



Chiloquin News

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Chiloquin Community Calendars

Friends of the Chiloquin Library put out the Chiloquin Community Calendar each year. It is one of their major fund raisers. If you haven't seen the calendar, it has a picture by one of the elementary students that is the winner of our art contest in the spring. It has business ads from local businesses, and on each day of each month there are birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and meeting notices.

On the 2011 calendar, the picture will be artwork by 6th grader Georgene Tenorio. If anyone is interested in putting their family birthdays, anniversaries or memorials on the calendar it is only 50¢ per listing. We have a limited capacity for business ads but still have some room. It is a great way to advertise.

If you would like to ask about an ad, put something on the calendar or order a calendar (they make great Christmas gifts and only cost \$4.50 including shipping) please call the library at 783-3315 and leave your name and number to have a member of the calendar committee contact you. You can also sign up to be contacted at the library. If you ordered a calendar or put listings on the calendar last year, you will automatically be contacted by one of the calendar committee persons.

New books at the library

For a list of the new books and DVDs available at the library, go to <http://chiloquin.com/library.html>



Photo Courtesy of Charlie Matuk

Local Birds

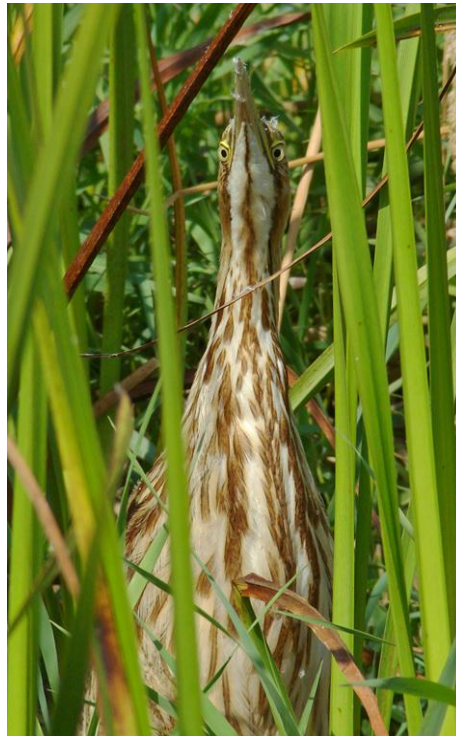
by Wes Stone

American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*)

Status: Uncommon to fairly common (but often hidden) in marshes with tall grass. Good places to search include Klamath Marsh NWR and Wood River Wetlands. Mainly present from spring through fall, although a few may stay over in mild winters.



American Bittern catching a dragonfly (Blue-eyed Darner)



The typical "freeze" posture of an American Bittern



A rare look at an American Bittern on an open mudflat

Photos taken by Wes Stone at Wood River Wetlands

The American Bittern has earned the nickname "Swamp Pumper" for its loud, carrying "oonk-a-choonk-a-choonk" territorial and mating call. Try an early morning spring hike along the edge of a marsh to hear this "song". Bitterns have a reputation for being very secretive and seldom seen, but I've seen them quite often in my hikes around Wood River Wetlands. Usually, I see them in flight and they settle down some distance away and disappear into the grass. On a couple of occasions, I've been lucky enough to get extended looks, and occasionally they do wander into the open. I've seen bitterns eating dragonflies and small fish, and according to literature they will also eat frogs and snakes.

Bitterns are pretty distinctive, but can be confused with immature Black-crowned Night-Herons. In flight, the American Bittern's primary and secondary flight feathers (on the trailing edge of the wing) are much darker than the rest of the wing. Immature night-herons show less contrast here. Bitterns also have longer necks and bills than night-herons, and up close the bittern's crisp brown neck stripes will also be apparent.

Local gardening

By Joan Rowe

Why is there no fruit on my apple tree this year?

Someone asked me that question this week and the answer is not a short one. I checked out my favorite plum trees in Phoenix (Oregon) last weekend and there are no plums on them this year. There are no Service Berries either but that is because the City has cut the shrub off at ground level. How disappointing.



The most likely reason for no fruit is this climate we live in. There were a lot of late spring freezes this year and it only takes one of the right severity when the flower buds are forming, to kill them. No flowers, no fruit. Or it may have been that the spring was too cold for the bees to be out. I have noticed that there doesn't seem to be nearly so many bees in my garden this year. Fruit trees are insect pollinated, so, no bees, no fruit.

If the tree is an old tree then it could be that it's reached the stage where it won't fruit well anymore unless it is pruned. Pruning a fruit tree is very beneficial to the tree, but it must be done correctly and how to do it is the subject matter of many books. If it has been pruned incorrectly then that could also lead to no fruit.

