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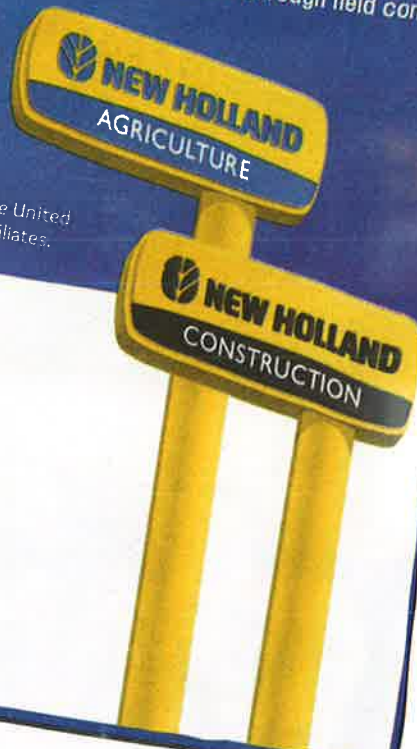
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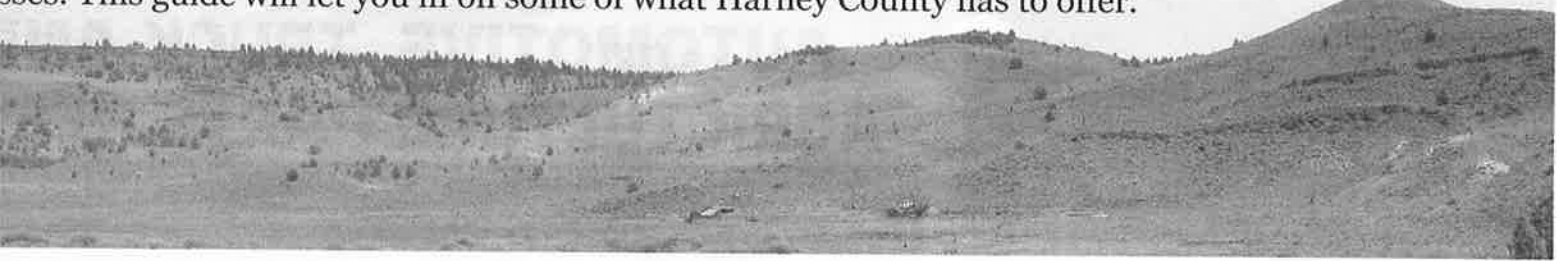


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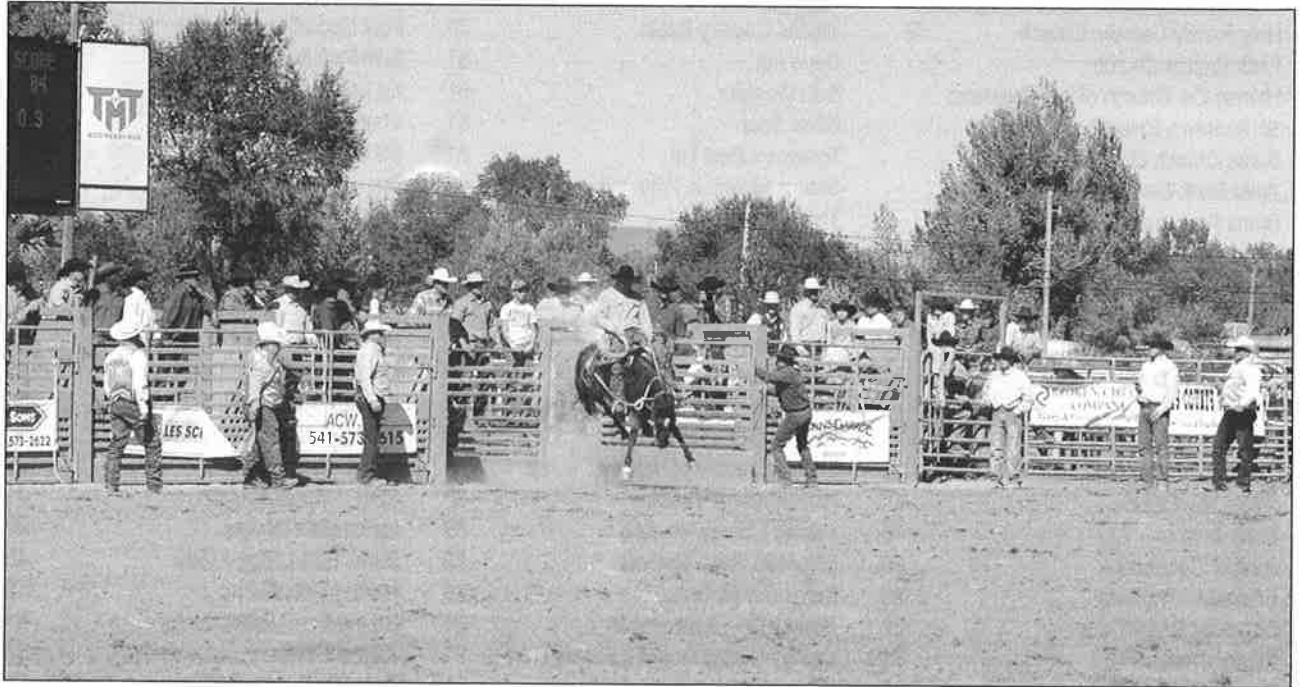
Harney County at a glance

County life is enhanced in Burns and Hines by 17 radio stations, a number of civic organizations, a weekly newspaper, a radio station, cellular service, cable television and internet access. Other community services include the senior center, a post office, public library, a historic theater with the largest screen in Oregon, and a summer swimming pool. Several restaurants, parks, and bed and breakfast establishments serve

Schools

Education is provided through 12th-grade in Burns and surrounding rural areas under District No. 3. Crane Creek supports an elementary and boarding high school for local residents of the county. It is one of only two high schools in the county. Elementary schools are located at Diamond, Douglas, Fields, Suntext, and Pine Creek. There is a Childhood Center for

adult work and training locally by a community center, Blue Mountain



The Harney County Fair, Rodeo and Race Meet always draws a crowd.

Community College and Eastern Oregon University. Each offer college credit classes, in person, by video and by 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,

Umpqua Bank and SELCO Community 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 (subscription) from Bend and Life Flight air am-

bulance from Boise, Idaho.

Healthcare services are remarkably comprehensive. Harney County has a fully staffed hospital, clinic, physical therapy clinic, mental health counseling, assisted living center, adult foster 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, Jessica Rue, equine veterinarian, and Dr. Katy Wallace.



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Government

Burns and Hines each have a 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

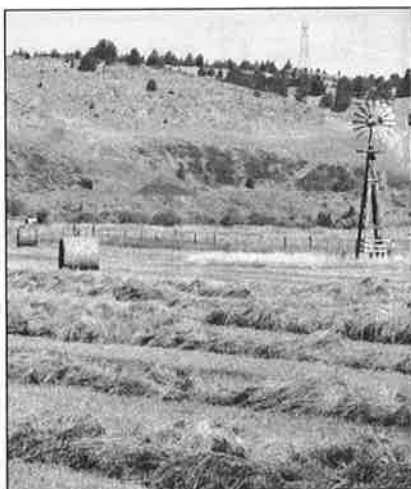
The Burns Paiute Tribe has its own police, court, health service, social services, natural resource department and maintains a community center for tribal members.

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 under-



Harney County is known for its high-quality hay production.

ground 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 identified.



A 3-D sign welcomes travelers coming in from the

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 United Parcel Service Express serve the area. A press provides air from the Burns Municipal

The Burns Municipal located six miles east has 5,100 feet of with a VOR approach Fixed Base Operation service are available

Eastern Point, a service provides transportation to connect west and west.

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buyout of a newspaper in the state of Oregon.

The paper's staff was excited to take the reins. Today, the paper remains under the ownership of three local residents, and 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.

Linda Baker, Donna Clark and Randy Parks were with the paper when local ownership took it over, and remain on the staff.

In September 2012, Samantha White started in the news department. She is a 2005 graduate of Burns High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Oregon. Phylcia Concannon, a 2009 graduate of Burns High School, came on board in May 2013 as production coordinator. Steve Howe relocated to Harney County from Wisconsin in 2012 and began working for the *Burns Times-Herald* in September of that year. He started in the advertising department, but switched gears and took the position of reporter in May 2014. In 2013, Duana Woodfin joined the staff in the sales department.



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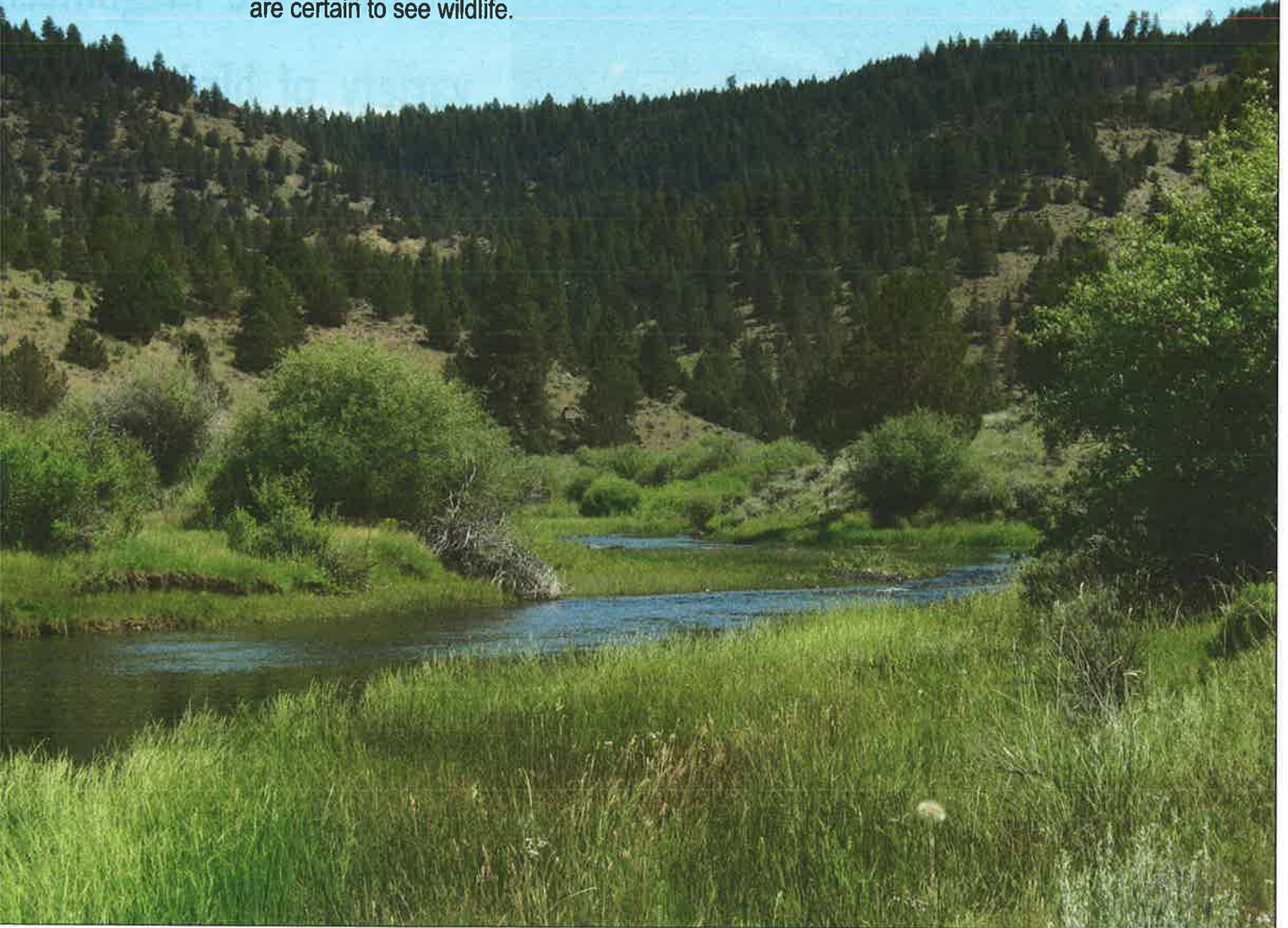
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Outdoors

One of Harney County's most prized assets is the pristine wilderness that permeates this county. Mountains, deserts, lakes and forests are just waiting to be explored. Bring your camera for you are certain to see wildlife.



Country byway: Scenic tour of Harney County

Desert Discovery Byway, adopted in 1992, showcases the geology, wildlife and historical significance of Harney County's southwest frontier. It carries visitors through a landscape of sagebrush-covered hills that motivate the soul and refresh the mind.

The byway begins in Burns, located on highways 20, 78 and 205. The distance is about 130 miles.

Travel south on SR 205. The ranchland is prom-

inent. In early spring after a heavy snow year the rangelands 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 County 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 cellphone 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.

The John Scharff Migratory 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 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.

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A variety of waterfowl can be found at the refuge.

bird species and a variety 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.

Turning east to visit the Buena Vista Overlook 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.

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.

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Angling for redband trout (rainbows indigenous to the high desert area), camping, photographing, hiking, horseback riding, and 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, cellphone 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 turnoff, 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.



A variety of wildflowers bring color to the landscape.

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 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 oppor-

tunities along this route. You'll pass Juniper Lake.

Look for the Puebloan ruins to the east and the Shoshone ruins along the way.

Turning west onto SR 205, you'll have another opportunity to see the Alvord Desert again onto Lava Bed. The Alvord Desert is among Loop Tour Routes.

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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 fields. The community of Crane sits just off the juncture of SR 78 and the Crane/Buchanan Road.

SR 78 continues westbound to Burns again. You'll pass the Crystal Crane Hot Springs, one more opportunity to bask in thermally-heated waters.

A return to the north end of the



Fall round-up is often a family affair.

Harney Basin is evidenced by views of mountains all around.

A winter's day drive can be equally exciting along the High Desert Discovery Scenic Byway, as colors

are more muted and wildlife movement is more easily discernible.

In winter look for raptors, including some of the bald eagles who stay through the year, pheasant, the secretive badger and pronghorn antelope.



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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, which



Travelers pass over Wright's Point on their way south on Hwy. 205.

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 Moun-

tain, Wildhorse Lake sparkles in the sun, carved by glacial action. One can view the lake from an access road off Steens Loop Road to the park, taking a short walk to the lake's shores. The hike is steep and the hike is so take care if you are not accustomed to the altitude.

Steens Mountain

The view from the Steens Mountain extends from the Oregon border into Nevada. The east face rises abruptly from the 4,100 feet to a breathtaking view. The power of the view is dramatically visible from

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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 nar-

row 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 Barn

This historical barn is on the Oregon Historical Society's Jenkins Ranch. Used for raising horses, the barn has been built since 1884. An architectural structure was built from rock and juniper trees. In its design, the barn resembles a Chinese umbrella.

Twelve unusually tall posts support the roof. The posts are 10 feet high, and the roof is made of shingles.

Warm Springs Reservoir

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

Water skiing may be enjoyed here, although the reservoir is usually at its highest in the late summer.



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The Shooting Range hosts a number of trap, sporting clay tournaments during the year.

The Burns Butte Shooting Range is located two and one-half miles west of Hines, on Forest Road 47 (the Old Hines Logging Road). The range offers a variety of opportunities for shooting enthusiasts.

The facility features trap shooting and a 100-yard pistol and rifle range. Two different sporting clay fields have been upgraded to present a challenging array of targets. A long-range area features rifle targets at 250, 400, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards. The club's archery division hosts 3-D archery shoots on-site, and a mountain shoot once each year.

