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**I.V. Chamber
Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6,
3 p.m. in CJ**

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CJ CARES - More than 250 people were served 17 turkeys and nine hams during the annual CJ Cares Thanksgiving dinner in the Jubilee Park pavilion on Thursday, Nov. 27 in Cave Junction. Approximately 40 meals were delivered to housebound families by Jerry and Amy of Otter Creek Transportation, and I.V. Volunteer Firefighters De Spellman and Many Smiles along with Spellman's sister, Fran. CJ Cares (592-6855) now is seeking help for the Christmas meal. Related photos on page 7. (Photos by Sam Newton)

Paying for time as well as crime

Josephine County inmates may pay up to \$60 per day for stay

Sheriff Dave Daniel announced Monday, Dec. 1 that Josephine County Jail will begin charging inmates for their lodging starting Jan. 1.

Under state law (ORS 169.151), inmates committed to a local correctional institution can be required to reimburse county government for the expenses of safekeeping and maintaining them.

"We are letting criminals know once again that crime does not pay," said

Daniel. "Now they have to pay. They have to pay back to the citizens of this county what it cost to keep them locked up. They have to pay their share of the operational expenses of this county."

The Josephine County jail will charge inmates \$60 per day.

While the amount is the maximum allowed by law, it is slightly lower than the \$63 per day actual cost.

Inmates will not be

charged until they are convicted.

But once convicted, they can be charged every day of incarceration going back to the day of their arrest.

Those inmates committed to the Oregon State Dept. of Corrections cannot be charged for their stay in the Josephine County Jail.

Monies collected will go to the county general fund, and not to the sheriff's office.

Removal of

GP dam OK by solons

The U.S. Congress recently approved the Energy and Water appropriations bill.

The bill includes a provision requested by U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) authorizing the federal government to move forward with the installation of new irrigation pumps for the Grants Pass Irrigation District (GPID) followed by removal of the Savage Rapids Dam for water conservation and fish passage improvement.

According to a U.S. District Court consent decree agreed to by the GPID Board, the water pumps are to be installed to conserve water and to serve GPID's 8,000 irrigation users. After the pumps have been installed and tested, the diversion dam, which does not generate electricity, will be removed.

Farmers, environmentalists and other stakeholders in the GPID service area agreed on the plan to install irrigation pumps on the Rogue River to replace the current irrigation system the dam provides.

Wyden and Smith have been working to help

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Abducted child found safe; two men jailed

A 2-year-old girl who was in a car seat in a vehicle that was stolen Monday, Dec. 1 has been safely returned to her parents and two suspects have been arrested in connection with the crime.

At 6:37 a.m. James Kay left his white Chevrolet pickup truck parked and warming up in front of his house in the 900 block of Laurel Street in Grants Pass. Kay returned to his home for a moment leaving the child, Kaylie Kwiatkowski, in her car seat.

When Kay returned, the vehicle and child were missing.

Shortly after the incident occurred Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety initiated an AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert. The alert

was broadcast over several radio and television stations and displayed on highway reader-boards.

A citizen driving behind the white pickup truck in the Wilderville scales area on Hwy. 199 heard the alert on the radio and phoned 911.

Within minutes a Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled behind the vehicle and the male driver fled on foot. The deputy immediately confirmed that the child was still in the vehicle unharmed.

Deputies have made two arrests in connection with the kidnapping. They arrested Jayson Lou Sauer, 30, the driver of the truck, in Wilderville after receiving a tip from an anonymous citizen. He was charged with two counts of

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Fire safety demo gives Girl Scouts inside look

By STEVE FAIRCHILD
Staff Writer

A handful of Illinois Valley Girls Scouts and Brownies learned the true meaning of "Girl Power" this week.

De Spellman and Many Smiles, two firefighters with the Illinois Valley Fire Protection District, educated and helped make the girls feel comfortable around emergency life-saving equipment on Monday, Dec. 1 at Dome School in Takilma.

"I wanted to show the girls they can be a firefighter too," Spellman said. "Hopefully learning about (the equipment) will also help eliminate their fears."

Spellman, who has been a firefighter for 3 1/2 years, won the I.V. Firefighter of the Year award last year for her dedication to the job.

One youngster, Hazel Randal, volunteered to be

strapped onto a backboard -- the stretcher used after an accident -- as other members of Troop 123 helped lift her.

Midway through the presentation Spellman and Smiles were toned out on a structure fire call on Addison Lane in Cave Junction. They returned minutes later after discovering the structure fire was actually steam from a laundry vent.

The children also: learned about the Jaws of Life, got to try on a breathing apparatus, were given first aid kits and an evacuation plan for their homes.

It was a lesson Troop 123's leader hopes will give the girls idea's for their futures.

"I wanted to show the girls you don't have to be a stay-at-home mom," said Heather Farley, troop leader. "Not only can you be a firefighter but you can be the best."



Hazel Randal was an active participant in a demonstration of emergency gear. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)



VALLEY FIRE MEMORIES - Illinois Valley residents will long remember the 500,000-acre Biscuit Fire during summer 2002. This view is from the 'Green Bridge' over Illinois River on Eight Dollar Road. The valley was spared this year from other than a few extremely small brush fires. At one point last year the entire valley was on a 30-minute evacuation alert, but the order never came because of a dramatic wind shift which some attribute to concentrated prayer by many. (Related photo on page 10)