Another possibility is that the tree was grown from a seed. The fruit trees that are sold commercially are all grafted. This means that a shoot from a known apple variety (a scion) is attached to the living stump of a different plant (the rootstock)—usually a hardier variety or a dwarfing variety, or both—and the shoot develops into the trunk, leaves and fruit while the roots remain those of the rootstock. The main reason that fruit trees are grafted is so that you will get the variety you want, but it is also done to dwarf the tree if you don't have the space or inclination for a full sized tree. Since seedlings are grown from seed and seed is the result of sexual reproduction in plants, you can never really know what type of apple you are going to get, or how reliably the tree will set fruit. And you have to wait a LONG time to find out! For those with patience this is still the way that new apple varieties are developed, and some seedling trees can be wonderful trees. Often though, they don't fruit well or reliably.

Then there is the 'every other year' fruiting phenomenon. Most fruit trees, if left to their own devices, only produce a large crop every other year. This is when the gardener has to step in and try to change the balance. On the years when the tree sets a huge crop, you will need to 'thin'. If you don't then the tree will try to ripen all those fruits. They will end up small, less juicy and flavorful, and weigh the branches down enough to possibly break them off. The tree will try to do a little thinning on its own and drop some of the immature fruit, but it

doesn't drop nearly enough. Gardener intervention is needed! If you don't thin, there is no room for next year's flower buds to develop, and so next year there will be very little fruit.



It could be that you have a grafted tree, and it wasn't frozen and the bees were all out, but that you only planted it a couple of years ago. Usually it takes 3-5 years for a dwarf tree to begin bearing fruit and 5-7 years for a standard size tree to bear fruit. These numbers were developed for fruit growing regions like the Rogue Valley, not for marginal areas like ours. If the range is 3-5 years, I would expect to wait at least 5 years here. Our winters are much longer and summers much shorter (and cooler) so the trees just don't have the time to grow that they do in a milder climate.

So, in a nutshell, I have no idea which of these conditions is responsible for no fruit this year. It could be any of them, or a combination of them. I hope this doesn't discourage you from planting an apple tree though. Home grown fruit is like no other!

Artist of the Month at the Two Rivers Gallery

Carolyn Blackmon

If I was forced to label myself, I believe folk artist or craftswoman would be the best description. Many, many people have shared their skills and artistry with me over the years. From these skills I have developed my own style--mixing old with new, function with beauty. I create pine needle baskets with Chinese carved jade inserts; antique crystal beads on bags and hanging pincushions; old style necklaces and robes on Indian Corn; and small twined bags and baskets. I feel honored to be the July artist of the month and extend an invitation to all of you to visit our beautiful Two Rivers Gallery with its talented, gifted, artists whenever you can.

Some of Carolyn's unique creations:



Save this date

Hey Kids and Adults!

Want to read, earn prizes and have fun this summer?

Join Chiloquin Library's Summer Reading Program 2010!

"MAKE A SPLASH: READ!"

Wednesday, July 14, at 1:30 PM

FOLD ME A POEM

ORIGAMI WITH BARBARA TURNER

*SHARES THE BOOK & FOLDED MODELS
FOR KIDS*

All children and adults are welcome!

For more details on **Summer Reading Program 2010 for kids and adults**

Call at your Library 541-783-3315

Save this date (reminders)

Preserve Food for Later

OSU Extension

Presented by Extension Volunteers and Staff

Saturday, July 31st

Pressure Canning: Vegetables

Don't be intimidated by your pressure canner; learn the basics of home canning vegetables from experienced food preservers.

Presenter: Pat Hearne

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 12th

Preserving Fruit: Jams & Jellies

Learn the basic of preserving jams, jellies and pie fillings; take home a jar or two to share with a friend.

Presenter: Patty Case

Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 28th

Water Bath Canning: Tomatoes and Salsa

Learn the basics of water bath canning so you can enjoy tomatoes year round.

Presenters: Lisa Davis and Patty Case

Time: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$6.00 for each class. All classes held at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 3328 Vandenberg Road. Registration required. Call or e-mail to hold your spot.

For more information, call 541-883-7131 or e-mail claudia.tosh@oregonstate.edu

Community Railroad Days

at Train Mountain on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th**. Join us for train rides, barbecue, craft sale, much more. The Midway Garden Railroad will be open. Do you have a garden railroad scale train? If so, bring it with you and run it on our tracks!

We are currently in the planning stages, so more information will follow. If you would like information about having a table to display your crafts for sale or would like to participate in any way, please email Event@TrainMountain.org or call the Train Mountain office at 541-783-3030.

Submitted by Kay Perrin

Our Neighbors' Doin's

29th ANNUAL ROCKY POINT FIRE/EMS BBQ & AUCTION

WHEN: Saturday, July 17th, 2010

WHERE: Rocky Point Fire Hall – 25600 Rocky Point Rd *Turn off Hwy 140 at mile post 44*

WHAT:

TO EAT: **BQ** BTri-tip or chicken meal - \$10.00 w/salads, beans, bread and condiments

-or-

BBQ hamburger meal - \$6.00 w/salads, beans, condiments

TO DO:

9:00 am **Flea Market, vendor booths and bake sale** open

10:30 am **Parade**

11:00 – 2:00 BBQ lunch

1:00 - 1:30 Start of **live Auction**

2:00 pm **Raffle Drawings**

Live music, vendor sales, **sodas, beer/wine booth**, auction, raffle drawings, **bingo, 50/50, and kids' activities**

Auction and raffle items include an amazing array of resort and casino packages, theater tickets, meals and merchandise cards, golf, birding and outdoor supplies, water adventures, auto items and services and specialty surprises

Sponsored by the Rocky Point Firefighters Association

Proceeds from this years event will be used for fire and emergency equipment: GPS units, a rescue winch, Kenwood radios, and a training mannequin.

