



CAN SLAM -- Alice Weber and Brook Sullivan (photo above) collect cardboard to recycle during the Can Slam at Illinois Valley Visitor Center Saturday, Oct. 25. Dakota Frisk (photo left) dumps a bag of cans into a large recycling bin. The recycling drive is a public service provided by Southern Oregon Sanitation and Illinois Valley Community Response Team. Last year more than four tons of reusable materials were collected. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)

Wal-Mart to reduce tobacco sales to minors

Attorney General Hardy Myers filed an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance in Marion County Circuit Court against Wal-Mart, calling for the company to introduce new policies and procedures to reduce tobacco sales to minors in its stores throughout the nation. In Oregon, the settlement affects all 21 Wal-Mart stores and five super centers.

Myers joined 42 other states in a continuing multi-state enforcement effort that focuses on retailers that have high rates of tobacco sales to minors. Previously reached agreements apply to all Walgreens stores and to all gas stations and convenience stores operation under the Exxon, Mobil, BP, Amoco

and ARCO brand names.

The agreement requires Wal-Mart to do the following:

- *Train employees on state and local laws and company policy regarding tobacco sales to minors including explaining the health-related reasons for laws that restrict youth access to tobacco.

- *Check the identification of any person purchasing tobacco products when the person appears to be under age 27, and only accept currently valid government-issued photo identification as proof of age.

- *Use cash registers programmed to prompt identification checks on all tobacco sales.

- *Hire an independent entity to conduct random compliance checks of ap-

proximately 10 percent of Wal-Mart stores every six months.

- *Prohibit self-service displays of tobacco products, the use of vending machines to sell tobacco products, and the distribution of free samples on store property.

- *Prohibit the sale of smoking paraphernalia to minors.

The attorneys general will monitor compliance with the agreement and have reserved the right to enforce future violations of the agreement as well as the laws governing sale of tobacco to minors.

Oregonians who suspect violations of state tobacco laws can file complaints by phoning the Attorney General's consumer hotline at (877) 877-9392.

Woodworking accident injures man

Man's severed hand was hanging on by skin and an artery

A woodworker got the scare of his life on Monday, Oct. 27 in Selma. At 6:30 a.m. members of the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) responded to a woodworking shop in the 18400 block of Redwood Hwy.

A 26-year-old woodworker, (his name was not available at press time) completely cut through both bones in his arm and

severed his hand while cutting wood on a chop saw, a large round cutting saw. His hand was still attached to the arm by a strip of skin and the main artery was still attached.

According to Ken Gavlik, working at the Selma Substation, rescuers applied a trauma dressing, placed the man in a prone position and elevated his feet to prevent shock.

"There weren't pools of blood everywhere amazingly," Gavlik said of the scene. "Sometimes amputations clot real easy."

The man was using the equipment but was not an employee of the business.

Medics from American Medical Response splinted the arm and transported the man to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass where a trauma unit was waiting to re-attach the man's hand.

Downtown CJ will see light

They probably will not be installed by Halloween, but new orange-glow street lights are coming to Downtown Cave Junction.

Gary Biggs, head of the city public works department, advised the council of that fact during its meeting in city hall on Monday night, Oct. 27.

Biggs said that some items still are in transit, but that the 13 new fixtures and high-pressure, energy-efficient lights will be installed soon.

Senate approves Iraq construction bill

The U.S. Senate has approved an amendment that would require new Iraqi construction contracts to be awarded through full and open competition, unless the Defense Dept. or other contracting department publicly justifies any sole source or limited-bid contracts.

In addition, the amendment co-authored by Ron Wyden (D-Ore) would require disclosure that would enable Congress to conduct rigorous oversight of the contracting process. The legislation will ensure that contracts are awarded to the most qualified companies at the best cost to taxpayers.

The amendment was co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of senators, including Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.).

"With the enormous sums of money that U.S.

taxpayers will be asked to pay to rebuild Iraq and to complete the U.S. mission there, our citizens need to know their hard-earned money won't be frittered away on single source contracts," Wyden said. "The way to ensure that Americans get the best value for their tax dollars is to require that Iraqi contracts are awarded using full and open competition."

The amendment would require justifying documents for any non-competitive bidding process to be published in the "Federal Register" and "Commerce Business Daily" no later than 30 days after the contract is signed.

The published information would also include the amount of the contract, a description of the contract's scope, a list of companies selected for the closed bidding process, and explanations of how and why the agency chose

those contractors. Different procedures would apply to contract documents that, if disclosed, could compromise national security.

The amendment also includes provisions that would require reports to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and its House counterpart on how the funds are being spent and to explain contracts and interagency transfers.

This requirement would affect new contracts and existing contracts that are extended with funds from the supplemental. Contracts for reconstruction, expected to total \$20.3 billion, are included, as are contracts with private-sector companies providing products and services to the U.S. military.

The amendment does not apply to funds for weapons or munitions, or to funds provided directly to the military.

For more information phone (541) 552-2900.

CJ talks the talk for new sidewalks

New sidewalks for Downtown Cave Junction will be a concrete fact.

City councilmen on Monday evening, Oct. 27 voted 5-0 as a contract review board to award a \$59,401 bid to Reed Construction of Eagle Point.

The other bid was from Copeland Paving Inc. of Grants Pass. Its initial bid was \$89,820; but it was revised to \$71,820 because of mistakenly including the cost of tree grates and guards, said City Recorder Jim Polk.

There was some concern about dealing with Reed, as the council is not familiar with the firm or its work. Polk said that the company had to file pre-qualification papers with the state before bidding.

The bid still must be OK'd by Oregon Economic Development Dept.

The council still has to select trees to replace those removed earlier this year. The beautification project includes sidewalks and metal grates and guards.

Immanuel United Methodist Church
 220 Watkins
Halloween Party
Friday, Oct. 31
5 to 9 p.m.
FREE
HOT DOGS & DRINKS
Games, Pinata

We make the FUN - You enjoy the FUN
 Every day is FUN at the
Junction Inn FUN Lounge
FREE appetizers/soup daily - 4:30 - 7:30
FREE pool all day Sunday & Thursday
FUN Lounge Events
Wednesday, Oct. 29: Pool Tournament/Ladies Night 7 - 10 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30: Karaoke Night with April Fisher 9 p.m. - midnight
Friday Oct. 31: Halloween Special Event
Saturday, Nov. 1: Live Music with Troy Lee Combs 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Golf Tourney Banquet

Why Junction Inn for Halloween? 'coz you can win!

For Best 3 Costumes
1st Prize - 1 Night King Suite for 2
2nd Prize - Dinner Specials for 2
3rd Prize - A Gift from the Lounge

Plus Many Other Door Prizes
T-shirts Pens Caps Shorts Posters
Everybody is a Winner in the Raffle!

Don't Miss the Fun with Troy Lee Combs Band
Friday, Oct. 31 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Played with U.S.O. Tours & produced a commercial CD
1st time in Cave Junction

See You...See Them...in Costumes!

What is it about those Patton houses?

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SOS will no longer accept scrap metal until further notice.

Southern Oregon Sanitation