Annexation, help site OK by council

Annexation of two properties, and permission for a Christian counseling site were among items handled by the Cave Junction City Council.

The body met in city hall on Monday evening, May 24. Councilman Tony Paulson, who was absent, asked for an OK via letter to be absent from meetings through July 19 because of his job in Grants Pass.

He stated that his shift will change after July 19. Fellow councilmen OK'd his request.

In another matter, Mayor Ed Faircloth said he would attend a meeting of the I.V. Visitor Center governing board on Wednesday, May 26 to talk about a plan by Illinois Valley Community Response Team to assume responsibility for the site.

The mayor said that if that occurs, the city no longer would be able to waive water and sewer fees. CJ is an operating partner in the center, but Faircloth said he would state his concern about continuing the free service to a private, for-profit enterprise.

In another matter the council voted 4-0 to approve a conditional-use permit for Fountain of Life Assembly of God Church to use the former parsonage adjacent to the church as a Christian counseling and administration center.

Pastor Mark McLean was told that the church will have to recertify in two years that the same usage is continuing, but not have to pay the \$600 application fee again.

In addition, if the church decides to rent the building, it must immediately notify the city.

The council also set June 14 for a hearing on proposed annexation of two lots comprising slightly more than 3 acres on S. Old Stage Road.

And the mayor asked for a report as soon as possible on reducing the city's \$8,900 yearly trash pickup bill from Southern Oregon Sanitation.

Tree book free

A tree planted in the wrong spot, or the wrongsized tree in the right spot, can cause trouble when it's grown, said Pacific Power.

"Placed near a power line, large trees contribute to storm-related outages and put you in danger if you try to prune them," said the utility.

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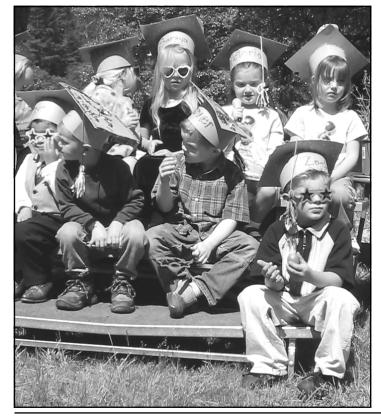
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LITTLE GRADS - The Head Start program in **Cave Junction con**ducted an outdoor graduation ceremony on Friday, May 21 at 'Forks' State Park. The weather was warm, but not uncomfortable. The young grads wore special mortarboards, and after the official ceremony were provided snacks. Numerous parents, relatives and friends attended the event. Head Start parents and staff said they appreciate the many Illinois Valley businesses that helped support the overall program this year. (Photos by Shane Welsh)

'Click It or Ticket'/got it?

"Click It or Ticket" is the theme for a concentrated effort this week and next through the Memorial Day period by a variety of law enforcement agencies.

Josephine County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, and Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety will participate.

The goal is to help ensure that Oregon's safety belt law is observed.

State and federal grants are making extra enforcement possible.

Oregon law requires all occupants of passenger vehicles to properly use safety belts. This means that both parts of a lapand-shoulder belt system must be worn together; only one person per belt. There can be no placement of a shoulder belt behind the back or under the arm.

Children vounger than 4, or who weigh less than 40 pounds, must be restrained in child seats.

Children older than 4, and who weigh more than 40 pounds, must use booster seats until they become 6 and weigh at least 80 pounds.

Help obtaining child safety seats and boosters is available through ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center at (800) 772-1315.

Oregon's crash fatality and injury rates have decreased 53 percent and 43 percent respectively since the adult belt law was enacted in 1989.

The law, coupled with active enforcement, resulted in Oregon safety belt use rates of 90.4 percent for front seat and 91 percent for all passengers during 2003.

Oregon ranks fourth highest in belt use in the United States after Washington state (94.8 percent), Hawaii (91.8 percent), and California (91.2 percent). The U.S. use rate is 79.

Laurel Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting & Potluck Sunday, May 30 Meeting: 10:30 a.m. **Laurel Cemetery Chapel** Potluck: 11 a.m.

