry visitors through open playas and sagebrush-covered landscapes that motivate the soul and rest the cluttered mind.

The route begins in Burns, located where state highways 20, 78 and 395 converge, and is about 130 miles long.

The route travels south on SR 205. Along this leg ranchland is prominent. In early spring after a heavy snow year the range-lands may be underwater, hosting many species of migratory birds. Egrets, herons, snow and Ross' geese, trumpeter and tundra swans, sandhill cranes, scaups, spoonbills, diving ducks, avocets, coots, and even bald eagles are just a few of the bird species that could be spotted along the route.

Visitors to the Harney Coun-

ty outback must be prepared for weather extremes anytime of the year, minimal to no services along the natural settings of the route and little or no contact with other people, and most likely —no cell phone service.

In spring or fall, on any of these routes, it is common to encounter cowboys driving cattle on the roadway, moving them from different grazing areas.

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Bird Festival and Art Show celebrate the return of the migratory birds to this area each spring. The birds travel their own Pacific Flyway/byway above and across Harney County.

Through the year, bird species can be viewed at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge located just off the byway farther south.

The road leaves the flat land temporarily as it climbs and

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crosses the escarpment of Wright's Point to then head out across Sunset Valley.

On top of Wright's Point, which is the remnant of an ancient streambed, look for stunning views of Steens Mountain and Pueblo Mountains to the south, and views of the forested Blue Mountains to the north.

The visual sense of the term, Harney Basin is evident from this view.

Drop down from the ancient streambed, watch for herds or pairs of Pronghorn antelope and continue on a long stretch south to cross The Narrows. The bridge here was built to stand above flood waters that inundated the area in the mid-1980s. It skirts Mud Lake to the west and Malheur Lake to the east.

A vehicle pull-out was completed in 2004 at the southeast end of The Narrows bridge to accommodate those who may want to stop to take in the sights or observe birdlife in the shallow water. Pelicans like this area in the spring as do grebes and red-legged stilts.

When the water recedes later in summer, cattle will be grazing here on the private lands.

Look to the west from the pull-out and you can easily spot the most frequently photographed tree in the county. Killed by the high water in the mid-1980s, the English willow now stands as a wooden resting place for ducks.

East of this location are Malheur Lake and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR) offering a watery respite from the dry desert scenery. To visit the refuge, you'll leave the main roadway here to travel east, roughly six miles, to reach MNWR headquarters.

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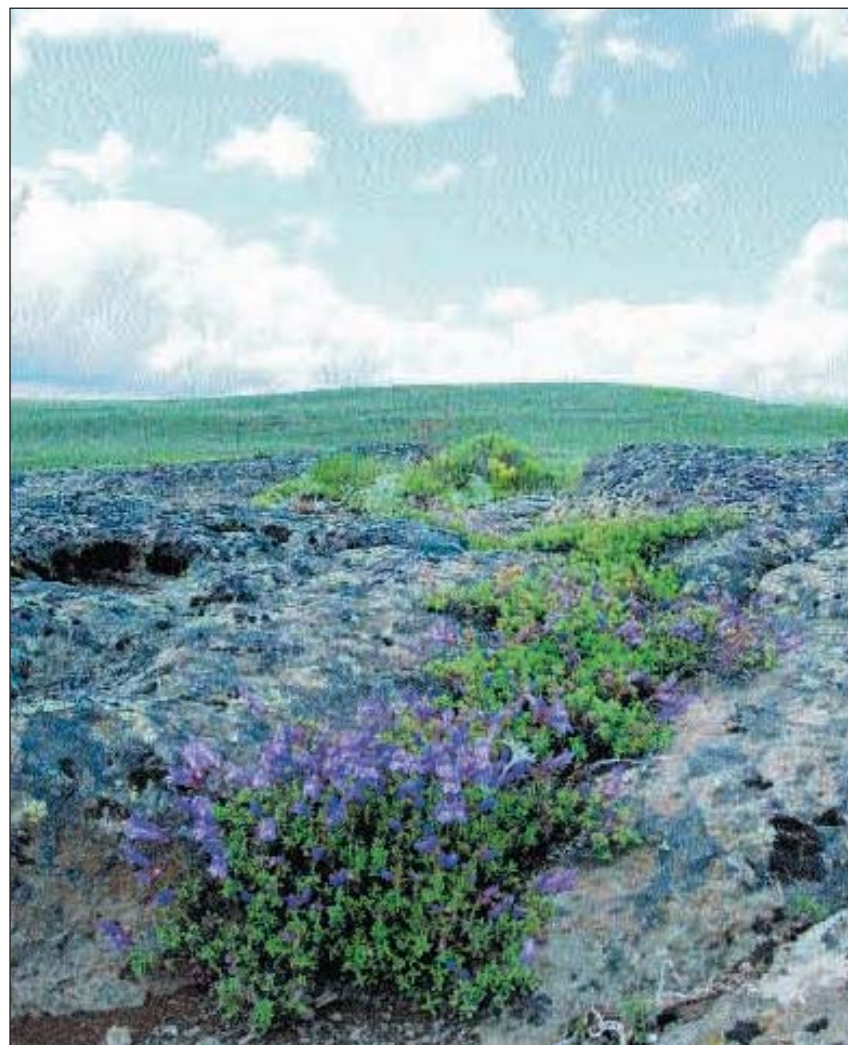


Photo by MICHELLE STONE

Wildflowers are plentiful throughout Harney County in the spring.

of animals. Springtime is busy with songbirds, waterbirds and birdwatchers at the MNWR.

Mud flats and alkali playas will offer views of other waterfowl including swans, herons, ducks and broods of young hatchlings, cinnamon teal, spoonbills and others, plus a variety of vegetation in distinctive textures and hues.

If you choose not to turn off for the MNWR yet, continue on toward the hamlet of Frenchglen, named for land barons credited with much of the early cattle ranch development of Harney County.

An opportunity to turn east to visit the Buena Vista Overlook also offers a rare opportunity to find a public toilet along the route. It's just at the entrance to the overlook trail. Drive up the dirt road to a small parking area. The overlook provides interpretive panels and an expansive view of MNWR's Buena Ponds. Look for cranes, ducks and other waterbirds down on the wetlands, as well as raptors.

The Diamond Loop Tour Route intersects the Scenic Byway (again with a turn to the east) several miles after leaving the Overlook.

This route leads to Diamond and the Peter French Round Barn. The barn was constructed in the late 1800s by vaqueros, working for French, who needed a protected place in which to break and train horses used in the task of raising cattle for beef production.

After returning to the Byway, continue south for several miles and you may exit, again to the east, along Krumbo Lane to Krumbo Reservoir. Watch for mule deer and antelope in early morning or late day.

Or, continue straight ahead on the Scenic Byway traveling along a route of ancient basalt flows and sagebrush rangeland.

Mule deer could be spotted here as well as more migratory or song birds. Sage grouse, during the early morning may be heard or observed as they display bright colors in attempts to attract a mate.

Reaching Frenchglen, you've come to the end of the Blitzen Valley. Frenchglen has a hotel and restaurant.

This is a point of departure from the Byway and point of entry for the Steens Loop Route.

This tour route will carry you up and onto the top of the 10,000-foot basalt formation, which has been home to pioneers and the focus of environmental concerns for many years.

Steens Mountain offers stunning vistas into three neighboring states. From the East Rim Overlook you can look into Idaho, Nevada and California.

The Steens Loop Tour Route travels across several types of environment and habitat, including high-altitude alpine meadows. Spring doesn't arrive up here until about August.

Wild horses live here, as do big horn sheep, antelope, elk, mule deer, marmots, blue birds and a myriad of wildflowers and other flora and fauna.

Backcountry byway: Scenic tour of Harney County

True to a high country environment — snow on Steens Mountain may not clear the roadways until late July or August. Dangerous weather conditions can occur at anytime.

Recreational activities abound here. Angling for redband trout (rainbows indigenous to the high desert area), camping, photographing, hiking, horseback riding, star gazing offer varied opportunities.

Winter recreation is also available on Steens Mountain. Check with the Burns District Office of the Bureau of Land Management for details and permits required.

Before heading into Steens Mountain or other remote desert locations, anytime of the year, carry warm clothing, food, water and good shoes and be sure to let others know where you are going and when you

expect to return.

Be forewarned, cell phone reception is often nonexistent in the Harney County backcountry.

To continue on the High Desert Discovery Scenic Byway, leave Frenchglen southbound on SR 205 through Catlow Valley. (Another turn off, to the west this time, will lead you to the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. This one is a primitive road that will lead you to a 275,000-acre refuge providing spring, summer and fall rangeland for the region's pronghorn antelope herds.)

Remaining on SR 205, watch for wild horse herds and/or big horn sheep. The route continues through ranchland and ends at Fields. Folks from Burns are known to travel to Fields just for the burgers and shakes. Some traveler's services are offered at

the Fields Store. Gas and lodging are also available in this remote location.

Fields is the end of the trail for the High Desert Discovery Scenic Byway.

You can backtrack and return to Burns or connect to the East Steens Tour Route and travel the east side of the mountain skirting the Alvord Desert with its hot springs and white sandy stretches of alkali desert.

Colorful wind surfers frequent the white sandy playas of the Alvord Desert, reaching record breaking speeds across the flats.

Continuing north along this route, you'll pass the turnoff for Borax Lake. At the turn of the last century, Borax production was in full swing. Now, the small

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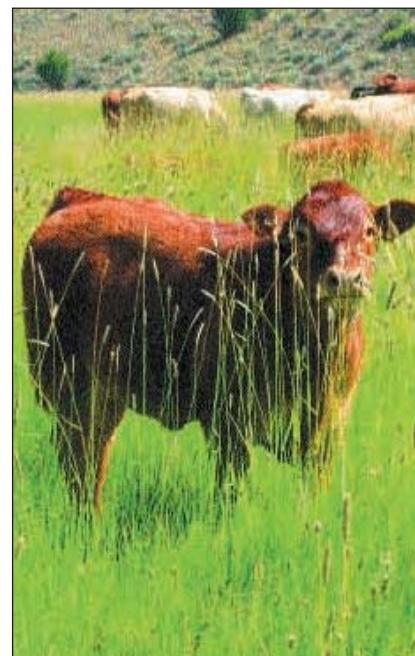


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Cows are a common sight along the scenic backcountry byway.



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Borax chub is the most prominent inhabitant here.

Alvord Hot Springs offers an interesting respite for travelers interested in taking a dip in the thermally heated water.

Mann Lake offers angling opportunities along this route. You'll also pass Juniper Lake.

Look for the Pueblo Mountains to the east and the Sheepshead Mountains along the way.

Turning west onto SR 78, you'll have another opportunity to turn west again onto Lava Bed Road for the Diamond Loop Tour Route.

Travel back in time, again, through Diamond Craters. The area takes you through an area of ancient volcanic activity.

Miles and miles of stretches



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Explore Harney County. There are breathtaking vistas everywhere.

of once molten magna are now frozen in geologic time.

After crossing the sea of lava and gnarled magma you'll top the hill with a view of Steens Mountain in the distance. The tiny community of Diamond sits here in a lush green valley in

spring and early summer. This is ranchland. Families here trace their homesteads back to the earliest settlers in the valley

There's also an opportunity to take Happy Valley Road to the Peter French Round Barn and the Round Barn Visitor Center.

The barn was donated to the Historical Society by the Jenkins family, landowners there. It had been purchased, long ago, from the Pete French dynasty.

The Round Barn Visitor Center is an oasis for those on the desert tour route for anyone in need of a rest from the long drive or the weather.

A new structure completed in 2004, the Round Barn Visitor Center has historical items on display, artwork by local artists offered for sale, public restrooms, refreshments and food, and a cozy comfortable seating area for those who just want to sit and enjoy the view.

A return to the East Steens Tour Route, traveling north, continues through cattle country, with hills and flats and sagebrush-covered



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Fish Lake

Fish Lake on Steens Mountain has a campground with drinking water and sanitation facilities for 20 family camps. The lake is a result of water ponded behind a dam of earth and rocks deposited at the lower end of a glacier. Trout fishing during the summer season is usually good, and wildflowers are abundant.

About 17 miles from Frenchglen on the North Steens Loop Road, the campground is at an altitude of 7,400 feet.

The lake is stocked with rainbow trout. No boat motors are allowed. There is a boat ramp and fishing dock, four vault toilets and a picnic site. Fees are required for the 23 campsites. The camp usually opens in late June or early July depending on the snow levels.

Kiger Gorge

Another scenic stop on the Steens Loop Road is Kiger Gorge,



Photo by MICHELLE STONE

During your visit here, you're likely to see antelope at some point on your

which was also carved by glaciers. A stream flows nearly half a mile from the top and deer may sometimes be seen feeding in the meadows and along the canyon face.

Jackman Park

Jackman Park is located three miles above Fish Lake on the North Steens Loop Road at an altitude of 7,650 feet. Facilities include six day-use picnic sites with tables and grills, potable water, and two toilets. The park is 22 miles from

Frenchglen.

Wildhorse Lake

Near the summit of Steens Mountain, Wildhorse Lake is like a jewel sparkling in the rugged landscape carved by glacial action eons ago. One can view the lake by taking the access road off Steens Mountain Loop Road to the parking lot and taking a short walk to the rim or one can hike to the bottom of the canyon to the lake's shores. The trail is very steep and the hike is a strenuous one, so take care if you are not in shape or are not accustomed to the high altitude.

Steens East Rim

The view from the east rim of Steens Mountain extends beyond the Oregon border into Idaho and Nevada. The east face of the mountain rises abruptly from the valley floor of 4,100 feet to a breathtaking 9,733 elevation. The power of gla-

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cial action is dramatically visible here in the many deep gorges cut in the mountain. And sometimes bighorn sheep may be seen grazing on the grassy slopes.

Alvord Desert

The Alvord Desert in Southeastern Oregon is a land of contrasting landscapes, startling scenery, hot springs, playa lakes, sand dunes and salt-desert vegetation. Fantastic views of the rugged east face of Steens Mountain contrast with the perfectly flat, huge expanse of the Alvord Playa.

The Alvord Desert is rich in history with a number of huge ranches established in the 1800s. Borax Lake was once the scene of a turn-of-the-century borax works which employed Chinese laborers and used sagebrush to heat the huge processing vats. A

number of early-day stage routes traversed the area.

For more information, stop at the Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices located two miles west of Hines. The phone number is 541-573-4400.

Diamond Craters

This is the scene of one of the most recent volcanic eruptions in Harney County and has been designated an Outstanding Natural Area by the BLM. In addition to a variety of volcanic formations, wildlife and wildflowers may be enjoyed, too.

Harney town site

In 1874, a post office was established at Harney, 15 miles east of Burns, and a military fort was built there in 1876. Harney and Burns vied for the county seat in the 1890 election. Burns declared

a narrow victory, but both towns made charges of voting fraud.

Harney residents refused to surrender the county records, so a group of armed riders from Burns moved the documents in the night. The Oregon Supreme Court confirmed the legality of the election two years later. Burns remains the county seat today and Harney City is only a memory.

Mann Lake

Named for an early Harney County pioneer rancher, Mann Lake, on the east side of Steens Mountain, is a favorite fishing spot for rainbow and cutthroat trout. Located at the eastern base of Steens Mountain about 90 miles southeast of Burns, the campground is accessible by an all-weather gravel road. The campground is semi-developed with two vault toilets and two

boat ramps.

Peter French Round Barn

This historical barn was donated to the Oregon Historical Society by the Jenkins Ranch. Used by pioneer cattle king Peter French for breaking saddle horses, the barn has been in use since 1884. An architectural marvel, the structure was built from native lava rock and juniper trees. Well known for its design, the barn somewhat resembles a Chinese umbrella.

Twelve unusually tall juniper trees support the roof. The center pole is 35-feet high and the roof required 50,000 shingles.

Warm Springs

Warm Springs Reservoir is a popular fishing spot for warmwater game fish such as catfish, crappie, and bass.

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Hunting: Meet longtime hunter Jack Smith

For more than 70 years, Jack Smith has spent hunting season in the Harney County woods in search of the big buck, and every venture has produced a tale to tell.

Smith was born in Ontario, and spent the first several years of his youth growing up in a one-room cabin in the Birch Creek area. "That has got to be the most God-forsaken place on earth," Smith laughed. "It'd be 110 degrees and the rattlesnakes would come get in bed with you."

He recalled one time he and his mother were in a creek bed, when they heard the buzz of a rattler. His mom told him to get out of the area because they couldn't tell where the sound was coming from. In a hurry to get across the rocks, Smith slipped and split his head open on the river bottom.

"There were no doctors up there,



File photo

The Smith family moved to Harney County in 1936, and Jack Smith, pictured above, has been hunting here ever since.

so my mother took an old kerosene lamp and an embroidery needle and went to stitching me up," Smith

said. "She'd heat the needle up and start sewing the cut closed, and you could just smell the burning

flesh. But I don't think I even have a scar."

Smith and his family moved to the Cow Creek area in Harney County, Sept. 16, 1936, and armed with a .22 rifle, Smith embarked on the first of many hunting trips in the surrounding hills. "I shot a buck that first time out, but that little .22 wasn't going to bring him down," Smith said.

Smith said he has hunted in the same area every year since then, including the years he spent in the military. "When I was in the service, I'd get a furlough just to come back to hunt," he said.

Smith is an accomplished marksman, achieving seventh-best in the nation at small bore competition in 1964, and he said that talent comes naturally. "All the relatives on my

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mother's side were hunters, so I guess you could say it was bred into us," he smiled. "Even my mom was a good shot."

Times change

Smith stated that through the years his favorite animal to hunt was the mule deer, but because of the dwindling numbers, some of the enjoyment has been lost.

He notes that predators, such as cougars, and tough winters like those in 1993 and 1994, have cut down the deer population. "Fawns should be born in May, but now you're seeing them born in late summer, and they probably won't make it through the winter," Smith said. "I'd like to see them close the Malheur River unit for two years, and I bet a lot of other hunters

would too. That would help the numbers."

Smith also questioned the sport in shooting a young deer. "What fun is it to shoot a yearling?" he asked. "If you see an old buck these days, you better shoot now and shoot straight because you're probably not going to see another."

New technology has made a difference in hunting, as well. Smith pointed out that when he was young, they didn't have long-range scopes or high-powered rifles to knock down a deer at 500 to 600 yards.

"First thing I'd do is check wind direction, then go out by the firepit and get smoke smell on my clothes. Going through the woods, you'd take maybe 10 to 12 steps and stop, looking around to see where every thing was," Smith said. "Nowadays, they have these big guns, and

they take off like a bunch of billy goats. They don't have the skill to get close. That's ridiculous."

The changing times also brought one of Smith's favorite annual events to an end.

Each year, Smith and a number of his relatives would go purchase their deer tags and then meet in the Fox area for several days of hunting and fun. "It was kind of like a family reunion, but then they went to the draw system and that broke us all up," Smith said. "Too bad they couldn't have grandfathered a rule in somehow. We had some great times, and it was sad to see it end."

Fond memories

Smith, 82, has his share of hunting stories to tell, including the tale of the wily, old buck that had eluded him for some time. "I knew

the area so well, I knew where the deer would be, so I headed that way," Smith said. "All of a sudden, here comes that buck running right at me. I chambered a round, and when that buck heard the sound, he reared up on his hind legs, spun around and dove into the brush. I never got a shot off."

Smith also got to expand his hunting experiences to include Canada and Alaska, where he shot moose and caribou.