The Burns Butte Sportsmen's Club, which operates the range, averages 70 to 100 annual members,

and hosts a number of trap, sporting clay and archery tournaments during the year.

All shoots are open to the public, young and old. Their activities are great family fun. The club always welcomes new enthusiasts. Memberships are available at B&B Sporting Goods, or from any club officer.

The range is gated to deter vandalism. A \$20 yearly membership includes a combination to the locked gate. The range is open to the public when a member is present to oversee range safety and responsibility to the grounds and equipment.

For more information on Burns Butte Sportsmen's Club, call president Ralph Steelman at 541-573-2099.

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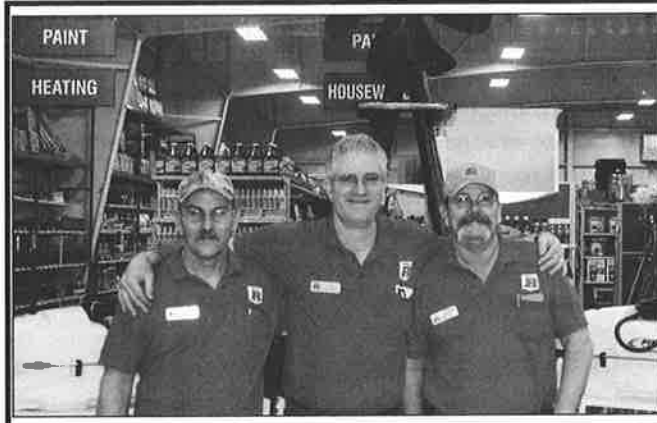
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Hunter safety

The four primary rules of firearm safety:

MUZZLE – Control the direction of your muzzle at all times.

TRIGGER – Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

ACTION – Treat every firearm as though it were loaded – Open the action and visually check if it is loaded. Firearms should be unloaded with actions open when not actually in use.

TARGET – Be sure of your target, and what is in front of it and beyond it.

To help avoid being mistaken for game, ODFW strongly advises hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts to wear blaze orange. Blaze orange clothing makes it much easier for one hunter to spot and recognize another hunter or outdoors enthusiast because nothing in nature matches this color. Because deer and elk see blaze orange as gray, your hunting will not be affected. Consider wearing both a blaze orange vest or jacket and a hat so you will be visible from all directions.

Antelope

Unit	One, either sex	Aug. 15 - Aug. 23
Rvr No. 1	One buck	Aug. 15 - Aug. 23
Rvr No. 2	One buck	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3
asin	One doe or fawn	Sept. 5 - Sept. 20
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ire	One buck	Aug. 15 - Aug. 23

Elk

Valley No. 1	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
Valley No. 2	One antlerless elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30
Rvr	One antlerless elk	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29
Rvr	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
Rvr No. 1	One bull elk	Oct. 28 - Nov. 1
Rvr No. 2	One bull elk	Nov. 7 - Nov. 15
Unit	One antlerless elk	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31
orse	One antlerless elk	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31
Juniper No. 1	One antlerless elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30
Juniper No. 2	One antlerless elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30
No. 1	One antlerless elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31
No. 2	One antlerless elk	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31
it	One antlerless elk	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29
es	One antlerless elk	Dec. 5 - Dec. 13
it No. 1	One bull elk	Oct. 28 - Nov. 1
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Hunter's checklist: Things to remember

- License/Tags
- Small mirror
- Hunter Education Card (if under 18)
- Firearm/proper ammunition
- Blaze orange clothing
- Bow/arrows
- 2 knives/sharpening stone
- Hunting Regulations
- Small hand saw
- Food for no less than 1 day
- 50 ft. of thin nylon rope (550 cord)
- Orange flagging ribbon
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Fishing opportunities



REDBAND TROUT

Redband trout are native to the inland basins of Oregon, they are closely related to the Rainbow trout, and are found in the rivers and creeks of Harney County. They often have large profuse spots on the body and a red lateral band. They inhabit small, cool streams and rivers as well as lakes; but have much higher tolerance to warm water than the rainbow trout. Redband trout can measure up to 18 inches and weigh up to 3 pounds. Life span is estimated at 4-6 years. Their diet consists of aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates, while the larger fish in lakes become fish eaters. Places to catch redband trout in Harney County include the Donner und Blitzen River, South Fork Malheur River, McCoy Creek, and Dry Lake.



LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT

Lahontan cutthroat trout are native to the Coyote Lakes basin of southeast Harney County. It is a rare and unique species with a natural range and coloration. Cutthroat trout are named for the distinct red slashes found under their jaws. Lahontan cutthroat trout additionally have a yellow tinted body color, with dark spotting on the area above and below a rose to red lateral band. Cutthroat trout depend on clean, cool water in creeks for spawning; however Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Coyote Lakes basin have an uncommon tolerance to high alkalinity and evolved to live part of their life in large tufa lakes. Most of the smaller creeks that have Lahontan cutthroat trout are closed to angling; however two large creeks in the Coyote Lakes basin can be angled with flies and lures to catch-and-release Lahontan cutthroat trout/rainbow trout. They are Willow and Whitehorse Creeks. Additionally, Lahontan cutthroat trout are planted from hatcheries in Fish Lake and found naturally in Wildhorse Lake on the east side of Steens Mountain.



RAINBOW TROUT

Rainbow trout are hard fighting and good eating, making them the most popular game fish in Oregon. They are found in many rivers and streams in Oregon, and are also raised in hatcheries for stocking in a variety of lakes, reservoirs, and ponds. Highly variable in color; often silvery, with light pink to red stripe along sides, most will have dark spots and a red lateral band. Their diet consists of insects, crayfish, minnows and other small aquatic life. Rainbows can grow to 30 inches and weigh up to 15 pounds. Life span is 4-6 years. Rainbow trout prefer cold, clear, swift-moving water to live in. Most often found in 45-60 degrees Fahrenheit. Places to catch Rainbow trout in Harney County include Chickahominy Reservoir, Fish Lake, and Yellowjacket Lake. Burns Pond on Highway 78 provides a unique opportunity to fish for large rainbow trout outside of Burns. It is a great place to take kids just learning to fish.



BROOK TROUT

Brook trout are native to eastern North America and are a member of the species char. They have been introduced to a large range of habitat in the Pacific Northwest and Midwest. They are well known for their dark coloration, and a wavy line pattern meandering over their back and dorsal fin. They are not as tolerant to higher water temperatures as our native trout, but are otherwise adaptable to many habitat types. They can be found in streams, reservoirs, and ponds in Oregon, naturally reproducing in most cases. Life span is 2-10 years. Brook trout compete with our native trout and are known for aggressiveness and predation on smaller fish. They can grow to 5-7 inches quickly, and have been found in reservoirs and lakes much larger. Fish Lake on the Steens Mountain loop is the only location to fish for Brook trout in Harney County, and it is best in the spring.



LARGEMOUTH BASS

Largemouth bass are native to Central and Southeastern United States. It is a member of the sunfish family and was introduced into many locations in Oregon. Largemouth bass are usually green along the fins and upper body with a horizontal body stripe along the side. Largemouth bass begin feeding on zooplankton as juveniles, then switch to fish and crayfish as adults. They prefer shallow ponds and lakes with abundant vegetation. Warm Springs Reservoir and Warm Springs Reservoir provide opportunities to fish for Largemouth bass in Harney County. Fish Lake Crater is a small lake found in a lava bowl created during the last volcanic activity in Harney County. Fish Lake Crater, or maar, also contains Largemouth bass.



WHITE CRAPPIE

White crappie is native to the central United States and Mexico. Their range has been extended to Oregon through stocking into reservoirs, lakes, and ponds. They are tolerant to turbidity and higher water temperatures. Their coloration is green with horizontal, dark banding along the side of the body. They group around structure, pilings, rocks, weirs, and docks. White crappie feed primarily on small fish and larger invertebrates as adults. Places to fish for white crappie in Harney County include Warm Springs Reservoir and Krumbo Reservoir.

Life: Malheur Field Station

Malheur Field Station offers programs and workshops throughout the year. Located at 10000 Highway Lane, off Highway 100, Malheur Field Station can be reached at 530-32629, or by email at malheur@malheur.gov.

Malheur Field Station Workshops

Workshops: Connect with other birders through these creative and fun workshops. Join ongoing sessions or attend one-time events! Call for more details at 530-32629 or visit www.malheur.gov.

Malheur! Come explore the beauty of Malheur between spectacular views and classical music they listen, look and discuss. Don't miss this opportunity in Harney County and Malheur! Duncan Evered, Instructor. Enrollment 2 - 4.

Malheur Plein-air! Explore the amazing landscape of Malheur through out-of-doors painting and drawing on field techniques and skills. Composition and drawing as customized options from your studio and go to Malheur! Lyla Messick, Instructor. \$25.

Malheur Workshops

Malheur Nights! April 17, 2015. Join us under the spectacular night sky over Malheur. Explore the cosmos, learn some astronomy and take a peek at Moon and Mars! Lecture followed by a Q&A. A great opportunity to ask that perplexing question! Professional astronomer. \$10 per session. Why not attend Malheur Nights? Doug McCarty, Instructor.

Malheur Sketching! April 24-26. * A three-day workshop designed to encourage participants to integrate their own knowledge base to Malheur experiences. Active and creative approaches em-

phasize heightened field awareness (detection, observation & contextual inspection) and recollection techniques that combine to clarify birding moments. Discover how natural pacing, responsiveness, and optimal positioning will help you bird with more amusement and less delusion. Fun first, serious second! Duncan Evered, Instructor

FieldSketching! April 24-26.* Good observational skills are fundamental in many disciplines. Enhance yours by connecting what you see with what you draw. Let's keep our medium options open (charcoal, pencil, ink, chalk pastels). Work on reference sketches or finished field drawings. Wildlife, natural history subjects, and scenic views abound. Customized attention — what's holding you back?! Lyla Messick, Instructor

Birding Malheur! May 1-3.* Celebrate the arrival of Malheur's myriad of migratory birds in beautiful Malheur NWR. Advance your interest beyond 'the list' in this workshop emphasizing bird biology alongside field identification. All experience levels. Bring your binocs, scope, and especially your passion for all things Aves! Duncan Evered, Instructor

BirdingHalfDay! May 23. Join us on for a rollicking good birdwatching outing. Look, listen, and learn. A popular offering! Cost: \$55 per person/day. MFS Staff

Birding Malheur! May 29-31* See above.

FieldSketching! June 12-14* See above.

Butterflies of Malheur & Beyond! July 3-5*, Aug. 7-9.* Venture into the fascinating world of the four-winged gems of Malheur. Identification, behaviors, food plants and butterfly techniques will be covered in both the field and laboratory. A good introductory workshop — beginners welcome! Duncan Evered and Lyla Messick, Instructors

Mindful Birding! Sept. 4-6* See above.

FieldSketching! Sept. 4-6.* See above.

Photographing Malheur!

Oct. 2-5. Need help with those manual settings or why you may want to use them? Want to learn more about equipment or field techniques? Confused about workflow from camera to printer? Enjoy a Malheur sunrise, capture a great wildlife shot, and become a better photographer in this comprehensive course. Guest Instructor, Michael Montgomery with Lyla Messick (\$380/person for this special 3+ day workshop).

All workshops are designed to be topnotch educational experiences — informative and enjoyable!

Cost \$285/person,* denotes extra day option; to extend course an extra day, add \$95.

Cost covers instruction and transportation during the course. Contact MFS for lodging/meal options (not included). Workshops are built around an evening session and two full days in the field (instructor contact averages 25 hrs.). Enrollment limited to a maximum of 10 participants (unless noted). All Instructors have been living or studying in this location for decades.

Road Scholar programs Ornithology in Marsh, Mountain and High Desert:

Whether you visit in May, June or September, the premier wetlands and varied terrain of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is a birder's paradise. The Refuge is host to an incredible concentration of ibis, pelicans, cranes, shorebirds, herons, and waterfowl. In spring, the landbirds are in full song in the surrounding foothills, pine forests and deserts, including colorful Lazuli Buntings, Bullock's Orioles, and Western Tanagers. In early fall, the autumn migrations are in full swing, with 140 plus species usually seen during the five full days in the field. Chances for seeing rare vagrants are high at the nearby refuge headquarters. The landscape is breathtaking and the weather, though changeable, can be spectacular.

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May 6-12, May 16-22, June 6-12, or Sept. 8-14.

Birds, Butterflies and Blooms of Malheur and Great Basin Country:

Explore this unique part of the northern Great Basin in remote SE Oregon, while studying its bounty of birds, wildflowers and associated butterflies. Experience life zones from desert basin to alpine tundra. Along the way, discover the regional riches of birdlife, geology and cultural history as they are woven into the program. Amid this beautiful landscape, enjoy the fertile marshlands of the Malheur refuge and meet the fascinating inhabitants of this vast high desert. Evening discussions and identification reviews in classroom or museum setting. June 24-30.

The Captivating Landscape of SE Oregon: Discovery & Interpretation:

Take a unique view of beautiful, remote Harney County in Oregon's Great Basin Country by exploring dramatic landscapes with an expert field geologist. From the perspective of 22 million years of geological time, let the landforms start speaking to you. Learn how to interpret rim rock, fault zones, ancient shorelines, and see some of the country's most spectacular inverted topography. From bubbling hot springs and sinter mounds to primeval-looking lava flows, magnificent glacial valleys and deep canyons, these remote lands capture the imagination. In the evenings, we review field observations in a classroom/lab setting, and discuss exciting new technological developments. Sept. 17-23.

These programs are field-oriented courses combining evening presentations with lots of interpretation, field identification and discussions over five full days in the field. Participants should be in good physical condition for this relative remote site, located in the high desert region of Southeast Oregon. For more information or to register for these programs contact: www.roadscholar.org (formerly Elderhostel) 1-800-454-5768.

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. William Finley, president of the Portland Audubon Society, 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 (more than 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



A wide variety of waterfowl can be found in Harney County.

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 were purchased from the William

Hanley family, bringing a wider variety of wildlife refuge. Today, the refuge covers more than 187,000 acres of habitat, including thousands of wetlands on the Malheur River, particularly important for migrating birds and other wildlife.

The most rapid expansion and modification of the refuge occurred from 1935 to 1936 when the Malheur National Conservation Corps were established. The refuge is part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal — a series of programs that provide relief, recovery, and reform to the American people during the Great Depression.

The CCC constructed the Malheur Patrol Road (a 42-mile route), several buildings, out towers and a station, which today provide a wide variety of wildlife management opportunities for

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War II ended and began focusing again on the recreational opportunities available in their area. In 1949, MNWR began to focus on recreational opportunities. Krumbo Reservoir was established in 1949 to improve habitat and fishing. A museum was built at the refuge to house nearly 300 specimens of birds. The previous refuge now became a center for Audubon Society biology classes, and bird enthusiasts.

Now famous for its diversity and concentrations of wildlife, Malheur has more than 320 bird species, mammal species, and more than 500 refuges in the Malheur Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge set aside land for wildlife and for the benefit of the American people. The U.S. Fish Service, the refuge has a connection with wildlife and natural resources. Offering a variety of opportunities for wildlife observation, photography, environmental interpretation, hunting,

and gift shop is open from dawn to dusk. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The refuge and gift shop is open through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with volunteers most of the day. For more information, call the refuge at 541-493-2612.

www.fws.gov



Studies on the carp population in the refuge waters continue.

Malheur Refuge is continuing research on methods to eliminate carp from Malheur Lake. PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder)-tagged carp were released in the lake in April as part of the latest project.

PIT tags help scientists track individual organisms by providing a reliable lifetime "barcode" for an individual animal. A scanner is passed over the fish to see if a barcode appears. When the PIT tag was inserted in the fish, they recorded weight and length measurements, so future catches could also reveal growth of individuals.

