

Here, There & Everywhere

SUPER TROOPER - Oregon State Police Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald, from the Grants Pass office, has been honored with a statewide award. It's the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) of 2003 recognition, highlighted by the DUII Multidisciplinary Training Task Force. Fitzgerald, trained as a DRE, conducted 25 drug evaluations last year despite being one of 106 troopers laid off due to OSP budget cuts. He missed some three months of work, but then returned to duty and continued his DRE efforts.

STERLING CELEBRATION - Customer Appreciation Days are being observed this week by Sterling Savings Bank, Cave Junction Branch. They're to welcome customers, shareholders and employees who joined the branch after its Klamath First Bancorp merger. A "congratulations cake" will be served on Friday, May 7 beginning at 1:15 p.m. And there will be drawings to win a Bose Wave radio, Sony DVD/VCR combo player, and a CharBroil gas grill.

CHILDREN 'N' PETS - More than 20 activities are planned as parts of the seventh annual I.V. Children's Fair and Pet Parade in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 15. There will be many prizes for winners in the pet parade, which will feature some animals in costume. Activities will include sand and goo tables (hopefully several feet apart), bird house building, fishing booth and painted pet rocks. I.V. Fire District will have its Fire Safety House, and I.V. Lions Club will run its train. Watch next week's issue for more info.

SHINING STARS - Free workshops, a Kids Village and live entertainment will be among features of the third annual Shining Stars Festival from June 4 to 6. This year's event will be held at Lake Selmac. Volunteer opportunities are available. More information about the event will be in the "Illinois Valley News" in coming weeks. Or go to shiningstarsfestival.com for more information.

TREEHOUSE SOLFEST - Treehouses.com, in conjunction with Out-N-About Treehouse Resort, is planning its Treehouse Solfest on June 18 and 19 at the resort in Takilma. The event will feature performances by "Israel Vibration" and "Tom Rigney and the Flambeau," plus many others. Vendor spaces are available. Contact Treehouses.com for more info.

NOTEPAD - The Flamethrower Burger made its appearance at CJ Dairy Queen last week. It's made of Jalapeno bacon, spicy Pepper Jack cheese, Tabasco Chipotle mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and two all-beef patties. "Business is heating up," noted DQ ... **Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce** will hold a regular board meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 11 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction ... **I.V. Lions Club** still has tickets for its Labor Day Festival raffle of a 2004 FX DWG Dyna Wide Glide. Tickets are available at Century 21 Harris & Taylor, Carlos' Mexican Restaurant, A+ Mini Storage, Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment and McGrews ... **I.V. Fire District's** Swift Water Rescue Team responded to the Sixth Street Bridge over Rogue River on Thursday, April 29 in a mutual aid situation because of a woman on an arch of the bridge. The distraught woman, Elizabeth R. Sabin, 46, was on the span for four hours before GP Police talked her down.

LAST WORDS - From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put. (Winston Churchill)

Concessionaire sought for Grayback, Cave Creek sites

The opportunity to operate and maintain Grayback and Cave Creek Campgrounds under a special-use permit was announced by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

As an independent concession business, the successful applicant will manage the campgrounds in partnership with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest to provide camping and other recreational opportunities for the visiting public.

These campgrounds

had been operated by a private concession during the past seven years.

The campgrounds are located on Hwy. 46, near Oregon Caves National Monument and have a long history of use by the community and tourists.

Application deadline is Monday, May 24.

Details of the offer are outlined in, "A Prospectus for the Operation and Maintenance of Two Campgrounds." Contact Larry Cosby, recreation forester, at (541) 471-6736.

County jail has good, bad news

Last year, the Josephine County Sheriff's Office received \$100,000 in extra revenue from Community Corrections.

That's the good news, said Sheriff Dave Daniel.

With the money, it hired two additional corrections deputies. It also combined two vacant clerk positions to create one additional corrections deputy.

Daniel announced that corrections Deputies Robert Piontek, Michael Mace and George Gassperson graduated from the Oregon Police Academy on Friday, April 30.