While bagging an animal has always been a special time for Smith, one of his favorite memories doesn't involve a firearm. "I had the opportunity to go for a three-hour helicopter ride with ODFW (Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department) to count elk," Smith said. "You couldn't be closer to heaven than that. Flying over the mountains in the winter time,

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167	Owyhee Unit	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
168A	Trout Cr Mts	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
168B	E Whitehorse	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
169A	Steens Mt	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
170A	Beatys Butte	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
171A	N Juniper	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
171B	S Juniper	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
172	Silvies Unit	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
173	Wagontire Unit	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
174A	N Warner	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
174B	S Warner	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
166M	N Malheur	One buck with visible antler	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23
168M	NE Whitehorse	One buck with visible antler	Nov. 17 - Nov. 28
170M	Hart Mt	One buck with visible antler	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10
171M	Juniper	One buck with visible antler	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
172M	Silvies Unit	One buck with visible antler	Oct. 13 - Oct. 21

– Antelope –

465	Beulah Unit	One, either sex	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
466A1	Mal Rvr No. 1	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
466A2	Mal Rvr No. 2	One buck	Aug. 22 - Aug. 30
466B	Harney Basin	One doe or fawn	Sept. 1 - Sept. 16
467	Owyhee Unit	One, either sex	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
468A1	Whitehorse No. 1	One either sex	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
468A2	Whitehorse No. 2	One either sex	Aug. 22 - Aug. 30
469A	Steens Mt	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
470A	E Beatys Butte	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
470B	W Beatys Butte	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
470C	Hart Mt	One buck	Sept. 8 - Sept. 14
471A	Juniper	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
472A1	Silvies No. 1	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
472A2	Silvies No. 2	One buck	Aug. 22 - Aug. 30
472B	Riley	One doe or fawn	Sept. 1 - Sept. 16
473A	N Wagontire	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19
473B	S Wagontire	One buck	Aug. 11 - Aug. 19

Hunter’s checklist: Things to remember

- License/Tags
 - Small mirror
 - Hunter Education Card (if under 18)
 - Firearm/proper ammunition
 - Blaze orange clothing
 - Bow/arrows
 - Two knives/sharpening stone
 - Hunting regulations
 - Small hand saw
 - Food for at least one day; water (2 quarts)
 - 50 ft. of thin nylon rope (550 cord)
 - Orange flagging ribbon
 - \$20 cash
- Flashlight
 - First Aid Kit
 - Batteries
 - Emergency blanket
 - Matches
 - Cell phone
 - Map
 - Mechanical alarm clock
 - Compass
 - Tell someone where you are going and when you'll expect to be back.
 - Whistle
 - Binoculars

Hunter safety

- Treat every gun as if it is loaded.
- Keep it pointed in a safe direction.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.
- Wear blaze orange.

– Elk –

266A1	Drewsey Valley No. 1	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
266A2	Drewsey Valley No. 2	One antlerless elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30
266B	N Malheur Rvr	One antlerless elk	Nov. 17 - Nov. 30
266C	S Malheur Rvr	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
266X	N Malheur Rvr No. 1	One bull elk	Oct. 24 - Oct. 28
266Y	N Malheur Rvr No. 2	One bull elk	Nov. 3 - Nov. 11
267	Owyhee Unit	One antlerless elk	Oct. 13 - Jan. 31
268A	E Whitehorse	One antlerless elk	Oct. 15 - Jan. 31
271A1	Silvies-N Juniper No. 1	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
271A2	Silvies-N Juniper No. 2	One antlerless elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30
271B	N Juniper	One antlerless elk	Dec. 15 - Jan. 31
272A	Silvies Unit	One antlerless elk	Nov. 17 - Nov. 25
272B	West Silvies	One antlerless elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 9
272X	Silvies Unit No. 1	One bull elk	Oct. 24 - Oct. 28
272Y	Silvies Unit No. 2	One bull elk	Nov. 3 - Nov. 11
274X	Warner Unit No. 1	One bull elk	Oct. 24 - Oct. 28
274Y	Warner Unit No. 2	One bull elk	Nov. 3 - Nov. 11
278A	High Desert	One elk	Oct. 24 - Nov. 11

– Big Horn Sheep –

566	Riverside	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
567A1	Lower Owyhee No. 1	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
567A2	Lower Owyhee No. 2	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
568A1	Sheepshead Mts No. 1	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
568A2	Sheepshead Mts No. 2	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
568B	E. Whitehorse	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
569A1	Steens Mt No. 1	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
569A2	Steens Mt No. 2	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
569B	N Catlow Rim	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
570A	Hart Mt	Aug. 28 - Sept. 10
570B1	E Beatys Butte No. 1	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
570B2	E Beatys Butte No. 2	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17
570C	Coleman-E Guano	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31
574	Warner Unit	Aug. 18 - Aug. 31

Wildlife: Creating an island for terns in Malheur Lake

*Officials hope
relocated terns
will make Malheur
Lake home*

If you build it, they will come. That's the plan anyway, with the "it" being an island in Malheur Lake, and the "they" being Caspian terns.

At present, the colony of terns on East Sand Island in the Columbia River Estuary near Astoria are depleting the salmon population by gobbling up the juvenile salmonids.

A biological opinion states that the terns can be relocated by building islands in other locations, including the Malheur Lake island.

It's hoped that as an added benefit, the terns will chow down on carp that are plaguing the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, thereby reducing their numbers.

Sondra Ruckwardt with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the action agency for the re-location of the birds, said that the refuge once was a historic breeding area on the migratory flyway for the terns, but nesting areas were destroyed by ice and erosion.

"With the island along their annual northern flight pattern, we are hoping to attract about 300 breeding pairs to nest on the island," Ruckwardt said. "With the large carp population, studies show enough of a food source for the birds. So we reduce the number of salmonids being eaten, while decreasing the population of carp. It's a benefit for everyone, except maybe for the carp."

Construction

Mobilization on the approximately \$4 million project began in mid-October 2011 by building a a mile-long road out to where the island-building materials could be



File photo

The man-made island in Malheur Lake is about an acre in size and is roughly 2,000 yards from the shoreline.

hailed for loading.

The original plan was to build a road out to the island location, but high water necessitated a change in that part of the plan. "Originally, there was about 18 inches of water in the area, but when we were ready to start, the water had reached a depth of seven feet," Ruckwardt said. "So we decided to use barges and tugboats to take the materials out."

Contractors Services Group (CSG) and Magnus Pacific started the actual construction of the island in December 2011, having to break through the ice to get out to the site.

The contractors first laid geogrid down at the site, covered by a layer of basefill, another geogrid layer and then cinders. The final layer consists of smaller rocks to provide a vegetation-free nesting area. The island is surrounded by riprap to cut down on erosion.

The building materials were trucked out of local-area pits and delivered to the landing area. An excavator then loaded the barges, who transported the load to the island site. Another excavator, set on a stationary barge at the island, unloaded the barge and the scenario repeated itself hour after hour.

CSG Health and Safety Officer Zeke Wilson said there were five or six trucks going in and out for all but about two hours of each work day, and the barges, carrying about 50,000 to 60,000 pounds, made the round trip about every 90 minutes.

The project, was completed in March.

The construction was a shot in the arm for the local economy. Wilson and Scott Spurgeon, project engineer with Magnus Pacific, said that they kept the work locally as much as possible, noting

that they did business with ACW, Fred Briggs, Benton Rock, Big R, Parr Lumber, Ed Staub and Sons, The Pine Room, The Narrows and others. They also rented houses, motel rooms and RV spaces for their time here. "The community has really been great," Spurgeon said.

The island

The island is about an acre in size and roughly 2,000 yards from the traditional shoreline.

Ruckwardt explained that the reason the island is so far from shore is because the terns are sensitive to human presence and it's also a deterrent for predators. Spurgeon said that on average, the island should be about five feet above the water level.

The island will be monitored for tern usage for five years with researchers noting the numbers, birth rate and food consumption.

Similar islands have been con-

Wildlife: Malheur Field Station

The Malheur Field Station offers numerous programs and workshops throughout the year. Located at 34848 Sodhouse Lane, off Highway 205, the Field Station can be reached by calling 541-493-2629, or by email at mfs@highdesertair.com.

2012 programs

- **Road Scholar: Ornithology in Marsh, Mountain, and High Desert:** Spring Session, June 3-9; September Session, Sept. 5-11 — These are field-oriented courses combining evening presentations on bird anatomy, ecology, conservation and behavior with lots of interpretation, field identification and discussions in the field. Participants should be in good physical condition. Birders of all experience levels are welcome.

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- **Road Scholar: The Captivating Landscape of Southeastern Oregon:** Discovery & Interpretation: Fall Session: Sept. 11-17 — Take a unique view of beautiful, remote Harney County in Oregon's Great Basin



A hawk, pictured above, sits on a post, while ground squirrels, left, peek out from behind a fence. The Malheur Field Station provides workshop and program participants many opportunities for wildlife viewing.

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2012 workshops

- **Malheur Under the Stars:** April 28-29 — Astronomy weekend! Come for one or both sessions of celestial observing under the spectacular dark skies of Malheur. Telescope provided. Everyone welcome. \$10/adult, \$5/child per night. Doug McCarty is the guest instructor.

- **Birding Malheur:** May 4-6 — En-

joy the arrival of Malheur's many migratory birds in the beautiful Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. This is a class that travels far beyond a list. Open to birders of all experience levels. Bring your binoculars, scope and passion for all things avian. Call 541-493-2629 for cost.

- **Field Sketching:** May 4-6 — Good observational skills are fundamental in many disciplines. Enhance yours by connecting what you see with what you draw. Learn to produce reference sketches, start a nature journal, take good field notes or work on some landscape field drawings. Subjects abound. Call 541-493-2629 for cost.

- **Birding Half Days:** May 26-28 — A popular offering. Come for a rollicking good birdwatching outing. Look, listen and learn. Cost is \$55 per person.

- **Malheur Butterflies:** July 6-8 and July 27-29 — Take a look into the fascination world of the four-winged gems of Malheur. Identification, behaviors, food plants and butterfly techniques will be covered in both the field and lab. A good introductory workshop, beginners welcome. Call 541-493-2629 for cost.

- **Quilting Malheur:** Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Learn how to use your own observational skills to create your own landscape design. Textures, colors pattern — it's all here. Develop a sketch onsite, learn quilting techniques in the studio and come away with a Malheur inspired fabric landscape. Lucy Kingsley is the guest instructor. Extra day option: learn and experiment with fabric dyeing techniques. Call 541-493-2629 for cost.

All workshops are designed to be a top-notch educational experience: intense, fun, and informal. They are built around an evening session and two full days in the field (instructor contact averages 25 hours). All instructors have been living or studying in this lo-

Wildlife: Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR) turned 100 years old in 2009.

It all began at the turn of the 20th century when unregulated market and plume hunting for valued feathers were decimating populations of migratory birds on Malheur Lake. President of the Portland Audubon Society William Finley focused efforts with photographs of widespread breeding colonies littered with broken nests and rotting carcasses to compel President Theodore Roosevelt to designate Malheur, Mud and Harney lakes (over 80,000 acres) as a sanctuary for birds on Aug. 18, 1908.

MNWR has experienced many beneficial changes and has grown considerably since the designation. In 1935, 65,000 acres south of the lakes were purchased to provide a stable source of water to the lakes

for the protection and preservation of migratory birds. The purchase also included the preservation of historic Sod House Ranch and P Ranch built in the 1880s. In 1942, 14,000 acres west of Harney Lake was purchased from the William Hanley family, bringing a greater variety of wildlife habitats into fold. Today, the refuge consists of more than 187,000 acres of prime habitat, including 120,000 acres of wetlands on the Pacific Flyway, particularly important to many migrating birds and other wildlife.

The most rapid era of construction and modifications came in 1935 to 1936 when three Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps were established on MNWR as part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal — a series of programs to



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Bird sightings, such as these Ross' geese are common in the spring at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

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Wildlife: Malheur National Wildlife Refuge & CCP

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The CCC constructed the Center Patrol Road (a 42-mile auto tour route), several buildings, lookout towers and a series of ponds, which today provide habitat for the wide variety of wildlife and viewing opportunities for visitors.

As World War II ended and Americans began focusing again on the resources available in their own backyards, MNWR began to provide more recreational opportunities for visitors. Krumbo Reservoir was created in 1949 to improve wildlife habitat and fishing, and a new museum was built at refuge headquarters to house nearly 200 mounted specimens of birds found on the refuge. The previously little-visited refuge now became a destination for Audubon Society trips, college biology classes and other wildlife enthusiasts.

MNWR is now famous for its tremendous diversity and spectacular concentrations of wildlife, boasting more than 320 bird species and 58 mammal species, and is one of over 500 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System — a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife and for the continuing benefit of the American people. Managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the refuge has established a connection with visitors to wildlife and natural resources by offering a variety of opportunities in wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, interpretation, hunting and fishing.

Located 32 miles south of Burns, MNWR is open from dawn to dusk. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Visitor Center and

Collaboration makes Comprehensive Conservation Plan possible

The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, as dictated by law, has drafted a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) which was released in early February.

The draft, which has been two years in the making, is the result of a collaborative process in which interested parties and diverse stakeholders were involved in all phases of the planning.

Colby Marshall, one of the stakeholders in the CCP process, explained that part of the success in drafting the CCP was a result of the High Desert Partnership and their ability to create solutions by bringing all sides and opinions together to formulate a common goal. "It takes time and effort to build a plan, and we wanted to build one that could be implemented," Marshall said.

Marshall added that the plan sought a balance among community, ecological and economic factors.

Those attending the meetings agreed that the CCP should establish a process to restore the refuge's aquatic health, enhance wildlife habitat, generate sustainable local and regional economic benefits, and revitalize relationships with stakeholders in the community.

Refuge Manager Tim Bodeen compared working through the process to making soup. "You've got the meat, potatoes and vegetables as the main elements. Then everyone else brings along a certain spice to add to the final product," Bodeen said.

The CCP, and the upcoming Inventory and Monitoring Plan are meant to establish a decision-making framework to guide the 187,000-acre refuge's direction for the next 15 years, and will require continued stakeholder engagement and outreach from the refuge. "Judging by the number of partners who want to stay involved will give us an idea how well the plan is working," Bodeen said.

Jay Kerby of The Nature Conservancy noted that the Harney County Restoration Collaboration, a High Desert Partnership initiative, had success with the Jane Project on the Malheur National Forest, and the collaboration on the CCP was formulated along those same lines. "You've got state and/or federal agencies working with ranchers, community groups, environmental groups and others and they all learn from each other and move forward," Kerby said.



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A family of avocets makes its home on the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Marshall added that there is a lot of potential for further successes in other areas. "Using the same model, built off the High Desert Partnership effort, could be used for other government agencies around Southeast Oregon," he said.

Kerby said that while not all at the meetings saw eye-to-eye on everything, it was an opportunity for everyone to sit down and have a discussion on key issues such as the carp population, as well as haying and grazing. The adaptive management portion was also a key part of the talks as it allows for flexible decision making, which can be adjusted as outcomes from management actions are studied and understood. "For example, the permittee will have the ability to sit down with an ecological working group and have data to work off of for future decision making," Kerby said. "There is a mutual agreement among the parties on the process."

"A tool to support innovation," Bodeen added.

All three men agreed that having all interests able to sit down and discuss the process was key to getting the CCP draft finished. "It was important to have diverse groups like the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) at the table



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Wildlife: Malheur National Forest

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Winter weather begins in October and generally lasts through May. At higher elevations, snow pack varies from four to eight feet deep. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and sledding are all popular winter activities. Roads and trails begin to open up by June. Campers enjoy both developed campgrounds and traditional primitive campsites. Hikers and horseback riders have more than 250 miles of trail to enjoy.

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www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur

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Delintment Lake and Campground

Delintment Lake is located 45 miles northwest of Hines in the Ochoco National Forest. Travel 12 miles on County Road 127 to Forest



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ABOVE: Yellowjacket Lake is located about 35 miles northwest of Hines. It has an undeveloped and shallow boat ramp. BELOW: Idlewild Campground has 25 sites and three hiking trails.



Road 41 turn left, travel 29 miles to junction, where Forest Road 41 turns to the left, then travel five more miles to the lake and another mile to campground entrance, turn right. The campground has 29 sites, vault toilets, garbage facilities, drinking water and a picnic area by the lake. Delintment Lake has a fishing dock and an undevel-

oped and shallow boat ramp, speed limit on the lake is 5 m.p.h. The lake is 62 acres and 18-feet deep. Elevation is 5,600 feet.

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Falls Campground

Falls Campground is located 35 miles northwest of Hines on a bend of the beautiful Emigrant Creek. Travel 23 miles northwest

of Hines on County Road 127, turn left on Forest Road 43 for eight miles to Forest Road 4300-050; there is a sign posted, turn left, follow the road into campground. The campground has six sites, drinking water, vault toilet, garbage facility and a picnic area. Elevation is 5,000 feet.

Emigrant Creek Campground

Emigrant Creek Campground is located 37 miles northwest of Hines on the banks of Emigrant Creek. Travel 23 miles northwest of Hines on County Road 127, turn left on Forest Road 43 for 10 miles, turn left at the campground sign, go a little ways and turn left into campground. The campground has seven sites, vault toilet, garbage facility, picnic area and NO DRINKING WATER .

Elevation is 5,100 feet.

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Yellowjacket Campground

Yellowjacket Campground is located 35 miles northwest of Hines overlooking Yellowjacket Lake. Travel 24 miles on County Road 127, this road turns into Forest Road 47, travel another eight miles, turn east (right) on Forest Road 37, travel three miles, turn right to lake and campground. The campground has 20 sites, vault toilets, garbage facility and drinking water. Yellowjacket Lake has an undeveloped and shallow boat ramp, speed limit on the lake is 5 m.p.h. The lake is 35 acres and 15 feet deep. Elevation is 4,800 feet.

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Joaquin Miller Horse Camp

Joaquin Miller Horse Camp is located 20 miles north of Burns on Hwy. 395 at mile marker 51.2. The campground has 12 sites, four corrals, two hitching rails, six pit toilets, garbage facility and drinking water.

Elevation is 5,600 feet.

Wildlife: Malheur National Forest

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Idlewild Campground

Idlewild Campground is located 17 miles north of Burns on Hwy. 395 at mile marker 53.3. The campground has 25 sites, three picnic sites, three hiking trails, vault toilets, garbage facilities, drinking water, memorial garden and a pavilion, which is on the reservation system. Elevation is 5,300 feet.

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Trails

Devine Summit Trail is two miles in length and makes a circle out of the campground and connects to the Microwave Trail one-half mile east of the campground. The trail head is behind camp sites 23 and 25. Trail rated at "easiest" for hiking, mountain biking and cross country skiing.

Devine Summit Trail first half is an interpretive trail with brochures at the camp host site and trail head box.

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Microwave Trail is 2.5 miles one-way to the microwave site for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. The trail starts at the east end of the campground (back side) at the cattle guard.

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Idlewild Loop Trail circles the campground, the length is .8 mile for hiking and mountain biking. Idlewild area serves as a Snow Park (fee area) in the winter, November through April. Trail rated "easiest."

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Forest Service Trails

Emigrant Creek Ranger District has several established hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking trails. More detailed information and maps are available at the District Office, 265 Hwy. 20 South, Hines, OR. Phone 541-573-4300.

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Myrtle Creek Trail is 7.9 miles of trail for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Expect to see signs of elk, deer and diverse species of birds. Trail is rated at "more difficult" with an elevation of 4,800-5,404 feet.

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Malheur River Trail is 7.6 miles of trail for hiking and horseback riding. This scenic trail offers good fishing and allows the user access to a semi-primitive setting at an elevation of 4,400-4,620 feet. Trail is rated at "more difficult."

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West Myrtle Creek Trail is 1.9 miles of trail for hiking and horseback riding that descends into Myrtle Creek drainage and joins Myrtle Creek Trail. The advantage of this trail is that it leads hikers to a high vantage point with good views. Trail is rated at "more difficult" with an elevation of 5,000-5,600 feet.

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Craft Cabin Trail is eight miles of trail for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. This trail follows along Pine Creek for a distance of six miles through steep canyon terrain. There is good fishing and wildlife viewing along the way. Trail rated "more difficult" with an elevation of 4,250-4,400 feet.

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Attractions: Steens Mountain Wilderness Resort

Mark Webb began making memories at Steens Mountain Resort 36 years ago on yearly vacations to the resort with his mom and dad. He can now relive all of those memories on a daily basis since he and his wife, Debbie, purchased the resort in the fall of 2010.

Webb said that when he was a boy, his dad, Bruce, was looking through "Steens Mountain: In Oregon's High Desert Country," the coffee table book by Charles Conkling. Looking at the picture on page 38 of a man frying fish fresh-caught out of the Little Blitzen, Webb said his dad commented that he, too, wanted to eat fresh trout cooked over an open fire. That began their yearly trip to the Steens Mountain area.

Once his parents retired, Webb said they began to spend every summer camping at Steens Mountain Resort, which lies at the base of the mountain just south of Frenchglen.

In the meantime, Mark and Debbie had purchased the Monroe Creek Campground and RV Park in Weiser, Idaho. He said the park was "a fixer-upper," and they rebuilt not only the park, but the business itself. The trips to Harney County continued, and Debbie saw the area for the first time in 2002. "The first time I came I thought, 'I could live here,'" she said.

When the Steens Mountain Resort was first offered for sale, Mark said they looked, but knew it was priced too high for them to make a go of it. But two summers ago when he brought his mom over for her annual trip (his dad had passed away and he "inherited" the honor of taking her to the resort) the price of the resort had been "drastically reduced."

