

## Salvage rally

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that, "We are all worn down and tired of being depicted as villains.

"We need to get re-energized and involved, and work toward a reasonable approach to forest sustainability," said Phillipi.

"This community cannot survive surrounded by a 'forest museum'," she said.

"Until the world quits building houses, using paper, and surrounding themselves with beautiful wood furniture, beams and paneling, we just have to get away from this 'not in my backyard' philosophy," said Phillipi.

She then asked that the USFS be balanced, and bold and confident, as it makes the crucial decisions that will affect the community and all that live in it.

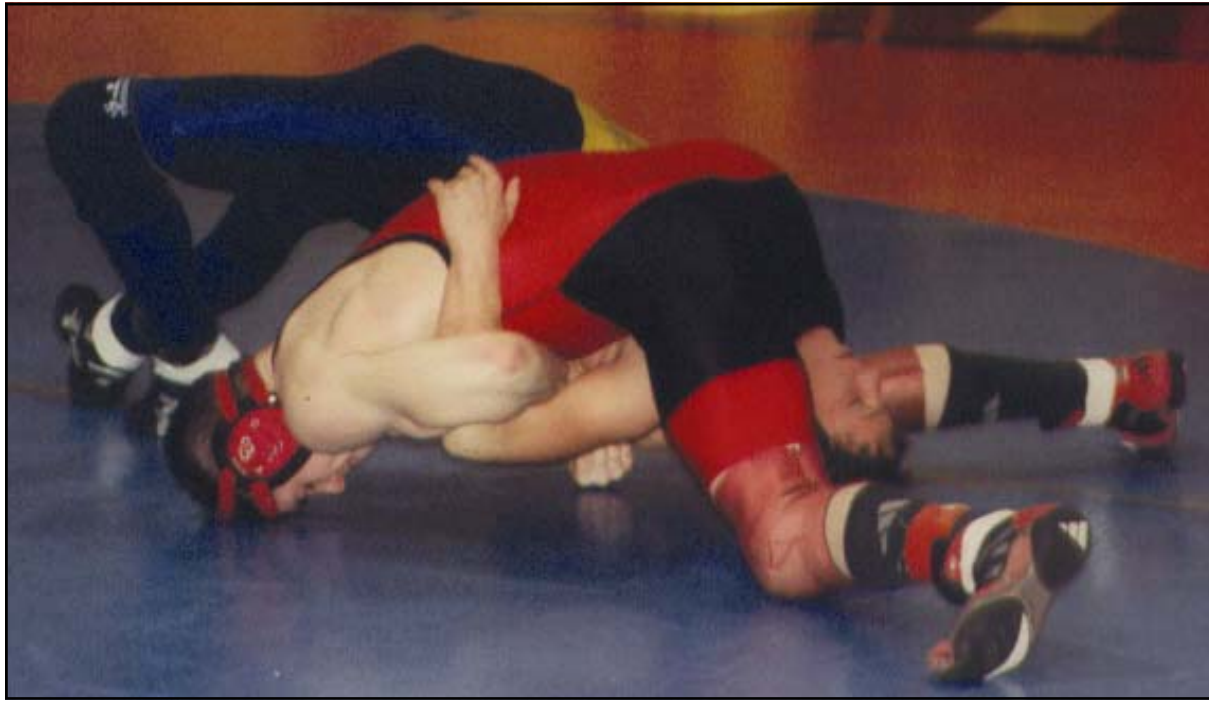
Phillipi's husband, Link, R&R spokesperson and company manager, was also a speaker during the rally.

"There simply isn't enough private timber to pick up the slack for lack of harvest on federal lands," he said. "The forest service needs to push the envelope."

Other speakers were Bob Webb, R&R employee and Employee Stock Ownership Program director; Tom Kitcher of the Waldo Mining District; Col. Dan Vest, vice president of the Josephine County Small Woodlands Association; Josephine County Commissioners Harold Haugen and Jim Riddle, and former Commissioner Frank Iverson.



Walt Freeman was one of the principal speakers at the salvage logging rally Friday, Feb. 14 in Cave Junction.



Illinois Valley matmen showed their skills at the district meet last week.

## Cougars roar at district wrestling meet

Cougar power with style and stamina resulted in Illinois Valley taking nine of 19 top spots, including five championship berths, during the Skyline District wrestling championships.

The district meet at Illinois Valley High School on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15, was attended by wrestlers from eight schools and several hundred family members, coaches and other spectators.

Besides I.V.'s top wins, Cougar Mike Pagnotta, a junior, was chosen as one of two outstanding wrestlers of the meet. Also chosen was Paul Stierle from Phoenix High.

