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Parks officials debate ATV trailhead

State commission tours OC&E trail, explores future projects

By **LEE JUILLERAT**
H&N Regional Editor

SPRAGUE RIVER — A possible location for

an Off-Highway Vehicle staging area and another for an overnight hiker-bicyclist camp along the OC&E Woods Line

State Trail were visited by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department commission members Tuesday.

The commission, which rotates meeting sites around the state, will wrap up its two-day

Klamath Basin session with a 9:15 a.m. business meeting today at the Running Y Ranch's Mahogany/Ponderosa Conference Room.

During Tuesday's tour, Todd Honeywell, Collier Unit manager,

and Ross Kihs, state parks division manager, discussed creating an OHV staging area along the OC&E east of the community of Sprague River at an area known as the Turning Y. In the early 1900s, the tri-

angle shaped area was originally planned as a junction for trains traveling between Klamath Falls and Bly to go north to Bend. It was never developed.

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COUNTY JAIL FUNDING

Public safety levy left up to the voters

Bellet willing to put measure onto the November ballot

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**
H&N Staff Reporter

When push comes to shove, Klamath County Commission Chairman Jim Bellet said he would be willing to put a public safety levy on the ballot.

"It's getting to the point where it's almost an emergency," Bellet said. "My personal feeling is that I would say, 'Let's put it on the ballot. Let's get it in front of the people.'"

The push and the shove came from the Herald and News editorial board, which spoke with Bellet about the county budget and sheriff budget on Monday. Both Bellet and the edit board agreed, the county needs a better way to fund sheriff patrols and the jail.

But Bellet said how to do that is still up to the voters.

In the spring the Klamath County Budget Committee agreed for the second year in a row to fully fund the sheriff's budget, keeping the department whole. But both in 2013 and 2014, the committee said there is a need for a different form of funding.

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"In the short term, I think it's going to be some type of levy," Bellet told the editorial board.

He said a new committee has been meeting in the two months since the budget committee wrapped up business for the 2014-15 budget. He expects that committee to bring a proposal to the commissioners any time now.

Bellet did say he would be willing to put a proposed levy on the ballot in September or November, but he also said he preferred a group gather signatures.

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Bellet

Around the world in 112 days

University on water

Klamath Falls family spends a semester exploring overseas

By **MILES SARI** ■ H&N Staff Reporter

Sixteen cities, 12 countries, 112 Days, one ship. This was the adventure that the Jensen family embarked on Jan. 4, 2014, as part of the Semester at Sea study abroad program.

Living side-by-side with 550 college students from across the globe, Julie Murray-Jensen, her husband, Eric, and her two children, Mia, 8, and Madeline, 5, boarded the MV Explorer, a university on water, and sailed from San Diego to Southampton, England.



Porting in myriad countries across Asia and South Africa, including Japan, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Burma, India, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana and Morocco, Julie said that she had always wanted to take her family on a Semester at Sea excursion since she first sailed with the program 15 years ago.

"I always thought, when I have kids one day, I was going to try and do the program again," Julie said, who is the vice president of student services at Klamath Community College. "It was just one of the strange things that came out of the blue."

Julie said that the opportunity to sail with the Semester at Sea program again came about through various networks; she found out that the program had an opening for a field office coordinator, and figured it was the perfect time because she didn't know when she and her family would have another opportunity to go abroad.

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ABOVE: Julie, Mia and Madeline are shown in the port of Honolulu. **LEFT:** Mia and Madeline visit their Uncle Rader, Eric's brother, in Uji, Japan.

Photos courtesy of Eric Jensen

DAILY BRIEFING

Life & Living: Simple recipes for ice cream

Few things highlight summertime like a serving of homemade ice cream. Learn how to leave the churn behind for healthier versions of your favorite frozen treats. See page C1.

Thief steals Model A from Ore. churchgoer

Central Oregon authorities say a 79-year-old man took a 1930 Ford Model A coupe to church Sunday, only to have it stolen and crashed into the Crooked River south of Prineville. See page C4.

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