The refuge is now using a commercial fishing operation, J.R. Commercial Fish from Minnesota, to net large amounts of invasive common carp in Malheur Lake. Funding for this project came from the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Friends of

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Pacific Foods of Oregon.

Random samples at a variety of locations and water depths on the lake are being fished using a seine net. Each location fished is recorded using a GPS to identify the total area encapsulated by the net. All captured fish are being scanned for the presence of PIT tags, the total number of fish captured is recorded, and 200 fish from each sample are being weighed, measured and the sex of each fish is determined. This data will be used by refuge staff to determine the overall population of carp in Malheur Lake. This data will help determine carp control tools and prevention options.

In addition to the data being collected during this project, the feasibility of commercial fishing in Malheur Lake is also being

explored as part of the project. Jeff Riedemann of J.R. Commercial Fish and his crew have been fishing for carp in the Minnesota and other midwestern states for a number of years. They have participated in a number of carp removal research projects conducted by researchers in Minnesota and were selected for their work at Malheur based on their experience netting carp in shallow lakes. They will use their time on Malheur Lake to evaluate the effectiveness of fishing equipment for large scale capture of invasive carp on Malheur Lake. A video of the use of seine nets to capture carp in Minnesota can be viewed at www.jrcommercialfish.com

Additional information about the impact of invasive common carp on the aquatic health of Malheur Refuge is available at Refuge Headquarters and at www.fws.gov/malheur



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Winter begins in October and lasts through May. At this time, snow pack varies from eight feet deep. Snow-countryside skiing, ice skating and fishing are all popular activities. Roads and trails become impassable by June. Campers enjoy developed campgrounds and primitive campsites. Hikers and riders have more than 100 miles to enjoy.

The Malheur Ranger District has 10 fishing, six fee campgrounds (including a horse camp) eight miles and four lookout towers in the area during the summer months for enjoyment.

The beauty of scenery appeals to many. Emigrant Creek Ranger District is a place that will allow you to take a great photograph, and desire to return.

For more information, please visit the Malheur Ranger District website at www.oregon.gov/DFW/PAGES/malheur_ranger_district.aspx or call 541-573-4300 or go to www.oregon.gov/DFW/PAGES/malheur_ranger_district.aspx

Delintment Lake Campground

Delintment Lake is located 45 miles northwest of Hines in the Ochoco National Forest. Travel 12 miles on County Road 127 to Forest Road 41, turn left 29 miles to junction of Forest Road 41 turns to the right five more miles to the Delintment Lake Campground



Delintment Lake, 45 miles northwest of Hines, offers camping, fishing and hiking opportunities.

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

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, and follow the road into the campground. The campground has six sites, drinking water, vault toilet, garbage facility, and a picnic area. The elevation is 5,000 feet.

Alder Springs Camp

This small, rustic campground adjacent to a pretty meadow is most popular during hunting seasons. It is located about 40 miles northwest of Hines to the east of Donnelly Road on the way to Delintment Lake. The campground has three single sites, a primitive restroom, and NO DRINKING WATER.

Tip Top Campground

This small campground is newly renovated. It is located about 50 miles northwest of Hines near Delintment Lake. The campground has four single sites, a vault restroom, and NO DRINKING WATER.

Buck Spring Campground

This nice, small campground in the far western part of the Emigrant Creek Ranger District is most popular during hunting seasons. It is located a little

more than 50 miles northwest of Hines on Buck Springs Road/NF-4545 (off Hwy 20, head north on Silver Creek Road, take a left on McCanlies Road, a slight right onto Sawmill Creek Road, and then left on Buck Springs Road to reach the campground). The campground has seven single sites, a vault toilet, and NO DRINKING WATER.

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 the campground. The campground has seven sites, vault toilet, garbage facility, picnic area, and NO DRINKING WATER. The 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, and then 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. The speed limit on the lake is 5 m.p.h. The lake is 35 acres and 15 feet deep. The 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. The elevation is 5,600 feet.

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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, a memorial garden and a pavilion (which is on the reservation system). The elevation is 5,300 feet. Visit: www.reserveusa.com.

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Hiking and Biking

There is a wonderful Nature Trail within the communities of Burns and Hines. The former railroad bed serves as a perfect walk through the greenbelt of these two communities. The Nature Trail is approximately 1.85 miles long and has benches and risers for bird watching. The trail is gravel, and the risers are handicap accessible with ramps.

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Idlewild campground has 25 sites and three hiking trails.

Most of the hiking and riding on Steens Mountain is cross-country with no maintained trails. Hikers and bikers can also choose from many dirt roads. Mechanized vehicles, including bikes, must stay to open roads within the Cooperative Management Area (CMPA). Please remember, there is private land on the mountain. Be aware of boundaries and ask permission to cross private land. If you are backpacking, please choose an appropriate site and leave no trace of your stay. If you are unfamiliar with "leave no trace" protocols for backcountry use, please visit www.lnt.org.

Page Springs area: Blitzen River — Length: 4 miles one way (or more); Description: A "fishing path" that follows the river (rocky and steep in places); Route: Begin at the river parking area. Hikers may have to cross the river in places to avoid steep cliffs (not a well-defined path, except for the first few miles). Watch for stinging nettles and rattlesnakes; Best times to hike: Spring, fall, and late winter.

Wilderness Nature Trail — Length:

1.2 miles one way; Description: A rocky and sometimes steep trail that follows an intermittent stream through a Wilderness Area and climbs to a plateau overlooking the Blitzen River; Route: The trail begins at the river parking area. In some areas the trail is marked by cairns. Trail comes out near campsite #23. Hikers can head back through the campground to reach their starting point. Watch for rattlesnakes; Best times to hike: Spring, fall, or late winter.

Wildhorse Lake area: Steens Summit — Length: 1 mile round trip; Description: This hike follows a steep road to the summit of Steens Mountain (9,720 feet); Route: Park at the Wildhorse parking area. Head past the closed gate and up the road; Best time to hike: July – September.

Wildhorse Lake — Length: 2 miles round trip; Description: A steep, slippery path to a beautiful lake in a hanging valley; Route: From Wildhorse parking area, head down a closed road to an overlook at 1/4 mile (some people may want to stop here instead of

attempting the steep path. To the left of the overlook, the path drops down to the lake. The path is not maintained and should be used with extreme caution. The trail is steep, eroded sections on the existing path. The trail is fragile, and overnight hikers are discouraged to use gas stoves or campfires; Best time to hike: September.

South Steens Canyon: Big Indian Gorge — Length: 14 miles round trip; Description: A rocky footpath, the route follows through cottonwood and juniper; Route: Park at the trailhead on the family side of the canyon. The trail climbs to a plateau and drops to the river (2.2 miles); A good destination is a cottonwood grove in the canyon. Several rivers are necessary on this hike. In summer, use extreme caution attempting a crossing. Do not wade deep water; Best time to hike: October.

Little Blitzen Gorge — Length: about 16 miles round trip; Description: A rocky footpath through juniper past abandoned camps and cottonwoods; Route: Parking is located approximately 1/2 mile east of South Steens Mountain on the Loop Road. Walk on the Loop Road another 1/4 mile to the overlook on the left and is marked by a brown sign. There are no cairns on this hike. In early fall, use extreme caution when crossing because of slippery rocks. Best time to hike: July – September.

Riddle Brothers Ranch — Length: 2 miles round trip; Description: A dirt road follows a road to the overlook at the Ranch Historic District. Look through several cottonwood trees from the early 1900s. From the South Loop

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Harney County provides a number of fishing opportunities.

niper tree growing out of a rock. Park here and close by you'll notice where the trail begins. It follows a very old jeep road for 1 mile and becomes a walking trail for another mile before petering out. Experienced trekkers can pick up the trail again further ahead where it eventually leads to a neat, established campsite. There are two creek crossings, which can be difficult to cross in early spring and after summer thunderstorms. Destinations along this trail are an old cabin, an old mine, and the upper Pike Creek drainages. Look for deer, cougar, and the ever-elusive bighorn sheep along this trail. NOTE: Portions of the land in the Pike Creek drainage are private property, including the parking area near the trailhead. The public use of private lands is a privilege. Please respect private property and landowners throughout your travels; Trail Rating: Difficult with an elevation gain of anywhere from 100 to 3,000 feet; Best time to hike: March – November.

Please be aware: Many of these

hikes are in designated wilderness. Wilderness is a place free of motorized vehicles and mechanized equipment, including bicycles. There are many open two track roads for incredibly scenic biking throughout the Steens Mountain CMPA area.

Malheur Wildlife Refuge

Year-round hiking and biking is permitted only on the following trails and on roads open to motorized vehicles. No other refuge lands are open to these activities. Be prepared, as you may encounter wet areas, thorny vegetation, mosquitoes, and rough ground. Please stay on designated trails and roads. Please observe all rules and regulations. The following activities are prohibited on the refuge: camping, swimming, fires, as well as collecting plants, animals, minerals, artifacts and objects of antiquity.

Hiking

Headquarters Overlook Trail — This very short hiking trail at refuge headquarters leads from the visitor

center to an overlook below the historic fire tower. The overlook provides a view of Malheur and Harney Lakes. The fire tower is not open to the public. The trail is uphill, marked, and maintained.

Buena Vista Overlook Trail — This short hiking trail leads from the parking area by the restroom to an interpretive site overlooking the Diamond Valley and the Buena Vista Ponds. At the top, panels provide information about the refuge's wildlife management. The trail is uphill, marked, and maintained.

Krumbo Reservoir — Hiking is permitted around the banks of Krumbo Reservoir. The trail is not maintained or marked. You may encounter rough and rocky terrain.

Benson Pond Trail — This 1/2 mile trail leads from a small parking area on the CPR along the pond and into an area of cottonwood trees and willows. The pond and trees attract a variety of wildlife species.

Barnes Springs Footpath — This 1.8 mile (round trip) hiking trail leads to a former homestead site and travels along an old gravel road. The trail begins at a green gate on P Lane (approximately 3 miles south of Frenchglen). The trail is maintained and marked.

Loop Trail — The loop trail is approximately 11 miles long and includes the River Trail and the East Canal Trail. This trail is in varying stages of development. Much of the trail is not marked and primitive. (Improvements are in progress.) For more information, contact the refuge.

The Desert Trail — The Desert Trail, part of the National Scenic Desert Trail, enters the refuge at Page Springs on Steens Mountain. The trail is for hiking only. For maps and further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management at 541-573-4400.

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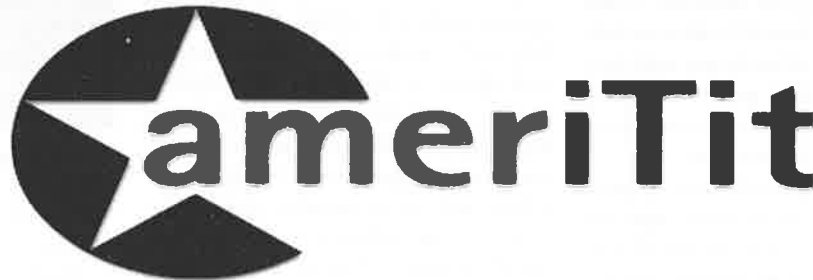
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Trail — Hiking and biking on a dirt road that will cross a vegetated canal. The trail crosses a green gate on P Lane near the Malheur River and prior to the trailhead (campground). The trail is well maintained.

Biking

Road (CPR) — In the area of the East Canal, this road offers 42 miles of bikable road that will take you through lush scenery. Be cautious of motorized vehicles.

Trail (#319) — Access: From Burns, travel 12 miles east on U.S. Highway 395, turn left onto County Road 28, then left onto the Forest Service road 2855. The road becomes a dirt road. Travel on Forest Service road 2855, turn right. Travel 2 miles, turn right. Travel 2 miles. Signs will lead to the trailhead. Attractions: There are many views and wildlife viewing opportunities. Considerations: This trail follows Pine Creek for a mile through steep canyons. Length: 8 miles; Elevation (low): 4,800 feet; Elevation (high): 5,404 feet; Season: April to November; Difficulty: More difficult; Uses Allowed: Hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking.

Trail (#317) — Access: From Burns, travel north on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 17 miles to the trailhead located in Idlewild Campground. Park in day use area near picnic shelter. Trail follows campground boundary fence and rock wall. Several signs direct visitors to trail access; From John Day, travel south on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 53 miles, turn left into Idlewild Campground. See information above; Considerations: This area also serves as a snow park, with regular use by snowmobilers and cross country skiers; Attractions: Civilian Conservation Corps constructed features (log fence, rock wall); variety of plant communities and good bird watching opportunities. This is a short, easy hike that's great for kids or a break from traveling; Length: 0.8 miles; Elevation (low): 5,200 feet; Elevation (high): 5,320 feet; Season: May to March; Use: Moderate; Difficulty: Easiest;

From Burns, travel north on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 17 miles. The trailhead is located in Idlewild Campground. Park in day use area near picnic shelter. Trail leaves campground at the boundary fence behind campsites in the upper loop, or at the cattle guard on the north side of the campground. Several signs direct visitors to trail access; From John Day, travel south on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 53 miles, turn left into Idlewild Campground. See information above; Considerations: About 2 miles of easy hiking, biking, and skiing. This area also serves as a snow park, with regular use by snowmobilers and cross country skiers; Attractions: Interpretive trail with brochure, variety of plant communities (sagebrush, ponderosa pine, mountain mahogany, dry rocky outcrops), good bird watching opportunities; Length: 2 miles; Elevation (low): 5,200 feet; Elevation (high): 5,400 feet; Season: May to March; Use: Moderate; Difficulty: Easiest; Uses Allowed: Hiking and mountain biking

Trail (#318) — Access: From Burns, travel north on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 17 miles. The trailhead is located in Idlewild Campground. Park in day use area near picnic shelter. Trail follows campground boundary fence and rock wall. Several signs direct visitors to trail access; From John Day, travel south on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 53 miles, turn left into Idlewild Campground. See information above; Considerations: This area also serves as a snow park, with regular use by snowmobilers and cross country skiers; Attractions: Civilian Conservation Corps constructed features (log fence, rock wall); variety of plant communities and good bird watching opportunities. This is a short, easy hike that's great for kids or a break from traveling; Length: 0.8 miles; Elevation (low): 5,200 feet; Elevation (high): 5,320 feet; Season: May to March; Use: Moderate; Difficulty: Easiest;



Keep an eye out for wildlife while enjoying the outdoors.

Uses Allowed: Hiking and mountain biking.

Trail (#303) — Access: From Seneca, travel 14 miles east on Forest Service road 16 to Forest Service road 1643. Follow the 1643 road approximately 10 miles to Dollar Basin. Turn left and travel 1 mile to the Malheur River. The trailhead is 200 feet downstream. Access may be found at Hog Flat (another 8 miles down the 1643 road). Turn onto the 142 road. The trailhead is at the end of road 142; Attractions: This is a National Recreation Trail that offers an enjoyable hike along a portion of the Malheur River. This scenic trail offers good fishing and allows the user access to a semi-primitive setting; Length: 7.6 miles; Elevation (low): 4,400 feet; Elevation (high): 4,620 feet; Season: April to November; Use: Light to medium; Difficulty: More difficult; Uses Allowed: Hiking and horse riding.

Trail (#308) — Access: From Burns, travel north on U.S. Highway 395 approximately 16 miles to Forest Service road 31. Travel 15 miles west on the 31 road to Forest Service road 3100226. The trailhead is located at the edge of the road; Attractions: This trail travels along Myrtle Creek for 8.6 miles. Myrtle Creek provides good small stream fishing and wildlife viewing.

