

A place HOPE to build

New initiatives at the Pregnancy Hope Center are providing support to women and their families.

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A fond farewell

OIT senior Aundrea Albright says she recruited herself to the Hustlin' Owls women's basketball program.

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\$35 million to Lake County project

Eighty-eight new jobs expected annually for strategic thinning in the Fremont-Winema National Forest

By ELON GLUCKLICH

H&N Staff Reporter

LAKEVIEW — A Lake County stewardship group on Thursday secured up to \$35 million in federal funding to boost restoration work on overcrowded Fremont-Winema National Forest land, a project that will be done over 10 years and create roughly 88 jobs annually in the county.

receive \$3.5 million a year over 10 years to fund strategic forest thinning in the county. The full \$35 million hinges on federal approval each year.

Local officials are calling The U.S. Forest Service will it one of the biggest economic boons the county has seen.

Lake County Commissioner Dan Shoun called the funding "something that many people have been working on for a long, long time.

"(The community) is just incredibly excited about the opportunities for advancing our forest health, and stabilizing our local economy," he said.

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Vets van campaign surpasses \$37,000

Victim of crash will be honored

By SHELBY KING **H&N Staff Reporter**

The Wheels for Our Warriors campaign surpassed its fundraising goal for a new Disabled American Veterans vehicle after just six weeks of fundraising, said organizer Joe Spendolini.

"Our goal was \$35,000, and we're just under \$37,000 with funds still coming in," he said Thursday. "I'm ecstatic, but not surprised, that the community came together to take care of our vets."

On Nov. 14, the DAV van that transported area veterans to and from medical appointments in the Rogue Valley was totaled in a single-car wreck on Highway 140. The crash killed Daniel Reilly, 51. The volunteer driver, Donald R. McCasland, 65, and another passenger, Ralph Kesling, 92, were hospitalized for their injuries and later released.

The replacement vehicle, a 2011 Ford Flex, sits low to the ground, which will be perfect for veterans with limited mobility, Spendolini said. It will hold five passengers and the volunteer driver.

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A semi-fan's guide to the Super Bowl

WHERE TO WATCH THE BIG GAME = = HOW TO TALK THE TALK





By ELON GLUCKLICH **H&N Staff Reporter**

The biggest day in football is almost

With Super Bowl XLVI this Sunday, millions of sports fans will be tuning in to the game's annual grand finale as the New **England Patriots and New York Giants**

It starts at 3:30 p.m. local time. But for many, the Super Bowl is about more than football: It's about getting together with friends and drinking a few beers. Perhaps most importantly, it's about cooking and eating enough food to last a

face off for the coveted championship title.

But for those without plans this year, there are plenty of Klamath Falls bars and the public.

Following are a few locations worth checking out this Super Bowl Sunday:

■ Gino's Cafe and Sports Bar, 147 E. Main St., is hosting a Super Bowl viewing party, starting at 2 p.m. Sunday.

In honor of the two teams playing, Gino's is offering specials on New England clam chowder and New York strip steak sandwiches.

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What you need to know: A tale of two quarterbacks

If phrases like play-action pass, cover 2 defense and linebacker blitz sound like foreign languages to you, here's what you need to know about Super Bowl XLVI to avoid making a fool of yourself at a Super Bowl party this Sunday:

This year's Super Bowl features a pair of teams from the Northeast, in a rare rematch of the Super Bowl played four years ago, where New York handed New England its only loss of the year to take the Vince

Lombardi trophy.

The New England Patriots will face off against the New York Giants. The most notable player on either team is Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. Brady has already won three Super Bowls, and is considered among the best quarterbacks of all time.

The fact the Giants are in the Super Bowl at all is a surprise to many fans and sportswriters. They beat a pair of teams with better records in the playoffs to get there.

The team is led by quarterback Eli Manning. Until this year, he was known most commonly as the younger brother of Indianapolis' superstar quarterback Peyton Manning.

Peyton could be on track to break many of the NFL's all-time passing marks, but has only appeared in one Super Bowl. This will be Eli's second appearance in the big game; he quarterbacked the Giants to their title four years ago.

- Elon Glucklich

In Klamath County, it's all about Republicans

No Democrats filed for local offices

By SARA HOTTMAN H&N Staff Reporter

The Republican primary election likely will decide the Klamath County commissioner races, increasing pressure on candidates to woo Republican voters over the next four months.

Chuck Wells, Klamath County Democratic Central Committee member, said he doesn't know of any Democrats who will challenge the Republican primary winner in the general election, effectively making the May 15 primary the decider.

"We may have some issues we want to deal with, but that's the limit of it at this point," Wells said, adding the party is focusing instead on national movements, such as supporting Occupy Wall Street and opposing the U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows unlimited corporate contributions to political campaigns.

April 24 is the deadline to change party affiliation or register to vote.

Jeff Woodwick, Klamath County Republican Central Committee chairman, said the competition — five candidates in the Position 1 commissioner race and three in Position 3 race means voters have options on the ballot.

"After all," he said in an email, "options are the designed intent of our representative republic."

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DAILY BRIEFING

OREGON

Groups propose sharing burden for timber counties

PORTLAND — Instead of just increasing timber production from 2.6 million acres of federal forests known as the O&C lands, some conservation groups suggest fiscally strapped counties, the state of Oregon and the federal government share the load.

The plan suggests the \$110 million needed by the 18 rural counties that receive federal timber payments could be generated by nearly tripling state harvest taxes on private timber, saving on forest management by transferring the O&C lands to the U.S. Forest Service, and calling on voters in timber counties to approve higher property taxes, which are among the lowest in the state. See page A6.



Best bets for this weekend with Doug Higgs



You don't have to be bullheaded or worried about skating on thin ice this weekend. Why?

Because the Klamath Bull & Horse Sale and Klamath Ice Sports' 10th annual Skating Spectacular are in town.

The bull and horse sale, which started Thursday at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, will continue today through Sunday. Doors open at 7 a.m. today and Saturday and at 9 a.m. Sunday.

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