

Essay contest invites moms to reflect on breast-feeding

In honor of World Breast-feeding Week which lasts from Friday, Aug. 1 to Thursday, Aug. 7, Three Rivers Community Hospital is holding an essay contest that invites mothers to reflect on what breast-feeding means to them.

The essay contest is open to any woman who has breast-fed or currently is breast-feeding. The entry deadline is on Friday, Aug. 8. A panel of staff

from the TRCH Family Birth Center will judge the contest and host a luncheon for the winner to be held on Friday, Aug. 15.

Entries should be 300 words or fewer on the theme, "What Breast-feeding Means to Me." Be sure to include your name, address and phone number and send entries to: TRCH Family Birth Center Contest, 500 SW Ramsey Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

City issues six new building permits; one for business

Six building permits, including one for a new business, were issued during June by the city of Cave Junction.

The commercial building, being built on Hamilton Avenue for Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment, is being erected by Homestead Construction.

Three permits were issued for new homes. One went to H.D. Patton Jr. Construction for a home at 422 Addison Ave. with 1,402 square feet of space. There also will be a shop/garage with 772 square

feet of space.

Eugene Robertson received two home permits; one for 540 Schumacher Street and the other for 384 Wells Drive. They will consist of 1,260 and 1,531 square feet of space respectively. The latter also will include a garage with 440 square feet of space.

Other permits include: Gail Boatman, carport enclosure at 240 E. River St. and Western Sign Systems, a new "Evergreen Federal Bank" sign for the Illinois Valley Branch in Cave Junction.

Hospice receives funding to expand community outreach

Lovejoy Hospice received a \$3,500 grant from the Four Way Community Foundation to develop and expand its community outreach program.

Lovejoy Hospice programs provide holistic end-of-life care for Josephine County residents and their families and also those in parts of Jackson and Douglas Counties.

Lovejoy Hospice provides professional staff 24 hours a day, helping to maintain dignity and personal choices while relieving physical and emotional pain.

Lovejoy Hospice also provides support services to families throughout their care for loved ones and presents community education and bereavement programs for health care

professionals and the public.

The Four Way Community Foundation is a private, non-profit, organization conceived by the Grants Pass Rotary Club in 1975.

It provides a vehicle through which gifts, contributions, and bequests can be used to benefit the people of Josephine and Western Jackson Counties.

"The Four Way Community Foundation grant gives Lovejoy Hospice the exciting opportunity to reach more people with our educational and bereavement services," states Christina Snell, Executive Director. "Community education and training for end of life issues is an ever-expanding need in our community."

Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in giving creates love.

- Lao-tzu -



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OLD AND NEW - The old Lorna Byrne Middle School is partially torn down revealing some of the new middle school building. Crews started removing the old school Tuesday, July 22.

Unemployment rate rises to 8.5 percent

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.5 percent in June from 8.2 percent in May. It has risen for four consecutive months after reaching a low point for the year of 7.3 percent in February.

At 8.5 percent, Oregon's unemployment rate rose above its most recent peak of 8.4 percent, which was reached in January 2002. Oregon's unemploy-

ment rate has been below 8.5 percent for almost 17 years. June and July 1986 were the most recent months in which Oregon's unemployment rate measured 8.5 percent. Oregon's unemployment rate has not been above 8.5 percent since May 1986 when the rate was 8.8 percent.

Oregon's labor force continued to grow in June as it has in recent months. Meanwhile, the total num-

ber of jobs available has not kept pace with the growing labor force. The result has been an increasing number of unemployed, thus causing the unemployment rate to rise. In June, Oregon's civilian labor force grew by 44,559 to reach 1,871,540, its highest level ever. This growth was composed of an increase of 31,033 in the number of people employed and an increase of 13,526 in the number of people unemployed. In the past year, the number of people employed has declined by 2,686 while the number of unemployed has grown by 21,891.

Council denies citizens' land-related requests

Two land-related issues recently came before the Cave Junction City Council.

In one situation, Cheryl Jones, of 460 S. Junction Ave., asked permission to store a 1963 model 10-by-50-foot mobile home at the extreme rear of her property. It would be used for storage, she told the council.

A new mobile home is on the property, Jones said she bought it for her daughter.

Councilmen eventually voted 5-0 to deny the request.

They cited reasons including not wanting to set a precedent; lack of a specific time frame for storing the older mobile; and not wanting the city to have the image of too many mobiles.

Jones was advised to return to the council with a definite time plan within 30 days.

In another matter, the council voted 5-0 to deny an appeal from John Costanzo, of Aptos, Calif., deciding that his request should be made via a zone change, not an appeal.

Costanzo, who did not

attend the council meeting, sought to modify his original rezoning request for portions of property lying off the north side of East River Street roughly between North Caves Avenue and North Kerby Avenue. Approximately nine acres are involved.

The modification was to change an earlier council decision denying an application for a comprehensive plan amendment from industrial to single-family residential, and a change of zone from employment and industrial to single-family residential.

He also requested that the city look for other properties to zone industrial that are closer to sewer and water.

At one point, Sally Palmer, who owns property in the city, indicated her belief that the city "conned" Costanzo to seek the change.

Led by Mayor Ed Faircloth, the council said that Costanzo needs to check criteria for what he wants, and pay the fees for a zone change request, not an appeal. It was stated he "needs to do his homework."

Lottery sets Ore. record

The Oregon Lottery sent the state a record \$387.1 million for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The money will be used by the state for public education, economic development, state parks and salmon enhancement.

In the 2001-03 biennium 64 percent of lottery profits went to public education, 20 percent to economic development, 15 percent to state parks and salmon enhancement and one percent to fund treatment programs for problem gamblers.

While the Oregon Constitution requires that lottery profits be used for public education, economic development, state parks and salmon enhancement, the Oregon Legislature makes the allocations.

The transfer is the result of the second straight year of record net sales for both video lottery and traditional games.

During the 2003 fiscal year, lottery recorded net sales from all games of \$853.5 million, an increase over the \$817 million in sales during fiscal year 2002.

One man can completely change the character of a country, and the industry of its people, by dropping a single seed in fertile soil.
- John C. Gifford -

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by Walter Branch

1. What musical's German tour production started Donna Summer on the road to success?
2. What husband-and-wife duo was featured in the comic strip, "Bringing Up Father"?
3. How many of the Marx Brothers appeared in "The Story of Mankind"?
4. What was the name of the shaving lotion that gave "any man the license to kill...women"?
5. Who played Myrna Turner, Oscar Madison's secretary, on "The Odd Couple"?

Trivia Time Answers
1. "Hair's"; 2. Jiggs and Maggie; 3. Three; 4. 007; 5. Penny Marshall.

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