"With the addition of these three deputies, we will increase our jail capacity to 140 inmates effective May 1," said Daniel.

But now the bad news.

According to Daniel, without an increase in funding from the Josephine County Board of Commissioners to cover the increase in personnel expenses and overhead, the sheriff's office will have to lay off three corrections deputies on Aug. 31. That would reduce the inmate capacity to 125.

OSP bags quantity of illicit drugs

Twice last week, Oregon State Police officers seized a large amount of marijuana from a routine traffic stop.

On Thursday, April 29, at approximately 1:15 p.m., Trooper Richard Boice of the Grants Pass OSP Office stopped a vehicle for its unsafe operation and because the passenger was not wearing his seatbelt. A strong odor of marijuana was noticed, and further investigation led to the seizure of four pounds of marijuana and a loaded handgun under the front seat.

Arrested from the vehicle were the driver, Lewis D. Breezley, 54, from Covelo, Calif. And the passenger, Douglas E. Hutt, 27, also from Covelo. Breezley was also driving with a suspended California driver's license.

On Tuesday, April 27, Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald, also of the Grants Pass OSP Office, made a traffic stop on a vehicle for excessive speed. The driver did not have a license.

Further investigation led to the arrest of the driver by Fitzgerald and the discovery of an estimated 11 pounds of marijuana and 9 pounds of suspected Psilocybin mushrooms.

The subject arrested in that incident was Jeri Anne Pavese, 26, from Ashland.

Buy the 'Noose'



HIGH ROLLIN' HOOPSTERS - Members of the Rolling Rogues, from the Grants Pass area, once again soundly defeated Illinois Valley Fire District volunteers in a wheelchair basketball game in the Evergreen school gym on Wednesday, April 28. The Rogues even spotted the volunteers 3 to 1 on scoring. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

A final word for Tygrachet Rose ...

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nice. Everyone hated him, too. That's why I ran away, I got in fights with everyone. The fights were about us, among other things.

Some guys were going on a ride, in Chris' mom's truck. I thought a minute. They were only 14; is it safe enough? The shortest one of us would be driving. Is that safe enough?

But it would be 'kinda fun. If I was gone long enough, they would worry. "That's a good thing," I thought. "Let them worry, while I have some fun."

I hopped in the truck with Chris. There weren't enough seatbelts for all four of us. I sat on Chris' lap, without one. I still don't get why (one boy) was driving. It wasn't even his.

When we got on the road, I wasn't really paying attention. Instead, I was laughing with Chris. I can't even remember what it was about, but it doesn't matter any more; nothing does.

I can't remember what

road we were on, but we were going too fast. About 85. I told him we were going to crash, but he didn't listen. It turned out that I was right. He laughed and pressed the gas harder.

I started to get a little uncomfortable, but said nothing more about it. He and Chris got into a conversation, and he wasn't paying attention to the road; I was. I saw and felt the car start to swerve off the side of the road, and I tried to say something; I was too late.

We felt the car tip sideways and flip. We were going so fast that it must have flipped at least three times. All I remember is crashing through the windshield; then I slipped into darkness.

I see myself lying there, in that dim lit room. Such an unfamiliar room. A teacher of mine had been there sobbing for hours. My classmates drifted in and out all day.

I remember three of them came in with flowers. Two of them started crying

hysterically at the sight of me, and ran out. The other one looked at me, turned slowly, crying, and left. They came back in to sit and cry for me. I wish they wouldn't cry for me.

I saw myself lying there, only it wasn't me. I saw myself in my favorite sweatshirt, only it wasn't mine. Nothing was any more. All was lost for me.

My face looked unreal, because of the crash. My jaw was drooping and crushed, because of the crash.

I thought, "That can't be me? How could this have happened?" I let my family down, I let my friends down. I guess I got what I wanted, they all felt sorry for me. I didn't want this to happen though. Chris and them didn't know yet, they were still in the hospital.

It's been a year now. Today it's been a year. I wish they wouldn't still cry for me. I didn't really mean it.

It turned out that I never woke up.



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