"Buying it made sense," said Mark.

In October 2010, the Webbs became the proud owners of the Steens Mountain Wilderness Re-



sort.

Originally built by Stan Bennett in the 1960s, the resort was called "Camper Corral." Most of the original fixtures still remain, and are showing their age. Having experienced their first "fixer-upper" in Weiser, the Webbs knew the amount of work they would be putting into their newly purchased resort. Mark said they plan to upgrade everything as time and money allow. The Webbs have already remodeled and improved

several of the existing cabins, which will be ready for use this season. They are also upgrading the men's shower area in the main building and fixing several of the R.V. hookup sites.

The resort is currently rated a "Good Sam Club," which means it meets criteria in three categories: completeness of the facility; cleanliness and physical characteristics of restrooms and showers; and visual appeal and environmental quality.



File photos


LEFT: Mark and Debbie Webb pose for a photo with son, Christian, and dog, Reese, at Steens Mountain Wilderness Resort. ABOVE: A juniper sign greets visitors to the resort.

The long-term goals the Webbs have include building new log cabins, developing "community" areas both indoors and outdoors for large groups and having a cabin available with numerous cots for groups such as the Boy Scouts or school groups to use for educational trips.

The plans for the future also include developing picnic areas and improving the playground. "The swing set was here when I first started coming," said Mark.

The Webbs see a lot of work ahead of them, but both Mark and Debbie agree that they are in it for the long haul. The last of their six children will be entering the seventh grade next fall at Frenchglen Elementary, and Debbie said she "wants to retire" in Frenchglen.

According to Mark, patrons will "see a lot of improvements over the next few years. We're here to see

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Attractions: Hot springs and Pete French Round Barn



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Crystal Crane Hot Springs is located off Highway 78 about 22 miles from

Crystal Crane Hot Springs also offers hot tubs

Who couldn't use a long, relaxing soak in the tub after a hard day's work? But how about being able to gaze at a vast, starry night sky as you relax those muscles in a natural hot spring with the desert landscape as your backdrop and the coyotes serenading you in the distance.

You can experience this very scenario at the Crystal Crane Hot Springs located just off Highway 78, about 22 miles east of Burns.

In addition to the natural 90- to 100-degree hot spring, the facility offers private cabins, hot tubs (with adjustable heat) and RV and tent camping.

For those who stay overnight, there is access to a commons room with a refrigerator, stove and dining area.

Diana Kryger, whose family owns the hot springs, said that people of all ages use the facility. From hunters who want to rest their muscles at the end of the day to families on vacation to locals

who appreciate the quiet out-of-town solitude, the hot springs offers a getaway unlike any other.

Open year-round from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, Kryger said most of the locals come to use the tubs and the hot spring at night. They host a Tuesday \$1 swim night, which brings in a fair number of local families. "Kids like to splash around and swim," she said.

Others enjoy the hot tubs and the hot springs for therapeutic benefits. "People with arthritis — they say after sitting in the tub it feels really good. It also helps with sore muscles," Kryger said.

Logically Friday and Saturday nights are the most popular. "We get really booked up at night especially on the weekend," Kryger said. She noted that calling earlier in the week to reserve a tub for Friday or Saturday is a good idea. Cabins and RV spaces tend to book early as well, so reservations are recommended. The facilities may also be rented out for family

Walk through a piece of history at the round barn

The Pete French Round Barn is an impressive structure and an important icon of Harney County history.

Though the barn, which French used to break horses, was donated to the state of Oregon by the Jenkins family in 1970, it was only a few years ago that visitors had access to in-depth historical information at the site.

The Round Barn Visitor Center was built by the Jenkins family, not only to educate tourists on the round barn, but to the history and unique values Harney County has to offer. The center houses local work from artists such as Linda Gage, who grew up neighboring the round barn. Antiques from the Jenkins' ancestors are displayed as well.

In the opening year 5,000 people took advantage of the Jenkins' hospitality. According to Dick Jenkins, this number was "way more than expected."

The visitor center, which mirrors the architecture of Pete French's barn in the juniper sup-

port posts centered mid-structure, has acoustics that Jenkins said "will blow your mind." In December 2004, a wind quintet performed live in the center and each Christmas since, a holiday evening is planned for the public.

Another view into the future will have the Jenkins' expanding to a second building. "We know that if we're ever going to finish the museum, we'll need a second building," said Jenkins. More antiques and Harney County history would be available to visitors with this construction.

Through the visitor center, the Jenkins offer tours as well. The tours focus on ranching heritage and on the Steens Mountain. A gourmet lunch prepared by the Diamond Hotel is included in tours.

In 2008, Jenkins added a complete line of Vogt Silver bits and spurs to the inventory of the Visitor Center.

The Round Barn Visitor Center is located about 50 miles outside of Burns. For more information, call 1-888-493-2420.



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The Pete French Round Barn attracts many visitors each year. The nearby visitor center educates tourists on not just the unique barn, but also the history of Harney County.

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U.S. Highway 20 West

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Hampton	63 miles
Brothers	84 miles
Bend	132 miles
Salem	262 miles

U.S. Highway 395 North

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John Day	72 miles
Pendleton	198 miles

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Oregon 78 East

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Burns Junction	100 miles
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Burns Paiute Tribe

Members of the Burns Paiute Tribe are descendants of the Wadatika band of Paiute Indians that roamed in Central and Southern Oregon. The Burns Paiute Reservation is located north of Burns.

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Adina Thomas performs a Girls Fancy Shawl Dance in Washington Park in Burns. Thomas is a member of the Burns Paiute Tribe's Powwow Club led by Julie Johnson.

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Burns Paiute Tribe: Wadatika Northern Paiute history

The Burns Paiute Reservation is located north of Burns. The current tribal members are primarily the descendants of the "Wadatika" band of Paiute Indians that roamed in Central and Southern Oregon.

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Nine thousand years ago the northern Great Basin, which is now desert, was probably a series of very large lakes. The ancestors of the Burns Paiute people lived in caves near their shores. Horses, camels, mammoths, bison, elk and deer roamed the hills. These people used the fibers of the tule plant, willow, Indian hemp, and sagebrush bark to make woven sandals, coiled and twined baskets and rope. They also made duck decoys, fish nets, and traps for small game with these fibrous plants.

A beautiful soft blanket woven from the furs of rabbits and child's sandals made from sagebrush fibers were found preserved for close to 10,000 years in a cool, dry cave. Archeologists also found clothing made from deer, animal and bird hides. Their diet included a wide variety of items, such as fish (including a great deal of salmon), birds, deer, small animals, plants and seeds.

During the next one to 2,000 years, the climate slowly became drier and warmer. The lakes began drying up and food sources were less readily available. By 7,500 years ago, large mammals such as horses, camels and mammoth were extinct. People



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Each year the Burns Paiute Tribe holds a powwow with drumming and

began seasonal migrations to take advantage of plants and animals in certain areas. Small family groups would travel separately collecting seeds, berries, roots and hunting small animals, deer, mountain sheep, elk and fish.

These smaller groups came together to harvest, socialize and intermarry with other Paiutes, as well as other Indian tribes. Spring offered roots to be gathered on the sunny hillsides and meadows, and fishing for salmon during the salmon runs. During the summer, berries and fruit were collected as food and stored for winter use. By late summer and early fall, seeds were the main resource to be gathered.

Families also came together during this time of the year for communal antelope and rabbit drives. Late fall was the time to collect plant material to make

items such as sandals, baskets, and clothing during the long winter months. By November, the families had gathered the cached goods they had put away during the months of harvesting. Materials were then gathered from the area (sagebrush in the desert or tules near the lakes) and they built houses near springs in which to live out the winter. The Paiutes lived in this manner for thousands of years.

The Burns Paiute Tribe descended from the Wadatika band, named after the wada seeds they collected near the shores of Malheur Lake to use as food. Bands were usually named after an important food source in their area. The Wadatika's territory included approximately 5,250 square miles between the Cascade Mountain Range in Central Oregon and the Payette Valley north of Boise, Idaho, and from southern parts of the Blue Mountains near the headwaters of the Powder River north of John Day, to the desert south of Steens Mountain.

In 1935, 760 acres of homestead and submarginal land was purchased with a loan provided by the National Industrial Recovery Act. The tribe repaid the loan with money earned from leasing the small arable farmland of the new property. This land is held in trust by the U.S. government for the Burns Paiute Tribe. In 1938, the Bureau of Indian Affairs built 27 two-bedroom homes on the new land.

Under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1936, tribal elections were held for the first time. This early government consisted of a five-member governing body, elected by position. It was not until 1968, however, that the Constitution and Bylaws for the tribe were written and approved. This formalized and made operational the current tribal government. The tribe was then able to receive government contracts and grants, which are the basis of the tribal administration today. Finally, on Oct. 13, 1972, the Burns Paiute were recognized as an independent Indian Tribe.

At that time, the 760 acres bought in 1934 plus the 10 original acres of land were established as the Burns Paiute Reservation. The jurisdiction for this reservation was placed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Warm Springs, 191 miles northwest of Burns. Individual tribal members still own over 11,000 acres of allotment lands scattered over four townships east of the reservation. Local ranchers lease these allotments for grazing cattle. Allotment lands are also held federally so that they are exempt from taxes, but unlike the reservation, they are within county jurisdiction.

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The Constitution and Bylaws of the Burns Paiute Colony, adopted May 16, 1968, delineates the objectives, membership, powers of the General Council,

Burns Paiute Tribe: A new youth center

Brimming with excitement, the Burns Paiute Tribe officially opened their new youth center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in March 2012.

Following a blessing by Ermon Smartt, Tribal Council member Jody Richards, along with youths Trustin Snapp and Lane Hawley, had the honor of snipping the ribbon.

The facility, known as Tu-wa-kii-nobi or "Kid's House," is the culmination of several years' work by tribal and community members.

Tribal Social Services Director Michelle Bradach said they had received a three-year grant in the amount of \$297,000 last October and that helped the youth center become a reality. The grant came through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program.

With funding in hand, the Tribal Council then donated the double-wide trailer they had been using as offices, and the re-modeling began.

"We had been dreaming of having a place like this for the kids for several years, along with a gym, and now we have it. The gym is still on the wish list," Bradach said. "This provides a place for kids to go, gives them something to do and also involves the entire community."

Tu-wa-kii-nobi is outfitted with a computer lab, video games, craft supplies, ping-pong tables and other toys for kids of all ages.

Bradach added that the center will feature a four-pronged approach involving kids and the community, including a tutoring program, cultural activities, a physical component and language.

Youth Services Coordinator Elise Adams noted that activities at the center would emphasize Paiute traditions, culture and language. "It's TLC," she laughed. "Not only 'tender, loving care, but also 'tradition, language and culture.'"

Adams said the activities, many



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ABOVE: Youths stand in front of the new Tu-wa-kii-nobi youth center, which has a computer lab, video games, craft supplies and ping pong table, among other things.

RIGHT: From left, Elise Adams, Michelle Bradach, Tracy Kennedy and Julie Johnson played a big part in making the youth center dream come true.



in collaboration with the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, are meant to boost the youths' self-esteem as well as retain the life skills and pride of the Paiute tribe. "And it's a safe place for the kids, with a positive feeling," she said.

While Tu-wa-kii-nobi is primar-

ily for the youth, the facility can also be used by the community for activities and events, such as movie nights, language classes and cultural activities. "It can really help unify the community by bringing everyone together in one place," Bradach said.

Cheyenne First-Raised, 13, said she was looking forward to having a place to hang out with friends as well as a place to play sports.

"We have so much support and everything has just come together really well," Adams said. "It's exciting."

Burns Paiute Tribe: Spanning Generations

The Burns Paiute Tribe implemented a program that encourages interaction between youths, elders and others in the community as well as creating ties between tribal and non-tribal leaders.

It's called "Spanning Generations: Tribal Leaders Program." It started in 2010 as program coordinators Elise Adams and Myra Peck began working on various activities with community members each Friday at the Gathering Center to take advantage of the four-day school week.

Activities on a past Friday included an Elder Breakfast sponsored by the social service program on the reservation (the first week of the month), a Forest Service Job Fair coordinated by a tribal member who works for the Forest Service, beading with Adams and Peck and Bingo put on by the All-American Boxing Club. The Spanning Generations program taps into many different groups.

Adams and Peck have taken groups on field trips to the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. More trips will be scheduled in the future to places such as Castle Rock. These field trips focus on Paiute cultural exhibits and places that have significant historical meaning to the tribe.

The program's purpose as described in the original proposal that was submitted to the tribal council is "to utilize every available local resource to honor our aging leaders, sustain and support our current leaders and support the growth and development of our future leaders."

Friday activities will revolve around seven facets of cultural preservation and survival:

1. Story and oral history telling;
2. Academic tutors for students and adults seeking a GED;
3. Paiute life-skills learning, preservation and recording of



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Burns Paiute Tribe youths paddle a tule boat in the water at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Building tule boats

If you build it, it will float. (Hopefully).

Fourteen youths from the Burns Paiute Reservation traveled to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR) to build tule boats as part of the tribe's

Culture Preservation program.

The group arrived at the refuge about 9 a.m. and spent the next few hours making ropes from cattails and tying the tules together.

Carla Burnside, archaeologist

at MNWR, helped coordinate the event and instructed the kids on construction of the boats.

By early afternoon the boats were ready and the kids took turns testing their sea-worthiness.

specific skill sets;

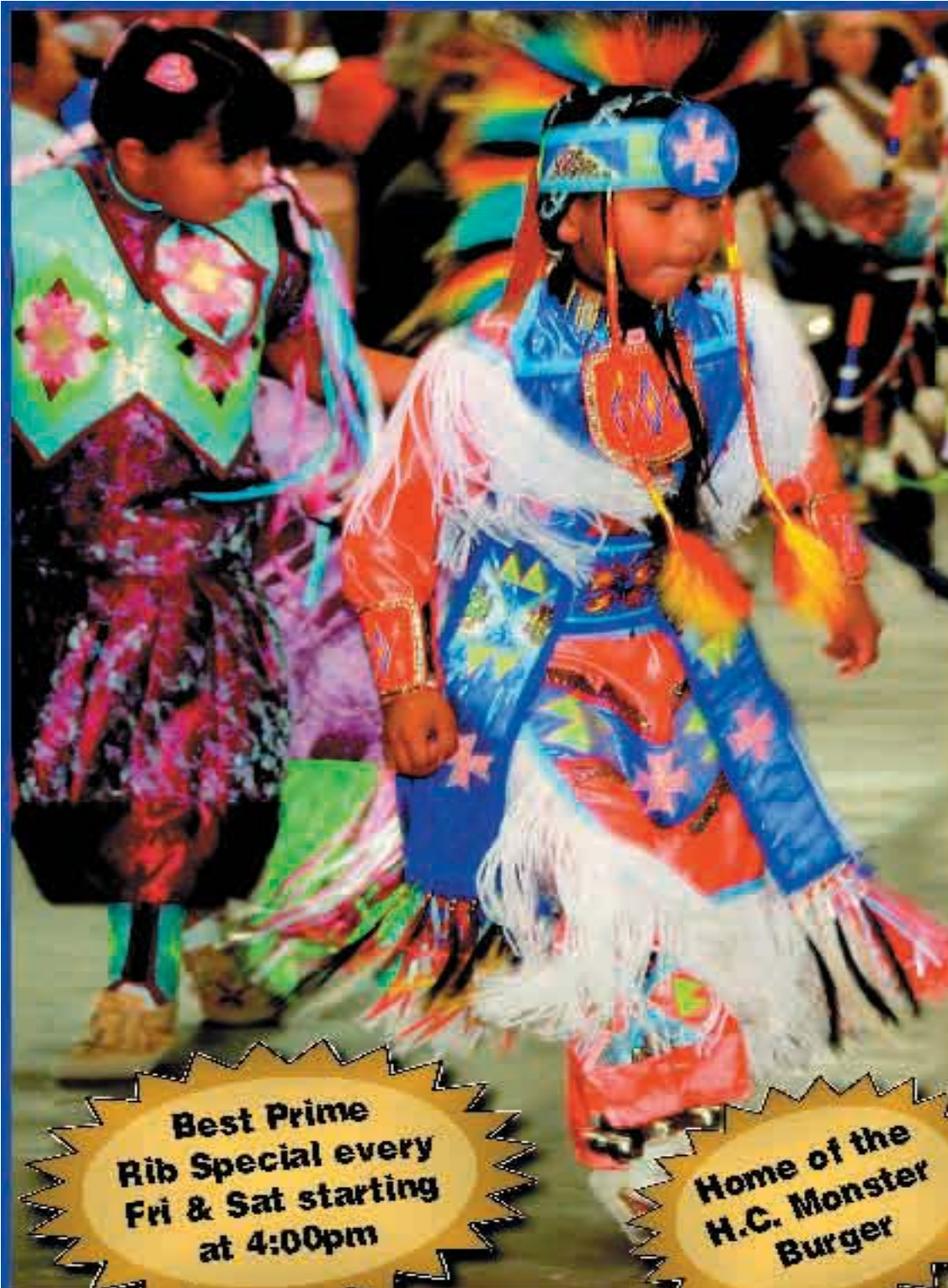
4. Paiute language;
5. Natural resources;
6. Green living, restoration and research;
7. Prevention and public safe-

ty.

Learning the Paiute language will eventually be a key part of the program but both Peck and Adams said that aspect of the program has yet to be set up. It

will take coordination with the elders and the Tribal Council. "It's just in the beginning stages," Peck said. "There's interest there."

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Members of the Burns High School band, led by Chris Heinemeyer, march down Broadway in downtown Burns during the 2011 Harney County Fair Parade.

Services: Kids Club of Harney County

The Kids Club of Harney County is a non-profit organization that is a safe and enjoyable place for children ages 6 to 17 to come after school.

It was originally opened as the Boys & Girls Club of Harney County in 2001 by a group of local volunteers. In 2008, the decision was made to branch out on their own, and with that decision came the name change.

The Kids Club has had some obstacles in the past but is moving strongly forward with new directors, new staff and changes in

board members, as well as new policies and procedures.

Jeni Stevens is the executive director and Kari Nelson is the program director. The board of directors for the Kids Club includes Krysta Raif, president; Randy Fulton, vice-president; Patty McNeil, treasurer; and board members Chris Siegner, Matt Bauer, Amy Dobson and Elaine Wulff.

They are always looking to add new board members, and would love to find people who have time and an interest in helping the Kids Club grow strongly.

The Kids Club is open from 3:20 p.m. to 6 p.m. on school days, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. The club operates under a Healthy Living Program and provides a healthy snack for the children when they arrive after school. They also offer a summer program with hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lunch is served on Fridays and during the summer months. The cost of membership is \$10 per child, per month.

The Kids Club offers various programs for members to participate in such as bully prevention,

self esteem for girls, monthly cooking and nutrition classes, weekly reading programs, weekly arts and outdoor play activities.

They also have Homework Heroes, a program available at Slater Elementary and Hines Middle School, where a teacher stays after school to help kids with their homework on certain days.

Once a month the Kids Club tries to offer a girls night out and then a boys night out. The kids get to come hang out at the kids club and have snacks, watch movies, play games and enjoy themselves

Services: Kids Club and Harney County Library

in a positive environment. This is offered to members and non-members.

The Kids Club is always looking for volunteers, and has many different areas where they need help. Volunteers are needed for kitchen assistants, reading volunteers, theatrical assistants, deep cleaning and organization assistants, landscape help, help with various projects, or just someone to come volunteer to throw a ball around with the kids. The Kids Club does ask volunteers to complete a background check before volunteering, and Kids Club pays for this background check.

They also like to encourage members of the community to come and share their occupation and experiences with the children. Presentations on various careers and living positive lives are always welcome.

The Kids Club runs solely on donations and grants, and with-

out this support locally the Kids Club would not be open. They have two big fund raisers each year. Their main fund-raising event is the Kaye Johnson Diamonds in a Glass. This event includes dinner, dessert, a door prize and live and silent auctions. They also have the Raise A Kid Campaign.

Donations from sources outside of Harney County also help keep the club running. Costco and Dryers Foundation, along with many others, have donated. They also received a \$500 one-time donation from Oregon Trail Electric.

The Kids Club has teamed up with "The Daisies," a local Girl Scouts Club. The Daisies hold their meetings at the club in exchange for members of the Kids Club getting to be included in some of their outings. For example, the two groups went on a field trip to Delintment Lake, where they went on a hike and roasted hot dogs and



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The Kids Club of Harney County counts on grants and donations to keep its doors open. Local fund raisers such as the Raise a Kid Campaign and the Kaye Johnson Diamonds in a Glass dinner fund raiser are key in funding the club.

