

I.V. event urges play with bugs

Saturday, Sept. 20 will provide Illinois Valley children, and adults too, a unique opportunity to play with bugs.

Kids and Bugs 2003, coordinated by I.V. Watershed Council -- in conjunction with the seven other members of Rogue Basin Coordinating Council -- will run from 10 a.m. to noon at Chinquapin Campground on Grayback Creek east of Cave Junction.

Those who participate will learn how to collect and identify insects in area waters and their value in relation to the salmon life cycle and water quality.

"One of the goals of the I.V. Watershed Council is to provide public outreach," said Glenn Ginter, coordinator.

Ginter said this will be the first time the general public will participate in the event. In years past, similar activities have been held with Lorna Byrne Middle School students.

The hope for the youngest participants, Ginter said, is that the hands-on experience will stick in their minds and "might catch onto them later down the road."

The half-day family field day is free. Field equipment, such as nets, will be provided. Funding for the equipment and training for the event has been provided by The Xerces Society and Izaak Walton League of America. Beverages also will be provided.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunches and wear or bring shoes and clothing that can get wet.

Free educational materials also will be available to take home.

For more information phone I.V. Watershed Council at 592-3731.

-Britt Fairchild

RCC truck courses in the ditch

Rogue Community College (RCC) will close its commercial truck driving training courses, which have been in operation since 1993.

"Enrollment has declined to the point where it is not cost-effective to offer the classes," said Margaret Bradford, director of Marketing and Community Relations.

The current class will conclude the end of September, and the program will close then. The equipment will be "mothballed" and stored at college facilities.

Three instructors will be laid off, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with local 962 of the Teamsters Union.

The next class, which would have started this month, already has been canceled, and there appears to be little prospect of enrollment levels rising soon.

The decline in enrollment may be attributed to numerous factors: an improving economy; the cost of the training, which is \$4,400 plus testing and license fees; and the availability of alternative college programs in the region.

Tales from the Police Blotter

POLICE BLOTTER
(Editor's Note: Names, ages, addresses, incidents and charges are provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed in this report are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Saturday, August 30

*In the 1000 block of Thompson Creek Road a woman said she com-

plained to a man about loud music and he said "deal with it" and turned the music up. Deputies said the music was turned down when they arrived on scene.

*In the 19000 block of Redwood Hwy. Christine Marie Dewey was cited on a charge of violation of the basic rule at 9:29 a.m.

*A boy who called "911" said he was learning about calling "911" at school. He was advised

about the proper use of the phone number, deputies said.

*In the 6200 block of Caves Hwy. a woman said a man drove by yelling "endearments," which was a violation of his restraining order. Deputies filed a report.

*A man in the 8000 block of Eight Dollar Road said several items were missing from his campsite including two coolers full of beer, two folding chairs

and a lantern. The total listed value of the items was less than \$100.

*Near the intersection of Holland Loop Road and Takilma Road a man said he was struck in the head by a rock. He did not require immediate medical attention, deputies said.

*At Lake Selmac a citizen said an intoxicated man was yelling and swearing. Deputies said the man was quiet when they arrived.

*In the 100 block of Dogwood Lane a man said a woman was "being a drunk" and trying to get into his house. The man said he was holding her property while she was away in rehab. Deputies said it was a civil dispute.

*A woman in the 500 block of S. Redwood Hwy. said an intoxicated man was yelling and being violent. She requested that her parole officer come pick him up.

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