For more information contact Assistant Chief Loren Head at (541) 356-2205

Livestock Grazing

The Chiloquin Ranger District of the Fremont-Winema National Forests is proposing to continue to authorize livestock grazing on the Yamsi grazing allotment in the Williamson and Sycan Rivers watersheds. The planning area includes approximately 55,000 acres of National Forest System lands. Details, legal descriptions, and a map will be posted on the kiosk at the Rocky Point Fire Station. To receive more information, ask questions, or comment on the proposal, contact:

Joe Robson, Chiloquin Ranger District
38500 Highway 97 North
Chiloquin, OR 97624
541 783-4068

FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FORESTS TO HOST SUMMER INTERPRETIVE CANOE AND HIKING TRIPS

This summer the public will be able to participate in several free natural history interpretive programs. These trips are being hosted by the Fremont-Winema National Forests. All ages are welcome to attend.

For all trips it is recommended that you bring sturdy shoes or boots, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, binoculars and a lunch. Dressing in layers works best because of the temperature variances that tour participants experience throughout the day. For canoe trips, you must supply your own canoe or kayak. Rentals are available from the Rocky Point Resort. Call the resort for information on rates and availability at 541-356-2287.

If you are interested in attending one of the canoe trips and/or hikes, reservations are appreciated. Please call the Klamath Ranger District at 541-885-3400. Area maps are available for purchase from all Fremont-Winema National Forests' offices to assist you. These tours are weather dependent, so if the weather is bad, i.e. heavy rain and wind or lightning, tours will be cancelled.

INTERPRETIVE HIKES

- **July 17 – Ranger Springs (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Difficulty – Moderate**

Don't miss an opportunity to join a Forest Service employee on a 6-mile round trip hike that starts at an elevation of 5,600 feet and gradually climbs gentle slopes to the Pacific Crest Trail and Ranger Springs. Hikers will get to view the flora and fauna of the area and experience first-hand a bubbling spring. Your guide will talk about wildflowers, wildlife habitat and wilderness management practices. Meet the Forest Service guide at the Sevenmile Marsh Trailhead at 9 a.m. The trailhead is approximately ten miles west of Fort Klamath, Ore. From Fort Klamath, it can be accessed by traveling east on Nicholson Road to Forest Service Road 3334. There is no fee required to park at the trailhead.

- **August 6 – Badger Lake Trail (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Difficulty – Easy**

Take a guided 4-mile round trip hike along the eastern shore of Fourmile Lake. After climbing a small hill, the trail winds within a forested and meadow area, past Woodpecker and Badger Lakes where Bald Eagles are often seen up close. This hike offers great views of Mt. McLoughlin and provides an opportunity for your guide to discuss the flora and fauna of the Skylakes Wilderness and wilderness management practices. Meet the Forest Service guide at the Fourmile Lake campground trailhead. Fourmile Lake is approximately 50 minutes west of Klamath Falls off of Hwy 140 on Forest Service Road 3661. Drive to Fourmile Lake campground and follow signs to the trailhead. There is no fee required to park at the trailhead.

Contact: Erica Hupp at 541-883-6715 or Lisa Swinney at 641-947-6261 for further information.

Go to www.ThingsToDoNearCraterLake.com for details on everything about our area. New on the Blog is a post about a wonderful Flickr stream of birds just sighted in our area.

What's Happening "in town"

Klamath County Museum News (Courtesy of Todd Kepple)

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS FEATURED FOR JULY

Two special exhibits will be shown **through the month of July** at the Klamath County Museum.

One exhibit recalls the contributions of Women Air Force Service Pilots, including five women from the Klamath Basin who served as WASPs. The display includes photos, memorabilia and airplane models, as well as a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal bestowed on WASP members earlier this year.

Women pilots were used in many non-combat assignments, such as delivering planes, ferrying cargo and towing targets for live-fire training. Local women who served as WASPs included Blanche Osborn Ross, Margaret DeBolt Christian, Peggy Parker Eccles, Margarete McGrath Armstrong and Gail Sigford. Relatives of the five women produced the exhibit.

Another temporary exhibit celebrates the 100th anniversary of Camp Fire USA. Designed by Klamath-area Camp Fire leaders, the exhibit includes uniforms and other memorabilia from the program that provides character-building outdoor programs for youth.

Both exhibits can be viewed for free during museum hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP

Library performances – Magician Thomas Waldrop will perform at the Klamath County Library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 6. Children’s comedian Albert Alter will perform at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 7. Other performances are scheduled at branch libraries. Free admission.

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For information about activities in the towns of Chiloquin, Ft. Klamath and Rocky Point go to www.ThingsToDoNearCraterLake.com