Canyon scenery may also be seen; Length: 7.9 miles; Elevation (low): 4,800 feet; Elevation (high): 5,404 feet; Season: April to November; Use: Light; Difficulty: More difficult; Uses Allowed: Hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking.

Pine Spring Fire Overlook Trail — Access: From Burns, travel north on County Road 127. Travel 12 miles to Forest Road 41, left on Forest Road 41 about 4 miles, then take a left to the trailhead; Attractions: Provides an opportunity to see recovery process from the 1990 fire; Length: 0.25 miles; Elevation (low): 5,100 feet; Elevation (high): 5,100 feet; Season: May to November; Use: Light; Difficulty: Most difficult; Uses Allowed: Hiking.

West Myrtle Creek Trail (#314) — Access: From Burns, travel 17 miles north on U.S. Highway 395 to Forest Service road 31. Travel 19 miles to Forest Service road 37. Follow the 37 road 4 miles to Forest Service road 440. The trailhead is located just beyond road's end; Attractions: This trail descends into Myrtle Creek Drainage and dissects Myrtle Creek Trail #308. This trail provides good scenic viewing, as trail descends into canyon; Length: 1.9 miles; Elevation (low): 5,000 feet; Elevation (high): 5,600 feet; Season: June to November; Use: Light; Difficulty: More Difficult; Uses Allowed: Hiking and horse riding.

Attractions: Diamond A guides

What began as a bit of a joke between friends has since turned into a steady business, as well as an economic boost to the county.

Justin Aamodt said 10 years ago, he was visiting with a friend about damage done to irrigation equipment by people out shooting sage rats. "He had 21 bullet holes in his irrigation pipes from hunters, and I told him maybe I should start doing guided rat hunts. We laughed about that," Aamodt said.

A decade later, that moment of levity has turned into Diamond A Guides, owned and operated by Aamodt and his wife, Nikki.

"Rat Camp"

Starting out in a single-wide trailer on Quincy Road, the Aamodts began advertising their "sage rat tours."

The first year they had 28 shooting days and that increased to 49 by the second year.

"I thought if we could get to 100, we'd be doing all right," Justin said.

He explained that "shooting days" are figured by the number of hunters each day. For instance, if there are five hunters that shoot for five days, that equates to 25 shooting days.

By early May of 2012, the Aamodts had 825 shooting days on the books, and Nikki anticipated that number growing to close to 1,000 by season's end.

After five years of customer growth, the Aamodts worked out an agreement with Crystal Crane Hot Springs to use some of their facilities. A greenhouse was transformed into a kitchen and dining hall, and wall tents were set up for those needing lodging. It wasn't long before the site earned the name of "Rat Camp."

"You have deer camp and elk camp, well, this is Rat Camp," Nikki said.

She added that the folks at Crystal Crane Hot Springs have been ideal to work with.

For both comfort and safety, Justin constructed raised shooting platforms and fixed them to trailers. The platforms are transported to fields each day for the shoots and brought back in each night.

One key to their success has been



Raised platforms are used for safety and comfort.

working with landowners in the area. The Aamodts lease the land, which means the hunters are escorted to a specific field (no knocking on doors for permission) and have a safe place to shoot.

"We have exclusive rights to be in the field, so anyone else would be trespassing," Justin said. "And all the shooters are facing out in the platform, which is a real safety factor because you don't have hunters walking around and possibly shooting in the direction of another hunter."

The hunts start around the first part of April and usually end Memorial Day.

"It kind of depends on the height of the alfalfa," Justin said,

Amenities

While there may be others that offer rat hunts, they'd be hard-pressed to match the amenities offered by Diamond A Guides.

Once reservations are made, Nikki makes sure to confirm the reservations before the guests arrive.

Available accommodations include a three-bedroom ranch house, cabins, RV hook-ups, wall tents (with wood floors, cots and heat) and even a teepee.

Guests can enjoy three home-cooked meals a day, complete with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. When the shooters return from the afternoon

hunt, they find buckets of ice, as well as lemon and lime slices in their lodging for refreshments.

"It really is all about customer service. And we have the 'five-pound rule' here. Nobody leaves until they've gained five pounds!" Nikki said with a laugh.

People from all over the world come to hunt in Harney County because it's an unparalleled experience.

"The only thing that compares is shooting doves in Argentina," Justin said. "They get more shooting at live animals here than any where else."

As evidence of a positive experience, Diamond A Guides has a 92-percent return rate.

Background

The Aamodts are no strangers to being guides or to being customer-service oriented.

Justin attended guide school in Montana in 1990 and then learned about the importance of customer service when he worked for Les Schwab.

Nikki's father is the founder of Mah-Hah Outfitters in Fossil, and she "learned the ropes" while helping him.

"We take care of everything we can control — good food, cleanliness, friendly atmosphere," Nikki said. "There are things we can't control, like the weather, but we do our best at that,

too, like letting people know the weather forecast."

The Aamodts admit there's something unexpected that happens up every year, but they plan ahead and keep moving forward.

Economic

The effects on the county economy is a step in the right direction.

The landowners not only lease their land, they don't have to worry about expenses related to property. Another benefit is less damage done to the land.

"The sage rats are a pest on the ground squirrels and other animals," Oregon State University says. "They can eat more than 14 pounds of alfalfa in three months' time. In a 200-acre field, there are 10,000 squirrels. So you're losing a lot of alfalfa and that's a lot of alfalfa."

John Opie, whose company leases land to the Aamodts, says the hunters on their land are a benefit.

"Getting the rats killed is probably the best benefit, and it's not some guys that don't know what they're doing. There's a tremendous amount of instruction from the Aamodts. They don't eat, they control them or they destroy roots."

Opie added that his company doesn't let anyone shoot, but the Aamodts works a lot better.

Diamond A Guides supports local businesses for the county.

"We do a lot of business with local businesses for the county, B&B Sporting Goods, Timber and Big R," Nikki said.

There's also money spent on gas stations, restaurants and, for those who fly in, hotels.

"Landowners will give us a lot of support this year, and the total amount of money coming in from the who support and businesses is about \$500,000. That's just for the season period," Justin noted.

In addition, Diamond A Guides employs three people in addition to the five guides.

Locations: Hot springs

Crystal Crane Hot Springs

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there is access to a commons room with a refrigerator, stove and dining area.

Diana Davis, whose family owns the hot springs, said 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.

The hot springs is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, and Davis said most of the locals come at night. The hot springs hosts a Tuesday \$2 swim night, which brings in a fair number of local families.

"Kids like to splash around and swim," Davis 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," Davis said.

Logically, Friday and Saturday nights are the most popular.

"We get really booked up at night, especially on the weekend," Davis 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 reunions and other gatherings.

Crystal Crane Hot Springs can be found online at: www.crane-hot-springs.com

... Alvord Desert Hot Springs

The Alvord Desert Hot Springs are open for business. The cost to soak in the naturally-heated water is \$5 a person, and the site is now equipped with a wheelchair-accessible restroom, parking, a well-lit path to the springs, a caretaker, and a small convenience store.

In the past, the owners of the Alvord Ranch, Paul and Toni Davis, have allowed public access to the springs. Recently, however, they decided that a change had to be made when they noticed visitors were abusing the access.

Paul said recent advertising done by the Bureau of Land Management and internet publications of the site have caused an increase in visitor numbers. Many of these visitors had misused the land and hygienic expectations.

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Attractions: Hot Springs



Crystal Crane Hot Springs is on Highway 78, about 25 miles from Burns.

“After we saw what people were doing down there, we decided that something different had to be done,” Paul said. “It came down to a liability issue.”

They decided that they had four options:

- continue to allow public access and ignore the garbage and human waste that visitors left behind until they were hit with a liability case;
- sell the property and let the next owner inherit the problems;
- close the property to all and bulldoze the site; or
- clean up the property and capitalize on the springs.

Paul chose option four and set out to obtain the necessary permits to clean up the springs and make it sanitary and safe for visitors.

In order to maintain the facilities and ensure cleanliness, the charge must be enforced. The site is still bringing in a multitude of visitors from far and wide.

The Davis family was also concerned with internet sites that warned visitors to “expect nudity.” While they can’t control everyone who visits the springs, guests are expected to bring adequate swimwear.

McDermond asks all visitors to sign into a guest book so that the number of soakers can be calculated. In the time that he’s been keeping records, around 1,500 people have visited.

The changes to the hot springs may come as a surprise to some but have resulted in a safer, more sanitary soak for all.



The Alvord Hot Springs offer a view of the east side of Ste...

Destinations: The Seven Wonders of Harney County

County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Harrison said Harney doesn't need roller coasters or amusement parks. "More than 10,000 square miles of beauty and abundance are enough to escape the hustle and bustle of a big city."

"The idea of having the wilderness is very intriguing," Harrison said, adding that many people are in search of an area to explore nature without leaving their next-door neighbor. "It is that utopia that we are looking for."

To draw visitors to Harney County, Harrison collaborated with the Harney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Harney County Emergency Response Team to develop the Seven Wonders of Harney County.

Harney County recently launched a tourism-promotion campaign titled "The Seven Wonders of Harney County" which highlights Mount Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, the Oregon Coast, the Painted Desert, the Wallowa Crater, and Crater Lake.

"I saw Travel Oregon's website and said she thought, 'How did Steens make it?'"

"I said that Oregon is a diverse state, and I want to select only seven wonders to emphasize. I said she could think of seven that are located in Harney County — 'off the top of her head' to discover the seven wonders. I was advised to look up a list of a myriad of celestial wonders in Harney



The Alvord Desert extends along the base of Steens Mountain, a wonderland for wind sails, hot air balloons and off-road enthusiasts.



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County include Steens Mountain, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Alvord Desert, Diamond Craters, Malheur National Forest, hot springs, and star gazing.

Harrison said the selected wonders represent all areas of Harney County. She explained that travelers can access Malheur National Forest through Burns, Hines, Drewsey and Buchanan. The Alvord Desert can be accessed through Fields, Steens Mountain can be accessed through French-

glen and The Narrows, Diamond Craters through Diamond, and the county's various hot springs through areas like Crane and the Alvord Ranch.

Additionally, star gazing opportunities exist throughout the entire county. In fact, Harrison said Harney County has one of the lowest levels of artificial light in the United States, making it a great place to get an extraordinary glimpse of the night sky.

She added that many recreation-

opportunities exist in the Malheur National Forest, including "gravel grinding," or bicycling on a mix of asphalt, gravel, dirt and single-track roads and trails. Harrison said she's working with local U.S. Forest Service staff to recommend activities that won't interfere with the agency's forest-management efforts.

"What I hope is that, as The Seven Wonders draw in people, they

Seeing the Seven Wonders in a weekend

I am a small-town girl with an amazing husband and four children who loves to be involved in the community and church.

Here's how my family and I would see The Seven Wonders of Harney County — Malheur Wildlife Refuge, hot springs, Steens Mountain, star gazing, Diamond Craters, Alvord Desert, and Malheur Forest — in a weekend.

Start out with a fresh-baked doughnut from the Doughnut Hole in Burns and head out to Malheur Forest — Delintment Lake to enjoy the early morning trout bite in the canoe. Head over to Yellowjacket Lake Campground and unload the bicycles to take a ride to West Myrtle Lookout to eat the sack lunch containing my "gobble"(after-Thanksgiving turkey, cranberry, cream cheese) sandwich with homemade lemon bar from Broadway

Deli. Pack up and head back to Burns to stroll around the Harney County Historic Museum that houses a large selection of items representing our Burns Paiute Tribe. Now that the kids are restless, we head over to Hines City Park and race down the double "1930s Big Red" slide. Time to eat again... burgers at Big Bear Lodge with a little friendly competition at horseshoes. Time to relax at the Crystal Crane Hot Springs in the TeePee tub or pond while star gazing at the amazingly brilliant stars. The next morning, head over to The Narrows for a country-style breakfast before seeing the array of wildlife at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, then on the Diamond Loop, head to Peter French Round Barn to see how they used to train horses, and see the volcanic creations at Diamond Craters. On to Steens Mtn Guest Ranch in Diamond to take

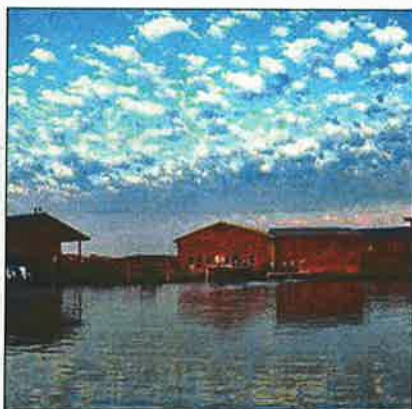
a horseback trailride to catch a glimpse of the Kiger mustangs roaming the hillsides of Steens Mountain. We stop at Frenchglen Historic Hotel for lunch before we head up to the Fish Lake on Steens Mtn to do a little fishing. As we go around the Steens Mtn Loop, we stop at the photo ops at Kiger Gorge, Steens Rim, Little Blitzen and Big Indian. The Fields Station is calling our name with their delicious, old-fashioned milk shakes. (Personally, the strawberry is the best.) On our way back home as we drive by the Alvord Desert on the East Steen Loop, we see the wind sails enjoying the winds. The night would not be complete without a great steak dinner at The Pine Room and a glass of Harney Valley Ale from Steens Mountain Brewing Company.

— Chelsea Harrison

Attractions: The Seven Wonders of Harney County



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Malheur National Forest provides a wide variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation.



Malheur Wildlife Refuge is known for its wildlife and species of birds.

will see the opportunity that is available in Harney County," Harrison said.

She said she also plans to promote agriculturally-based tourism, explaining that people around the world have expressed interest in learning more about ranching and

the rural way of life.

In addition to its rugged allure, Harrison said Harney County offers a strong sense of community.

"This community embraces people," she said. "It's amazing how it embraces people. People come in and say, 'This is such a nice town,

and there are very nice people here.'"

She added that visitors have reported receiving a level of customer service from local merchants that is unmatched in other areas.

