

Input about mushrooms FAC desire

The Forestry Action Committee (FAC) Wild Mushroom Monitoring Project is sponsoring a public meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Immanuel Methodist Church across from Shop Smart.

An Asian dinner will be served free to the public.

The project has asked the forest service and Bureau of Land Management to bring maps of proposed management activities such as logging and road closures, activities that can have a negative effect on Matsutake mushroom production and harvest.

Even through there is hardly any harvest this year, this is an opportunity for mushroom pickers in Illinois Valley who have experienced the loss of mushroom habitat to learn what is being planned on the public land and to begin to make input about their concerns, said FAC.

There was successful communication between mushroom harvesters and Phil Cruz, the district ranger in the Crescent Lake Ranger District, this year, and the ranger dropped logging units that coincided with areas of high Matsutake mushroom production.

Pickers are beginning to build a relationship at Crescent that recognizes the accuracy and depth of knowledge that mushroom harvesters can acquire.

They are exploring ways to utilize this knowledge as a resource to help the mushroom harvesters obtain good harvests and the district to achieve balanced and informed management, FAC said.

FAC hopes to build on the Crescent Lake successes, and bring them to Illinois Valley and to the Brookings area on the coast.



Photos by Mary Wertz



Timber ...

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for the mill, it's been necessary to go farther and farther to obtain the other 70 percent.

"Because of this, transportation costs and log costs have become prohibitive," said Krauss.

"And," he continued, "with recent conditions, such as depressed lumber prices during the past three years; plus trying to get the remaining 70 percent of our needs from outside timber sales," R&R has found itself in a major dilemma, "caught between expensive log prices and low timber prices."

With the lack of timber from federal land, the firm cannot continue. Krauss noted that R&R produced 50 to 55 million board feet (mbf) in recent years, compared to approximately 80 mbf in the early 1990s.

With the continued decline in timber availability, "There's just not enough suitable timber available at affordable prices to sustain our mill," said Krauss.

Fire Board

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Resolution 02-11 which authorizes the issuance, sale, execution and delivery of General Obligation Bonds was adopted by the board 5-0

Resolution 02-11 represents the \$2.5 million for construction of fire stations and related improvements, and the acquisition of fire safety equipment. This was one of the few money-seeking issues to be passed by voters in the Nov. 5 General Election.

Holiday Tournament at Illinois Valley High

Four teams participated in the annual Holiday Basketball Tournament at IVHS on the weekend of Dec. 14-15. The I.V. boys took first place and Gold Beach boys placed second. On the girls side the positions were switched with Gold Beach first and the Cougars second. Named to the All-Tournament Team were Mychai Sha, Cascade Christian; Brandt Pederson, Glide; Aaron McMillen, Gold Beach; and from Illinois Valley, Brian Paul and Chancey Woods. I.V.'s Chris Looch was named MVP. For the girls, all-tourney picks were Rusti Mosser, Cascade Christian; Amy Croll, Glide; Kim Hamilton, IVHS; and Gold Beach players Christa Meeks and Greer Price. Selected as MVP was Nicole Rowe, Gold Beach.

DEQ passes gas approval

Testing operations using hazardous chemical substitutes have been authorized at the Umatilla Chemical Agent

The facility is a hazardous waste treatment site that will use four incinerators to destroy a stockpile of chemical warfare agent that has been

stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot since 1962.

DEQ initially authorized testing in July. But two "miniburns," in preparation for full-scale trial burns, indicated that permitted emission limits for metals were being exceeded. Corrective action has been taken, following additional problems in secondary miniburns, DEQ said.



Holiday deadlines
Absolute deadlines for the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 issues are Friday, Dec. 20 and 27 at 5 p.m. The 'Noose' will be printed and distributed on Monday, Dec. 23 and 30.

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