The top three finishers in each weight class earned berths to the state high school

tourney. It will begin on Thursday, Feb. 20 in Portland.

I.V. grapplers took five championships:

\*Sam Green in the 119-pound weight class.

\*Zach Pagnotta, 130 pounds.

\*Matt Miller, 135 pounds.

\*Mike Britt, 140 pounds.

\*Mike Pagnotta, 152 pounds (his second title).

Taking third places for the Cougars were Paulo Rocha, 119; Wescott Lynch, 145; Natty Krauss, 152; and Josh Pope, 275.

Also for I.V., Oley Crocker was fourth at 160. Alton Steinhoff was fifth for the Cougars in the 140 division. Taking a sixth for IVHS was Brandon Lynch at 125.

Teamwise, the Cougs were third with 229 points, overtaking North Valley, which had 207 for the two days, but which was two points ahead of I.V. after Friday's action. First place went to Phoenix, for the fourth consecutive year, with 295 points. In second spot was Mazama, 256.5 points.

An unidentified North Valley wrestler suffered a broken leg on Saturday. He was transported by American Medical Response to a hospital.

The I.V. Wrestling Club helped host the district meet. And the club operated a snack bar as a fund-raiser.

Ted Crocker served as chief announcer.

## STAR program honors student good deeds

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Selig, who helps arrange the school assemblies and presentations, said he finds it encouraging when students recognize each other.

He recalled one presentation where the students applauded for those being recognized for good grades and athletic accomplishments, but gave standing ovations to the STAR recipients.

"They (the non-STAR recipients) walk away with a sense of pride in their school and their fellow classmates," Selig said.

Anyone may nominate a student for a STAR award.

To be considered for the award, the student's project or

effort can't be forced or assigned, but something the student individually chooses.

Students may also not be using drugs, alcohol or smoking to receive recognition.

If these requirements are met, a person nominating a student must complete a STAR award application, which is available at the sheriff's office and its substations, or a designated Neighborhood Watch captain.

Bailey then reviews the application and sends it to the Neighborhood Watch captain nearest the nominee's residence.

The captain then has a select committee review and either accept or reject the ap-

plication.

Bailey's committee members are all part of the Selma Neighborhood Watch.

But those involved with the STAR program can't recognize students if they don't know about the positive things they are doing, Selig said, encouraging residents to make the good deeds of more students known.

"We don't hear enough from the community," he said.

To this day, the innate kindness of children and young people amazes Bailey.

"I get so much joy seeing these young people recognized; it just makes me feel so good that people know about what they're doing," she said.

## Illegal drugs causing more deaths, says OSP

Drug-related deaths for 2002 are up 13 percent compared to drug-related deaths for 2001, according to the medical examiner division of the Oregon State Police.

In 2002, 176 people died from overdoses of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine or a combination of these drugs.

This is an increase from 155 total drug deaths in 2001.

Drug deaths are up in every category including heroin (101 deaths, up 6 percent), cocaine (58 deaths, up 21 percent) methamphetamine (65 deaths, up 30 percent) and a combination of drugs (44 deaths, up 26 percent).

While heroin continues to be the most frequent cause of illicit drug overdose, methamphetamine use continues to rise, increasing from 50 deaths in 2001 to 65 deaths in 2002.

In Josephine County, one heroin-related death and one methamphetamine death occurred in 2002.

## Issuance of IVFD bonds OK'd

Approval to issue general obligation bonds was unanimously agreed upon 5-0 by the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors during its Thursday night, Feb. 13 meeting in Cave Junction City Hall.

On Nov. 5, voters approved a \$2.5 million request to improve district stations.

The vote on Thursday approved Supplemental Resolu-

tion 03-01, which allows authorizing the issuance, sale, execution and delivery of general obligation bonds.

After the second reading, Director Leonard Frick motioned to adopt it. An executive (closed to the public) session followed.

The first reading of the resolution occurred during the board's Jan. 9 meeting.

--Sharon Silva


## Trucker dead in I-5 wreck

A 71-year-old trucker died of injuries suffered when his big rig missed a curve and went over on its right side some 16 miles north of Grants Pass on Interstate 5, said OSP.

The victim was identified as Marion Loy Burrows from Boise, Idaho. He was northbound with a loader trailer pulled by a semitruck, said OSP, at approximately 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14.

OSP said that the truck driven by Burrows "failed to negotiate a downgrade, left-hand curve; swerved onto a dirt shoulder and flipped over on its right side as it crashed into an embankment."

The curve is marked for 50 mph, and witnesses told OSP that the rig was "exceeding the speed limit." The driver was not wearing a seatbelt, OSP said.



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