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to \$60,000 would be available for some of the other requested projects.

Though informal, Bartow said he was happy with the information he received at the meeting.

"Most of the ideas were very reasonable," he said.

Bartow said that the suggestions of constructing fire stands, improving signs, adding horse corrals and putting in a Frisbee golf course will likely move forward. Construction of a new playground is already on its way.

On Friday, Oct. 11, Bartow said that the county park department had just received a \$15,000 check to fund the playground, from Incident Solutions Inc., a company in Grants Pass that provided radio and Global Positioning Satellite services to USFS during the Biscuit Fire.

Cave Junction's Krauss Craft will build the equipment, he said.

One suggestion that Bartow said wouldn't be feasible with the funds in question is removing silt from the lake.

"It's got to be addressed sometime," said the woman who suggested it.

"There's a lot of merit to it," Bartow said. "It's just a big labor- (and financially) intensive project."

Spawning trip slated Sunday

On Sunday, Oct. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m., ecologist Rich Nawa will lead some streamside hikes to look for the first spawning Chinook salmon of the fall season.

The salmon are beginning to move up the Applegate River and during the tour Nawa will explain their life cycle and habitat needs.

Hikers should be prepared to walk up to one mile, and should bring hiking boots, rain gear, and Polaroid glasses. The weather may be wet and cold. The trip sponsors and the land owners assume no liability, said Siskiyou Project. The trip is wheelchair accessible.

Hikers should bring water and snacks and meet at Fish Hatchery Park parking lot at 1 p.m. For more information phone (541) 472-9627 or 592-4459.

Living with M.S. topic for display

"The Challenge of Living With Multiple Sclerosis" is the title of a multimedia exhibit at the Rogue Community College FireHouse Gallery.

The show deals "with the realities, challenges, joys and trials of having M.S., or caring for those living with the illness." Works are visual and literary.

M.S. is a disease of the central nervous system that affects multiple areas of the brain, causing scarring and nerve tissue damage.

The gallery is located in Historic City Hall, Fourth and H streets in Grants Pass. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.



ILLINOIS VALLEY FAMILY Resource Center (IVFRC) celebrated the 11th annual Family Fest on Oct. 8. Everyone enjoyed free pizza and a drawing for bike helmets or car seats. I.V. Fire District Marshal Jerry Schaeffer demonstrated safe use of the car seats. Raffle winners: Andres Cotton, Andrew Vineyard, Cherri Allen, Kayla Carroll, Marissa Litak, Jesse Bethke, Brittany Mosely, Tammy Huntamer, Samatha Filmore, Jessica Miller and Tia Herrera. Family Fest is a partnership of the Josephine County Commission for Children and Families, local businesses and agencies to encourage and strengthen children and families. For more information phone 592-6139. (Photo courtesy of IVFRC)

Lumber production lower

Increased imports and dwindling log supplies contributed to lower lumber production in all but two Western states last year, according to 2001 state totals released by Western Wood Products Association (WWPA).

The Portland-based association released final industry totals for last year following its annual survey of nearly 300 mills in the 12 Western states.

Oregon retained its position as the top lumber-producing state in the country. Production in Oregon rose 2.2 percent in 2001 to 6.06 billion board feet, matching 1999's total. Estimated wholesale value of Oregon's lumber production was \$1.93 billion.

Washington finished as the second-largest lumber-producing state with a 2.9 percent decrease to 4.26 billion board feet, worth an estimated \$1.34 billion. Lumber production in California, third in the state rankings, fell 13.9 percent to 2.73 billion board feet, the state's lowest output since 1963. California's lumber production was valued at \$1.13 billion.

Oregon, Washington and California accounted for more than 70 percent of the West's lumber output last year. Oregon and Wyoming were the only Western states to realize production gains from the previous year.

Total Western lumber production in 2001 slipped 4.2 percent to 16.45 billion board feet. Inland production, down more than 500 million board feet from 2000, accounted for most of the region's decline as mills struggled to secure log supplies.

Despite the decrease, the West's percentage of U.S. production remained steady at 47.5 percent. Estimated value of Western lumber produced in 2001 was \$5.52 billion, compared to \$6.15 billion in 2000 and \$7.37 billion in

1999, said WWPA.

Production and estimated wholesale value for other Western states: Idaho, 1.8 billion board feet, \$640 million; Montana, 1.1 billion board feet, \$337 million; South Dakota, 164 million board feet, \$51 million; and Wyoming, 172 million board feet, \$50 million. Given the decline in the lumber industry in the "Four Corner" states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, the totals were combined. The four states produced 157 million board feet valued at \$48 million in 2001.

There was no lumber production in Nevada during 2001. Alaska's lumber production totaled 56 million board feet and was not factored into the Western total.

U.S. lumber consumption was unchanged in 2001 at 53.9 billion board feet. Housing starts rose to 1.6 million units from 1.57 million units in 2000. Single-family housing, the largest market for lumber, reached 1.27 million units, the second-highest total since the late 1970s. Each new single-family home uses an average of 14,325 board feet of softwood lumber.

Western mills faced record import volumes in the market during 2001. Despite weak lumber prices, U.S. lumber imports rose to an all-time high of 20.1 billion board feet. Canadian imports increased 2 percent to 18.7 billion board feet. Imports from Europe climbed 58 percent to 605 million board feet, led by Germany with 200 million board feet shipped to the United States.

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