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Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Lapsit Storytime: 10 a.m. Wednesdays — This storytime is designed for newborns to 2-year-olds with their parent/caregiver. Have fun bouncing and singing, clapping and playing, as your child is introduced to reading and books. A great way to start the reading habit is to begin when they're little.

Preschool Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays — On Wednesdays, the Harney County Library is a lively place to be. Toddlers, preschoolers, moms and dads, even babes in arms, gather in anticipation of the weekly storytime. A session may start with the alphabet song — sung backward — or an energetic game of Simon Says. Then it's time for a story with lots of interaction from the audience. After the reading session, everyone heads to the craft tables to make edible necklaces with cereal or bejeweled and glittery crowns or some other project to take home.

Storytime is a great opportunity for both parents and kids to get out of the house and socialize. It doesn't hurt to have a little fun at the same time.

Reading Club: 9 a.m. Friday — There may not be any school on Fridays but there's something to do. This fun, entertaining, one-hour session involves talking about books, doing awesome crafts and learning how the library works. Kids may be dropped off at the library for this supervised program, designed for kids in second through fifth grades.

Teen Late Night: 7 p.m. Fridays — Looking for a place to hang out with friends, munch on free snacks and listen to music? On two Fridays a month, the library opens after hours for kids in sixth through 12 grades. There might be game night with Wii Rock Band or Apples to Oregon, fun crafts where teens can make their own beads or paint a rock, or a hopping game of cards with prizes. Whatever is happening, the library is open only to teens. This program is free, so grab some friends and join the fun.



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Services: Western History Room at the library

Preserving one's family history doesn't have to be an overwhelming task if you have great resources on hand.

For those who have roots in Harney County, or are just interested in researching some of Harney County's history, a great place to begin is at the Harney County Library.

The library is home to the Claire McGill Luce Western History Room, which is a unique resource available to anyone wanting to learn about local and regional history.

The library has more than 150 individual and family history files, including diaries and genealogical information relating to past and current residents of Harney County. Other geological resources include indexes of birth, death and marriage announcements dating from the late 1800s, and the Harney County cemetery records. Also



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The Claire McGill Luce Western History Room is a great resource for those doing genealogical research.

available are census records of Harney County from 1880 to 1930 and burial listings for all of the cemeteries in Harney County.

The library is also home to the Chester and Helen Felt Oral History Recording Room. This is a sound insulated recording room, that is equipped with the latest digital

technology for recording interviews.

The recording room is available for public use, free of charge, with the assistance of library staff. Appointments for recording oral history interviews can be made by contacting the Western History Room.

Currently, there are over 500 oral histories focusing on Harney County settlement and pioneers available. The oral history project began in the 1970s, and continues to add new interviews with Harney County residents.

The Western History Room also provides three computers and a printer for research use, along with work tables and a comfortable reading area. Access to www.Ancestry.com is provided on one of the dedicated research computers in the room.

The library also provides access to historic photographs of Burns

and Hines and the people and communities of Harney County. Early history on a few of the old houses in Burns has also been documented.

A small collection of genealogy information from different counties and states can also be found at the library. Other references available are various magazines on genealogy, including family chronicles.

Karen Nitz is the primary archivist for the collection and is available to help library patrons until 5 p.m. during regular library hours. The Western History Room is open Saturdays and evenings by request. Visitors outside of regular hours are welcome with advance notice.

The library staff encourages people to record oral histories. Once family members have died, the history or stories they could tell will be gone if it hasn't been documented.

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day. We partner with the county health office to provide a blood pressure clinic monthly and are one of the first sites flu shots are offered during a fall clinic.

The center is the home of the county food pantry. We are open Mondays and Fridays 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday 1 to 3 p.m. Other community services include energy assistance, weatherization services, and medication assistance.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) volunteers are here on Tuesday afternoons to help with Medicare and other medical insurance for seniors. These volunteers also work for the Needy Meds program, assisting low income individuals in obtaining affordable medication.

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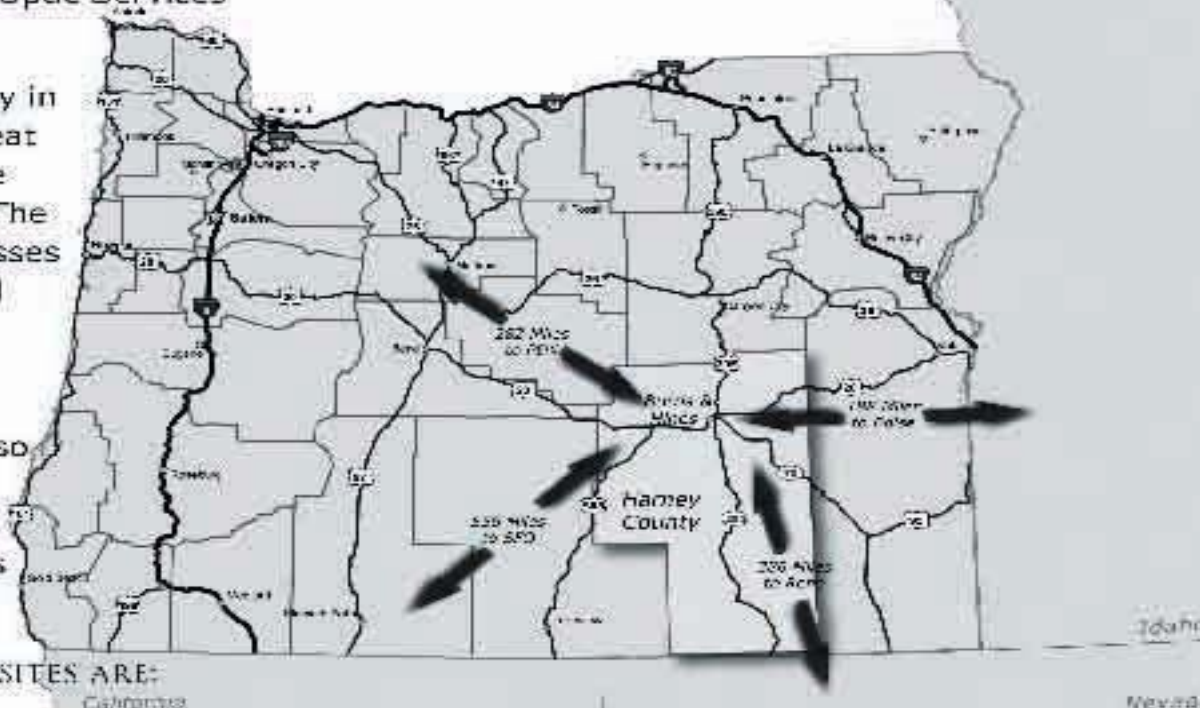
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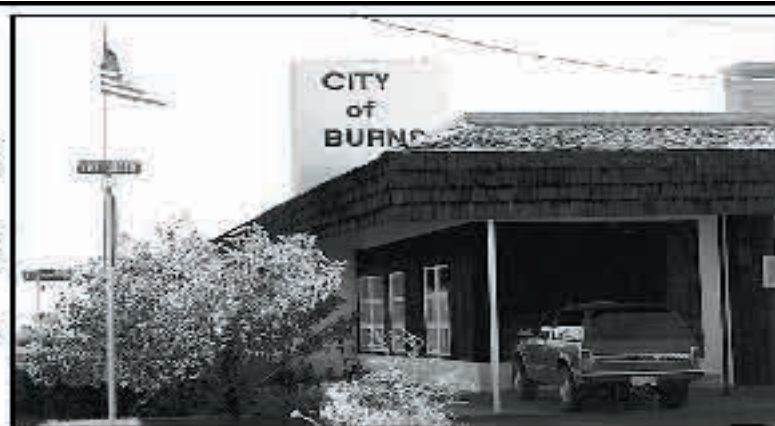
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Services: Senior center and veterans clinic



Angie Iturbide, Harney County Senior Center Executive Director

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We are the site for the public transportation of Harney County. Dial-A-Ride provides the public with affordable curb to curb on demand transportation within a 10 mile radius of the center. The current fare is \$1 a stop. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. We also offer a weekly trip to Bend. Everyone is welcomed to schedule rides by calling 541-573-3030.

The Harney County Veterans Service Officer is located at the center. He is available by appointment to advocate for the needs of the veterans in our community. He has outreach days on Friday and travels to the outlying communities to meet with those who don't come to town often. He can be reached by calling 541-573-1342.

We are currently writing grants and planning to expand our building by 2400 square feet. The expansion will allow us to spread our wings a bit and provide better and more private service to the community. We are looking forward to developing an honor exchange library and a more complete computer lab. We hope to update our electronic capability and have video conferencing capabilities. The added space and versatility will provide options to community partners when it comes to renting training space.

Local VA clinic is convenient for veterans

Officials with the Boise Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center and community partners cut ribbon on May 14, 2010, at the Burns-Hines VA Clinic in Burns.

The dedication ceremony of the new VA clinic included a tour of the new facility, located at 271 N. Egan Avenue. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are about 7,000 veterans living in the four-county (Grant, Harney, Baker and Malheur) catchment area of the Burns-Hines VA Clinic.

"The opening of the Burns-Hines VA Clinic in Burns will enable veterans in Eastern Oregon to access the high quality health and medical service they deserve from VA and the country they have served," said Steve Bull, Clinic Manager. "We hope all eligible veterans in the catchment area of this clinic take advantage of this great resource."

The Burns VA Clinic was temporarily located in the High Desert



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The Burns-Hines VA Clinic opened in May 2010 and is located at 271 N. Egan

Medical Center until it moved to its permanent location on Egan Avenue. The new building has four exam rooms, a patient waiting area and plenty of parking.

The Burns-Hines VA Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and provides a variety of services to veterans, including patient care, preventive care, mental health, lab exams, vaccinations and other general medical needs. Urgent and emergency care can be accessed at the local community hospital.

The clinic is staffed by five VA

employees — Steve Bull, M.D.IV, LCSW; Dr. Tom Fitzpatrick, MD; Steve Hagan, RN; and Marsha Wilson, PSA.

In order to access the Burns-Hines VA Clinic, veterans must first enroll and become eligible for VA health services. Veterans who wish to enroll can contact Guy McKay, Veterans Service Officer at 541-573-6024. McKay also initiates VA claims for health services, compensation, pension and educational benefits.

The Burns-Hines VA Clinic will operate under the umbrella of the



Guy McKay, Veterans Service Officer

Veterans Service Officer available to help out vets

Guy McKay is the Harney County Veterans Service Officer. McKay brings with him a military background of six years — three years of active duty and three years of active reserve in the Army as medical specialist with the combat engineers. He has been a resident of Harney County for the past 20 years, and

has worked at the Harney County Senior Center for seven years. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and camping.

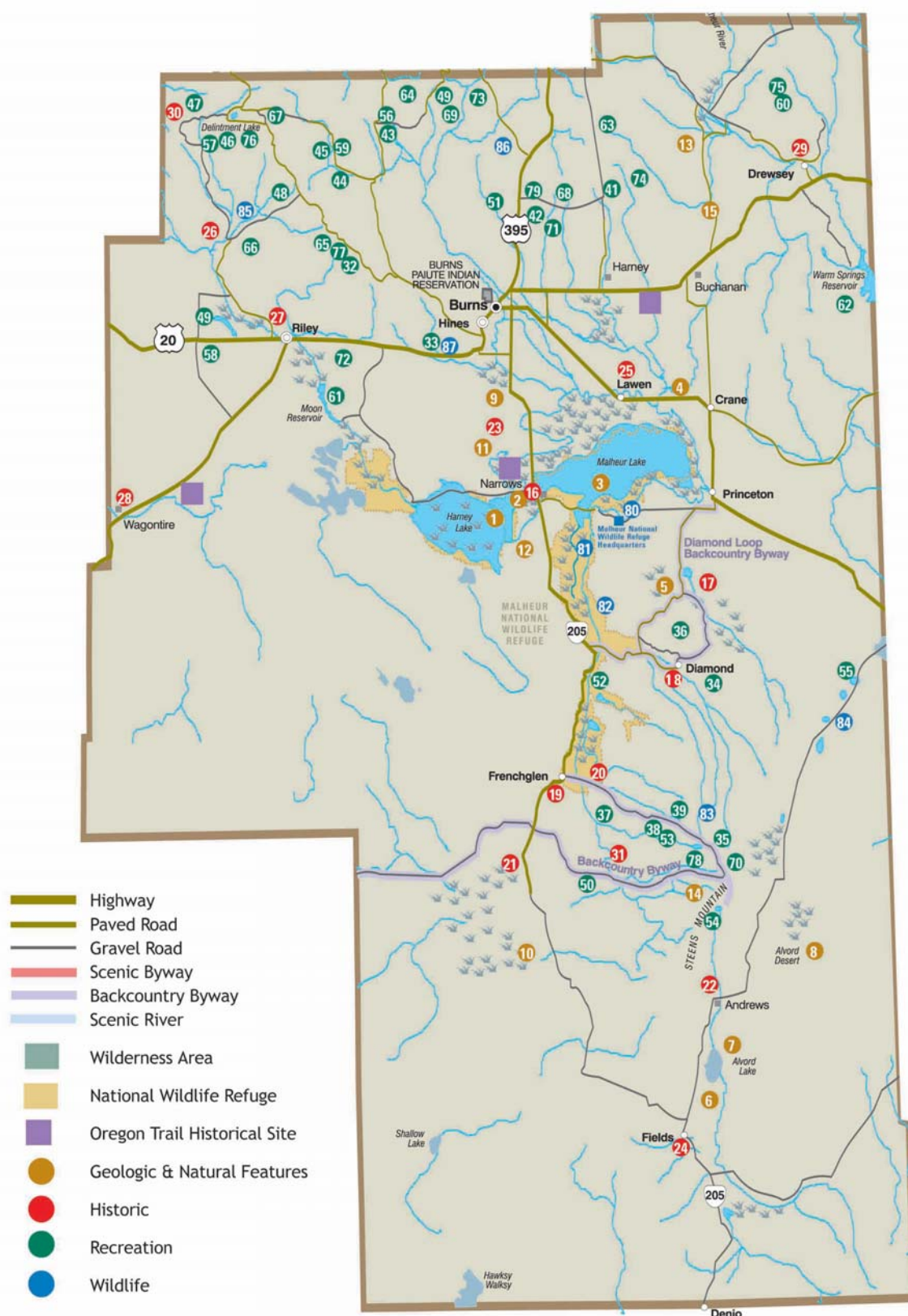
The veterans office, located at the Senior Center, is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Fridays are outreach days for rural areas.

For more information, call

Map: Points of interest in Harney County

Harney County fast facts:

- Largest county in Oregon.
- Ninth largest county in the United States.
- 10,000 square miles of open country.
- Steens Mountain elevation is 9,733 feet.
- Became a county in 1889.
- County population 7,600.



Map: Points of interest in Harney County

GEOLOGIC & NATURAL FEATURES

- 1) Harney, 2) Mud and 3) Malheur Lakes
- 4) Crystal Crane Hot Springs
- 5) Diamond Craters (BLM)
- 6) Borax Lake/Hot Springs
- 7) Alvord Lake
- 8) Alvord Desert
- 9) Wright's Point - scenic viewpoint
- 10) Catlow Valley/Catlow Rim - scenic viewpoint
- 11) Rockhounding - Agate
- 12) Rockhounding - petrified wood, Jasper
- 13) Rockhounding - leaf prints
- 14) Steens Mountain - viewpoints (BLM): Kiger Gorge, East Rim, Wild Horse Lake, Blitzen Gorge, Indian Gorge, Little Indian Gorge
- 15) Pine Creek Road - rocks, leaf prints

HISTORIC

- 16) Narrows - 1892
- 17) Peter French Round Barn
- 18) Diamond - 1874
- 19) Frenchglen Hotel
- 20) P Ranch
- 21) Blitzen - 1915
- 22) Andrews - 1890
- 23) Sunset Valley - Oldest Cemetery, 1866
- 24) Fields - 1913
- 25) Lawen - 1891
- 26) USFS, Ochoco Forest - Baby's Grave
- 27) Hwy 20 - Riley, 1885
- 28) Hwy 395 - Wagontire, 1919
- 29) Hwy 20 SE - Drewsey, 1883
- 30) Allison Guard Station - first USFS Ranger Station in Harney County
- 30) Riddle Brothers Ranch (BLM)
- 30a) Hotel Diamond

RECREATION

- 32) Pine Springs Basin Fire Interpretive Overlook (USFS)
- 33) Wild Horse Corrals (BLM)
- 34) Kiger Mustang Viewing Area (BLM)

BACKCOUNTRY BYWAYS

- 35) Steens Mountain (BLM)
- 36) Diamond Loop (BLM)

CAMPING & PICNICKING

- 37) Page Springs Campground (BLM)
- 38) Fish Lake Campground (BLM)

- 39) Jackman Park Campground (BLM)
- 40) Mann Lake (BLM)
- 41) Call Meadows Snow Shelter (USFS)
- 42) Idlewild Campground (USFS)
- 43) Yellow Jacket Lake (USFS)
- 44) Falls Creek Campground (USFS)
- 45) Emigrant Campground (USFS)
- 46) Delintment Lake Campground (USFS)
- 47) Allison Guard Station (USFS) - rental facility
- 48) Donnely Camp (USFS)
- 49) Chickahominy Reservoir (BLM)
- 50) South Steens Campground (BLM) - equestrian sites
- 51) Joaquin Miller Campground

FISHING

- 52) Krumbo Reservoir (MNWR)
- 53) Fish Lake, Steens Mountain (BLM)
- 54) Wild Horse Lake (BLM) - native cutthroat trout
- 55) Mann Lake (BLM) - great fly fishing
- 56) Yellow Jacket Lake (USFS)
- 57) Delintment Lake (USFS)
- 58) Chickahominy Reservoir (BLM)
- 59) Emigrant Creek (USFS)
- 60) Malheur River (USFS)
- 61) Moon Reservoir (BLM)
- 62) Warm Springs Reservoir (BLM)

FIRE LOOKOUTS

- 63) Calamity Lookout (USFS)
- 64) Sugar Loaf Lookout (USFS)
- 65) Bald Butte Lookout (USFS)
- 66) Dry Mountain (USFS)
- 67) Snow Mountain (USFS)
- 68) King Mountain (USFS)
- 69) West Myrtle Lookout (USFS)

HIKING

- 70) Steens Mountain (BLM)
- 71) Idlewild Campground (USFS)
- 72) Sage Hen Nature Trail (BLM) - Hwy 20 West
- 73) Myrtle Creek Trail (USFS)
- 74) Craft Cabin (Pine Creek) Trail (USFS)
- 75) Malheur River Trail (USFS)
- 76) Delintment Creek Trail (USFS)
- 77) Pine Springs Fire Overlook Trail (USFS)

WINTER SPORTS

- 78) Steens - snowmobiling and cross-country skiing by permit only (BLM)
- 79) Idlewild Snow Park - snowmobiling and cross-country skiing; parking permit



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Services: Harney County Historical Museum

The Harney County Historical Museum, in existence since 1960, is a treasure trove of everything you can think of related to Harney County. Everything in the museum was donated by Harney Countians and their descendants. Although it may look plain and rather small from the outside, the museum is filled to the brim with a wide variety of artifacts to keep everyone interested.

The building has a history all its own. Before it was established as a museum, the site was a brewery, a laundry and a wrecking yard. Clara Cameron Hanley purchased the site in 1940 and bequeathed it to her sister, Anna Cameron Cater, in 1954. Two years later, Cater donated the site to the Harney County Historical Society, along with nine other lots and \$10,000. The money was matched within two years by

citizens of Harney County, and the museum and clubroom were dedicated Aug. 2, 1960. The second-story addition was completed in 1987.

Before the museum was built, its relics were stored in the courthouse basement.

These relics, on display now in the museum for all to see, include a variety of old pictures, dishes, clothes, medical supplies, wildlife, Bibles and other books, guns, and furniture. There are old coins, glass, art and poetry. There is even a handwritten Circuit Court document dated 1903 convicting H.D. Egbert (aka John Frost) of murder and sentencing him to be hanged.

Here you can see old radios, television sets and saddles. Also on display are leatherworks, history books, scrapbooks, a large display of horse trophies, china dolls, cooking utensils, military relics and mortar

and pestles.