But locals need not worry about a population influx, as Harrison

said most of the traffic can be brought in by the tourism motion will not opt

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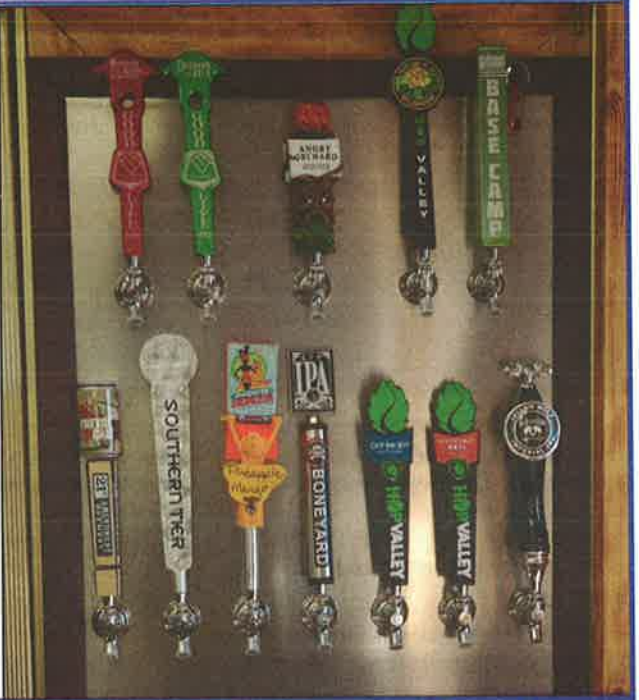
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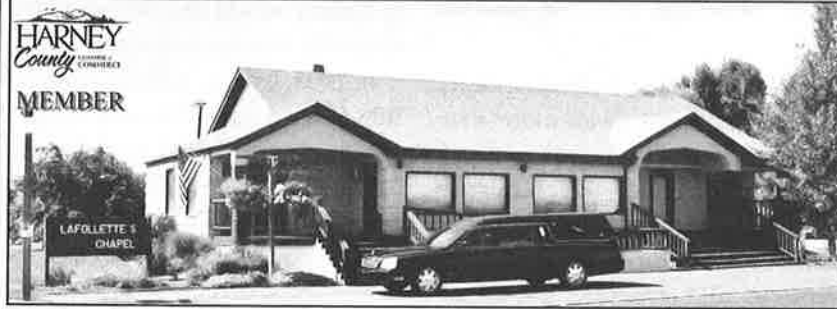
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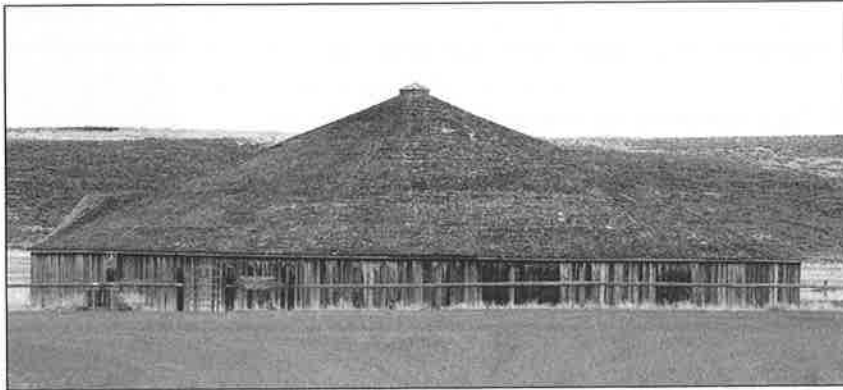


Attractions: Pete French Round Barn

*Walk through a
page of history*

The Pete French Round Barn, an impressive structure and a prominent icon of Harney County, is a must-see attraction. The barn, which French built for his horses, was donated to the Harney County Historical Society in 1970, and it was only a matter of time before visitors had access to a wealth of historical information.

The Round Barn Visitor Center, run by the Jenkins family, not only educates tourists on the history of Harney County, but also houses local



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.

artwork 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' hos-

pitality. 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 support posts centered mid-structure, has acous-

tics 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.

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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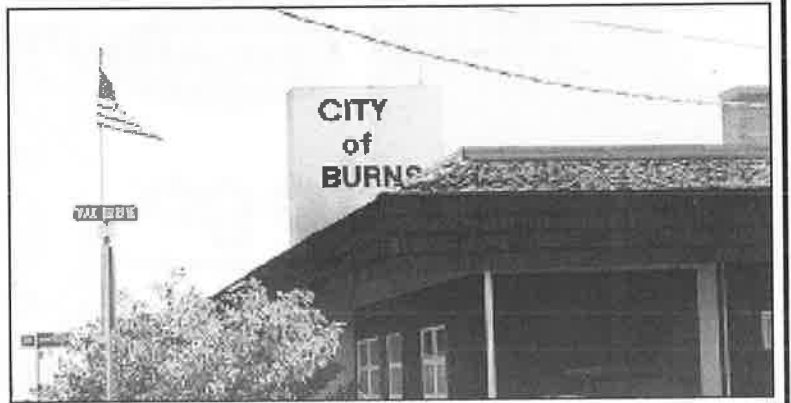
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Attractions: Rockhounding

Harney County is also known to be a great place for rock hounds. Glass Butte is located about 50 miles west of Burns, off the highway at milepost 77. Turn south on a dirt/gravel road marked "Obsidian Road" and follow this road straight until you reach a "T". This is Glass Butte. You can find obsidian, sheens (silver, gold and rainbow), red, mahogany, flame, fire, lace and more. Obsidian is formed when basalt cools rapidly, not allowing the time needed for crystals to form, therefore the basalt forms into a glass. Glass Butte is overall the best place in Oregon to find obsidian. The rolling hills in this area are literally overflowing with the glass, and if you look hard enough and long

enough you can find some exceptionally nice pieces of obsidian.

The east side of Steens Mountain is a great area for hunting thunder eggs. Thunder eggs can be found for sale at local rock shops as well. The petrified forest areas in the Stinkingwater Creek Basin offer the best opportunities for the collector of petrified trees and have been posted by the federal government to preserve this unusual forest. The remainder of the basin area contains float material of petrified wood pieces. Leaf and fish fossils are also found in the basin, located south of Highway 20, past milepost 167 east of Buchanan. Warm Springs Reservoir is located about 55 miles east of Burns, south of Highway 20. Access is via a narrow, winding, gravel road. Basalt

can be found here. Stinkingwater Access Road is located about 30 miles east of Burns, south of Highway 20.

Oregon sunstone is a feldspar crystal formed in molten lava and then discharged onto the surface of the earth by a volcano. As the lava weathers away or is broken up, the crystals are released. Oregon is the only place in the world where gem grade Sunstones are found containing copper. Varying amounts of copper cause the stones to range in color from water clear to yellow, as well as many shades of green, red and pink. Some stones contain from two to four of these colors. Some rare stones will even change colors in different light as alexandrite does, and some are different col-

ors when viewed in different directions (dichroic). Sunstones can be found southwest of Harney and into Lake Co. Both public and private mines in the area.

Just south and east of Burns, Fields, is the Royal Mine on the Sheldon ridge across the border. A favorite past time for Harney County visitors is rockhounding. At the south end, in Field, is the opal mine for a long time. This is a region renowned for its tabular black fire opals. If you are of digging, you can find the nearby hot springs at Valley Campground. For more information, contact your accom-



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Yekel's Repair was originally named Ed's Repair, which began in 1973 in Crane. Ed Yekel worked out of a pickup for many years doing mostly service calls. In 1981, he moved to Burns and leased a shop near the fairgrounds. Later, he moved to the outskirts of Burns to another shop where Ed and Stuart Yekel became partners and called the business Yekel's Repair. In 1991, Ed Yekel passed away and Stuart took over the business. The business then moved to Hines. In 2001, Stuart moved to his present address in Burns, and in 2007, purchased the property. In June of 2012, Stuart's son, Craig Yekel, joined him in the family business.

Yekel's Repair has equipment for R-12 and R-134 air conditioning service, computer diagnostics, fluke digital oscilloscope, black light leak detection and performance upgrades.



Pictured from left: Craig Yekel, Jesse Martinez

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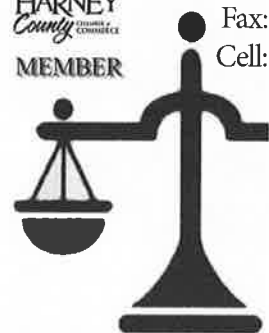
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Highway 205

Shoshone Headquarters	36 miles
Shoshone Junction	46 miles
	62 miles
	106 miles
	128 miles

U.S. Highway 20 East

24 miles
42 miles
56 miles
114 miles
132 miles
187 miles

U.S. Highway 20 West

25 miles
63 miles
84 miles
132 miles
262 miles

U.S. Highway 395 North

Seneca	34 miles
John Day	72 miles
Pendleton	198 miles

U.S. Highway 395 South

Wagontire	52 miles
Lakeview	142 miles
Alturas, Calif.	175 miles

Oregon 78 East

Burns Airport	6 miles
Lawen	17 miles
Crane	28 miles
Princeton	40 miles
Folly Farm Junction	72 miles
Burns Junction	100 miles
McDermitt	147 miles
Jordan Valley	138 miles
Winnemucca, Nev.	221 miles



To sufficiently explore all that Harney County has to offer, you will put plenty of miles on your vehicle. Gas stations can be few and far between, so be sure to gas up when you can.



Burns Paiute Tribe: Wadatika Northern Paiute hi

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 began seasonal migrations to take advantage of plants and animals in certain areas. Small family groups would travel separately collecting seeds, berries, and roots, as well as 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



Each year the Burns Paiute Tribe hosts a powwow.

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 more than 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, and bill of rights of the Burns Paiute Tribe. The Constitution and Bylaws were revised in 1988 changing the five-member Business Council to the seven-member Tribal Council of today. This was necessary to avoid con-

flict between the two tribes, the Tribal Council and the Business Council. Now the Tribal Council is directly responsible for the tribe's affairs.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Burns Paiute Tribe also outline the governing body, election process, and officers. The governing body is the Tribal Council, consisting of seven members elected by voters. To qualify to vote, a tribal member 18 years of age who lives on the reservation or is an absentee voter. The Tribal Council meets twice a year to vote on important matters.

The standard business is conducted by the seven-member Tribal Council, which includes a president, a vice-president, and a secretary. The Tribal Council is elected to a two-year term by the General Council. The Tribal Council meets several times a year, overseeing the tribal operations and carrying out the decisions of the General Council.

The tribal government has nine departments and committees. The departments provide essential services to the tribe and uphold tribal interests. The Tribal Council works with state and federal agencies. The Tribal Administration handles day-to-day operations, including accounting of the tribe's funds. The Tribal Administration is responsible for the formation and implementation of plans for community development and the administering of state grants and contracts. The Tribal Administration works to help students in school, while the Tribal Health Department provides the health care and social services. The Tribal Administration departments cover social, environmental and economic development, compliance for all tribal lands, mitigation of wildlife, cultural preservation, enhancement, law enforcement, and maintenance.

Harney County Save A Stray

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problem of stray dogs and cats in Harney County.

Harney County Save A Stray (HCSAS), a 501(c)3, all volunteer-run nonprofit, was founded in the fall of 2008. Its mission is “to re-home pets in need and reduce pet over-population through the promotion of humane spay/neuter practices.”

HCSAS has a system in place for rescuing unwanted animals in the area. In cooperation with HCVC, impounded dogs are held for five to seven days at the clinic, at which point volunteer Michele Hamilton “bails” them out and takes them to a holding facility at her private residence outside of Burns, where they stay for about a month, on average. Cats, which HCVC is not able to impound, are taken to Tiller’s home, or another foster home. Both



Save A Stray has rescued hundreds of animals like these two dogs.

dogs and cats are held until they are able to be transported to a no-kill shelter.

Although HCSAS has held some adoption events, Epping says about 95 percent of the animals they rescue are transported out of the area. Because of the many miles of travel,

fuel is a major cost for the organization. HCSAS funds go toward this, pet food, and veterinary services.

Hundreds of dogs and cats have been rescued through HCSAS. In fact, no adoptable dog has been euthanized in more than five years. Epping says that, even when the going gets tough, it’s worth it, knowing that so many pets are finding good homes.

There are many ways to help. Monetary donations can be made to the HCSAS account at US Bank, or checks can be sent to: Save A Stray, P.O. Box 403, Burns, OR 97720. Additionally, pet food may be dropped off at 132 S. Buena Vista in Burns.

For more information, contact Epping at 541-589-1104, or visit www.harneycountysaveastray.com for more contact information.

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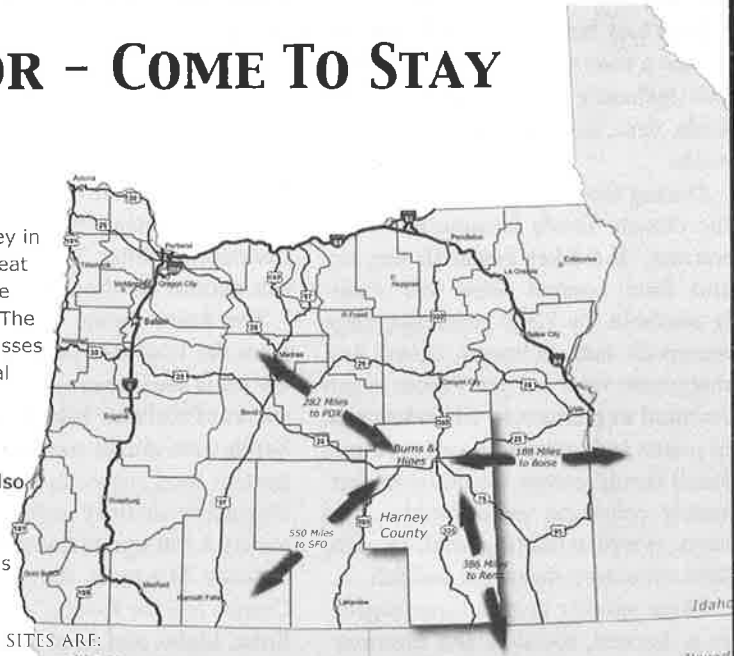
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Waggin' Tales

Competent canines are available by appointment at the Harney County Library (located at 1000 Burns) the first and second of the month.

The library launched its R.E.A.D. program Jan. 4, 2014 to provide the opportunity to children to be attentive, non-judgmental furry friends, Tova and Nasika.

Blind dogs are not called "Rovers." They are dogs who have also been trained through the Reading Assistance Dogs @ Oregon program.

Registered therapy dogs have been trained and certified for health, safety, appropriate temperament. They volunteer with their owner/handlers as

Tova and Nasika are teamed up with Claire Larson, assistant librarian at the Harney County Library, who is their registered handler.

Larson explained that, in addition to developing excellent obedience and behavioral skills, R.E.A.D. dogs need to be highly interactive. For example, they are taught to look at the books and put their paws on the pages. Some dogs are even taught to sneeze as a cue to encourage children to look at difficult words up in the dictionary.



The R.E.A.D. dogs are highly interactive with young readers.

"R.E.A.D. dogs want a higher level of interaction," Larson said, adding that dogs are taught cues to benefit struggling readers.

The pooches are clicker trained, which is a method of positive-reinforcement training that uses a clicking sound to inform animals when they complete a task correctly.

Larson said her dogs learned to associate the sound with rewards, such as food, a toy or a ride in the car. She added that clicker training changes

dogs from "reactive" to "active and engaging," as they become eager to repeat behaviors in order to obtain incentives. Larson added that, once dogs master simple tasks, several trained behaviors can be chained together to teach increasingly complex skills.

"They have to do four or five things in sequence to earn a click," Larson explained. Adding, "It's pretty amazing what they can be taught to do."

But, much like people, dogs have unique personalities and character flaws that can interfere with the training process.

For example, Tova is shy, and she tends to get overwhelmed in large crowds. On the contrary, Nasika might be a little too outgoing.

For more information about Waggin' Tales, or to book a 15 to 20-minute reading session with Nasika or Tova, contact the library at 541-573-6670.

