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and use of fireworks in most of the valley, unless with a special permit.

Board President Don Haviland noted he wanted the board to review the draft ordinance presented.

"Most people use them responsibly; however, the timing of the sales during the fire season and our continuing drying trend makes for a disaster waiting to happen," Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer wrote in a memo to the board.

Addressing the board, Mayor Ed Faircloth asked for a copy of the ordinance and noted the city is "in total support of what you're doing."

He added that he would update the city's rules and regulations regarding the issue once the ordinance is approved.

"I think the majority of the people in the valley realize the danger of fireworks," Frick said.

Even with an ordinance, people would still bring in fireworks, he noted, but "at least we'd have something we can enforce."

Directors Joel Downing, Joe Malcolm and Frick were also sworn in as the new board president, vice president and secretary, respectively.

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Another possibility in determining future budgets would be to increase various county fees to generate revenue.

On the positive side, Brock complimented the departments that have been implementing performance measures for services provided.

He encouraged the public to give its input on the topic and help determine how services could function more efficiently and effectively.

-- Britt Fairchild

Mine-minded folks sought

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from volunteers to fill vacancies on the Mining Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to study the environment problems, concerns of the timber industry, illegal mining on private and government lands, on mining ventures of large corporations.

The deadline for accepting applications to the board is on Friday, Aug. 15. Phone (541) 474-5221 for more information.

Think twice before swimming in rivers

There is no such thing as risk-free swimming in untreated area waters, according to the Josephine County Dept. of Health and Community Action.

Swimming in cool water can offer relief from hot summer temperatures. However, swimming in untreated water such as rivers and lakes, may result in unpleasant side effects from swimmer's itch and intestinal infections.

The Josephine County Public Health Dept. is posting signs along waterways to popular swimming areas such as "Forks" State Park in Cave Junction.

The signs advise: "Swim at your own risk, water is not tested for bacteria."

The following can help people avoid illnesses from bacteria and small organ-

isms that thrive in untreated water:

*Don't swallow untreated water! Keep your mouth closed when playing in the water.

*Avoid swimming in slow-moving water that is warm and murky.

*Don't swim in grossly contaminated water with signs of dead animals, fish and animal or human waste.

*If you become ill with an intestinal illness, wash your hands for 20 seconds before preparing food and after going to the bathroom. This will help prevent spreading the infection to other family members. Proper hand washing is a universal recommendation for everyone in staying healthy and in prevention of disease.

Proposed bill aims to prevent large wildfires

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced "The Community and Forest Protection Act of 2003," a bill that provides workable wildfire-fighting and prevention strategies while protecting the environment and public involvement.

"Last year, Congress unconscionably walked away from an opportunity to pass a balanced fire bill," Wyden said.

"Today, there are 57 million acres of public lands at the highest risk of forest fires," Feinstein said. "If we don't take action now, these forests could go up in smoke."

The Wyden-Feinstein bill doesn't rely primarily on commercial sales to accomplish needed fire reduction work; instead it would authorize \$3.8 billion for forest health projects over five years.

It also preserves the ability of citizens to appeal agency decisions, but eliminates up to several years of delay that currently can effectively render an agency decision moot. Inside the wildland-urban interface area, projects could occur under a categorical exclusion, and those decisions would be exempted from administrative appeals.

Outside the interface area, the bill would shorten the delay by folding the public comment period concurrently into the administrative appeals process, shortening the appeals period and agency response period from 45 to 30 days each, and allowing the appeals officer the flexibility to make neces-

sary changes, saving from 90 days to several years.

It protects environmentally sensitive areas while giving greater discretion to federal forestry employees and the states about where best to focus fire reduction efforts.

The bill specifically protects old growth, wilderness, wilderness study areas, and roadless areas, but unlike the Miller and Bingaman bills, gives forestry professionals flexibility to pursue needed fire-reduction projects outside the wildland-urban interface areas (up to 50 percent if requested by a state's governor).

The legislation requires courts to regularly re-examine the merits of temporary injunctions without attempting to influence the outcome of decisions on injunctive relief, creates a pilot project to shorten the appeals process on the Biscuit Fire and authorizes grants to states and localities to address emergency threats to public safety in places like the San Bernardino, Cleveland, Deschutes and Siskiyou National Forests.

Under the proposal, the Administration can use the shortened process to salvage burned timber from the Biscuit Fire, but any salvage actions would be monitored by a group chosen under the Western Governors Association collaborative process (including scientists, environmentalists, community-based organizations, and industry representatives) which would report to Congress on the ecological and economic effects of the pilot project.



EXTREME FUN -- Face painting (top photo) was just one of several events planned for young children at I.V. Extreme on Saturday, July 19 in Jubilee Park. Children also found out the origins of their names at a special booth. Jofer Malcolm Duran (right photo) found out the meaning of his middle name, which means "buoyant" or preserved. Later in the day junior high and high-school aged children and teen-agers competed in three-on-three basketball, a skateboarding competition and volleyball games.

(Photos by Steve Fairchild)



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presented by the I.V. Library

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Illustrator: Fumi Kosaka
Ages: 2 to 5

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