Several displays at the museum include Basque History on Steens Mountain, the Bomber Crash of 1945 (when 11 men died in Denio), the Paiute Indian Reservation, the Civilian Conservation Corp of Harney County 1925-1942, Stephen H.L. Meek (who encouraged emigration into the Harney Basin in the 1840s and 50s), the Peterson Room (an example of a pioneer home), the Edward Hines Lumber Company (including the last board out of the sawmill, dated April 30, 1983, 12:10 a.m.), aerial photos from the mid-1980s flood, and the restored Veteran's Boards (gold stars indicate citizens who were killed in battle).

Historian David M. Buerge of Seattle says it best in a letter to the museum: "I encourage you to retain the style and ambience of this museum. You display everything and give

the viewer the liberty of interpreting what they see. This evokes the life of the past much more effectively than modern museums whose displays are heavy on the interpretation and leave the impression that one is witnessing the dissection of a corpse. This marvelous, evocative and sensitive museum is an endangered species, preserve it. We have driven 700 miles to see this, and it is well worth the effort."

The Harney County Historical Museum is open April through September, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Located at 18 W. D St., in Burns, it is staffed entirely by volunteers. During the closed season, arrangements to visit the museum can be made by writing to Harney County Historical Society, P.O. Box 388, Burns, OR 97720.

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Events: Bird festival and Country Music Jamboree

Birders flock to Harney County for April festival

The John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival and Art Show is held each year during the first part of April. The Harney County community focuses on welcoming visitors to the ultimate birding experience.

Migratory waterfowl and others traveling the Pacific Flyway drop out of the sky to rest in the wetlands of the Harney Basin and the Blitzen Valley during their spring migration.

Guest speakers, featured artists, workshops, tours and other informative events fill three days of activity.

While the birds often arrive weeks or days before the festival gets under way and remain long after, the weekend caters to those birders and enthusiasts hungry for a rare-bird sighting, for a chance to add to their life lists or just to enjoy a weekend filled with informative, birding-related activities.

Waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and songbirds are among the many species to spot throughout the area in late March and early April.

Rafts of pelicans and legions of ducks are easily visible throughout ranchland turned into wetland seas as winter snows melt and flow out across the land. Bald eagles can also be seen perched on electric poles along birding routes, like exclamation points. They follow the flyway, as well as the migrating waterfowl, and take advantage of the abundant supply of food.

Myriad tours are offered for a variety of interests. Some offer educational opportunities for those less enthusiastic about birding; others offer opportunities to view the migrating birds, to learn about the history of the Harney Basin and the Blitzen Valley, about the people



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April is a great time to bird watch in Harney County.

of the rural ranching landscape, about environmental concerns and cooperative accomplishments in the area.

The festival is named in honor of the late John Scharff, former manager of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. You can learn more about Scharff's contributions to birding, the MNWR and the Harney County community through the festival or by contacting the MNWR.

The Harney County Chamber of Commerce works with members of the community as well as the locally based governmental land management agencies (Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, departments of Fish and Wildlife, Southeast Oregon Agricultural Research Center and others) to produce a birding weekend to please all those interested.

Tours offered in 2012 include: Banded White Geese, Birding British Style, Birding the Hot Spots, Birds of Prey, Discover the Double-O, Extreme Birding Harney Basin Rock Art, Harney Basin Working Llama Ranch and Harney County Cattlewomen's Working Ranch, among many others.

Workshops may include: Live Birds from the High Desert Museum, Building Birdhouses, Photogra-



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Each June musicians can count on old-fashioned jam sessions during the annual Country Music Jamboree held at the Harney County Fairgrounds.

Join the June jam during Country Music Jamboree

The Country Music Jamboree is held each June at the Harney County Fairgrounds. The annual event brings musicians from far and wide to the county to jam together and provide stage shows for the community.

The High Desert Fiddlers originated the music event in 1983, beginning with a fiddle contest. The jamboree forgoes competition in favor of folks playing music together and having a good time just for the joy of sharing music.

The three-day event features workshops on a variety of instruments including the fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and

hammered dulcimer as well as a workshop on clogging. The workshops are held daily.

Shows begin each day at 1 and 7 p.m. with a pre-show jam of all musicians 30 minutes before. Shows include dance bands, gospel and youth. No admission is charged for the shows — a hat is passed for donations.

Food concessions are available each day. Dinner meals require reservations.

According to the event chairperson, Janet Braymen, volunteers are the back bone of a successful jamboree each year. "It is because of the friendliness of the hometown folks that visiting musicians keep returning year

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Events: Buy fresh produce at the Farmers Market



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Enjoy locally grown produce from the Farmers Market July-October in Hines

The Farmers Market is held in the Hines City Park each Saturday from early July into October, depending on the length of the growing season.

Beginning in 2009, the market proved to be a popular event with over 20 vendors. That number increased in the 2010 season.

The market offers a variety of produce that can be grown in Harney County, as well as a number of craft items such as bird houses, various kinds of jewelry, stone items crafted by local flintknappers, artwork, photography, and other local products such as buffalo meat and farm fresh eggs.

Several vendors participate in the Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) and accept the ap-

propriate vouchers from eligible seniors and families participating in WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children).

Market organizers recommend people wanting to participate in the market as vendors to begin purchasing seeds and related tools now, start working the soil as soon as possible, make a detailed map of the garden space complete with the location of each kind of produce planned, and visit the local stores and nurseries that carry garden supplies, seed and plants suitable for Harney County gardens.

People who are interested in participating in the market or who have questions should

Tips for growing a garden in this High Desert climate

While gardening in the high desert might not be as easy as in some other parts of the country, it's not impossible.

For the past few summers, Harney County's ambitious, and successful gardeners have provided fresh produce at the Farmer's Market held at the Hines City Park.

To share their knowledge and techniques, a panel of five producers was assembled to speak to the public. The panel, which included Fred Pelroy, Mark Armstrong, Jacqueline Dickenson, Jimmy Zamora and Scott Thomas, was given a list of questions that they could each answer as to what worked best in their experience growing produce in Harney County.

Although the size of the plots varied, the recommended soil is a loamy, sandy soil with good drainage. Thomas noted that his garden sits on top of red cinder, and the cinders moderately mixed in works well for him.

The soil should be roto-tilled, and several panelists preferred



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It may not always be easy to grow produce in Harney County, but with these tips, you may have more success.

raking the soil into raised beds for more heat and deeper soil. Mulch and compost tilled into the soil was also successful.

Recommendations in other areas are as follows:

Additions to the soil: Horse manure, goat manure, time release Miracle-Gro, mulch, compost and

seaweed extract. Add epsom salts to peppers.

Watering: Soaker hoses and drip irrigation. Overhead watering can be used but isn't preferred.

Crops: Most success was had with beets, carrots, beans, peas, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, basil, eggplant, cucumbers, kale, pumpkins, squash, corn, onions, celery, Swiss chard, zucchini, radishes and artichokes.

Favorite varieties mentioned: Kentucky Blue, Royal Burgundy and Romano pole beans; Heirloom, Early Girl, Super Steak, Sun Gold, Brandywine and Striped German tomatoes; Walla Walla and Red Zeppelin onions; Silver Queen and Northern Xtra sweet corn; Miss Pickler and Sweeter Yet cucumbers; and Japanese eggplant.

Planting: Plants started indoors included tomatoes, pepper, broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant, squash and cucumber. Armstrong said he starts seeds indoors around April 1 with hopes of getting them in the

ground eight weeks later.

Depending on the weather, cold crop seeds can be planted outdoors around May 1. From Memorial Day to mid-June, plant beans and corn.

Helpful hints: Black plastic mulch keeps soil warm and reduces weeds; Wall O Water or jugs of water next to plants can help prevent freezing; remay, or floating row covers, act as a barrier to frost, insects, wind and animals; grass mulch spread between rows also helps to reduce weeds; adding calcium to the soil can help prevent blossom-end rot; letting parsley go to seed can attract bees for pollination; rather than use "grow lights" for indoor starts, use regular fluorescent bulbs; side hills and higher elevations make for better garden plots.

Because the weather in Harney County can change in a hurry, the panelists agreed that home gardeners do have to be alert for sudden changes.

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Contacts: Fair manager Don Slone, 541-573-6166; 4-H Coordinator Shana Withee, 541-573-2506; FFA Coordinators Bibiana Gomes, 541-493-2641 and Jimmy Zamora, 541-573-2044.

Fair office hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday



Health care: Hospice and Symmetry Care

Harney County Hospice eases lives of terminally ill patients

With just 17 staff members, which includes three full-time nurses, two part-time nurses and two home health aides, Harney County Hospice provides around the clock care, every day of the year.

Hospice receives tremendous support from the community. There are 15 to 20 volunteers who help out, as well as the doctors, pharmacists and hospital staff.

Although hospice has a number of loyal volunteers, they could always use more. Volunteers don't necessarily have to work directly with patients. From office chores to lawn work

to little jobs around a home, all are welcome.

Hospice is mostly funded through Medicare, but that doesn't cover all expenses. Various donations help make a big difference. Families have donated several pieces of equipment, including lift chairs, and monetary donations are always welcome.

Oftentimes patients have used up most of their savings paying for treatment and medicine before they arrive at hospice. Hospice will then try to pay expenses incurred by the patient that Medicare doesn't cover.

Hospice also provides profes-

sional nursing care, acts as a liaison between patient and doctor and preserves the value of life at its end.

Patient services

Despite a limited budget, hospice makes the most of what they have.

Hospice is a symptom treatment program, concentrated on care, not cure. Patients are often people with terminal illnesses who have tried other programs and cures to no avail. They've been given six months, or less, to live. Hospice provides the care and services to maintain the quality of life until the end.

After a patient has passed away, hospice provides bereave-

ment services for 12-13 months. They have a chaplain and social worker available, send cards and hold a memorial service each autumn to remember those who passed away under their care during the past year.

They have also established a Soup and Support group, which meets once a month to deal with grieving issues.

Fund raising

A major fund raiser for hospice is their Food and Wine Festival, which is held each November at the Burns Elks Lodge. November is National Hospice Month — a time to honor caregiving heroes who make

Symmetry Care offers outpatient and addiction services

The name may have changed but the services have stayed the same, as Harney Behavioral Health officially became Symmetry Care on July 1, 2011.

Along with new name came the change of turning a county-run public agency into a private, non-profit organization with a board of directors.

The mental health facility had been operated by the county for many years. The county and mental health department started looking into privatizing over a year ago, largely due to legislation that had passed integrating all health care between mental health, physical health and dental. The majority of rural mental health facilities have chosen to become private, non-profit.

According to Chris Siegner, director of Symmetry Care, it's hard for programs to grow within the county structure due to certain restrictions.

Becoming a private, non-profit organization allows Symmetry Care to be more flexible, permitting adaptation to changes that will be coming around.

Harney County is still the local mental health authority and will administer a contract with Symmetry Care.

Siegner said, "We are really excited about having the opportunity to offer even more programs as a private non-profit."

He added that Symmetry Care plans to "build on what's been very successful programs that are currently in place."

Although changes have been made, there has not been any disruption in services or changes in staff at the facility. The fees have also remained the same. Symmetry Care will still bill insurance, they accept the Oregon Health Plan and provide a sliding fee for those who qualify.

Symmetry Care offers a variety of programs available to any private citizen, not just those who have been referred through the court system. These programs all depend on the level of care needed.

Symmetry Care has an experienced staff. Employees must meet certain qualifications because they are licensed by the State of Oregon. They have very strict rules that govern confidentiality and professionalism.

Altogether Symmetry Care has 12 counselors including seven clinicians with master's degrees and two licensed clinicians.

Programs offered include:

- outpatient services for anyone in the community who feels they have any type of mental health concern that they would like to have addressed;
- addiction services to help with any kind of addiction including alcohol, drugs, prescription medications or gambling;
- specialized programs for high-risk youth who are in danger of being placed outside of

their home;

- psychiatric services provided by both a child psychiatrist and an adult psychiatrist;
 - 10-bed residential facility and five-bed foster care for adults with psychiatric difficulties;
 - a peer counselor program;
 - they are also part of a treatment court in Harney County, which is a combination of efforts between the circuit court, district attorneys office, Symmetry Care, defense attorneys and parole and probation;
 - Symmetry Care operates the Regional Youth Resource Program. There are two staff members dedicated to this program.
- Lesser known types of treatments include:
- types of hypnosis treatments for smoking cessation;
 - EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing) — a program that works well with people who have been victims of trauma and helps them reprocess painful memories so they have less traumatic responses;
 - a woman's group called Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT). This program is used for people who have been victims of abuse or have been in neglectful situations and don't know how to manage their emotions. This program helps them perceive others appropriately and

Health care: Harney District EMS and AirLink

FireMed affiliates throughout Harney County offer a variety of services that honor your membership if you need their help.

People who sign up for Harney District EMS are covered even when they travel outside of the two emergency transport service areas.

FireMed members share statewide reciprocity with other FireMed services and gain additional benefits beyond their hometown ambulance service area.

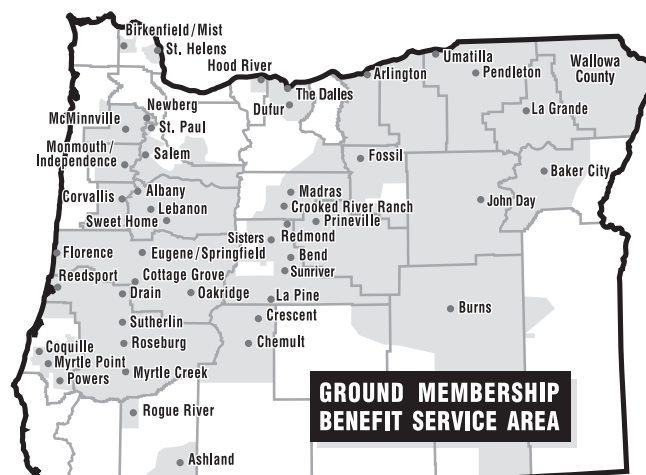
AirLink also recently gained another reciprocal partner through the Association of Air Med/MFP, a national organization.

There are now eight reciprocal agencies: AirLink of Boise, Idaho; Life Flight of Boise, Idaho; and Portland of Oregon; California AirMed of Redding, California; AirMed of Eugene, Oregon; Wyoming Life Flight of Casper, Wyoming; Bend, Oregon; and CAESAR of Northern California.

Members pay nothing out-of-pocket for their emergency ground or air transport services provided by the reciprocal agency through the FireMed or AAMMP networks.

The reciprocal agency bills the member's insurance carrier or payment accepts that payment has no health insurance. If FireMed or AirLink absorbs the entire cost of the medically urgent transport.

Membership dollars for Harney District EMS are in Burns and give anyone who can't pay for a medical bill a chance to get help. If you have questions about ground or air membership coverage, call 1-800-353-0497.



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Health care: Mental health and Community Counseling

Mental health counselor uses a holistic approach

“Every storm has a refuge” is the motto for The Light Point Healing Center (LPHC). This healing center is owned by Peggy McFarland, who is a integrative mental health counselor. She opened her business in May 2011.

McFarland splits her time between her office in Burns and in Lakeview, where she owns a ranch with her husband.

She has a social work degree from Brigham Young University, and a master’s degree in mental health counseling from Capella University. McFarland finished her internship at Harney Behavioral Health, now known as Symmetry Care.

McFarland believes in using complimentary practices with a holistic approach. She combines traditional counseling therapies with complimentary strategies, such as EFT (emotional freedom



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Peggy McFarland is an integrative mental health counselor who operates out of offices in Burns and Lakeview.

technique), an energy psychology technique. She advocates exercise, yoga, massage therapy, light box therapy and attention to lifestyle and diet. She promotes

natural remedies whenever possible.

McFarland believes very strongly in using EFT to help many patients. EFT is an energy psychology used to reduce emotional distress and utilize the tapping of acupuncture points while a client focuses on a specific issue. She said “it is a wonderful self-help tool,” that helps with a wide range of symptoms including stress, fears and worries. Her website provides links to extensive research on the benefits of EFT.

She offers help in a lot of areas for those suffering from trauma, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), phobias and relationship issues. She said she really enjoys working with woman and girls, and also offers a weight/wellness class.

McFarland has written and published a curriculum to help

adolescent girls develop positive body image called “Healthy Transitions for Girls.” It is based upon extensive research and collaboration with other professionals. As a mother of four daughters (and many “adopted” daughters) she has worked with youth for the last 30 years, and said she is passionate about helping girls develop a genuine sense of self-worth. For more information on this program, go to:

www.healthytransitionsforgirls.com.

She does not bill insurance at this time, but does have a sliding fee scale, and also offers prepaid discount packages. McFarland also accepts Wellness 2000, the employee assistance plan provided for BLM employees.

The Light Point Healing Center is located at 51 West Washington. She can be reached by email at peggy@thelighthousepoint.com.

Program helps those with developmental disabilities

Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) is a private, non-profit developmental disabilities program, developed to help support people of all ages with developmental disabilities.

Robin Christy is the Developmental Disability Service Coordinator for Harney County.

Christy said she currently has about 20 clients in her caseload. She helps assist individuals with coordinating and/or accessing community support services that may be available to the person. If an individual requires testing, CCS covers the expenses for the testing.

Developmental disability is a term used to describe lifelong dis-



File photo

Robin Christy is the Developmental Disability Service Coordinator for Harney County.

abilities attributable to mental and/or physical impairments, and are determined prior to age 18. If an individual has never had a di-

agnosis, it can be done when they are adults.

After an individual turns 18, they have the option of being represented and supported by Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage (EOSSB), who help individuals in Eastern Oregon. An individual does not have to go through EOSSB, they do still have the option of getting assistance from CCS.

Some CCS clients are referred from Symmetry Care. Christy wants teachers and parents to know that they can refer their students or children to CCS. She said the younger they are, the better it is to get them in and get them help.

Christy said her favorite part of her job is when she “can successfully see someone be helped.” She has been able to work with individuals, get them training and help them to be able to be self sufficient and live on their own.

Christy said a lot of parents have the misconception that if they do not get guardianship over their child, that when they turn 18 they will become wards of the state. She said that is not true. She said there are options and CCS can help with those.

Christy stressed that it is important for parents to say what they need in assistance, be it training or help purchasing supplies. There is funding and help for people who

Health care: Massage therapy and acupuncture

Trinity's Touch offers a variety of therapies

Darci Wolfe is a licensed massage therapist, who has been seeing clients in Harney County since 2006.

The name of her company is Trinity's Touch Massage Therapy, and she works out of 120 SW Circle Drive in Hines, but she is also flexible to do home visits. Wolfe also sees clients at Beauty on Broadway and A Touch of Harmony, as well as going to Crystal Crane Hot Springs near Crane a couple of times each month.

Looking back at how she began her business, Wolfe said she knew she wanted to go to school and had been looking for a career direction when she decided to try out massage therapy. After she started school, she realized massage was something she was very much interested in and was enjoying.

Wolfe graduated from Ashmead College in Tigard and received her license in 2004.

She offers various forms of massage therapy including energy work, stretching techniques, essential oils and stone massage. Wolfe said if it is a customer's first massage, she doesn't recommend a stone massage, as it is a deeper massage.

Clients see Wolfe for many reasons. She said massages help with relaxation, managing pain, maintaining balance or healing an in-



Darci Wolfe,
massage
therapist

Acupuncturist helps clients relieve pain

Are you in pain, but having trouble affording the rising cost of prescription pain medicine? Are over-the-counter medicines like aspirin and ibuprofen just not cutting it anymore? Are you looking for an alternative form of therapy that may provide relief? Then acupuncture just might be the answer.

According to licensed acupuncturist Paul Robbins, who comes to Burns every other week, the average person can expect 40 to 60 percent pain relief, more energy and more restful sleep by undergoing acupuncture treatment.

Robbins got interested in acupuncture after a very severe bout with pneumonia many years ago. He said he didn't have much money and decided to go to an acupuncturist and was cured of the illness within three days. He's been hooked ever since.

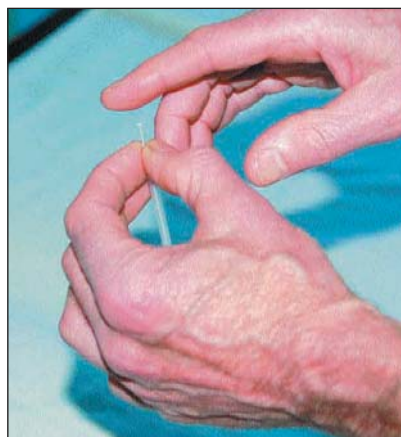
Robbins then attended a four-year program at Southwest Acupuncture College in Albuquerque, N.M., and obtained his license. This is his eighth year in practice.

