Assistance offered for the disabled

State and county eligibility workers have again begun processing General Assistance applications from Oregonians who are seriously disabled, have little or no income and expect to be unable to work for the next 12 months.

The new program is a slimmed-down version of a General Assistance program serving about 2,600 people, eliminated on Feb. 1 to help balance the state budget. The new program is expected to serve about 1,150 people.

"We developed the new program with input from a coalition that included staff from across

the Oregon Dept. Of Human Services (DHS) and stakeholders," said James Toews, DHS assistant director for seniors and people with disabilities.

The 2003 Oregon Legislature provided funding for the new program.

General Assistance delivers interim benefits to people while they await a Social Security Administration decision on their application for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, who formerly qualified for General Assistance benefits.

If an individual or married couple qualifies for SSI benefits, the state

can recover General Assistance benefits from the federal government. But if an individual or couple qualifies for SSDI payments, it cannot.

General Assistance monthly benefits are \$314 for an individual and \$628 for a married couple, assuming both meet the program's disability criteria. Persons receiving General Assistance also qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and may qualify for foodstamp benefits.

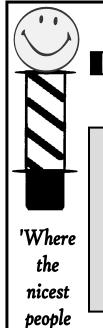
General Assistance is available to eligible Oregonians ages 18-64 while they await decisions on SSI applications.

Volunteers sought for parks dept.

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting volunteer applications to fill vacancies on the Parks Advisory Board.

The board assists the director of Josephine County Community Development in finding parcels of county land suitable for public parks. The application deadline is Dec. 22.

Applications are available in the Board of Commissioners Office, Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass. Phone (541) 474-5221.



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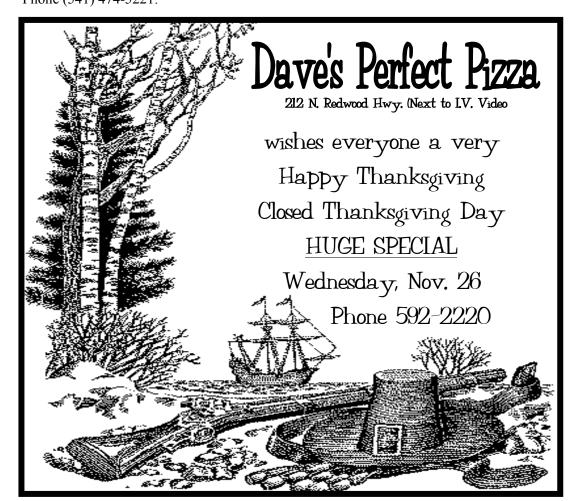
Santa's coming to True Value



In partnership with Toys 'R' Us and the Boys & Girls Club of Roque Valley, Santa will be handing out toys at True Value Hardware 232 N. Redwood Hwy, Western Plaza

Friday, Nov. 28 2 to 4 p.m.

This event will be a one-time-only chance to visit Santa



Weather Watch Cave Junction

Wednesday, Nov. 26 Showers. High- 48. Low-38.

Thursday, Nov. 27 Showers possible. High-48. Low- 40.

Friday, Nov. 28 Cloudy with some High- 48. Low- 26.

Saturday, Nov. 29 Partly cloudy. High- 40. Low- 35.

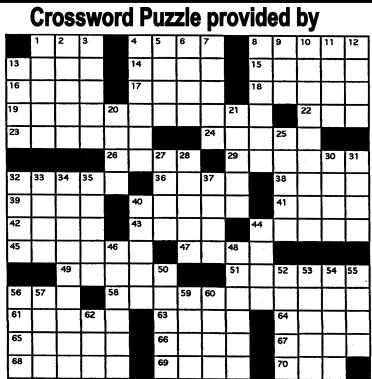
Sunday, Nov. 30 Partly cloudy. High- 43. Low- 31.

Monday, Dec. 1 Partly cloudy. High- 43.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 Partly cloudy. High- 46. Low- 34.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 Mostly cloudy. High-46. Low- 37.





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Cougars begin wrestling season

The Illinois Valley High School wrestling team will begin the season on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The Cougars will host Brookings High School in the IVHS gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