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Events in Harney County

<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber Awards Banquet 	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sip for the Cure Ladies Tea • Harney County Day • Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet & Auction 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Dinner • Harney County Rural School Night on the Town Dinner • PEO Fashion Show • Chamber Music Society Spring Concert
<p>APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harney County Migratory Bird Festival • Delta Gamma Crab Feed • Diamonds in a Glass Dinner 	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening with the Basque • Trail of Hope Cancer Run • Seneca Oyster Feed 	<p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pioneer Day • Lions Fly-in Breakfast • Obsidian Days Rock and Gem Show • Free Fishing Day • Country Music Jamboree/Harney Horse pull • The Hustle 13.1 Run • Extreme Bull Riding
<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th of July Parade/Hot Dog Feed/Fireworks • Hines Farmers Market Opens • Quilt & Art Show • Ranch Rodeo • Hines Junket 	<p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Chris Miller Memorial Steens Mtn Rim Run • Frenchglen Jamboree • Demolition Derby 	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Harney County Fair, Rodeo & Racemeet • Harney County Fair Parade • Brewfest • Harney Rodders Car Show • Ambulance Chaser Bike Ride
<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chili Cook Off • Chamber Radio Auction • Trick or Treat Sidewalk Parade 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pioneer Pres. Church Harvest Festival & Bazaar • Hospice Food & Wine Show • Senior Center Craft Bazaar 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar • Home Spun Craft Bazaar • Hines Last Chance Bazaar • Christmas Jamboree & Parade



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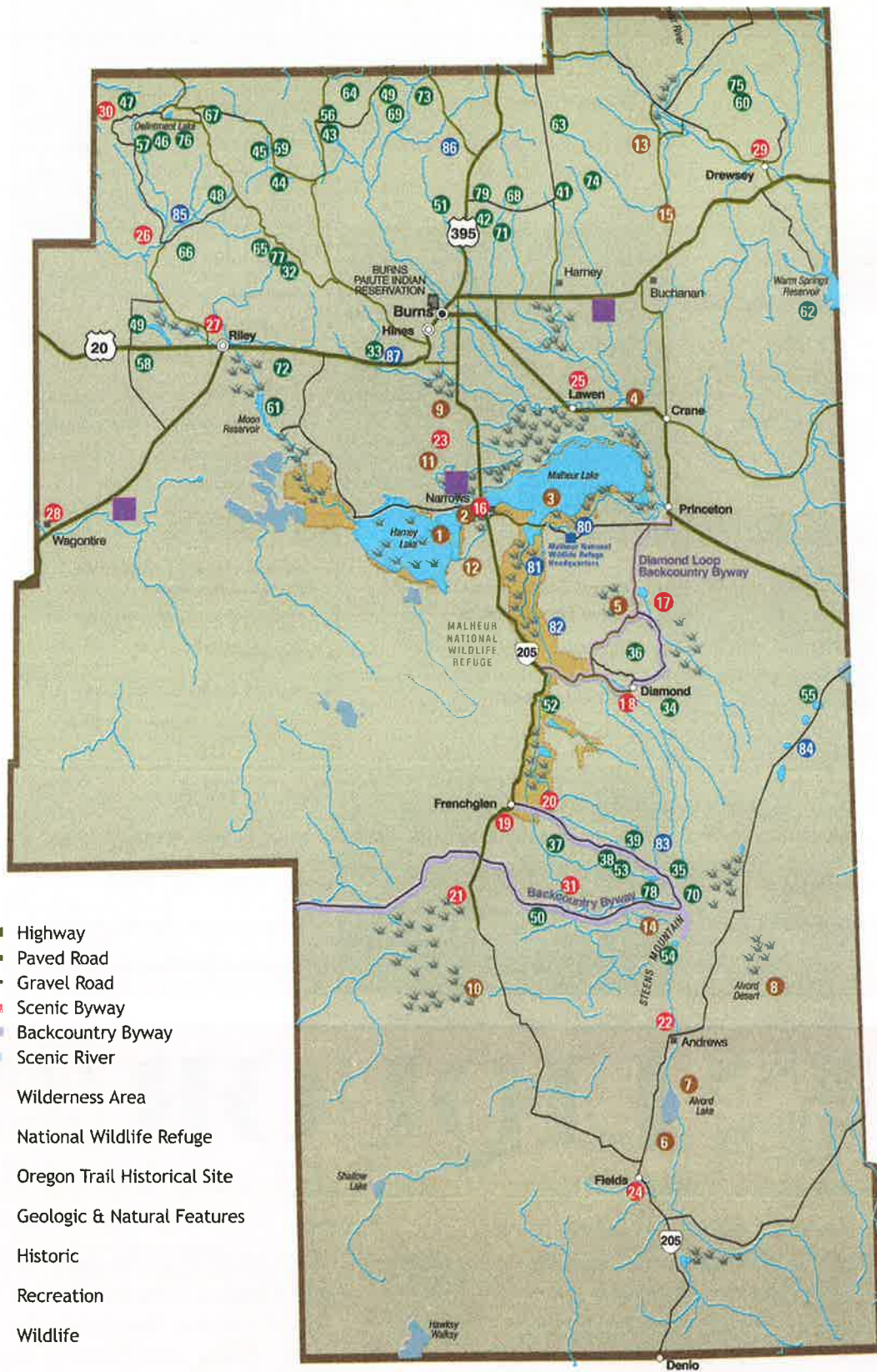
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- Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Scenic Byway
- Backcountry Byway
- Scenic River
- Wilderness Area
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Oregon Trail Historical Site
- Geologic & Natural Features
- Historic
- Recreation
- Wildlife

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; permit required (USFS)

WILDLIFE

- 80) Malheur Wildlife Refuge
- 81) Patrol Road - through refuge
- 83) Steens Mountain - deer, elk, Big Horn sheep, raptors
- 84) Mann Lake - birding
- 85) Ochoco National Forest
- 86) Malheur National Forest
- 87) Wild Horse Corrals

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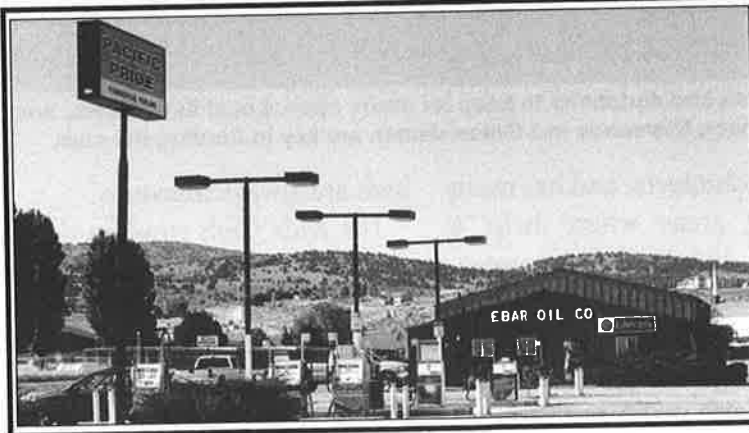
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The Kids Club of Harney County counts on grants and donations to keep its doors open. Local fundraisers, such as the Raise A Kid Campaign and the Kaye Johnson Diamonds in a Glass dinner, are key in funding the club.

School for grades 6-8, and Kids in the Middle which pairs students in grades 4-8 with an adult mentor.

The Kids Club's overall focus is on teaching children to make healthy life choices. Staff members help with homework and teach life skills, and there are drug and alcohol education prevention programs.

One of the newest additions is the Little Learners Enrichment Center for preschoolers. Along with getting children ready for kindergarten, focus is placed on science and environmental awareness.

The Kids Club is always look-

ing for volunteers, and has many different areas where help is needed. Volunteers are needed for assisting in the kitchen, reading, theatrics, deep cleaning and organizing, landscaping, helping with various projects, or just throwing 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.

The club would also like to encourage community members to come and share their occupational experiences with the children. Presentations about various careers and living positive

lives are always welcome.

The Kids Club runs on donations and grants, and without this support locally, it would not be open. The club has two big fundraisers each year. The main fundraising event is the Kaye Johnson Memorial Diamonds in a Glass. This event includes dinner, dessert, a door prize, and live and silent auctions. The Kids Club also has the Raise A Kid Campaign. Donations from sources outside of Harney County also help keep the club running.

The Kids Club is located at 267 S. Egan in Burns. Call: 541-573-7036. Mail: P.O. Box 1035, Burns, OR 97720.



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Services: Harney County Library

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Founded in 1903 by a group of people who called themselves the "Moon Club," the library has the first collection of more than 30,000 books, magazines, newspapers, public computer programs, teen activities. The emphasis on the area ensure there is something for everyone who visits. Online, the library is available to a whole world of information and offers a search engine, a librarian will help people of all ages find the resources they need whether it is a book, video or DVD.

Specialties

Internet computers — available for a house to use, pay your bills, and

Use your own laptop at the building.

Equipment — Equipment for individual meetings.

History Room — Harney County newspapers from 1887 to more than 400 oral histories of the area, information on churches, and towns, as well as a collection of books on local history.

Presented through programs for all ages and interests are free and cover local history, crafts, and more.

Meeting space — The library can accommodate groups up to 20 people.

Books — New bestsellers, fiction and nonfiction arriving weekly.

Audio books — Large collection of books on tape, CD and MP3, or download books to your MP3 player from home with Library2Go.

Videos and DVDs — Entertaining and educational movies available for checkout.

Magazines — The library subscribes to 40 different magazines.

Newspapers — Regional and local publications available.

Children's services — Board books for babies, easy readers, chapter books, audio books and themed backpacks available for checkout. Weekly Storytimes and Summer Reading Challenge are offered.

Interlibrary Loans — The library belongs to the Sage consortium of Eastern Oregon libraries with access to 750,000 items. If they do not have what you are looking for, they can usually get it from another library.

Online — Check the library catalog and your account, renew your books, or place a hold from home.

Personal assistance — The trained staff is ready and willing to help you find what you are looking for.

The library, located at 80 West D St. in Burns, is open six days a week. Business hours are as follows:

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

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

Wednesday: noon - 7 p.m.

Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: 10:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: noon - 4 p.m.

The library's website is:

www.harneycountylibrary.org

For more information, call 541-573-6670.



The Harney County Library is located at 80 W. D Street in Burns.

Kids of all ages are welcome at the library! There is a special program for everyone, and they are all free.

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 a lot of interaction from the audience. After the reading session, everyone heads to the craft tables to make edible necklaces with cereal, 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. Fridays — 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.

For more information about any of these programs, check out the Harney County Library online at www.harneycountylibrary.org or call 541-573-6670.

Services: Western History Room/Historical Museum

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 genealogical resources include indexes of birth, death and marriage announcements, dating from the late 1800s, and the Harney County cemetery records. Also available are census records of



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

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 sound-insulated recording room 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 more than 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. Other references available include magazines on genealogy and family chronicles.

Karen Nitz is the project manager for the collection and help library patrons use the room during regular library hours. The Western History Room is open during regular hours and evenings by request. Hours of operation outside of regular hours are with advance notice.

The library staff encourages patrons to record oral histories. Many family members have died, and their stories they could tell have not yet been documented.

For more information on the resources available in the Western History Room, contact Karen Nitz at karnroom@harneycounty.org or call 541-573-6670, or visit the website www.HarneyCounty.org.

Explore the treasures of the past at the 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. Old coins, glass, art and poetry can also be found in the museum. 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, Wash. said it best in a letter to the museum: "I encourage you to retain the style and ambiance 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 and sensitive museum is a treasure trove of species, preserve it. We encourage you to visit this, and it is worth the effort."

The Harney County Historical Museum is open April through October, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located in Burns, it is staffed entirely by volunteers. During the closed season, you can write to visit the museum at Harney County Historical Society, P.O. Box 388, Burns, OR 97524.

Cost is \$4 for one, \$10 for a family of four (adults are \$.50 each). Children under 12 are \$1 each, and seniors are only \$3.

Entry is free for members. The cost for a family membership is \$10 per year, \$100 for a lifetime membership for one, and \$200 for a lifetime membership for two.

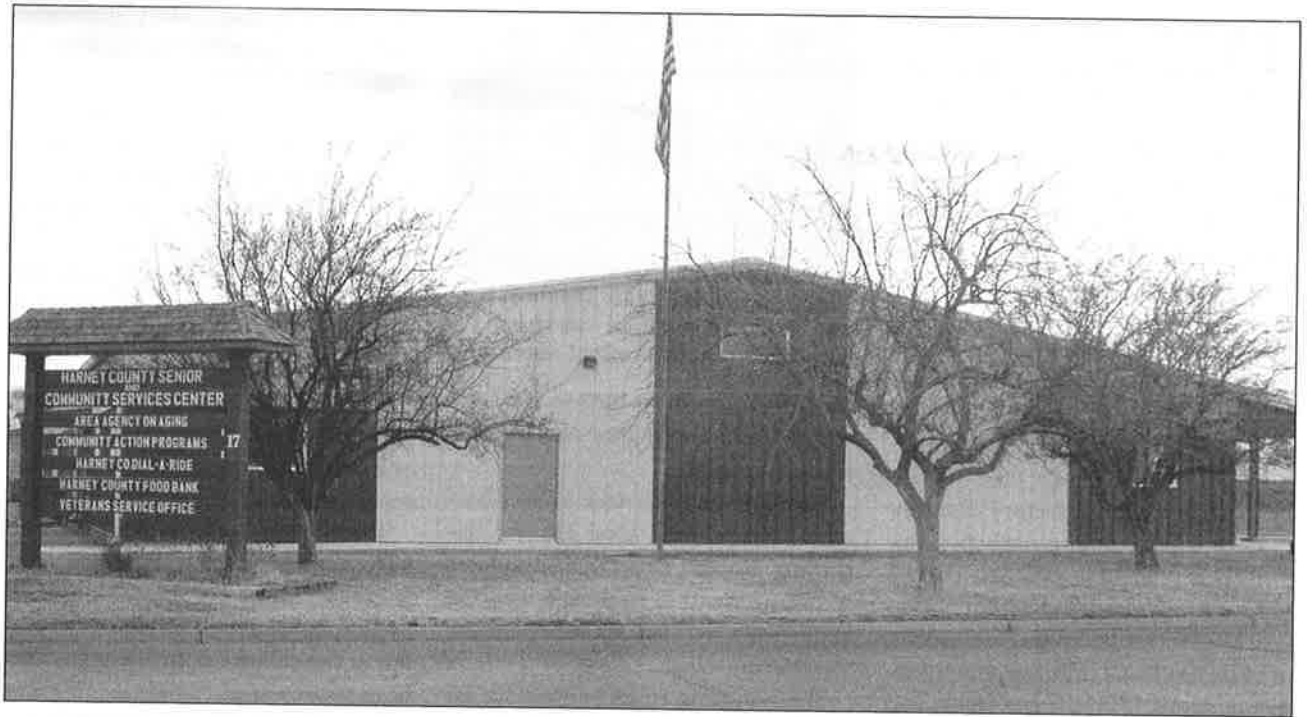
Services: Senior and Community Services Center

tion of the Harney Senior and Community Services Center is to provide safe and secure funding from state and federal sources and private sources to support and enhance the dignity, independence, wellness and quality of life of our senior, disabled, minority and low-income citizens of Harney County.

Where seniors go for assistance to maintain independence. We provide noon meals every Monday and Friday. Meals are delivered Monday and Friday with frozen meals for Tuesday and Friday in the form of meals, can be found afternoons.

A clean, comfortable environment in which to meet. We host several classes and educational programs including scheduled Chronic Conditions available to rent community gatherings too.

Sponsors the Tai Chi balance class, held weekly. We also sponsor a fracture clinic every Monday. We partner with the health office to provide a blood pressure clinic. These are one of the first services offered during



The center's new addition, completed in the spring of 2013, added a total of 2,400 square feet of space.

The center is the home of the county food pantry. We are open Monday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday 1 p.m. 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.

We are also 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 a.m. until 7 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. We also offer a weekly trip to Bend. Everyone is welcomed to schedule rides by calling 541-573-3030.

Harney County Veterans Service Officer Guy McKay 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.

Guests are always welcome. We



This emblem greets visitors as they enter the center.

enjoy showing off our facilities and the fabulous people who run them. Give us a call at 541-573-6024 if we can be of assistance. Better yet, stop by. Our doors are open, and the coffee is on.

