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High school runners compete in Ice-Melter cross country meet

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Back to School

Henley campus adjusts to new traffic, bus parking lot

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At 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Henley Elementary Principal Janell Preston stood on the corner of the entry road to the Henley campus holding a handwritten sign reading "Elementary school."

"This way to elementary school!" she called to cars and trucks driving past. "The school is that way!"

Good morning! Don't miss the turn!"

Tuesday was the first day of school at the Henley campus, which is home to the elementary, Henley Middle School and Henley High School. It also was the first day buses, parents and staff used the new bus parking area and a turn from the main access road to a new elementary drop-off spot.

Class also started 10 minutes later than last year.

NEW START: Students play, chat and then rush to class after the first bell of the school year at Henley Elementary Tuesday morning. This will be the last full school year in the old modular buildings as a new Henley Elementary is being built.

H&N photos by Samantha Tipler

"It's just different for people," Preston said as she smiled and waved at parents and students in passing vehicles. "If they didn't come in for registration, then they aren't sure of the new start and stop time and busing. It's just going to take some practice."

Curbing traffic jams

The new bus parking lot, built by Rocky Mountain Construction and Head Painting & Concrete over the summer, is part of the \$19.4 million Henley Elementary project. Workers are building a new

"The kids are saying they feel like they're in a different school. The drop-off is different; the pick-up is different."

— Paraprofessional Kristie Vashaw

school just south of the access road, while the bus parking is just north of the road. It was meant to make drop-off and pick-up times safer. In the past, buses lined the road, which sometimes caused traffic jams.

In May 2013, voters passed a facilities bond of \$31 million for the Klamath County School District, with a new Henley Elementary as its centerpiece.

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Bucket debate goes on

Brigade Board to meet this week to mull issue

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A member of the Bucket Brigade, speaking for herself, advocated for the return of the 2001 water crisis monument to the Klamath County Government Center. It sat at the building's front steps for 13 years until commissioners moved it Aug. 18 to the Klamath County Fairgrounds for the filming of "Brother in Laws" in the Klamath area.

"It's shortsighted to say that the bucket does not mean anything in this community and that it should be removed and put in some relegated obscure place," said Shirley Kerns, speaking during the public comment section of the commissioners' regular meeting Tuesday.

She said the Bucket Brigade board will meet this week to discuss the topic.

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Oregon wildfire spending tips insurance policy

Premium doubles to \$2 million

BEND (AP) — Oregon's tough wildfire season has pushed spending to the point the state Department of Forest is tapping its special insurance policy for the second year in a row.

The Bulletin reports state wildfire costs exceeded the \$20 million deductible last July, and spending is now two-thirds of the way through the \$25 million Lloyd's of London insurance policy.

Department spokesman Rod Nichols says the premium this year doubled to \$2 million.

Wildfires have already burned three times the 10-year average in Oregon, and the department expects the upward trend to continue as the changing climate brings more drought, longer burning seasons and higher temperatures.

See page A3 for an update on fires currently affecting the Klamath Basin.



DAILY BRIEFING

Flags flown at half-staff to commemorate Atiyeh

Governor Kitzhaber has ordered all flags at public institutions statewide be lowered and flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset today to honor former Gov. Victor Atiyeh.

Deputy remains in good spirits during recovery

Deputy Jason Weber, who was shot twice one week ago, is resting at a Portland hospital. Meanwhile several fundraising efforts are underway to support his family. See page A2.

KLAMATH BASIN
School bus schedules

Find out when the bus will stop at your house to pick up students for the fall semester at Klamath Basin schools. Go online to heraldandnews.com and click on the link located in the upper right corner.

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