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Henley girls win 15th straight game, 72-36, over KU; Pelican boys win rivalry game, 56-51, Friday night

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## Spending less, Driving more

### Klamath Falls drivers rejoice as gas prices drop below \$2

By **HOLLY DILLEMUTH**  
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With prices dipping to 2009 levels below \$2 per gallon at more than 10 gas stations in Klamath Falls, it's safe to say there's more to smile about at the gas pump.

Oregon Tech student Hailey Totorico and fellow students Kati Hall and Tammi Creel shared the excitement of the \$1.99 per gallon price Friday at Fred Meyer's fuel station on Washburn Way.

"Woohoo!" Totorica said. "I just filled up half a tank for \$13."

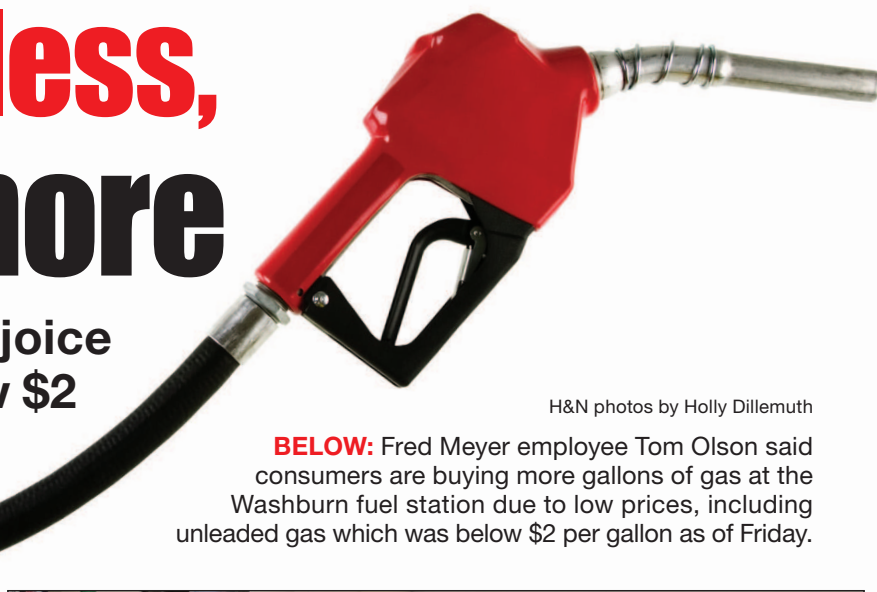
Consumers in Klamath Falls are paying \$2.09 per gallon on average compared to an average \$2.18 per gallon at the state level, according to AAA of Oregon/Idaho. Eleven gas stations in Klamath Falls are selling gas at \$1.99 per gallon or less at the pump, according to Marie Dodds, director of government and public affairs for AAA Oregon/Idaho. The average rates for gas are the lowest since February 2009, Dodds said.

Gas prices are tied to the price of crude oil, which has dropped down to \$45 per barrel from \$107 per barrel in June 2014, according to Dodds.

#### Cheapest gas around

Ray's Market, 4237 Greensprings Drive, was listed as the cheapest as of press time Friday, selling unleaded fuel for \$1.97 per gallon, according to Dodds.

Many customers at Fred Meyer bought



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**BELOW:** Fred Meyer employee Tom Olson said consumers are buying more gallons of gas at the Washburn fuel station due to low prices, including unleaded gas which was below \$2 per gallon as of Friday.



gas Friday at rates less than \$1.99 per gallon because of the store's rewards card, according to Fred Meyer Fuel Manager Keith Gibson.

Gibson said the fuel station prices have dipped significantly lower since Jan. 1.

"In 23 days, we've gone down 31 cents," Gibson said. "I think it's going to keep declining."

Gibson commented that the low prices have resulted in happier attitudes among customers, and is encouraging consumers to buy more gas at each pump visit.

Customers like Klamath Falls resident Jacqui Jones have been waiting for prices to drop below the \$2 per gallon mark.

"It's had a huge impact on us," Jones said. "To fill it up now, it probably would cost \$39 to \$40 — it's a significant reduction."

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**LEFT:** Jacqui Jones and her 6-year-old dachshunds, Sienna, left, and Bootie, right, get gas at Fred Meyer on Friday. The Klamath Falls resident is one of many who were happy to see unleaded gas prices drop below \$2 per gallon.

## Public meetings about marijuana regulation begin

### Pendleton residents are among first to weigh in

(AP) — Pendleton area residents told policymakers they do not want minors to have access to recreational marijuana, and they want parents to handle educating children about the substance.

The messages came out Thursday night at the Pendleton Convention Center during the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's kickoff to developing regulations for Measure 91, the state's recreational pot law voters approved last November.

More than 80 people attended the two-hour session to give feedback and learn about the law. The commission held its first listening session earlier Thursday in Baker City and OLCC chairman Rob Patridge said eight more sessions are in the works.

The crowd worked in small groups to list priorities it wants the OLCC to consider. Protecting children came up over and over again, especially through clear packaging, limiting pot advertising and stiff penalties for selling the drug to minors.

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## OC&E opens new office in Klamath Falls

### Activities planned to get public involved with trail

By **LEE JUILLERAT**  
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The OC&E Woods Line State Trail now has a greater presence in Klamath Falls with the opening of a part-time office across the trail from the main trailhead.

An open house to celebrate its opening was Thursday at the office, at 3136 S. Sixth St., behind Papa Murphy's and Century 21 Real Estate. Todd Honeywell, manager for the OC&E Woods Line and Collier Memorial State parks, said the office will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The telephone number is 541-883-5558.

"It's mainly to serve as an information office and serve as the park's presence in Klamath Falls," Honeywell said. He and office manager Lisa Dykstra, who also will split time between Klamath Falls and Collier park's office near Chiloquin, can work on projects by computer.

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### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Youth learn mechanical skills through robotics

Robotics teams from elementary grades through high school in the Klamath Basin are planning, building, programming, driving and competing with their robots. See page A2.

#### Sky Lakes restricts visitors to stymie flu

Sky Lakes Medical Center staff has been keeping a close eye on the spread of influenza cases and has restricted visitations to certain areas of the hospital to help prevent illness. See page A3.

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