Senior Center 520 E. River, Cave Junction



CJ assaults, burglaries up; deputy handles

Eight assaults were reported in the city of Cave Junction during April, apparently because of warmer weather.

So reported city contract Deputy John Auborn of Josephine County Sheriff's Office to the CJ City Council during its meeting in city hall Monday night, May 24.

Auborn said that there were 288 calls for service, which is less than usual, but that "person-on-person crimes were up."

He noted that he has been working on recent burglaries and has good suspect information. The data have been turned over to the sheriff's Major Crimes Division, and arrests are anticipated soon.

The deputy said that his patrolling E. River Street, especially near I.V. High School, appears to be paying off. "I have noticed a large decrease in the number of speeders in that area," he said.

Regarding Jubilee

Park, Auborn said he has been contacting transients, and that several warrant arrests have resulted. He is working on reducing consumption of alcoholic beverages by some persons in the park, "but they probably wait until I'm gone and then break out their alcohol and begin drinking," he reported.

His written statement also notes that there were 12 disturbances and 14 thefts reported in the city during April.

*6:59 p.m., medical aid,

*7:20 p.m., medical aid,

*8:24 a.m., medical aid,

*9:27 a.m., open burn,

*12:22 p.m., medical aid,

*12:49 p.m., medical aid,

*1:29 p.m., public aid,

*2:39 p.m., open burn,

*2:41 p.m., public aid,

500 block Schumacher Street.

Sunday, May 23

200 block N. Old Stage Road.

18000 block Redwood Hwy.

7200 block Holland Loop.

Redwood Hwy./Laurel Road.

600 block S. Junction Ave-

300 block Waldamar Road.

Sherwood Avenue.

6500 block Caves Hwy.

I.V. Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, May 17

*11:39 a.m., public aid, Redwood Hwy./Lister Street.

*3:49 p.m., medical aid, 17000 block Redwood Hwy. *8 p.m., medical aid, 500

block Schumacher Street. *9:00 p.m., medical aid, 500 block Schumacher Street.

Tuesday, May 18

*1:35 a.m., medical aid,

3200 block Deer Creek Road. *9:10 a.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 4500 block Dick George Road.

*9:11 a.m., districtwide medical standby cooperation for American Medical Re-

*2:57 p.m., medical aid, Illinois Valley Golf Course. *4:26 p.m., MVA, Red-

wood Hwy./Lone Mountain

*6:45 p.m., smoke investigation, 200 block S. Old Stage Road.

Wednesday, May 19 *8:56 a.m., medical aid,

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Waldo Road/Rockydale

*10:45 a.m., medical aid, 4000 block Deer Creek Road. *10:46 a.m., districtwide

medical standby. *9:46 p.m., structure fire,

100 block Haines Lane. Thursday, May 20

*5:47 p.m., open burn,

625 E. River Street.

*8:59 p.m., medical aid, 200 block Honeybee Lane.

*9:46 p.m., medical aid, 5400 block Caves Hwy. Friday, May 21

*9:54 a.m., medical aid, 200 block W. River Street.

*9:57 a.m., districtwide medical standby. *12:56 p.m., medical aid, 500 block Schumacher Street.

*12:59 p.m., medical aid, 800 block Idlewild Drive.

*1:30 p.m., medical aid, 300 block Caves Hwy.

*3:56 p.m., escaped open burn, 5500 block Westside Road.

*10:11 p.m., medical aid, 800 block Caves Hwy. *11:27 p.m., MVA,

Caves Hwy./Laurel Road.

Saturday, May 22 *9:12 a.m., public aid,

600 block Sherwood Avenue. *3:13 p.m., open burn, 100 block Kinnikinnick Drive.

Downed lines very shocking

Never go near a downed power line or anything it touches, advises Pacific Power.

"And keep others, including pets, away."

*4:12 p.m., public aid, 400 block Lakeshore Drive. 212 N. Redwood Hwy. (next to I.V. Video) 592-2220

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