As Robbins explains it, acupuncture is one of the oldest systems around. It is holistic-oriented and works with the whole body. "A lot of people will come in and want to work on something specific, like knee pain, and then come back the next time and say how much better they're sleeping," he explained. "You can't separate it out; it affects all the systems."

Nobody really knows how acupuncture works, Robbins said, but an easy way of explaining it is by comparing it to drugs. Everyone knows what drugs are, opiates being the most common. When a person gets acupuncture, the brain actually cuts off the sensation of pain where the needle is. When the needle is put in, a



File photos
Acupuncturist Paul Robbins travels to Burns every other week to treat clients for various maladies.



message is sent to the brain, and the brain releases endorphins (the body's natural equivalent to an opiate).

"As long as the needles are there," Robbins explained, "The person feels no pain — even if they were in severe pain at the time."

Robbins said Chinese medicine explains that pain is caused by a blockage in the energy flow. "If

the blockage can be cleared, the energy flows more freely," he said. However, if the problem is accumulating faster than what is being done to treat it, the treatment results will only be temporary, and the sufferer will have to keep having treatments to get results. "If you can get the structural problem resolved," he explained, "then it will maybe only take a few times."

Harney County resident Charles Cagle began acupuncture treatments in April. He went to his first session as a complete skeptic, hearing others talk about the great results, but thinking it was all in their heads. However, he said, pills weren't working anymore to help with the pain in his knees, so he thought he'd give it a try.

Now, he's a believer. "It's made all the difference in the world," he said. "My knees don't hurt as bad and don't wake me up in the middle of the night anymore."

Charles' wife, Lorna, noticed the difference right away, stating, "The first thing I said was, 'Oh, you don't shuffle anymore.'" After seeing the results her husband achieved, she has also started treatment and, although she has only had two sessions with Robbins, she has already seen a marked improvement with her hip pain. "It's like a different world to walk around without that pain!" she exclaimed.

For anyone who isn't getting pain relief from aspirin or any other over-the-counter pain medicine, Lorna said they should give acupuncture a try.

"Charles was very skeptical," she said, "but it helped him."

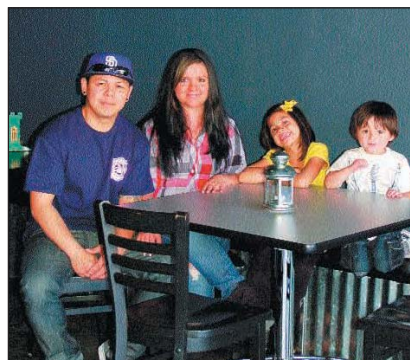
Robbins sees patients at the Harney County Senior and Community Services Center every other week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dining out: Showtime Bar & Grill

Showtime Bar & Grill opened last year in downtown Burns. It's the creation and handiwork of the owners, Krysta and Danny Raif.

The Raifs originally moved to Harney County from San Diego, Calif., for what Krysta said was a "temporary" time. "I thought we would be in a big hurry to leave," she said. "Now, we've adapted." One year turned to two, and the Raifs decided this would be home. The dream of owning their own business was something they had put on the back burner in the past, but everything came into line last year, and Showtime was born.

Located at 430 N. Broadway, the bar and grill resides in what was a gutted and completely stripped-down space. When the Raifs first purchased the building they basically had to start from scratch.



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Showtime Bar & Grill owners Krysta and Danny Raif want their establishment in downtown Burns to be known as family-friendly.

There was no electricity or plumbing and the structure had been left in disrepair. This was late November 2010. With experience in construction, Danny was able to do the majority of the work himself.

One of the biggest undertakings was building and installing the bar. Using a wooden roofing beam, Danny sanded and varnished it to create a smooth, yet heavy, bar top. When it came time to install the bar, he said it took 10 people to do the job. "We were pulling people off of the streets to help," said Krysta.

The concept for Showtime was a combination of things that the Raifs had seen at other establishments, their love of sports and both of their creative spirits. The decor incorporates several themes, varying from wall to wall and area to area. There's a boxing corner, a baseball corner and a nostalgia corner complete with pictures of James Dean.

One area has been designated the V.I.P section. This section boasts a comfortable couch and amenities.

In addition to the comfort, customers who have reserved the V.I.P. area also receive special drink service from the Showtime servers.

When the Raifs began the planning process for their business, they said they knew they wanted to create a family-friendly atmosphere. With this in mind, they built an arcade in the back room, offer a menu with items children will enjoy and opted for a business license that allows children on the premises.

From 9 p.m. to closing, the Raifs hope that Showtime will become the place people go to hang out, not just for the bar, but for socializing. "We want it to be fun, with lots of positive energy," said Krysta.

To add to the atmosphere, the menu offers food that can be found at ballparks — dogs, nachos and the Raifs' special "teriyaki bowl,"







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The Apple Peddler

Dining out: El Toreo Mexican Restaurant

Oscar and Sylvia Martinez hadn't intended to open a restaurant, or even move to the United States, but life has a way of throwing curveballs every now and again. Now in their 14th year of owning and running the El Toreo Mexican Restaurant in Burns, they don't regret it for a moment.

In 1995, Oscar and Sylvia took a trip to Bend from their home in Mexico to visit Sylvia's family, who owned a restaurant in Central Oregon. During the visit, Oscar helped out in the restaurant, cooking for his brother-in-law. The couple intended to go home to Mexico, but Oscar was such a great cook, his brother-in-law didn't want him to go. He kept asking them to stay "a little longer," and they just never left.

In 1998, they came to Burns to work in the Mexican restaurant here, then called the Mazatlan.



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Oscar and Sylvia Martinez opened the El Toreo Mexican Restaurant in downtown Burns in 1998, and 14 years later, they're still going strong.

When the Mazatlan shut down, Oscar said, Sylvia didn't want to leave. She loved living in such a quiet small town and thought it was a great place to raise her children. The two decided to buy the restaurant

and reopened it as the El Toreo.

Oscar and Sylvia have two children, Rachele and Oscar Jr., both of whom were raised here in Burns. Rachele is still in high school and, Oscar noted, she loves it here. "She

never wants to leave," Oscar said. Their son, Oscar, is 22 now and lives in Mexico where he owns a small business serving American food. Oscar said his friends get a big kick out of him moving to America and opening a Mexican restaurant while his son moved back to Mexico to open an American restaurant.

The Martinezes are very hands-on owners. Oscar continues to cook for the restaurant, while Sylvia works as a waitress. They offer a wide variety of traditional Mexican fare, and although Oscar said he could cook other foods, Mexican food is what he likes cooking best. Most of the menu options are milder, "not as spicy as we like it," Oscar said, but they do have spicier options on their menu, as well.

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McDonald's Restaurant

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Winter hours are Sunday - Thursday 6am to 10pm., Friday and Saturday 6am to 11pm. Summer hours are 6am-11pm. Open 7 days a week.

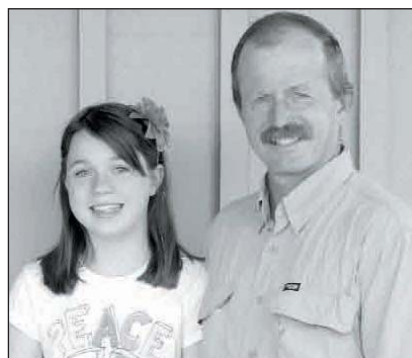
Dining out: Pine Room Restaurant and Lounge

For the past 32 years Bill Andersen has lived in Harney County, where he was employed with the Bureau Land Management. He recently started looking for a new career opportunity. When he realized that the Pine Room, a local restaurant and lounge, was for sale, he purchased it.

The Pine Room has had a reputation of offering fine dining in Harney County for many years. Andersen said he is very excited to be part of "a successful business with a long tradition of good food and good atmosphere."

Andersen is new to running a restaurant but not new to owning his own business. In the past, he has been the owner of two businesses, and he has years of experience dealing with the public.

He said he knows good food, and he knows what good service is. He



File photo

Pine Room owner Bill Andersen and daughter, Summer, pose for a photo in front of the restaurant.

also added, "I was lucky and inherited a really good staff."

This venture works out well with Andersen's 13-year-old daughter, Summer. She gets to be part of this business with her dad and help out.

After purchasing the Pine Room, Andersen did a little research and asked local folks what they would like to see added to the menu. One thing people agreed on was they missed the shrimp cocktail that came with the dinners, so that was added back in.

There have been a few changes to the menu — meal salads have been added, fresh homemade bread is baked daily and there is a different homemade soup each day.

Andersen's goal is to have a seafood special once a week, and there will be a prime rib special every Friday and Saturday night.

They will not be serving breakfast regularly but are looking into having a breakfast brunch once a month.

The majority of the meat used at the Pine Room will be purchased from Buermann's Ranch

Meats, a local business.

Andersen has been looking into adding entertainment such as cowboy poetry.

The lounge is a full service bar, and patrons have the option of ordering food in there as well. The lounge is always hopping when there is a rodeo or an event in town, beginning with the Harney County Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, July 9. The Pine Room will be featuring a live band after the rodeo.

The Pine Room also offers a banquet room, which Andersen has plans to remodel and upgrade. It can be reserved for receptions, Christmas parties or meetings, and in the future, there may be an option to have parties catered.

Currently, reservations are not required for nightly dining. And you can always call in and place an order to go.



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In business: Harney Electric Co-op's new building

Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. (HEC) has a new place to call home. They moved into a new building located at 277 Lottery Lane in Hines, and doors opened for business at the new location May 23, 2011.

This is the main headquarters for HEC. They also have district offices in Fields and one in Orvada, Nev. HEC has a service area of approximately 20,000 square miles covering Southeast Oregon and Northwest Nevada.

General Manager Randy Whitaker said there is a couple of reasons they needed to relocate and build a new building. They ran out of space at the old location, and there was no room for expansion.

At the old building there was not adequate parking and the parking lot was unsafe in the



File photo

Harney Electric Cooperative opened its doors at 277 Lottery Lane last spring.

winter, especially with the steepness — they had cars slide into the highway when it was icy. It was also hard for workers to pull out of the driveway onto the highway when they were carrying poles.

HEC had to store materials

at three different locations, due to limited space at the previous location. They are now able to store everything in one place, which cuts down response time to an outage because they won't be running all over trying to get stuff together.

The new building is 6,900 square feet and allows for future growth. At the old location people were having to share offices. There is now adequate space for everyone. They also have a new board room and plenty of parking space.

The new shop is 11,000 square feet versus the old one, which was a four-car garage.

HEC will be selling the old building, which sits on 1.5 acres. They will also be selling their lot behind the high school, which is 3.5 acres.

The new location is on 7.5 acres, and when planning for the new building, HEC tried to keep practicality in mind and make it fit for their clientele.

HEC does not have mail delivered to the new building. The new mailing address is P.O. Box

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In business: Martin E. Thompson Jr., attorney at law



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Martin E. Thompson Jr. grew up in Harney County and returned last year to open up his own law office.

Martin E. Thompson Jr. recently opened up his own law practice in Burns.

Thompson was born and raised in Harney County, growing up on a cattle ranch in Princeton. He said he didn't like all the trappings of ranch life and kept himself busy immersed into sports. During summers he either worked on his family's ranch or worked as a firefighter.

After graduating from Crane Union High School, he attended college at Oregon State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science. He then moved to South Dakota and received his law degree from the University of South Dakota.

After passing the Oregon bar exam in 2008, Thompson attend-

ed Washington State University School of Law, where he earned an advanced law degree in taxation, focusing primarily in the areas of business and estate taxation and tax controversy.

While living in Seattle, Wash., he worked with low-income tax controversy cases. He then moved to Bend and worked at a law firm for awhile.

After becoming satisfied that he had achieved the necessary level of experience he needed to open his own practice, Thompson returned to Burns, where he felt there was a demand for a lawyer.

He is a general practice lawyer and said he is basically a jack-of-all-trades — he handles business, estate planning, divorce, criminal defense and tax

cases. At this time he is not doing bankruptcy cases. He has one employee working in his office, Whitney Garo, who is his legal assistant.

Thompson offers all clients their first initial consultation free of charge for the first 30 minutes.

When asked what his future plans are, he said, "To pay the bills and keep building up my practice and client base."

Thompson is also looking for civic activities that he can volunteer and become involved in. He said he would like to become involved so he can help make this community more successful.

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In business: Fly shop and S&H Building Supply

Steens Mountain Outdoors caters to all

The owner of Steens Mountain Outdoors is no newcomer to fly fishing or Harney County. Larry Williams was born and raised in Harney County and has been an avid fly fisherman since he was 12 years old.

Williams along with his wife Cindy, opened the doors for business on April 2, 2011.

Williams is also a taxidermist and the back of the store will be for his taxidermy shop. He opened up the taxidermy part last October. He has been a contractor with Artistic Taxidermy out of Portland since 1982. He does a wide variety of animals, fish and birds.

Steens Mountain Outdoors is



File photo

Larry Williams and his wife Cindy opened Steens Mountain Outdoors last

well on its way to becoming Southeast Oregon's only destination fly shop. The goal is to cater to customers who are coming here to fish so they will carry flies that work in this area.

They carry an assortment of flies some are hand tied by a couple of local guys and they also carry flies that are purchased from various vendors. Williams said he purchases flies that the locals don't know how

to tie or don't have the recipe for. He is overwhelmed by how many flies they are selling.

Steens Mountain Outdoors carries products from many very popular fly fishing supply companies such as Umpqua, Hareline, Tiemco, Metz and Mustad.

One of the main companies that they carry products from is Loon, an Oregon company based out of Ashland. They specialize in products

that are biodegradable and are safe for the environment.

Also in the store are various fly rods and Williams also custom builds fly rods.

He will be offering fly tying classes throughout the year. Williams hopes to have three classes a year. In the early spring it will be a beginners class, later in the spring an intermediate class and fall will be an advanced class.

Williams' wife, Cindy, wanted to make sure the shop had something for everyone, so she makes a point to stock items that can't be found anywhere else locally. Right now she is carrying different bird feeders and even has feeders for squirrels. She also carries various knickknacks, maps, binoculars and an assortment of bird seed.

Updated fishing reports are available on a board by the front doors.

The Williams' main goal is to be able to expand their business and to be able to support some employees and to fill the community's needs so people don't have to travel out of town to shop. Special order requests

S&H Building Supply has doors, windows and much more

Some people say that when one door closes, another one opens. For Mark Sullivan and Kevin Hissong it wasn't just a door that opened, but an entire building supply business.

When Don's Windows, Doors and More closed their doors in 2010, Sullivan and Hissong saw the need in the community for another building supply and opened S&H Building Supply on Jan. 24, 2011.

"I worked at Don's for the past four years, the last two as manager, so it was a good fit," Sullivan said.

Sullivan stated they carry a full line of supplies including windows, doors, roofing material, dimensional lumber, plywood, sheetrock, deck-



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Mark Sullivan and Kevin Hissong of S&H Building Supply make sure customer service is their No. 1 priority.

ing, fencing, pavers, tools, glues and hardware.

In the event that the materials someone needs are not on hand, S&H has a truck delivery every week.

S&H also offers free delivery, on-site visits and free estimates, and they are currently in the process of developing tool rentals.

Despite the economy, Sullivan said they have had a tremendous response from the public. "I think our biggest asset is customer service," Sullivan said. "People like to be greeted when they come through the door and we do that. A \$5 ticket is as important to us as a \$500 one." Sullivan added that the coffee is always on and there's even dog biscuits for the pets.

As with many fledgling businesses, Sullivan, Hissong and their employees put everything they can back into it to make it a success.

"Our goal is to employ three to five families," Hissong said.

Sullivan and Hissong also try to help out the community as much as they can. They, along with others, help transport loads from Ontario to the Harney County Food Bank, support the local All-American Boxing Club and are a member of the Harney County Chamber of Commerce.

S&H Building Supply is located at 302 South Broadway, and while it may seem a little way off the beaten path, Sullivan said people have no trouble finding them. "We've got new customers coming in every day and we're always willing to sit down and visit with them about what they

In business: Burns-Hines Liquor Store expansion

A good businessman knows an opportunity when he sees one.

After operating the Burns-Hines Liquor Store for more than eight years in an adequate, but cramped, space in the Ponderosa Village, owners Bob and Sonja McDannel saw an opportunity when a space just a couple of doors down became vacant.

Being able to envision the possibilities, the McDannels made the move into the larger space and the result has been pretty much a complete transformation.

The inventory has been expanded to include a wide variety of mixers, beer, high-end liquors, cigarettes, cigars, snacks and an exclusive wine selection. "We'll carry what people in Harney County want," McDannel said. "If we don't have it, all they have to do is ask for it and we'll get it if we can."



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Bob and Sonja McDannel expanded the Burns-Hines Liquor store in

The expansion has meant adding two more employees, including store manager Toni Ford. "She's in charge," laughed McDannel. "I'll just pop in every now and then to see how things are going."

Ford brings expertise to the store's wine selection, and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Ford said she grew up in wine country in the Sierra Nevada foothills, worked in a wine tasting room while in college and continued her education serving fine wines in the restaurant industry.

Using the knowledge she has gained, Ford has put together a wine selection she hopes will appeal to everyone, and to everyone's budget.

Ford said there are plans to hold monthly wine tasting events to introduce new wines and what foods go well with them. "Wine and food go together and this is a chance for people to experience that," Ford said. "It's also fun for people who are willing to try new wines."

In addition, the store will have a bulletin board posting featured wines and recipe ideas to go along with them.

Ford is also working with 90+ Wines in Burns to form a Wine Ap-

preciation Club, which would not be affiliated with the businesses, but rather private gatherings for wine aficionados.

Both McDannel and Ford stressed that the wine selection was made with the attempt to not duplicate what was already available in town. "We have labels that people probably haven't heard of, including New World wines from South America and high-quality Northwest wines," Ford said. "We want to enhance the wine selection in the community, and if we don't have what someone is looking for, we can recommend other businesses, like 90+ Wines, that might have it."

McDannel stated that with the larger inventory, he hopes people will view the store as a one-stop shopping place.

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In business: Robbins Equipment III

As the agricultural folks in Harney County begin to ready for the growing season, the crew at Robbins Equipment III in Burns are also gearing up for a busy time of year.

For the employees at Robbins, the change of seasons means going from doing primarily repair and maintenance work in the shop to traveling all over the county repairing equipment in the field. "Summer time is especially busy and fun," Stephany Conner, the secretary for Robbins Equipment III, said. "Everybody's running around and I like being busy."

With Robbins Equipment I and II already established in Baker City and La Grande respectively, Robbins Equipment III opened their doors in Burns in 2001 and Robbins Equipment IV was recently opened in Christmas Val-



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Robbins Equipment III in Burns carries Massey, Ferguson, Hesston and Kuhn farm equipment such as the tractors and rakes pictured above.

ley.

All four businesses offer Massey Ferguson, Hesston and Kuhn farm equipment, including tractors, balers, swathers, rakes and roto-tillers.

"Our main line of replacement parts is AGCO, and we do repairs on all brands of farm and ranch equipment," Conner said.

To make sure they can provide

good service to their customers, Robbins has four fully loaded service vehicles for repairs in the field and three master-certified technicians.

There are also annual sales on parts, an incentive program and a preventive maintenance program that can save ranchers and farmers money.

"We've got a good relationship

with our customers," Conner said. "They're loyal to us and we're loyal to them."

Along with Conner and General Manager Kris Robbins, there are eight other employees, including the Christmas Valley business.

While the summer keeps the mechanics and technicians hopping, there are moments that make the job memorable.

One such moment occurred when a rancher called and said the air conditioner in his swather wasn't working. The responding mechanic asked him over the phone if the heater switch was off and the rancher assured him it was.

So the mechanic made the trip out to the ranch to have a look. "It was a hot, hot day and when the rancher climbed out of the swather's cab, he had sweat just

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In business: 4B Nursery and 4B Floral

As the new spring season blooms in Harney County, Brittnee LaFollette's business venture has also taken bloom. LaFollette opened the doors to 4B Nursery and 4B Floral April 16, 2011.

Located at 336 W. Monroe, the nursery was originally opened by LaFollette's mom, Beverly, in 2002. During junior high and high school, LaFollette said she was always drawn to the business and helped whenever she could, even if it meant walking from their home to the store to help.

After graduating, LaFollette went to college, but said she had been so used to working, she hated watching her hard-earned money going away, while not having the chance to make more. After 2.5 years of school, LaFollette made the decision to come back to Burns and relaunch 4B. She will continue to achieve a degree in horticulture through Oregon State University.

