



VALLEY SANTA - Santa Claus, a good friend of Jim Dierkes, made his annual early visit to Illinois Valley by stopping at True Value Hardware in Western Plaza on Friday, Nov. 28. Approximately 55 youths turned out to receive gifts provided by Grants Pass Kiwanis Club and Toys R Us in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Rogue Valley. Among those visiting with St. Nick was Lane Kasiah. (Photos by Gary Bell)

Adams, Walker appointed to Four Way Foundation

The Four Way Community Foundation has named Brady Adams and Cheryl Walker to its board of directors.

They replace Ken Behymer and Bill Hamilton, each of whom has served two terms on the 12-member board.

Adams is president of Evergreen Federal Bank headquartered in Grants Pass.

Walker, a Murphy resident, is active in civic affairs in Josephine County and Southern Oregon. Both she and Adams have served in the Oregon Legislature. Each will serve a three-year term as a director.

Officers for 2003-04 were also announced. Giff Gates is president after serving the past year as vice president. He assumes the chair from Bob Brownell. John Higgins is vice president. Ann Bauer and Steve Welch continue for a second year as secretary and treasurer respectively.

The Four Way Community Foundation annually provides funds to projects by non-profit groups that enhance the educational, economic, cultural and social conditions in Josephine and western Jackson Counties.

Grant funds come from \$2.4 million in investments held by the foundation.



Harmony Farms sprouts recalled

Public health officials in the Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS) recently announced a recall of Harmony Farms brand alfalfa sprouts from retail outlets throughout Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

“These alfalfa sprouts have been identified as the probable cause of a continuing outbreak of salmonellosis,” said William Keene, Ph.D., DHS epidemiologist. “Consumers who have them in their refrigerators should discard them immediately.”

As of Nov. 25, six outbreak cases have been identified and more are expected, according to Keene.

The recalled sprouts were sold under the Harmony Farms label. They were distributed through a number of wholesalers to grocery stores, restaurants, and other retail outlets in Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Retail sprouts were sold in 5-oz. Plastic “clamshell” packages labeled as “Fresh Alfalfa Sprouts,” “Gourmet Salad Sprouts” and “Fresh Alfalfa and Oregon Onion Sprouts,” and in 1-pound, 2-pound and 3-pound commercial packs of alfalfa sprouts.

“Harmony Farms has agreed to voluntarily recall its alfalfa sprouts and is cooperating fully with our investigation,” Keene said.

State and federal agencies are working with the Auburn, Wash. Grower to remove potentially contaminated sprouts from distribution. Retailers and wholesalers who hold any of the recalled sprouts should segregate them from other produce and contact their suppliers for additional information.

Restaurant and delicatessen operators should check their stock immediately to identify and pull any of the recalled products.

Salmonellosis is an acute bacterial infection that can cause diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Symptoms usually develop within one to five days after eating contaminated food. Most cases resolve without the need for medical attention, and antibiotics are not recommended for persons with uncomplicated diarrheal illness.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 4
*Cheese stix, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, super sub sandwich, fiesta salad
FRIDAY, DEC. 5
*Cheesy pretzel, hamburger, sausage pizza, turkey & cheese sandwich, chicken Caesar salad
MONDAY, DEC. 8
*Chicken nuggets, hamburger, cheese pizza, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, chef salad
TUESDAY, DEC. 9
*Munchable lunch, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, ham & cheese sandwich, garden salad
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
*Corn dog, hamburger, cheese pizza, tuna salad sandwich, Cobb salad

I.V. Chamber
of Commerce
Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6
3 p.m., Cave Junction

Tuesday through
Saturday
11 a.m.
to 8:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday
& Monday

592-3228
355 Caves Hwy.



Lunch & Dinner

Forest Edge Farm

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- *Visit our **Fiber & Gift Booth** at the **Dome School Holiday Bazaar**, December 6 & 7
- *Call and come by for a **Ranch Tour and Walk a Llama**
- *Sign up for a **Llama Packing Clinic** in March of 2004

Contact **Joyce or Harry Abrams**
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Open House!

Josephine County

Rural Transportation System Plan



You are invited to attend an informal open house meeting to discuss a plan being developed for future improvements to the transportation system within rural Josephine County.

The County is currently studying alternatives for maintaining the current transportation system, improving safety, and accommodating future growth.

Recommendations have been prepared for how to improve the system, and how to pay for it in the future. The County would like to hear your opinions!

For More Information, Contact:
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The Open House will be at three convenient locations:

Tue., Dec. 2 • 5 - 7 p.m.
Three Rivers School District
8550 New Hope Rd., G.P.
(the District Conference Rm.)

Wed., Dec. 3 • 5 - 7 p.m.
North Valley High School
6741 Monument Dr., G.P.
(the Commons Rm.)

Thurs., Dec. 4 • 5 - 7 p.m.
Illinois Valley High School
625 E. River Rd., C.J.
(the Commons Rm.)



We appreciate all the individuals and valley businesses who donated money and food for the Turkey Drive.

In random order: Kent & Joyce Fisher, Romaine & Christi, Paul Schmidt, Bev Kendall, John Meengs, Janice Bruner, Bill & Kathy Dunham, Jeff Stiles (Chevron) Janette Bosch (Liquor Store), Rachel Goodman (LMT), Laurie Prauti, Sherrie Lewis, Marjorie Reynolds, Doug Stohman, 'Bakery Ladies' at Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Patton & 'Staff', Liza Kelz, Anonymous & Anonymous. A big thank you to Colleen (Bear Images) for donating her space, time and energy. Thanks and have a fabulous holiday.