



**IT'S PEACEFUL AND QUIET** at the old Waldo Cemetery off Waldo Road between O'Brien and Takilma. The cemetery was used from the mid-1800s until the early 1900s for those living in the community of Waldo, now long gone. The site appears to be not well-cared for with some evidence of vandalism.

## Comments on strategic plan now sought

Oregonians have an opportunity to influence the work of the Division of State Lands for several years by reviewing a draft DSL Strategic Plan that will guide many of the agency's major activities for the next two to four years.

DSL staff and managers have formulated a draft plan that is now ready for public comments.

To review the plan go online to : [www.oregonstatelands.us](http://www.oregonstatelands.us).

The plan is listed on the agency's Home Page. For a printed copy, phone (503) 378-3805 ext. 223.

To comment, send a response in writing following instructions in the plan, send them by e-mail to [plan@ds.state.or.us](mailto:plan@ds.state.or.us).

Those interested may also attend a public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the Southern Oregon Research/Jackson County Extension Office near Central Point.

**Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.**  
-Mother Teresa-

## Hickerson moving

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earlier to that final meeting, was handled inappropriately, Hickerson said.

"I don't agree with the decision they made about Kyle. I think they left the community in a lurch," he said. "I don't see things getting better until we get rid of that voting clique."

During the July 17 IVRFPD board meeting, Hickerson also publicly noted his frustration about a letter the board sent without Hickerson's knowledge to Mayor Ed Faircloth, Hickerson's employer at the time, stating that Hickerson had verbally berated a IVRFPD employee.

Hickerson said he never even spoke to said employee but addressed his concerns about the employee to his supervisor, Interim Chief Jeff Gavlik.

"That's how I'm appreciated," he said.

Such "ulterior motives" not only reflect poorly on the entire district, including the volunteers, but could deter needed new blood, he said.

"I don't see what would motivate someone to join such a dysfunctional organization," he said.

Honest and outspoken, Hickerson also has a modest side, particularly when it comes to fighting fires.

During his time with IVRFPD, Hickerson has volunteered countless hours helping with every-

thing from extinguishing fires to breakfast fundraisers. He was also president of the IVRFPD volunteer association at least three times.

"I love this district," he said.

The best part though -- the anonymous nature of the work.

Hickerson said he feels great satisfaction when he sees those he helped during a fire the night before and he isn't recognizable to them because it was dark and his face was partly covered.

"They have no idea it was you. I really like that," he said.

The veteran firefighter also has been honored as the district Firefighter of the Year, and as the Oregon Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

Hickerson said he plans to continue volunteering for IVRFPD until he and his wife move to Grants Pass.

He's also considering volunteering for the GP Public Safety Dept. as a firefighter and is part of the Southern Oregon Swift Water Rescue Team.

As for who would best serve the valley as the new fire chief, Hickerson said the right candidate needs to demonstrate "strong character and a good work ethic."

Someone that could "pick this district up by the bootstraps and get going," he said.

## Restrictions, prohibitions in effect on land protected by Oregon Dept. of Forestry

The following public restrictions are in effect on all state, county, private, and BLM lands protected by the Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) in Jackson and Josephine Counties: public chainsaw use is prohibited in areas of flammable vegetation; non-agricultural mowing of dry grass is prohibited; non-agricultural, non-commercial use of internal combustion powered machinery, such as gas-powered string trimmers, backhoes, trenchers and chippers in areas of flammable vegetation is prohibited; use of motorized vehicles including motorcycles and all terrain vehicles is prohibited except on improved roads; improved roads are those maintained for passenger car use and are clear of flammable debris; campfires are prohibited except in improved designated campgrounds such as state and county parks; smoking is prohibited in areas of flammable vegetation, except in enclosed vehicles while on improved roads; fireworks are prohibited in areas of flammable vegetation; debris burning is prohibited; cutting, welding and grinding of metal in areas of flammable vegetation is prohibited.

On the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Watson Creek on BLM lands protected by ODF, and Siskiyou National Forest lands protected by the USDA Forest Service, the following restrictions are in effect: campfires are prohibited; portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed on sand and gravel bars, which lay between the river and the high water mark in areas naturally free of flammable vegetation; smoking is prohibited except while aboard a watercraft while navigating, or at rest on the river and on sand and gravel bars between the river and the high water mark naturally free of flammable vegetation; each party of boaters must carry at least one shovel and one bucket.

For commercial forest operations, an Industrial Fire Precaution Level 3 is in effect on the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests, and all private, state, county, and BLM lands protected by

ODF.

The following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.: tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders, or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to

quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start; mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; blasting; welding or cutting of metal; any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

For more information, contact ODF in Grants Pass at 474-3152.

## AREA VENDORS WANTED!

For the 22nd annual  
**Wild Blackberry Festival**  
Saturday & Sunday  
Aug. 9 and 10

There will be a blackberry scavenger hunt, blackberry baking contest & blackberry hunt.

For more information phone  
**592-4920**

## Illinois Valley Lions

### 31st Annual LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

August 30th, 31st & September 1st  
Jubilee Park, Cave Junction

Theme:  
"United We Stand - One Nation Under God"

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**Official Parade Application**

Parade forms at Evergreen School on Mon. Sept 1st, 9:30 am. Parade starts at 11:00 am sharp. Check one or more if qualified. **Deadline for sign-ups will be Saturday, August 16, 2003. No late entries will be accepted.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Music (youth band)	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (adult band)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Special (odd-non-category)	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> Marching	<input type="checkbox"/> Humorous
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider (adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Riders (group)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider (youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Auto	<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Auto

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe entry and/or history: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mall Parade Entries To: I.V. Lions PO Box 396 Cave Junction, OR. 97523**

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**Booth Entry**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Items of Booth: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity:  Yes  No

To Reserve: Please pay in advance, \$50 for 3 days, or \$20 per day for 12' x 12' space.  
Booth Chairman: Carl Jacobson Jr, 592-6310 or Marvin Haynie 592-4262  
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300 Page Creek Road  
Cave Junction  
\$5-Adults  
Kids 12 & under-FREE

Dance the Night Away Under the Stars to 80's Rock and Roll!

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**Lallygag or lollygag:**

To spend time idly; loaf.

From Webster's College Dictionary