— Angie Lamborn,
Harney County Senior Center
Executive Director

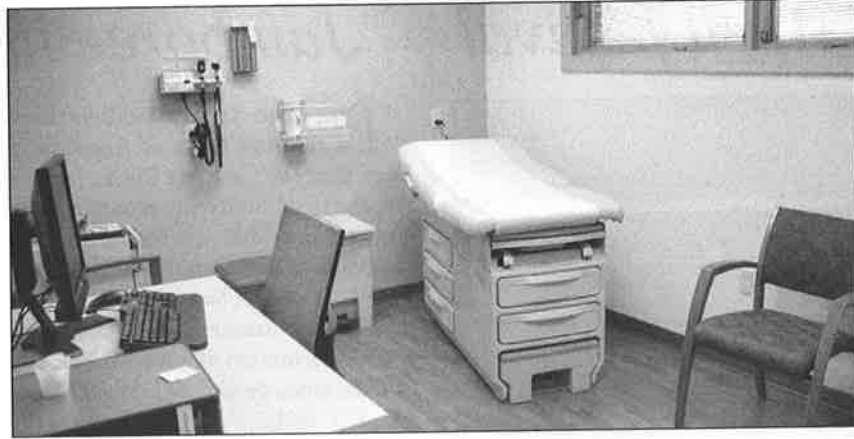
Services: Burns-Hines VA Clinic/Park & Rec

Officials with the Boise Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center and community partners cut ribbon in May 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 Ave. 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 Medical Center until it moved to its permanent location on Egan Avenue.



The Burns-Hines VA Clinic opened in May 2010.

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. until 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.

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 541-573-1342. 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 Boise VA Medical Center. Other VA outreach clinics in the Boise VA Medical Center jurisdiction include Caldwell, Twin Falls and Salmon, Idaho, with services being provided in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Service Officer

Guy McKay is a Harney County veteran service officer. McKay brings a military background with 20 years — three years active duty and three years in the Army Reserve — and is a medical specialist with a background in electrical engineering. He has been a resident of Harney County for more than 20 years.

McKay worked at the Harney Senior and Community Services Center for 10 years. His hobbies include fishing and camping.

The veterans outreach center at the Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. These are outreach days in the community areas.

For more information, contact McKay at 541-573-1342.

High Desert Parks and Recreation provides sports opportunities year-round

Basketball Leagues: Youth League and Men's League available. Boy's and Girl's League are separated and are before and after Christmas Break each year. Practices vary during the week. Most games are played during the week and some Saturday games. New volunteer coaches and referees are always welcomed. Men's basketball starts in December and runs through February. Games are usually twice a week. Teams are encouraged to sign up as a unit. For more information, go to www.leaguelineup.com/highdesert.

Rollerskating: This event is held at the Memorial Building at the fair-

grounds during the winter months when the building is available. Skates are on Friday nights, “Slow Skate” is from 6 to 7 p.m. All skaters will be asked to skate slow or sit down until “Open Skate.” “Open Skate” is from 7 to 8:30 p.m., with slower skaters, skating on the inside and faster skaters on the outside.

Tackle Football League: Football League begins in September and runs through October.

Volleyball League: Youth League Volleyball begins in March and runs through April. Practices and games are on the weekdays. Practices depend on individual volunteer coaches.

Softball League: Games are weekdays, twice a week. Minor League is grades 3-6 and play slow pitch. Grades 7-8 play fast pitch. Players can be drafted up, should parents agree.

Soccer League: For Grades K-6. Soccer League begins in September and runs through October. Practices and games are during the week and some games are held on Saturday mornings. Shin guards are highly recommended but not required at this time.

Swimming Pool: Recreational swimming is available during the summer months. The current informational packet on rates and times is available

at the swimming pool and recreation department.

Swim Lessons: According to skill level. day-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All lessons are 30 minutes.

Water Aerobics: during the summer months. The normal rate of water aerobics are between the 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. These are not of aerobics but individual pace according to skill level. For more information on these services, please contact Parks and Recreation at 541-573-1342.

Events: Bird festival and Country Music Jamboree

Cranes flock to April festival

Scharff Migratory Bird and Art Show is held the first part of April. Harney County community focusing visitors to the ultimate experience.

Waterfowl and others specific Flyway drop out in the wetlands of the and the Blitzen Valley migration.

Featured artists, and other information-free days of activity.

Cranes often arrive weeks before the festival gets underway. Long after, the week-long birders and enthusiasts a rare-bird sighting, add to their life lists.

The weekend filled with birding-related activities. Songbirds, raptors and among the many species throughout the area in late April.

Thousands and legions of cranes are visible throughout the wetland seas as they migrate and flow out across the region. They can also be seen at observation poles along birding hotspots and exclamation points. The flyway, as well as the Blitzen Valley, and take advantage of the abundant supply of food.

Tours are offered for a variety of interests. Some offer educational tours for those less experienced in birding; others offer guided viewing of the migrating cranes. The history of the Blitzen Valley, and the rural ranching heritage about environmental cooperative accomplish-

Named in honor of the former manager of



The sandhill cranes appear in force each spring.

the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR). 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 the past include: Birding British Style, Birding the Hot Spots, Birds of Prey, Brunch with the Birds, Extreme Birding, Harney Basin Rock Art, Harney Basin Working Llama Ranch and Harney County Cattlewomen's Working Ranch, among many others.

Other activities include: Building Birdhouses, E-Tour of Harney County History & Archaeology, Harney Basin Heritage and Kids Fun Fair and Introduction to Bird Sketching.

For information on the 34th annual John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival and Art Show, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 541-573-2636, or go to the website:

www.migratorybirdfestival.com

Jamboree held each June

The High Desert Fiddlers keep a treasure trove of Americana. They host the Country Music Jamboree, Harney County Fairgrounds' third largest event. This year marks the 25th Jamboree celebration, from Thursday, June 18, through Saturday, June 20, at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Find more information at www.highdesertfiddlers.com, or call 541-573-1323 or 541-573-2636.

Event chair, Janet Braymen, said, "Players of all skill levels and beginners of all ages join in. The camaraderie is great." Admission is free; a hat is passed for donations.

The event, originally a state-sanctioned Old Time Fiddlers Contest, drew big-name contestants, such as Jimmie Don Bates, Carol Ann Wheeler and Lloyd Wanzer. But the High Desert Fiddlers found fundraising year-round to meet the \$8,000 price tag too much work and not enough fun.

So, in 1990, they decided to simply set up a stage and play music. "This has proven to be way more fun," said Braymen. The first three years, they jamboreed in the Arrowhead lot in downtown Burns. A fine time was had, until thunderstorms induced a move to the Desert Historic Theater. Word got out. Old time music aficionados, many on their way to the world-renowned Weiser, Idaho, National Fiddler's Contest, rolled in with campers and RVs. They parked around town and stayed the weekend just for the fun of the jamboree. A few years later, in need of more elbow room, the jamboree settled in at the Harney County Fairgrounds on the edge of town.

The jamboree takes up three fair-ground buildings. Fifty or more RVs park on-site, with assorted tents and shade canopies pitched on the green grass. The main stage is in the Memorial Building, which also has vital features of a kitchen and a dance floor. Concessions abound through the day;



Participants of the jamboree come from all over the country.

dinners are served by reservation.

Two other buildings are set aside for more informal "jam sessions," which have been known to go on into the wee hours of the morning. Even more informal "jams" break out just about anywhere two or more fiddlers are gathered.

Folks come from all over for the jamboree. One couple from Germany had planned a tour of the Western U.S., themed "Rodeos and Music." They stumbled upon the festival in Harney County and stayed for all three days. Stories of visitors from Chile, Brazil, Europe and all over the U.S. abound, testimony to this delightful mix of folks and folk music.

In addition, the High Desert Fiddlers extend an open invitation to come by any Friday night throughout the year. The group and their "fan club" gather at various locations, as they have since 1983. Musicians of various skill levels tune up fiddle, guitar, dulcimer, dobro, banjo, mandolin, bass fiddle and harmonica and play an impressive variety of styles. Tunes from folk, country, bluegrass, swing, old-time string, Celtic, and grange dance genres ring out, fresh and vibrant as the day they were first composed.

"Folks like to play the music of their youth, what they grew up listening to," said Braymen, who plays hammer dulcimer with the group. "Listening to and playing music keeps you alive. It's both fun and challenging. I just love it."

Events: Burns Brewfest

First brewfest fun for participants, funds raised for plaza

The Harney County Opportunity Team (HCOT) invited everyone to see what was brewing at a new festival last fall.

The first Burns BrewFest was held Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, at the Arrowhead Plaza in downtown Burns. And with food, music and taste testing, participants enjoyed ample opportunities to tap into a barrel of fun.

Putting the 'fun' in fundraiser

HCOT board member Patty McNeil said she'd never been to a brew festival before, but she thought it'd be a fun and unique way to raise money for the Arrowhead Plaza project.

Located at the corner of West A Street and North Broadway Avenue, the Arrowhead lot has been empty since the Arrowhead Hotel burned down in 1973.

The property's previous owners, Bill and Ulaberl Allen, donated the lot to HCOT in 2011. Since then, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has been working with community partners to transform the lot into a public plaza. Some long-term goals include adding an amphitheater, restrooms, pathways and art to the area.

Fun for everyone

McNeil said she started planning Burns BrewFest by conducting research and garnering inspiration from other beer festivals.

However, because of the small size of the community, she said she thought Burns BrewFest would be unique.

With smaller crowds and ample parking, McNeil said she expected the festival to be comfortable for everyone.

She added that admission to the event is free, and anyone can come eat lunch and enjoy the music.

Available food vendors included Smoking Pit Barbecue, R&R Cowboy Shack, and Figaro's Pizza Pub.

Shade tents, tables and chairs were available for festival goers, however, seating was limited so folks were encouraged to bring their own chairs.

RC DJ Music provided the soundtrack for the event.

Breweries on tap

Burns' own Steens Mountain Brewing Company served samples of its Lone Pine American India Pale Ale and McCoy Creek Scottish Ale.

Bigfoot Beverages offered Atlas Cider, and wine was also available.

Additionally, three Bend-based breweries made the commute to Burns for the festival. Deschutes Brewery supplied samples of its Fresh Squeezed IPA and Deschutes River Ale. GoodLife Brewing Company offered its Sweet As, and 10 Barrel Brewing Company tempted taste testers with its Apocalypse IPA.

John Day's 1188 Brewing Com-



There were a number of frosty brews for participants to try at Burns Brewfest.

pany was on hand to serve Desert Monk and Black Oak Instigator, and Redmond's Wild Ride Brewing Company was pouring its Cole's Trickle Lager and Hopperhead IPA.

Last but not least, Payette Brewing Company, based in Boise, Idaho, made the trip across state lines to offer its Mutton Buster Brown

Ale and Outlaw IPA.

Taste testers also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite brew.

Although the festival was open to all ages, participants had to be 21 or older to sample a swig, and tastes could only be taken from a Burns BrewFest beer stein.

Festival packages available

In order to secure a stein, participants had to purchase a package.

The \$20 **Classic Package** included:

- one, 15-ounce glass beer stein with the Burns BrewFest logo;
- eight tasting tokens; and
- admittance at 12 p.m.

The \$40 **Platinum Package** included:

- one, 15-ounce glass beer stein with the Burns BrewFest logo;
- one T-shirt with the Burns

BrewFest logo (available for men, women, boys and ladies' cut).
 • 12 tasting tokens
 • advanced, 11 p.m. for a "meet and greet" with local breweries.

A deadline was set for chasing the Platinum Package to ensure that customers received the correct T-shirt.

Additional T-shirts were available for purchase at the festival, but there was no way to guarantee availability and cut availability.

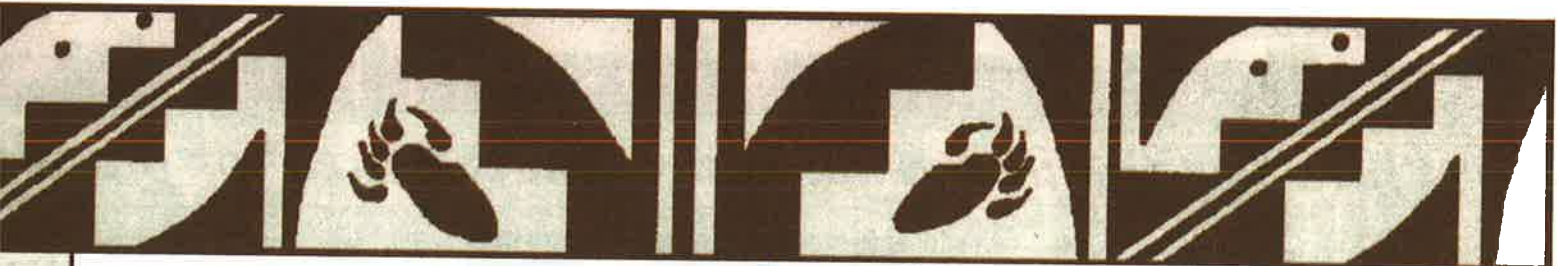
There was no discount to chase the Classic Package. However, McNeil encouraged everyone to purchase their steins in advance, as only a limited number of steins were available for public sale.

Additional tasting tokens were purchased at the festival for \$1 apiece. Each token was for one, 4 ounce taste

Stepping

McNeil noted that the festival was well attended and served as a stepping stone toward the goal of establishing a public participation event. She added that the public participation event included additional activities, as well as vineyards and distributors) to participate in future festivals. Because of the first brewfest, Burns BrewFest has been scheduled for 2015.

Speaking of stepping stones, McNeil said people are encouraged to incorporate the bricks that will be incorporated into the pathways. She explained that the bricks can be engaged in business or family name or a loved one



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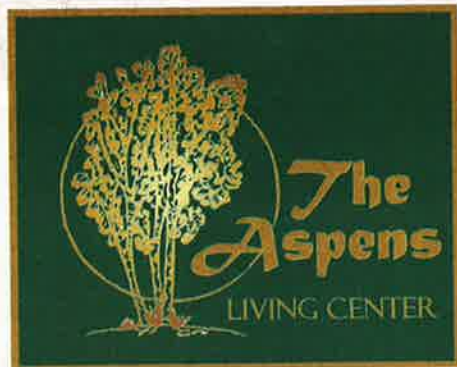
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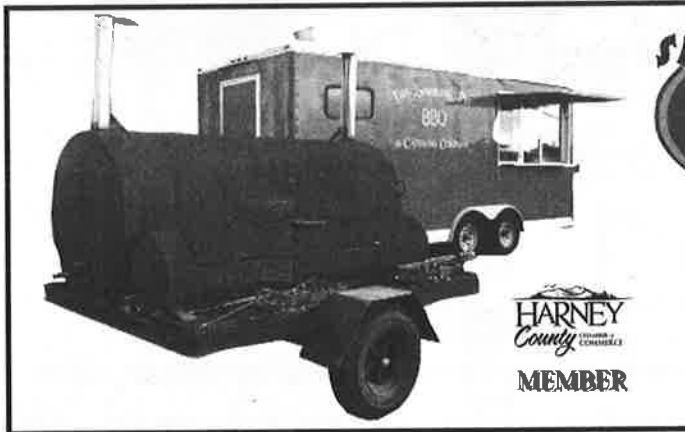
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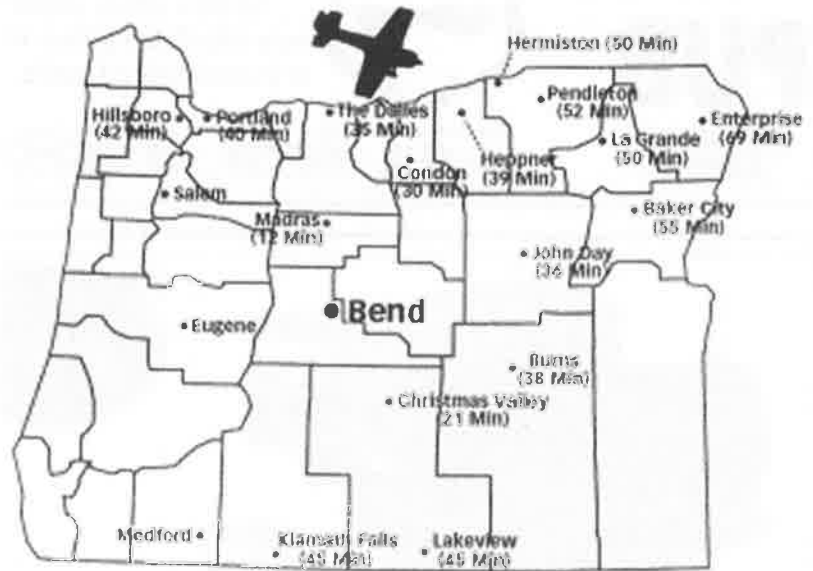
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Hospice is mostly funded
through Medicare, but that doesn't
cover all expenses. Various dona-
tions help make a big difference.
Families have donated several
pieces of equipment, including lift
chairs, and monetary donations are
always welcome.