Looking at LaFollette's family tree, it's easy to see where she gets her green thumbs. "It's always been a family thing," she said. "It started with my G.G. (great-grandmother, Ruth Culp), and then my Grandma Mac (Patty McDonald) and then my mom."

As a family group, LaFollette said it was an annual event for them to attend a lawn and garden show in Portland, and she was always fascinated with all of the plant and flower varieties, as well as design and landscaping ideas. Now that she has her own shop, LaFollette said she can depend on her family for help and support.

4B Nursery

One of the first steps LaFollette made after making the decision to reopen the nursery was to purchase the remainder of the lot, allowing her to double the



space available. With the help of her family and friends, she added a green house to the northwest corner of her space and fenced the entire area. She said the addition will allow her to keep the nursery open year-round with fall products, as well as Christmas and other seasonal items.

The annuals and perennials she has already gotten in stock came from suppliers in Mt. Vernon, Wash., and LaFollette's trees and shrubs are from Boring and Dayton. She said everything is acclimated and she will have products that will grow in all areas of Harney County, including those with alkaline soil.

LaFollette said she plans to offer "a ton of different classes," and hopes she can create a fun atmosphere where people want to

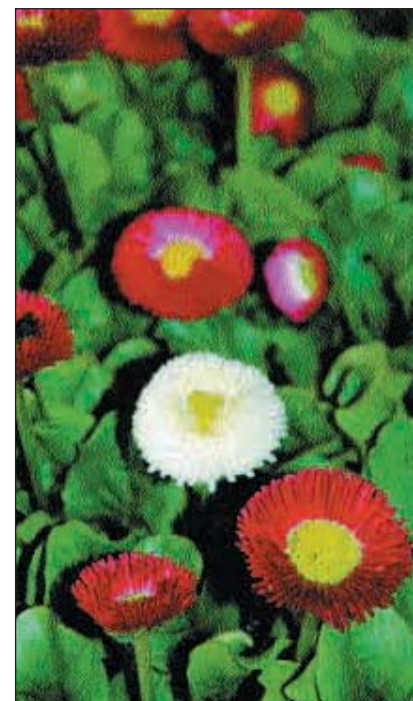
go and have fun.

In addition to flowers, trees, shrubs and assorted vegetables, the nursery will also stock a variety of houseplants. Customers will also be able to buy pots, ironwork and other gardening accessories.

4B Floral

As LaFollette's interest in horticulture grew, so did her interest in floral arrangement. The purchase of the former Jeanette's Hair Fashion building gave her the perfect space to open a floral shop, adjacent to the nursery.

She is taking classes through Portland Floral Design, and has had on-site training in floral design from Cheryl Stewart from Calico Country Designs Floral Shop In Pendleton.



Brittnee LaFollette opened 4B Nursery and 4B Floral last year. The floral shop offers bouquets and arrangements for all occasions.

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4-B Floral shop is full-service, offering bouquets and arrangements for all occasions including funerals and weddings. Designs with live plants are also available.

The floral shop and the nursery are accessible from Highway 20, on the corner of N. Diamond To place an order or for more information on either, contact the businesses at 541-573-2378, or 4bnursery@gmail.com.

LaFollette also welcomes everyone to drop in and see what is in stock in both the nursery and the floral shop. She said she hopes to meet everyone's gardening needs, and will fill special orders if at all possible.

Though owning her own business is a giant step for a 20-year-old, LaFollette said she's

In business: Take to the green at Valley Golf Club

On April 30, 1940, John T. Casey deeded a parcel of land to the City of Hines for \$1 and with one stipulation; the land could only be used as a golf course or other form of recreational center.

That was the beginning of the Valley Golf Club.

The nine-hole course is open to the public and features a number of "ball-direction changing" trees, wide, well-groomed fairways, challenging rough and a bit of water.

Par for the course is 36, and there are dual tees for those wishing to play 18 holes.

Green fees on weekdays are \$12 for nine holes, \$18 for 18 holes. On weekends and holidays, fees are \$15 for nine and \$22 for 18. Rental carts are also available.

One of the best aspects of the course is you don't need to bother with calling for a tee-time. Just show up and you'll probably get on the course rather quickly.

Although the course itself is open to the public, the clubhouse is private. Because the clubhouse is private, a member must sign non-members in to allow them to spend time inside the clubhouse.

Members pay an annual fee and elect a seven-member board to oversee the operation with each board member elected to a four-year term on a rotating basis.

Don't be surprised if, during your round of golf, you spot deer, geese, ducks, snakes or other wildlife on or near the course. It's just another side benefit of the high desert life.

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Schools: New superintendent and charter school

McBride takes the helm at District #3

If anyone is up for a challenge, it is definitely Dr. Marilyn McBride. McBride the new superintendent for Harney County School District #3 (HCSD No. 3).

McBride was raised in Gooding, Idaho, and then moved to Cascade, Idaho, where her family bought a restaurant. She worked for her family's business throughout high school, where she learned customer service.

She said she has always been a workaholic, as she loves to be busy. Growing up in Cascade helped make her an outdoors enthusiast.



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Prior to coming here, Marilyn McBride worked for the Milton-Freewater school district for 22 years.

She loves the outdoors, likes to hunt and really enjoys snowmobiling.

She also loves to travel, and has family in Italy that she tries to go visit. She has a photo of her second cousin, Natalina, who lives in Italy, on her desk, and she said Natalina is her inspiration when things seem tough.

McBride and her husband, Roy,

raised two sons and a foster child in Cove. For about 10 years, they also fostered kids who were on hold to be sent to MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility.

McBride has earned her various degrees, including her doctorate, at Oregon colleges. When she started out she was very interested in working in special education.

Her first job was interpreting for the deaf. She was also a certified elementary teacher. Being involved with special education helped her gain knowledge of laws that helped move her into administration.

Prior to coming to Burns, McBride worked for the school district in Milton-Freewater for 22 years. She held various positions over the years such as elementary principal, middle school principal, special education director and last, as superintendent, a title she held for 10 years.

She had given her resignation as

superintendent a year ago and was going to retire but, as the year went on she realized she was not ready to stop working.

McBride said she heard about the superintendent position for HCSD #3 and the challenges that came with it and became very excited.

The challenges do not scare her, as she said she has been down rough roads before. She was the superintendent at Milton-Freewater during the middle of the economic crisis.

McBride has signed a three-year contract and said she wants to show the staff stability as they are making changes. Her goal is to make it a solid school district that is fiscally responsible and sustainable.

McBride said she is looking ahead and looks forward to mentoring and aspiring administrators, and said they are finding the right people for the right seats. She said she is not here to just make changes, but to build on what is already in place.

Silvies River Charter School offers flexibility for students

This isn't your grandparents' little red brick schoolhouse at the end of the road.

Silvies River Charter School (SRCS), started in 2008 and sponsored by Harney County School District No. 3, is an online program that provides an education for students in Harney County, as well as elsewhere around the state.

After the school had gone through some financial turmoil in its early years, Katie Baltzor took over as administrator of SRCS in 2010. "The school was a bit of a hot topic, but I saw the need for it," Baltzor said. "There are some kids that, for whatever reason, don't fit the mold of traditional school."

While SRCS provides some flexibility as to when students can work on their classes, there are strict attendance requirements,

state testing and credit requirements. Students are expected to be attending online a minimum of six hours a day, five days a week.

SRCS provides a complete curriculum and certified teachers to work with students, and continually monitors the students' progress, including two-way communication at least twice a week. "With our system, we can tell who is logged on and can tell who is doing what," Baltzor said.

Baltzor stated that she's not trying to sell the school as a "money-maker," but rather as a viable alternative to educate kids. "It's so kids have another option to get a high school diploma because that opens so many more doors for them," she said. "We all want kids to be successful."

While traditional school may

not work for all students, Baltzor cautions that online learning doesn't work for everyone either. "You have to have a lot of self-discipline," she said.

For kids in grades kindergarten through second, SRCS offers a home school program, and for grades three through 12, there is the online curriculum.

Last year SRCS had more than 60 students enrolled at one point, and had five students graduate in the spring.

SRCS employs two teachers in Jamie Siegner and Tami Cornell, and Baltzor is quick to point out they are both great instructors and key to the success of the school.

SRCS also has their own board of directors made up of Chair Tom Sharp, Secretary Stacy Davies, Treasurer Jennifer Williams, Nan-

cy Walker and Sandy Cargill.

Baltzor stated that some of the goals the school has is to enhance the curriculum by working with the community and expand the outdoor program. She explained that field trips foster communication between students and are a great tool for education, especially science and history. "Our county has a lot to offer, especially in the way of history," she noted.

Baltzor served as principal of Hines Middle School for eight years before stepping down in 2008 to run their family ranch, and admits stepping back into education is a bit of a challenge. "It's different. At Hines there was a lot of interaction with students, while this is kind of like stepping back into the business world again," she said. "I don't always see the kids, but all of

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The large, high-flying American flag in Hines is a local landmark.

Rural Harney County

When people think of Southeastern Oregon, they often picture big cattle ranches and lots of sagebrush. Many here do make a living either farming or ranching. Enjoy a little peek into that cowboy lifestyle.



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Cows form a line as they head out to their summer pasture. Cattle ranches are a big part of life in Harney County.

A ranching perspective: From dawn to done

By Colby Marshall
and Nancy Fine

Land speculation in California had driven property prices out of sight.

Additionally, western Oregon's populated Willamette Valley was, almost entirely, tied up in private ownership, no wide-open spaces were left.

These forces combined to help create an influx of prospective landowners and wilderness seek-

ers to the remote and sparsely occupied lands of Eastern Oregon. Although this reads like a modern scenario, it actually played out in the 1860s when settlers and herdsmen first arrived in Harney County.

Harney County ranching communities today carry-on in many centuries-old traditions like moving cattle horseback, grazing cattle on large tracts of land, raising prized horses, and much of the work is physically demanding oc-

curing from "dawn to done." These communities, and the ranchers that support them, today understand that raising livestock takes more than just hard hands and a stubborn will — today ranchers must look toward the needs of their customers, the protection of the environment, building collaborative relationships with government agencies and non-governmental partners, and care for their livestock

As in the past, ranchers have

a horseback view, up close and personal, regarding the effect that new and old management practices have on the land, cattle and ultimately the consumer. Advances in science including range and meadow management, veterinary medicine, and nutrition offer new avenues for building on tradition. Additionally, ranchers share commonalities with those living in more urban settings in that they have a passion for healthy soils, plants, water, and wildlife, main-

A ranching perspective: Harney County Agriculture

taining large open spaces, and ensuring a future place to share with family and friends.

Ranchers in Harney County understand that any business that creates a physical product will have an environmental impact — whether you make shoes, clothes, renewable energy, or livestock — and a key focus of those production businesses should be to limit the environmental footprint as much as possible. Ranchers know that their customers, and others they interact with, want healthy land, healthy livestock, healthy people, and healthy profits. This is why many ranchers look to ensure their management practices are closely aligned with Mother Nature and have a strong commitment to protect and preserve land and waterways.

As you travel Harney County and take in the same stunning vistas as those who came in the 1860s you will also have the opportunity to interact with ranchers who share a sense of individual responsibility and independence, a neighborly kindness, a strong work ethic, and

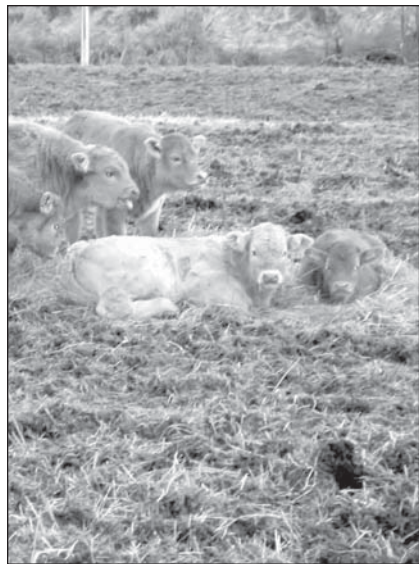


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While times have certainly changed, today's ranchers have much in common with the pioneers who settled this land in the 1860s.



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In 2011, the sales of alfalfa hay and other crops in Harney County totaled \$27,735,500.

According to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service, the 2011 sales of alfalfa hay and other crops in Harney County totaled \$27,735,500. This is a significant increase from the 2010 sales of \$24,100,000. The increase is due to a combination of factors, including a rise in the price of alfalfa hay and an increase in the quantity of alfalfa hay produced in the county.

From the white hills of the north to the black hills of the south, the land is rich with life. The land is a source of food and shelter for many animals, including cattle and sheep. The land is a source of life for many people, including ranchers and farmers.

With the advance of technology, the land is becoming more and more productive. The land is a source of food and shelter for many animals, including cattle and sheep. The land is a source of life for many people, including ranchers and farmers.

Though the sales of alfalfa hay and other crops in Harney County have increased significantly in recent years, the land remains a source of life for many people. The land is a source of food and shelter for many animals, including cattle and sheep. The land is a source of life for many people, including ranchers and farmers.

Rural: Wild Horse Corrals and Ranch Rodeo

BLM holds wild horse adoptions each year

The Burns BLM Wild Horse Facility opened in August 1976 and each year it is the site of two or three adoptions.

The 19 Herd Management Areas (HMAs) encompass 2.9 million acres and the total population of wild horses within the HMAs averages between 2,300 and 2,500 each year.

To maintain a healthy herd, the BLM establishes an Appropriate Management Level (AML) for each HMA.

Because the herds increase at a rate of about 20 percent each year, it's necessary to gather 400-500



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After they are gathered from the desert, the wild horses are brought to the Burns facility where they are separated by age and sex.

horses annually to maintain the proper AML.

Once the excess horses have been gathered, they are taken to the Burns facility, where they are separated by age and sex.

They are then inspected by a veterinarian, de-wormed and vac-

inated against disease.

Each horse is also given a "freeze brand" using liquid nitrogen. This painless marking identifies the animal as an official wild horse, and includes the animal's birth year and identification number. The freeze brand allows the BLM

the ability to keep accurate records on each horse.

Most horses are adopted within the Northwest, but some are also sent to other states for adoption events.

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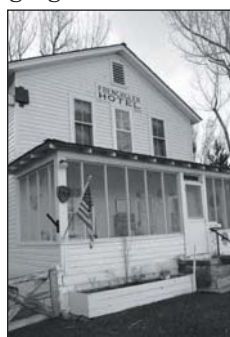
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The hotel has three bedrooms downstairs with queen beds and private baths. Five bedrooms upstairs share two baths. Rooms are decorated with ranch-style furnishings, photographs and artwork.

The homecooked meals may include such items as fresh baked rolls, New York steak, black bean chili or sauteed zucchini and peppers. Hotel Diamond can serve groups on retreat, reunions, meeting groups, or as a base camp for hunters.

Frazier's is a small pub named after the owner's great-grandparents who managed the hotel before the turn of the last century. Casual fare is offered in the oldest building left in the town of Diamond. It is attached to the hotel and once served as the community ice-house. The menu may offer such items as Tuscan bean stew, ham or beef sandwiches but changes to ensure interesting dining fare.

Where: Hotel Diamond is located 42 miles south of Burns on Highway 205, then 12 miles east on Diamond Lane



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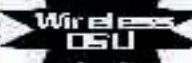
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Rural: Building a new church in Crane

Seeing a dream or a vision come to life can sometimes take a lot of blood, sweat and tears. And, according to Pastor Mike Schnitker of Crane, it sometimes can take a miracle or two.

Six years ago the congregation of the Crane Fellowship was holding services in the multi-purpose room at the Crane school. Though this set-up was handy and adequate, Schnitker said that the fellowship wanted to have their own space, somewhere that would be their own.

The first step in building their own church was finding land. Schnitker said this became the first challenge the congregation would face. When looking for property to purchase, they learned the lots in Crane are all 25-feet wide by 150-feet long, and very seldom were two neighboring lots owned by the same people. It took a lot of phone calls and a lot of searching, but after over a year, the fellowship had five connecting lots available for purchase. Well, almost connecting. For some odd reason, there was a 5-foot strip of land between the lots that belonged to another individual — eventually, the congregation bought this strip as well, and the plans to build a church could proceed.

However, the land purchase had taken every cent the fellowship had saved. The next stages



Pastor Mike Schnitker stands in front of the new Crane Fellowship building. It took several years to get the church built and the congregation is grateful for the support of all those who made it happen.

would have to be put on hold until more funds were raised. This, said Schnitker, is when miracles began to happen.

"Money just started coming in," he said. "And people began to offer help."

The congregation soon found they had enough money to drill a well. And then, there was enough funds to hire an architect. And then, enough to put in a septic system. The dream of having their own church was slowly becoming a

reality for the Crane Fellowship.

Generosity continued to flow as the church started the building process. The congregation was offered the expertise of local building contractor Joe Davis, free of charge. A congregation of Menno-

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nites from the Albany area made numerous trips to Crane to help with the construction, the rock work on the porch was donated and \$5,000 worth of hand-made cabinets were donated for the kitchen — Schnitker said the generosity shown to the Crane Fellowship was inspirational and miraculous.

Because of this generosity, the fellowship was able to pay for the building as it was completed. "It's incredible," said Schnitker. "This is a \$250,000 to \$275,000 building and we don't owe a dime. For a congregation of 40 people, that would have been a huge debt load."

The Crane Fellowship soon found that the giving nature of their community didn't end with construction. Chairs, a piano, kitchen appliances, pews and many other items were given to the church by individuals, as well

as other churches. Schnitker said the church chairs are Mennonite and Pentecostal, the pews are Pentecostal and Nazarene and the tables are Baptist — truly a non-denominational church.

The design

When the members of the Crane Fellowship first met with an architect, Schnitker said they didn't have an exact design in mind, but they knew exactly what they wanted: a design that focused on family. And, a building that felt like "you were going home" when you entered.

The completed building meets this criteria. From the covered porch entrance, to the gathering room that is planned for just inside the front door, the church is family-friendly. Although the main room is generally full of chairs, pews, pulpit and piano, it can easily be turned into a basketball court

or other game area — no piece of furniture is permanently attached. The overhead lights are even covered with ball guards. Rather than lay carpet or install tile, the congregation left the floor as cement — Schnitker said this allows for easy cleanup.

A nursery was built near the back of the congregation area, but again the design stayed with a family-friendly atmosphere. Rather than segregate the children completely away from their parents, a window between the two rooms allows a constant visual connection.

The future

As funding allows, the Crane Fellowship has plans to finish a few more of the inside details of their church, including the possibility of hanging a juniper wood cross above the pulpit. They also

hope to create more parking space and landscape their lot.


But Schnitker said one of the projects he most looks forward to completing is getting a metal "Crane Fellowship" sign put up in the church yard. The letters were made and gifted to Schnitker from his father, who passed away last fall.

Services

The Crane Fellowship has been holding services in their new church for several months now, and Schnitker said he has witnessed how the past six years have affected the congregation. "Building this church touched a lot of lives," he said. "I've seen people's faith grow."

Sunday school classes are held at 4:45 p.m. and service begins at 6 p.m. each Sunday. Like everything else in the Crane Fellowship, the

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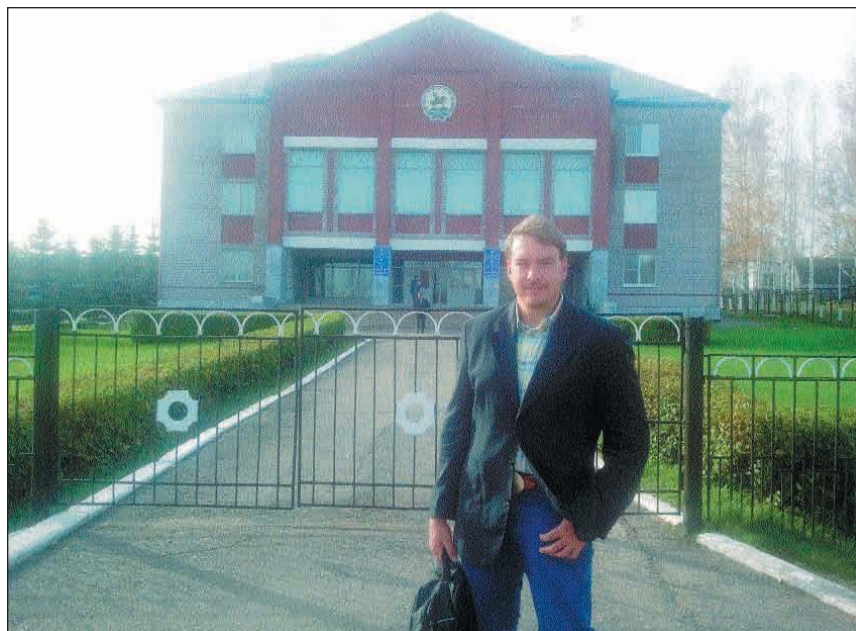
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Rural: Helping Russia with beef production



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Reinaldo Cooke, an assistant professor and beef cattle specialist at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Center, traveled to Russia to give a presentation on cattle nutrition, genetic selection and health management.

