

Time for studs comes to end

A sure sign of spring-time is the approach of Oregon’s deadline to remove studded tires from motor vehicle by Thursday, April 1.

Drivers with studded tires on their vehicles after April 1 can be charged with a Class C traffic violation, which carries a maximum \$150 fine.

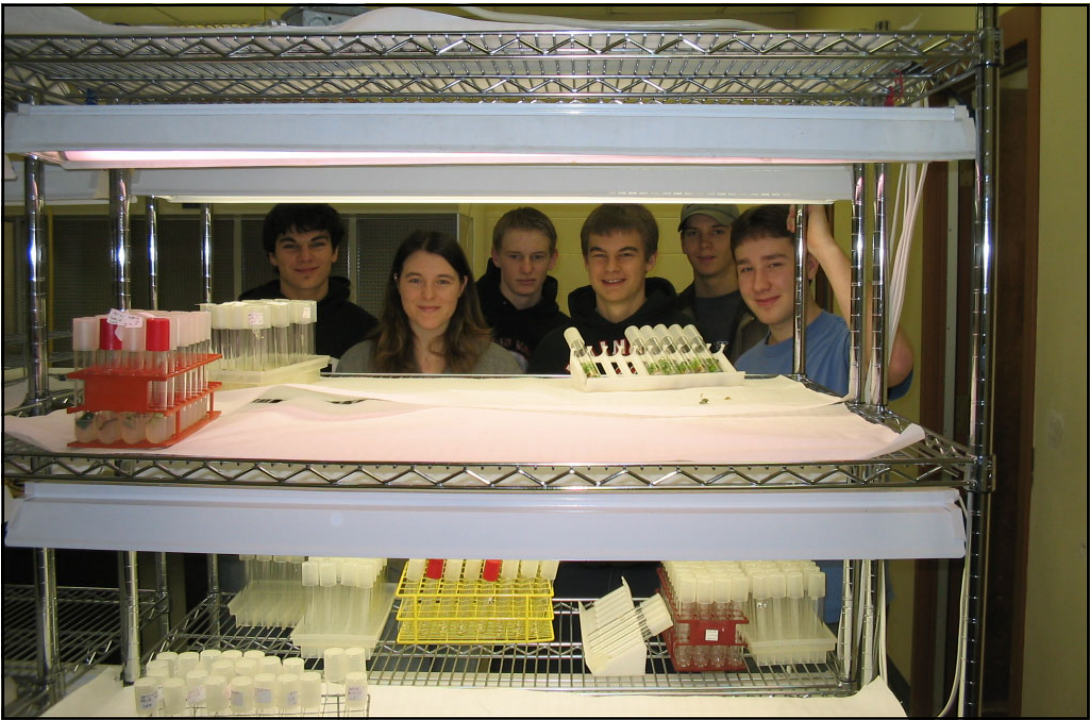
An estimated \$11 million is spent each year repairing studded tire damage on city streets, county roads and state highways, according to Doug Tindall, Oregon Dept. of Transportation maintenance engineer.

Wyden hits gas prices

Gasoline prices are causing a stir.

Citing a coming “perfect storm” in gasoline markets that will push prices past today’s near-record highs, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden called for immediate action by Congress on the Gasoline Free Market Competition Act (S.1737), his legislation pushing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to protect American consumers from anti-competitive prices at the pump.

Wyden called the FTC’s inaction to stop gas price spikes, Shell Oil’s planned closure of a 70,000-barrel-per-day refinery in Bakersfield, Calif., and OPEC’s planned cuts in production as contributing factors to the continuing price increases that are shellacking consumers.



Agriculture students place plant cuttings (top) in tissue culture vials. Ag students Kelsey Arnett and Jessica Hart (bottom) take cuttings to use in the tissue culture project at Illinois Valley High School. (Photos by Shane Welsh)



It’s ‘send in the clones’ time at I.V. High School

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“If anything touches the plant that isn’t sterile, it will ruin the entire process,” he said.

Out of one plant, students can produce approximately 16 cuttings. “In one year,” said Heern, “they could conceivably produce

about seven billion identical plants from one source plant.”

Once they have been successfully cloned and germinated in the tissue lab, plants are relocated to a large outdoor greenhouse where they are fertilized and grown until ready for purchase.

“The Three Rivers School District hasn’t had to provide any funds to maintain the lab or greenhouse,” Heern said. Funds needed to pay for heat, soil, and any other supplies are purchased using proceeds from an annual Mother’s Day sale at the high school.

Valley housing outlook subject of new studies

“For years we have been aware of the need for additional safe and affordable housing in the Illinois Valley,” said Darrel Pearce, of Options for Southern Oregon Inc. (OSOI).

Pearce, OSOI residential development coordinator, said that the organization recently received a \$108,675 Rural Housing and Economic Development grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The funding is to study and deliver affordable housing services in Illinois Valley.

Agencies are working with the Community Planning Workshop of the University of Oregon at Eugene to conduct a Housing Needs Survey of Illinois Valley.

After survey data has been collected and compiled, there will be an opportunity for coordination with existing federal and state programs. The intent is to provide eligible home buyers with information concerning low-interest housing loans, subsidies and construction options, and information on programs that assist eligible home owners to improve and maintain owner-occupied housing, including energy efficiency.

“Affordable housing has long been recognized as a social problem here in the valley,” said Ron Phillips, executive director of Illinois Valley Community Response Team.

“We are excited about the prospect of partnering with an experienced housing

IVCRT participating in project that will involve education in many areas.

ing organization like Options to begin to address this issue,” said Phillips.

Participating organizations will offer community education classes in rental readiness, home buying, and general money management for potential tenants and home buyers.

An educational forum will also be offered to the residents and agencies of Illinois Valley concerning the advantages of providing affordable housing, encouraging participation by local faith-based and grass-roots organizations.

The survey will be distributed by mail to a small sampling of I.V. households and will be available at social service agencies, community centers, libraries, stores, and online at www.ivcrt.org.



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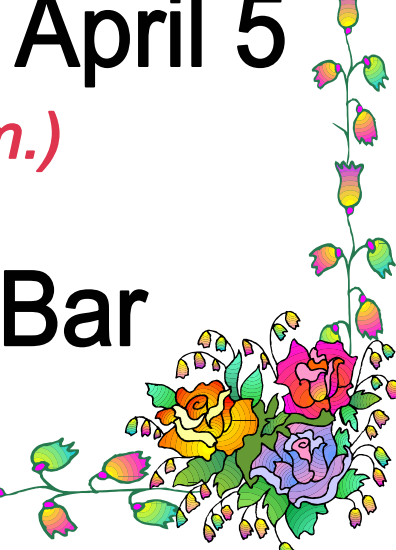
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