Oftentimes patients have used
up most of their savings paying
for treatment and medicine be-
fore they arrive at hospice. Hospice
will then try to pay expenses in-
curred 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 it has.

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 bereavement
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 died 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.

Fundraising

A major fundraiser 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 a remarkable difference
in the lives of patients and the fam-
ilies they serve, including those
who serve at Harney County Hos-
pice. For more information on the
annual event, call 541-573-8360.

Health care: Symmetry Care

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 the new name came the change of turning a county-run public agency into a private, nonprofit 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, 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, nonprofit.

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

ing a private, nonprofit 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 nonprofit."

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

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.

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 attorney's office, Symmetry Care, defense attorneys and parole and probation;

- Symmetry Care operates Youth Resource Program members dedicated to the Lesser known types of
 - types of hypnosis treatment cessation;
 - EMDR (Eye Movement Reprocessing) — a program with people who have been and helps them reprocess so they have less trauma
 - a woman's group of Behavioral Therapy (DBT) for people who have been have been in neglectful program helps them perceive ly and accurately and no ly. It helps them with emotion training and decision making also offered to men individually

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Business: Sewell's Taxidermy

years of serving Harney County hunters with a drop station during the season, Heath and LaurelLynne, owners of Sewell's Taxidermy, have opened a permanent location in Burns.

A second location for Sewell's Taxidermy. Both hailing from the Klamath and Umpqua River Valley, Heath and LaurelLynne opened the first location in Lebanon in 2002. They have been a successful full-time business in Lebanon. In 2010 they began traveling to Harney County annually to provide taxidermy services.

of the building at 70 S. Fairview (previously the location of Glass) established a permanent Harney County home for Sewell's Taxidermy. Sewell's Taxidermy opened in Burns on

A Lifelong Craft

Heath Sewell knew from an early age what he wanted to do with his life. Although he grew up in a rural, populated, suburban area, he loved hunting and outdoor recreation. He would visit his grandparents often, and enjoyed hunting with his grandfather. After visiting a taxidermy shop for the first time as a youth, he knew it was a craft he wanted to learn. Heath was even quoted in his high school yearbook proclaiming that he would become a taxidermist.

After attending school at the Missoula Valley School of Taxidermy in Thompson Falls, Mont., he moved to Prineville and apprenticed with McLagan's Taxidermy.

Sewell's Lebanon location opened 12 years ago, in the garage of Heath's grandparents' house. Starting as only a part-time occupa-

tion, by 2007 it had evolved into a full-time career.

A Range of Services

Sewell's Taxidermy specializes in big and small game. They do not take birds or fish.

Taxidermy involves a lengthy and detailed process. From August through around December, carcasses are collected and skinned. The hides are dried and then sent to a tanner. Sewell's uses a tannery close to their Lebanon location, said LaurelLynne. Using a local tanner ensures better quality, and they have been happy to be able to support the community there, she added.

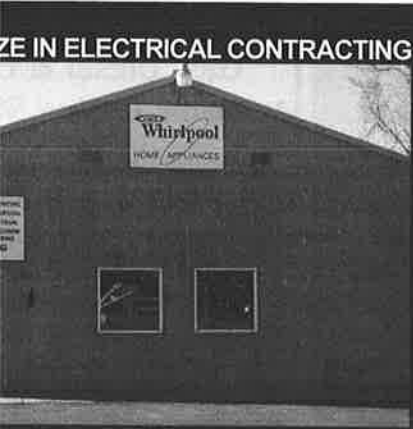
December through August is mounting season. Tanned hides are stretched and sewed onto a mold. After a few days of drying, antlers or horns are attached, glass eyes are

inserted, and the facial features are finished by puttying and painting with an airbrush.

In addition to the standard taxidermy service, Heath creates a wide range of wildlife home decor, including antler artwork. He once made a special-order 10-foot antler chandelier.

Sewell's is open year-round at their new location, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and weekends by appointment. But, says LaurelLynne, if you need to drop off a carcass at any time, just give them a call at 541-979-4778. They will also continue to keep the temporary drop station in Hines open during antelope season.

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In business: Steens Mountain Brewing Co.

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Located at 150 W. Washington in Burns, the nano-brewery is open for walk-in sales from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Owner and brewmaster Rick Roy said customers will have their choice of six varieties of beer in 22-ounce bottles, and one or two selections of beer to fill growlers. Roy added that Steens Mountain Brewing Co. is on tap at the Pine Room, and is also available at Figaro's Pizza Pub.

Steens Mountain Brewing Co. will offer seasonal beers, and Roy said the beers available at the brewery will differ from the brews available at restaurants.

Brew kegs and/or bottles are



available for special occasions, if Roy is given enough lead time.

"We can even do custom labels," Roy noted.

Roy emphasized that his operation is simply a brewery, aimed at providing quality beer.

"There are no tours, no restaurant here. We may have a tasting room in the future, but right now, folks can just come in and purchase their favorite local beer," Roy said. "The goal is to stay local. If people want Steens Mountain beer, they'll have to come to Burns to get it."



Brewmaster Rick Roy at his Steens Mountain Brewing variety of beers are available in 22-ounce bottles.



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George and Shana had a entrepreneurial spirit and

desire to open a business. They took a risk, quitting full-time jobs with benefits, in order to get into the industry. She said they had one goal in mind when they opened the business: to provide the best quality service the industry had to offer, at the most competitive rates, and to do business with honesty and integrity.

Shana explained that they saw a need in the industry with manufacturers who were experiencing transportation cost overruns and unfavorable shipping practices due to rapid growth, as well as acquisitions and logistics managers who were not experienced and didn't have the tools or resources they needed to make good decisions.

Freight brokerage

So, just what is a freight bro-

kerage firm, anyway, and what services does AT&L (doing business as Sunteck Transport) have to offer?

Shana explained that they are a full-service, multi-mode transportation solutions provider. She said they are a single-source solution to a broad range of shipper customers. In addition to truckload operations, they specialize in a niche market providing chilled and frozen less-than-truckload (LTL) operations nationwide, as well as dry LTL.

Shana added that they strive to exceed their customers' expectations, while adding strategic value.

AT&L has some big customers, like Sysco Foods. A few customers have been with them since day one, said Shana.

"They stick with us, because we do what we say we're going to do," she added.

AT&L is continuing to grow steadily. So steadily, in fact, that the company is in search of a new building, as it is currently out of desk space. Shana said they're finding that they need to hire people every few months.

She said that their goals include expanding to 30 employees and increasing gross annual sales to \$50 million.

Although AT&L continues its steady growth, Shana said the core values of the company are always at the forefront.

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Business: Charm Trail and Anna's Naturals

your own personal charm bracelet while exploring Harney County

County is "charming," can be too.

County Chamber of Commerce is inviting both tourists and locals to the Charm Trail of Harney County by purchasing charms, representing the businesses and community

stop by the chamber at 4 N. Broadway Ave. to purchase a charm for \$5. While picking up a map that lists locations of participating businesses and their corresponding charms is up to you!

to customize your bracelet, you can choose from more than 60 charms that can be purchased for \$5 each from businesses located throughout Harney County, or you can

choose to follow the suggested route, starting in Harney and then move

on through Hines, Burns, Buchanan, Crane, The Narrows, Diamond and Frenchglen, before ending in Fields.

"Obviously, you don't have to do it in a day," Chelsea Harrison, executive director of the Harney County Chamber of Commerce, said with a laugh.

Harrison explained that former executive director, Jen Hoke, started the trail in April 2011 as a way of encouraging participants to explore Harney County by visiting its businesses and attending its events.

Charms for annual community events (such as the John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival; Obsidian Days; the Quilt and Art Show; Harney County Fair, Rodeo and Race Meet; and many others) can be purchased at the chamber for \$1 each.

With new charms added annually, collectors can continue their quest to "be charming" in almost every corner of the county.



Migratory Bird Festival



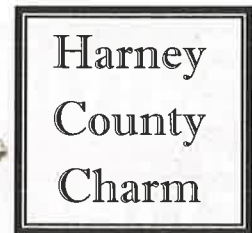
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Quilt & Art Show



Harney Chamber



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Trick or Treat Parade



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A sample of the charms available along the Charm Trail.

crafted, all-natural artisan soaps provide a good, clean business

When you walk into Anna Huber's home in Burns, your senses are immediately greeted by an array of alluring aromas, from the delicate, floral scents of freshly-cut lilacs to the warm notes of cinnamon and

her kitchen doubles as a workshop, where she hand-crafts natural, artisan soaps

the art of soap making. Her mother-in-law, Linda, pioneered the process, and Anna

started from scratch, learning how to make homemade soap. Anna said regarding

her first dating her husband, he gave her



Anna Huber uses her home as her workshop for creating soap.

a bar of Linda's soap as a gift. And from that point on, Anna was hooked.

"Once I started using her soaps, I became addicted. I never went back to buying soap from the store because it [Linda's soap] made such a difference in my skin," Anna explained.

When her in-laws later decided to move to Mexico, Anna said she started to panic because she couldn't find soap that she liked as much as Linda's.

But, luckily, Linda agreed to share her soap-making secrets before she made the move.

"She taught me the whole process of how she made soap," Anna said, adding that Linda also handed over her "soap bible," a three-ring binder containing all of her recipes.

But it took a while for Anna to get the hang of it.

"The first few batches I made were terrible," she said with a laugh. "I was giving [bars] away just to get rid of them."

But she continued to improve. And, eventually, she started getting

creative, formulating her own recipes and scent combinations.

Some examples of her existing soap bars include *Spring Lilac*, *Rich Arabian Spice*, and *Beach Breezes*.

Anna also creates custom orders for individuals who request specific scents and ingredient combinations through her Internet-based business.

Although she primarily specializes in soap, she's also created products such as body butters, perfumes, room and linen sprays, body scrubs, bath salts, and aromatherapy oils at the request of her customers.

Anna sells her soap and spa products through Etsy, a website that allows individuals to set up personal shops and sell items to customers around the world. Her shop, AnnasNaturals, can be accessed online at www.etsy.com/shop/AnnasNaturals.

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Ranching perspective: From dawn till done

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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, maintaining 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



The rancher's work goes on, day in and day out.

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 an appreciation and respect for the natural environment. Thank you for supporting our ranching communities and enjoy yourself as you escape into the arid openness of Harney County.

Rural: Wild Horse Corrals and Ranch Rodeo

The 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 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 veter-



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

inarian, de-wormed and vaccinated 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

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Annual Ranch Rodeo held in July

The Harney County Ranch Rodeo is held each year, the second weekend in July, at the Harney County Fairgrounds.

The one-day event features teams of four competing in team branding, muley roping, stock saddle bronc riding, and other ranch-inspired events.

Local teams, as well as teams from Nevada, California and Idaho compete for prizes and money in this Ram Truck sponsored, Western States Ranch Rodeo sanctioned event.

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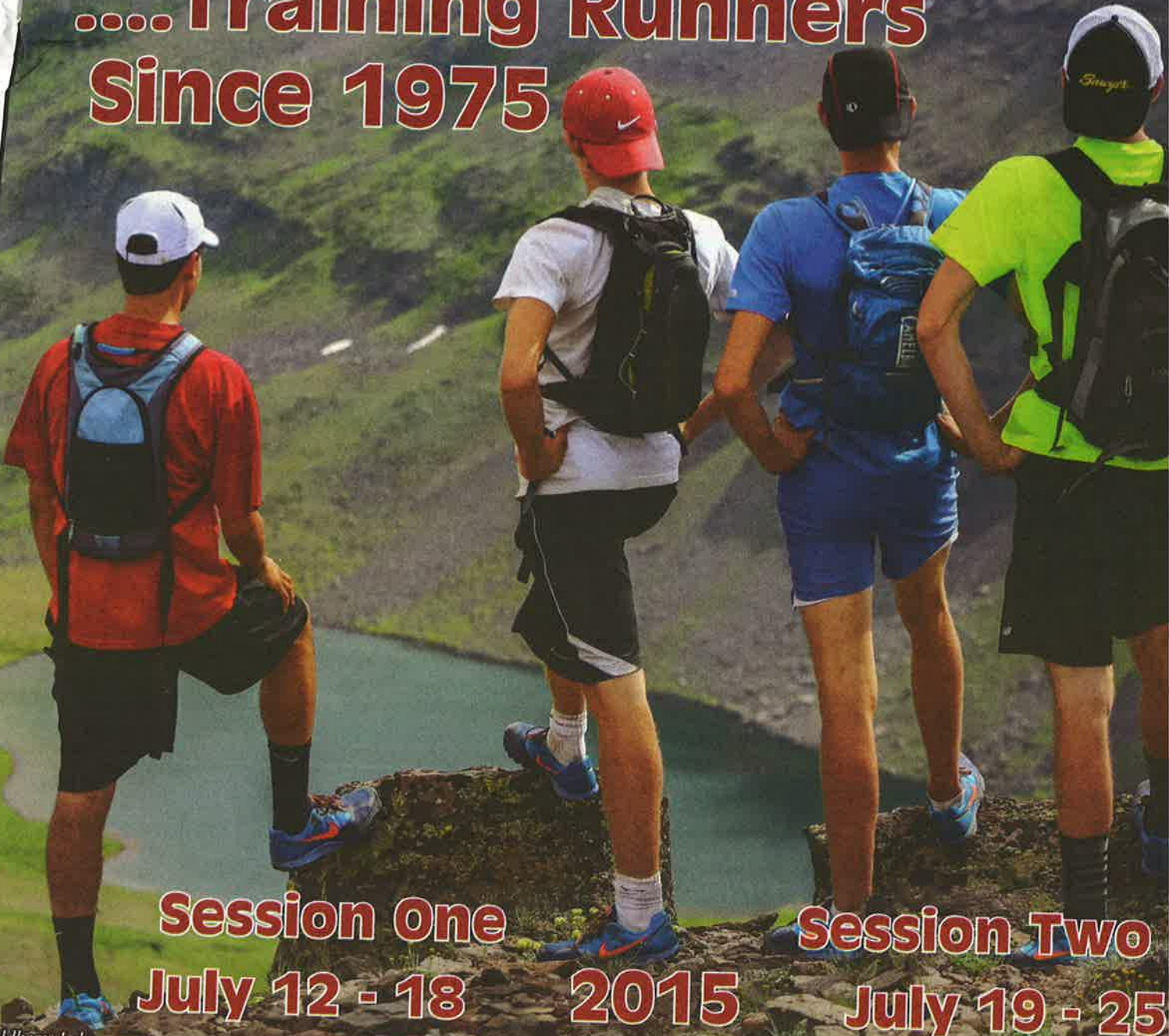


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Not Pictured: LaNaya Gibbon, Rose Hoffman, LeeAnn Eaton, Bruce Bailey, Joe Bradach, Cathy Stauffer.

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