Looking to drastically increase their beef production, Russian dignitaries have asked for help from Harney County, or more specifically, from Dr. Reinaldo Cooke, assistant professor and beef cattle specialist at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Center.

At the current time, Russia produces 20 percent of its own beef and imports the other 80 percent, and because of an increased demand, they are now trying to reverse those numbers.

Cooke left Burns Oct. 9, to attend a conference in Ufa, the capital and largest city of the Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia.

Cooke said that the people putting on the conference had read some of his published works and invited him to speak to a group of veterinarians, nutritionists and beef producers in the area.

The invitation came from Bio-energia, a livestock feed company, and the Republic's government. "They asked me to come to explain how to feed beef cattle," Cooke said.

The main points of Cooke's presentation focused on the importance of nutrition, genetic selection and health management.

Russian herds

The differences in the way the Ufa ranchers raised cattle were evident right away. The cattle are raised in enclosed feed lots, with about 4,000 head in each lot, and they're not dehorned, which results in numerous injuries.

The cattle are also not specifically beef cattle breeds. "They don't differentiate between dairy cattle and beef cattle. If a male is born in the dairy herd, he just becomes a part of the beef herd,"



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Cooke said. "That's one of the main problems, trying to get beef cattle [out] of Holsteins."

Cooke said he explained to them the importance of having dairy and beef as two separate industries and they were receptive to the idea.

When it comes to feeding the animals, the supply is not the problem. "They have a lot of good quality feed available, like grass, alfalfa and grains," Cooke said. "They just don't have the quality of animal to match the feed."

Getting started

The first part of a plan that Cooke helped them work on was to establish a herd of cattle that are a specific beef breed. From there it was concentrating on nutrition, product, genetics and health management.

While the goal of producing 80



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Reinaldo Cooke helped folks in Russia establish a herd of cattle that were a specific beef breed.

percent of their own beef is an attainable goal, Cooke stated that it's not going to happen overnight. "Right now, the majority of their beef is imported from Brazil because they don't have a beef in-

dustry," Cooke said. "They have to build one, and it takes a long time, like decades."

Now that there is a management plan in place, Cooke said he will stay in touch with the produc-

ers and give help where he can.

The main reason for Russia to increase beef production seems to be influence of Western civilization. "In Ufa, a city of 1.2 million people, there are steakhouses and fast food places all over," Cooke said. "People are eating more beef."

Impressions

As for his impressions of the country, Cooke said he never thought about going to Russia before, but he was impressed. "Their culture is one of the most amazing things I've ever seen in my life," Cooke stated. "Every morning at 6:30 the national anthem is blared across the city on a speaker system. It was very surreal. The city was very clean and it was a very nice experience."

Cooke said he'd like to return next year because he would be more familiar with what they were looking for and could offer more

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Rural: Shoeing horses and engraving silver

What do jiu-jitsu, shoeing horses and engraving silver all have in common? They are all three passions of Pat Horlacher.

Two and a half years ago, Horlacher and his wife, Kailin, were a young married couple deciding what path they wanted to take in their lives together. They had friends who were planning to relocate in Harney County, and this was a possibility the Horlachers were considering as well, which would mean leaving Corvallis.

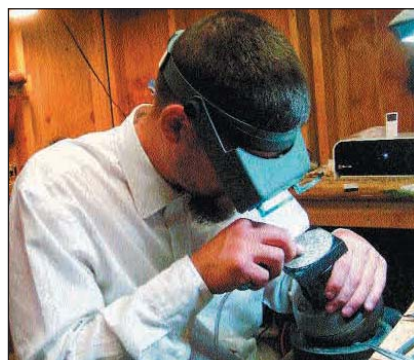
"It was one of those deals where we had to decide which lifestyle we wanted," said Pat.

On their way home from the Jordan Valley Rodeo, the Horlachers stopped in at Jett Blackburn Realty and they were shown a home on Buchanan Road that fit what they wanted. Within a month they had moved, beating their friends to Harney County.

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Pat grew up in Eastern Washington, and had made his living starting colts, day working on ranches and shoeing horses. This line of work continued when he moved to Corvallis to be close to Kailin. This is where he was first introduced to jiu-jitsu, receiving martial arts classes as gifts from Kailin's family.

While Pat was still in high school, he was working for friends in John



Pat Horlacher learned how to silversmith from John and Jerri Hyde of

Day. During his stay he met silversmith Ernie Marsh, and was in awe of the work that Marsh created. He longed to own a scarf slide that Marsh had made that cost \$120, but he had to settle for purchasing his second choice, a slide that cost \$60.

His first opportunity to learn something about the silversmithing trade was offered to him by John and Jerri Hyde. The Hydys own Yamsi Leather and Silver in Chiloquin, and create custom silver creations that are famous throughout the northwest. After spending time with the Hydys, Pat was hooked.

In 2000, he applied for and was awarded a scholarship from the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association. One of the members who offered their time and knowledge to students was Marsh. Pat had five days to spend under Marshes guid-



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ance — a fledgling silversmith's dream come true. He said in those five days he learned the intricacies of high-relief engraving and the basics of bit and spur building. Pat was off and running.

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Pat said he sees similarities between the coordination skills needed in shoeing horses and those needed to engrave silver. "Your left hand is your smart hand, it moves the engraving ball. Your right hand is the stupid hand, it just holds the tool."

Although he insists he has no artistic talent, many of Pat's designs take a fresh, original spin on tradition. He said silversmiths never want to replicate each other's work. "We may take a general idea, but we put our own twist to it." After making an assortment of items, from buckle sets to earrings to a


rodeo queen's crown, Pat said his favorite items to build are horn caps and pendants.

Starting on flat sheets of 6- or 8-inch silver, Pat begins each project by cutting his silver with custom-made dies. Then, depending on the size and shape of his project, he may spend two or more hours just on fabrication. Once the piece is shaped and fired, he pencils out a rough outline of his chosen engraving design and begins the detail work. He said he can spend six to eight hours working on a single piece, but some projects may take longer. The queen's crown took Pat four days work to get the shape perfected and to make the pattern. He said he ended up raiding Kailin's kitchen cabinets to find objects that he could trace for the shape he desired.

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Just outside of Pat's workshop door sets a makeshift training facility, complete with weights and punching bag. When he's not using his silversmithing tools, he can turn to the tools he uses for his jiu-jitsu and grappling passion. Both require commitment and fortitude to be successful, and Kailin put it best when she said Pat is, "very dedicated."

He goes back to Corvallis twice a month to take care of his horse-shoeing clients there, and Kailin has started her own business sell-



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Rural: Generations of a ranching family

When Terry and Nancy Williams stand on their front deck and look across their ranch meadows, they are gazing at their family's past, present and future.

The Williams own the Dash W Bar Ranch, on the east end of the Drewsey valley. Terry said the ranch consists of a grouping of at least five homesteads, which his family purchased, as well as the original Williams' holdings.

Terry's great-grandfather, Hiram, was the first of the family to come to Drewsey. He operated the stage route between Burns and Ontario, and in 1894, he acquired the first property.

After Hiram's death, Terry's grandfather, Sylvester, continued to run the stage route and began adding more property to the Williams' holdings. Upon Sylvester's



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Terry Williams ropes a calf on his ranch, Dash W Bar Ranch in the Drewsey

death, Terry's dad, Lee, and uncle, Drex, were the stakeholders for the family. Lee eventually took over the ranch in Drewsey, with Drex

operating a ranch in Juntura.

In 1977, Terry and Nancy bought his uncle's share of the Drewsey holdings, and two years later, be-

gan leasing the remainder from his dad. Terry became the patriarch of the ranch in 1981, when his father died.

Today, Terry and Nancy are joined by the fifth- and sixth-generation of the Williams family. Their son, Travis and his family — wife Linda and children Josh, Tanya and Sam — live and work on the ranch.

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When Terry's family first got into the cattle business, they were raising shorthorns. Through the years they have raised angus, Herefords and black angus, hoping to produce the highest quality beef they can. In the early 1960s, the Williams turned to Charolais, and have remained with this breed for the past 50 years. Terry cites the weaning

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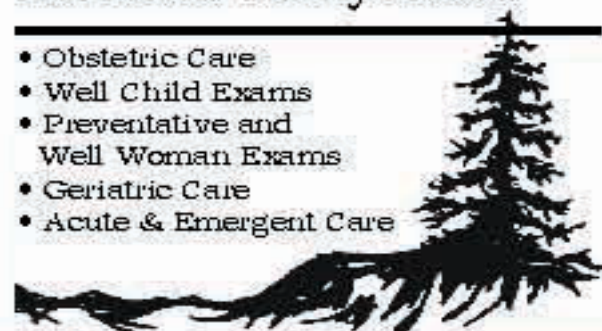
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Rural: Generations of a ranching family

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weights of their calves and their sellability for their satisfaction in the Charolais-cross cattle.

The Williams wean their calves in late October each year, and prefer to sell by private treaty rather than through video auction.

During the winter, the Williams' cattle run in the meadows in Drewsey, eating the wild hay the family puts up in square bales. Putting the hay up in the summer is a family operation, which includes Nancy raking with her old Case tractor — the one sporting only an umbrella, no cab. She said as her grandkids get older, she has to fight to keep her rake job, but so far, she's the winner.

In the spring of the year, the Williams' cattle are turned out onto private and BLM allotments, south

of the home ranch. After approximately three months, they ship the cattle to Van, north of Drewsey. Here they remain through September on Forest Service and private property. In the fall, the cattle come home to once again begin the circuit. Terry has built sets of corrals at both the north and south ends of their property so they can truck the cattle in and out. This makes pasture moves easier on both the cattle and the ranchers.

Another process that the Williams have made easier is putting out salt in the allotments. Using an Aerochute, Travis can fly blocks of salt in to the cattle in a fraction of the time it would take to drive into the pastures. He can also check on fences and gates, while in the air.

The first Aerochute to make its way to the ranch belonged to Terry. After taking an uncontrolled, unex-

pected high-rise trip straight up, he surrendered his wings to Travis.

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The Williams Ranch was honored in 1999 as one of Oregon's Century Ranches. This history has created deep ties for the family in the Drewsey community, and all of Harney County. The entire family is committed to serving the community through volunteer and civic service. With what Nancy refers to as an "addiction" to attending sporting events, they show their support to the kids in the area on a weekly basis.

Members of the family serve on various school boards and budget boards and volunteer for 4-H, the Stockgrowers and the Harney County Fair — the list could go on and on. Through this civic-minded attitude, the older generations of the Williams family demonstrate

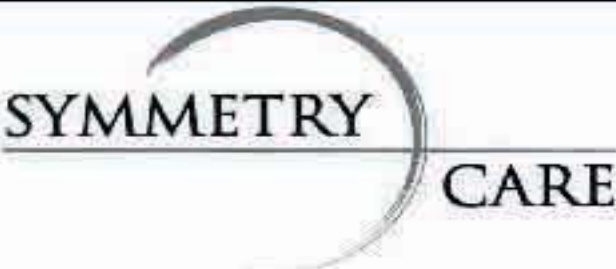
strong values and work ethic to the younger.

Travis recognizes that he is privileged to have the opportunity to raise his children on the family ranch. "I've always said we're raising kids before livestock," said Travis. "They are growing up knowing how to work."

Although Travis and Linda's oldest son, Josh, has chosen a career path away from ranching, these values will come in handy. He will graduate from the U.S. Marine Corps basic training in a few weeks.

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On a drizzly autumn morning, the view from the Williams' front deck might seem dismal to many people. What Nancy and Terry see from that view is their history, and the prospects for the next generations of their family. Now that he's




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Rural: Riding the Northwest rodeo circuit

At the time when Kenny Haworth's classmates and peers were preparing for their Homecoming festivities, he was making preparations of another kind. He was planning a trip through Texas to compete in bareback riding, as well as attend a bareback riding school.

Haworth, an 18-year-old from Crane, finished his senior year of high school through online classes from Silvies River Charter School. This method gave him the freedom to travel during the fall and winter to professional rodeos throughout the Northwest.

Being a bareback rider isn't something that Haworth just woke up one day and decided to do. He said that when he was about 2 or 3 years old, he was dragging his dad's rigging around the house and sticking rides on his rocking



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Kenny Haworth, a bareback rider, likes the thrill of the ride as well as the camaraderie among those horse.

Haworth remembers his first real bareback ride. "It was the Fourth of July in 2009."

Did he do well in his first competition? No. "It happened so fast I really don't remember much about

it."

But was he hooked on the sport? Absolutely.

Haworth began riding in Oregon High School Rodeos, and was soon hitting the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association (NPRA) shows as well. He said competing as a teenager against more experienced adults doesn't bother him any more. "Now I know I can beat them."

During the 2011 NPRA season, he placed in numerous rodeos, including taking first in Tillamook. He finished the year in sixth place overall in the bareback standings.

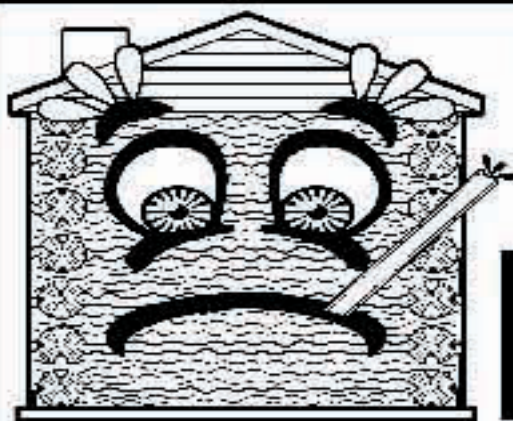
In addition to the thrill of getting on the horses, Haworth said he likes the sense of camaraderie among himself and his traveling partners. He travels with David Peebles of Redmond and Gavin Cooper of Walla Walla, Wash., and

he said that though they compete against each other, "You don't want them to lose, you just want to draw better horses."

The quality of the bucking stock is one of the biggest differences Haworth sees between riding in the high school rodeos and the professional shows. "There aren't as many 'runners and hoppers,'" he said. He especially likes the horses owned by Gold Buckle Rodeo Company out of Roosevelt, Wash. "They are always really good buckers."

Looking toward a career as a professional bareback rider, Haworth recently attended the Southeast Texas Bareback Riding School in Waller, Texas. Next summer he will turn 18, and he plans to get his pro card immediately. He then will be attending Western Texas College in Snyder.

Haworth said he knows first-



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Rural: Making juniper trees pay

Gerard Joseph LaBrecque seems to have found his calling in life. He has had a passion for juniper trees for a long time and is finding many ways to reclaim fallen trees.

LaBrecque and his wife, Lori, bought property and moved to Harney County in 1993. With this move began a love of the land, and the wood that grew on it, especially the western juniper found in areas around Burns.

In 1995, LaBrecque began an abstract art business called “Creations by Joseph,” which primarily uses juniper wood. He uses the western juniper to build a variety of things such as heirloom furniture, flooring, wainscoting, fireplace mantels and even staircases.

As his business expanded, so did LaBrecque’s interest in juniper, and it should be no surprise that he has found another way to reclaim fallen juniper trees.

In 2009, the Harney County Court was asked by Patrick Shannon of Sustainable Northwest Non Profit Organization if they could pick a representative from Harney County to attend a secondary wood products tour in Silver City, N.M., and LaBrecque was picked to go. Attending that tour was the seed of this operation.

In March, the LaBrecques were approved to use \$145,000 of Harney County’s Title III funds to start their own business, Joseph’s Juniper Inc.

LaBrecque thanked the Harney County Court and especially Commissioner Dan Nichols, who was instrumental in helping him get the project started.

He also added that Marty Suter of the Harney Soil and Water Conservation District has been a huge help in all the computer work involved. “Suter has an unbelievably creative mind,” LaBrecque said.

He has wholesalers who purchase the juniper wood, as the



Gerard LaBrecque works with his juniper mill. In 2011, he and his wife, Lori, started Joseph’s Juniper Inc., a business that harvests juniper trees to create 6-inch by 6-inch square posts.

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market is growing for juniper posts.

Wineries are a huge part of the industry wanting juniper. Organic or “going green” wineries cannot use any kind of wood that has chemicals on it, like pressure-treated poles, so juniper is a huge benefit to them.

Finding wood that has already been cut down is another plus to “going green,” because it is utilizing something that would otherwise just lay around and go to waste.

LaBrecque has a portable mill

that he is using in reclaiming fallen juniper. The portable mill basically is a large portable band saw. Other equipment used in this operation includes a skidder, bobcat and gravity rollers.

The site that he is currently working on is 159 acres of private land in Harney County. To make the venture profitable LaBrecque said he needs to harvest 60 usable posts to an acre.

About 20 semi loads of the finished product — 6-inch by 6-inch square juniper posts — will be shipped out from this site.

He also has roughly 350 straight-trimmed cured juniper fence posts available for sale.

The crew consists of four employees at this time. LaBrecque can foresee getting a stationary mill in the near future, and then his crew would grow to around eight people.

LaBrecque and his crew are working on areas where the junipers have already been taken down. In the future, they would go to land that has junipers that need to be cut down as well.

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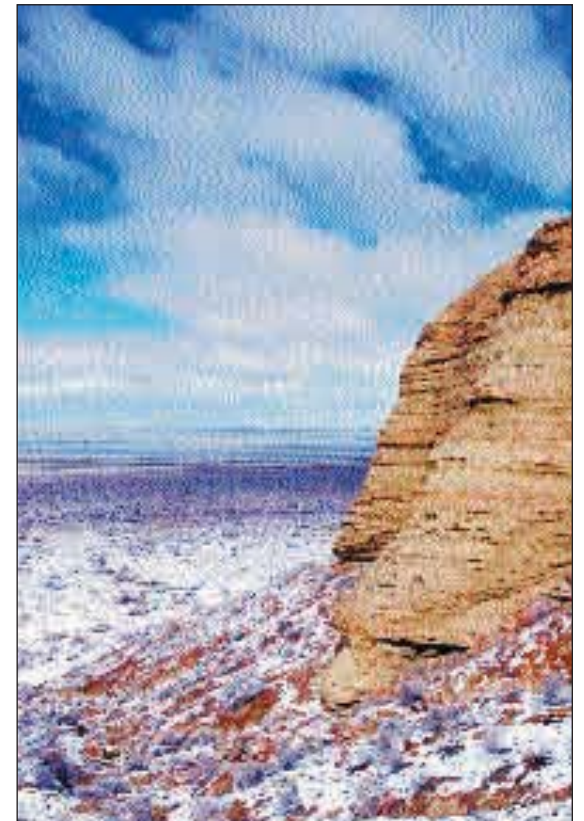
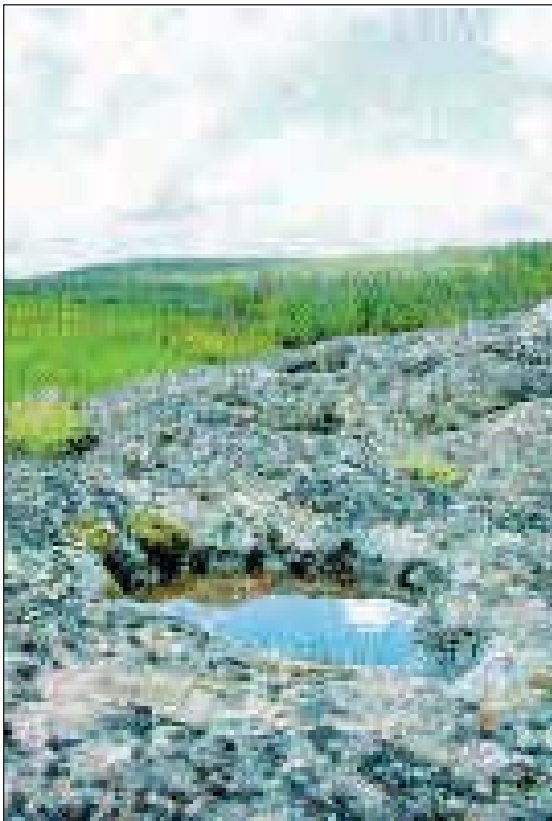
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