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Court petition halts district water shutoff

Irrigator group appeals; continues pumping water
 By LACEY JARRELL
 H&N Staff Reporter

Owners of a Klamath Project diversion canal, who were ordered to cease water deliveries, have filed a petition against the state and are still drawing irrigation water off the Klamath River.

The Klamath Drainage District (KDD) filed the petition for judicial review Aug. 21 in the Klamath County Circuit Court. In the petition, KDD claims that Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) has no authority over the district's North Canal because "no part of the North Canal is, or ever has been, owned by the Bureau of Reclamation."

"KDD fully owns the right of way to the Klamath River, the concrete intake structure and the headgates, and the entire stretch of the North Canal, either by easement or in fee."

The district can continue diverting water from the Klamath River because, according to Oregon law, filing a petition for judicial review halts enforcement of an OWRD shut-off order unless the department determines that public harm will result if the order is halted.

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Budget crunch idles Army Guard units across U.S.

Oregon units not yet affected

CINCINNATI (AP) — Many of the nation's citizen-soldiers, whose motto is "Always Ready, Always There," won't be at regular training drills this weekend because of a federal funding shortfall.

Tens of thousands of Army National Guard members from New Hampshire to Hawaii have been idled because of a \$101 million gap that has led to drills being postponed and travel being suspended, National Guard spokesman Capt. John Fesler said. Meanwhile, there are efforts under way in Congress to get funding reallocated so drills can be held later this month and so Guard members will get pay they were counting on.

Decisions to postpone or cancel drills were being made by state Guard leaders. Among states that announced they put off training exercises are Alabama, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Montana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Utah.

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Hitting new turf

Resurfaced Modoc Field hosts first home game
 << Rogelio Briones helps bring down an Ashland player in the second quarter Friday night.
 H&N photos by Steven Silton



By STEVE MATTHIES
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Klamath Union celebrated opening their newly renovated field before the football game. Below, The KU cheerleaders count down to lighting the new scoreboard.

Not many adjectives were used to describe the new Modoc Field.

Those that were used were repeated often — awesome, beautiful, amazing, wow, incredible.

"It would have been neat," Gabe Ovgard, who now plays at Oregon State, but was home for the weekend, said.

"I think people will take pride in this," former KU athlete and coach Ken Coffman said. "This is pretty amazing."

Lights that had been adjusted to illuminate the field better shined brightly as a packed house filled the bleachers, with many more standing, cheered loudly, but it was not enough to help the Pelicans in their season opener.

Ashland, like KU, wearing its red-and-white, took a 28-0 halftime lead on the way to a 45-7 victory in the 101st game in one of Oregon's oldest high school football rivalries.

While Friday was the formal dedication of the new, upgraded facility, the first athletic contest was played Thursday when the Pelicans clipped Ashland, 1-0, in a boys soccer match.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Finding fan favorites at Tulelake-Butte Valley fair
 From Philly cheesesteaks, to Thai barbecue, funnel cakes and candy apples, everyone has their favorite fair food. Find out what fair-goers are enjoying the most this year. See page A2.

Pipes, electrical wires spread through Henley
 Over the next few weeks, Quality Electric will install the units for the new \$19.4 million elementary school that will lie under the main slab of floor concrete. See page A5.

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