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Mid-Columbia digest

Hanford sirens to blow today

Westinghouse Hanford Co. plans to test emergency sirens between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. today and Sunday in the 200 Area.

Time to spruce up the mailbox

The United States Postal Service is reminding Mid-Columbians it's national Mailbox Improvement Week.

People are urged during this week to repair broken mailboxes, repaint those that are peeling and spruce up those that are sagging.

Jeff Day, a Richland Post Office supervisor, said some letter carriers have been cut by broken doors or other mailbox defects, and asked people to pay attention to the condition of their mail receptacles.

"It's something people don't think about," he said.

Something else people should consider is the timing of the announcement.

Mailbox Improvement Week happens May 15-20. The Postal Service's news release, authorized by the district office in Spokane, was dated May 17.

Day admits the news was a little late.

"But the week isn't so important as the fact people need to pay attention to their mailboxes," he said.

Livestock show scheduled June 3

The Columbia Basin Jr. Livestock Show will hold its swine tag day June 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The tag day will be held at the Olberding potato shed, at the corner of Glade Road North and Clark Road, about two miles north of Pasco.

Exhibitors in the show are limited to one swine, but will be able to tag two hogs and have two hogs at-large per family. For more information, call at 509-266-4667.

Hanford bus tours scheduled

Hanford is providing free bus tours of the reservation six times this summer.

The tour bus has a capacity of 50, and seats are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Each Saturday tour starts at the north side of the Federal Building in Richland at 8:30 a.m. Buses return by about noon.

Participants must be age 16 or older, be U.S. citizens and bring a photo identification card, such as a driver's license.

The tour will go by the retired nuclear reactors and the old town sites of Hanford and White Bluffs, and go through the central plateau where the chemical separation facilities and underground tanks are located.

The tour dates are June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9.

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