Four-wheel events set on McGrew

Two separate fourwheel-drive vehicle events are planned for this summer on the historic McGrew Trail located west of O'Brien.

The Illinois Valley Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service is considering two special-use permits for the events.

Approximately 20 miles of National Forest System roads are involved. Both proposals would use Sourdough Camp on the north fork of the Smith River as a final destination.

The first proposal is from the Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Club, which has hosted this annual campout since 1982.

The event occurs during Father's Day weekend and typically includes a service project such as trail maintenance and campground clean-up. An average 184 visitors and 70 vehicles are involved.

The second proposal is a first-time application from the Pacific Mountain Cruisers. This two-day event would take place in August, attracting a maximum of 70 vehicles and roughly 150 participants.

The same operational guidelines would apply for the Cruisers as apply to the other club.

Campus Achiever

Chelsea Calhoun, a freshman equestrian studies major at the University of Findlay in Ohio, was recognized during the President's Honors and Awards Assembly.

She was honored April 15 for participation in the Honors Program.

A 2003 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Medford, she is the daughter of Michael and Susan Calhoun, of Selma.

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(From left) Mike McArthur, RDI Board chairman; Ron Phillips, executive director of I.V. Community Response Team; CRT Chairman Robert Schumacher; and Kathy Jaworski, RDI executive director. (Photo provided)

IVCRT honored with initiative award

projects.

judges.

Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT) received the Economic Development Project Award from Rural Development Initiatives (RDI), a nonprofit community and economic development organization serving the Pacific Northwest.

The award was presented during RDI's recent leadership development and networking conference, "Regards to Rural II."

"RDI is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the award recipients," said Kathi Jaworski, RDI executive director. "They are inspiring examples of the creative and thoughtful actions that organizations and individuals are doing to support their rural Oregon communities."

The award honors a community group or individual who, through a specific project or activity, brought new jobs to a rural community.

IVCRT established the Oregon Caves Outfitters to manage the concessions at Oregon Caves National Monument, 20 miles east of Cave Junction.

The business manages the Oregon Caves Chateau, as well as two restaurants and a store. The profits from this operation are used to fund many projects

in Illinois Valley. sible through funding pro-Not only has it raised vided by the Ford Family more than \$240,000, it has Foundation, Northwest helped many artists sell Area Foundation, Oregon their wares at the gift shop Rural Development Counand encouraged visitors to cil, PacifiCorp and Wells spend more time in Illinois Fargo. Additional support Valley by linking the visiwas provided by the Assotors to the businesses and ciation of Oregon Commuother attractions in the nity Development Organizations, Oregon Electric The judges were im-Cooperative Association, pressed with the potential Otak Inc., Neighborhood Partnership Fund, Washfor other communities to use this model of operating ington Mutual and several

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> For more information about RDI, visit www.rdiinc.org.

Money workshop May 11

Lovejoy Hospice offers development plan

On Tuesday, May 11, Pam Allister, Lovejoy Hospice development coordinator, will act as host for a workshop on the fund development system, "Raising More Money."

It is open to the public, and will be held in the Lovejoy Hospice conference room from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass.

The "Raising More Money" session will introduce a systematic model for building lifelong donors and helping organizations become less dependent on grants and special events, said Allister.

Lynda Bowman, instructor/coach, will present the two-hour seminar.

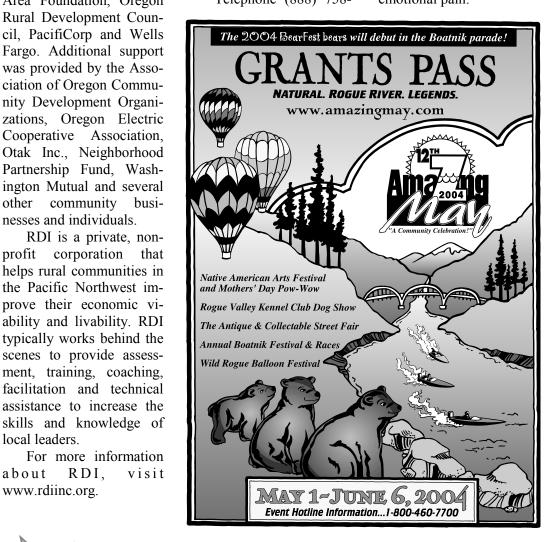
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8569 to register and for more information.

"The workshop is donor-friendly, fun, and fastpaced." said Allister. "It is possible to come away from this workshop having a totally new and exciting way to see how our community non-profit organizations can approach fundraising in a positive way."

Lovejoy Hospice programs provide holistic endof-life care for people and their families in Josephine County, and parts of Jackson and Douglas counties.

Lovejoy Hospice makes available professional staff 24 hours a day "to help maintain dignity and personal choices while relieving physical and emotional pain."



Besides the awards presentation, nearly 200 citizens attended the conference to explore cuttingedge ideas for rural revi-

talization. Rural II was made pos-

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velopment Project, and

Youth. A panel of regional

and local economic and

community development

professionals served as

Excellence cited at RCC for McKeen

David McKeen, head of the Trade and Industrial Electronics Dept. at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, is the college's recipient of the 2004 Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

The award is given annually to an adjunct, part- or full-time faculty member selected by his peers. Other RCC nominees this year, the 25th for the award, are Janet Brougher, Carolyn Chanceler, Peggy Hamilton, Bobbi Kidder, Viola Olsen, Sue Orris, Laura Peterson and Verne Underwood. All were honored during a reception on Friday, April 30.

McKeen, a Grants Pass resident, attended the institute's conference in Texas.

The RCC instructors were nominated on the basis of demonstrating excellence in full campus involvement; and teaching and instructional effect with the ability to encourage open access to learning by establishing trust and rapport with students.

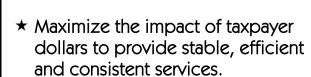
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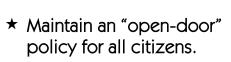


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