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Toll-free phoning on dial for S.W. Oregon

Telephone customers in Southern Oregon soon will have access to an expanded, toll-free calling region due to a ruling by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC).

PUC's decision means that residents will be able to make unlimited calls within the Expanded Area of Service (EAS) for a flat monthly fee.

The calling region encompasses Josephine and Jackson counties, and Glendale in Douglas County, and is served by four telephone companies.

Currently, long-distance charges apply to calls made to an exchange outside of a customer's EAS.

For 94 percent of customers, the new, unlimited regional access will raise the EAS rate by \$1 or less, PUC said in a statement issued June 25.

"We're extremely pleased we can offer this,"

said Lee Beyer, PUC chairman. "This effort took a lot of hard work, and I applaud the efforts of countless Southern Oregon citizens and lawmakers who worked with the commission to bring this about."

The change will go into effect no later than Oct. 2.

The commission reached its decision following an extensive outreach effort which included community meeting and customer polls.

All customers will be given two calling plan options prior to the switch. They may choose either the flat-rate plan and pay the increased EAS fee, or a measured plan which bills all calls in the region on a per minute basis.

The Southern Oregon EAS is only the second such calling region in Oregon. The other is in the Greater Portland area.



Law enforcement officers, including one from Oregon Liquor Control Commission, check Illinois River Road visitors.



Alcohol patrols on tap along Illinois River Road

Josephine County law enforcement officers and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) conducted recent weekend saturation patrols of the Illinois River recreation area to keep a lid on alcohol-related problems, including underage drinking.

Similar patrols will continue throughout the summer "to provide a safe environment for swim-

mers, boaters, and drivers."

The area attracts many young people from Jackson and Josephine counties, said OLCC.

The area has been the site of various disturbances and motor vehicle accidents, including a fatal crash on Sunday, June 27.

U.S. Forest Service, Josephine County Sheriff's Office and OLCC law offi-

cers contacted campers, picnickers, and others during traffic stops, to discuss safety and alcohol issues, and ticket offenders if necessary.

The officers were encouraged by the limited number of tickets issued; (three for minor in possession of alcohol and three for marijuana possession).

"We had expected to issue many more cita-

tions," said Inspector Janet Bailey of OLCC's Medford regional office. "Hopefully, this means the patrols are working.

"We just want to remind people, if someone is under 21, they can't possess alcohol; it's that simple," explained Bailey. "Also, anyone who provides alcohol to a minor is committing a class A misdemeanor."

Samaritan aids officer in capture

When a Josephine County Sheriff's Office Deputy sought help apprehending a suspect last week at Cave Junction Dairy Queen, Selma resident Charlie A. Cooper, 60, answered the call.

On the evening of Monday, June 28, Deputy Josh White responded to a call from a witness reporting a known sex offender present around children.

At the restaurant was Robert S. Brousseau, 40; wanted on a statewide fugitive warrant for absconding parole for first-degree sex abuse of a child, 11.

White approached the suspect and asked him to comply with arrest. When Brousseau refused, White attempted to subdue him with pepper spray.

After a short struggle, White began calling for assistance from anyone nearby willing to help. Of the witnesses, which included several young men, Cooper was the only one who stepped up to help.

White said that Cooper managed to grab the pantleg of the suspect and helped the deputy pull him to the floor. During the conflict, Cooper got some pepper spray in his eyes; he was kicked; and his cellular phone was destroyed.

Fortunately, after a short foot pursuit, White detained the subject and placed him under arrest.

Brousseau was lodged at Josephine County Jail. He was charged with three counts of resisting arrest, three counts of attempted escape, and one count of assault on a public safety officer.

White said that the sheriff's office will give Cooper a certificate of appreciation and a new cell phone for his help.

-Shane Welsh

Little League All-Stars will bat here

By CHRISTINA HILL
Correspondent

For the first time, the athletic field at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction will be home to the Junior Division Little League All-Star District Tournament.

The Illinois Valley All-Stars will go head-to-head against the Rogue River All-Stars to determine who will take home the championship title.

The winner will be determined by whichever team wins the most out of five games. Also, the winner will advance to play in Portland for the state title.

To get the ball rolling, there will be a doubleheader on Saturday, July 10. The first game will start at 9 a.m., and the second at noon.

The remaining three games are scheduled for Monday the 12th, Tuesday the 13th and Wednesday the 14th, all at 5 p.m.

There is no admission fee to watch any of the games, and there will be a concession stand for those who work up a cheering appetite. Taylor dogs, popcorn, drinks and candy will be available.

The junior division consists of 13- and 14-

year-old youth.

"We took the kids that really shine out on the field, and we put together a team based on that," said Sonny Moore, outgoing president of Illinois Valley Little League. "We had two teams in the junior division; the Angels and the Twins; and we basically took the best of the best," he said.

Getting the series here was no easy task. It has taken the league a lot of hard work just to meet the district's standards.

"We belong to Southern Oregon District #8 and each year, each league must have certain qualifications to participate," said Moore. "Our league has been striving to meet those standards. Over the last four years, we've gotten to a point where we've been doing everything technically by the books. During the last two years, we've been in compliance with the league standards and regulations.

"The district tournament falls on the district staff's shoulders. Gary Gentry is the district administrator that put it together and basically runs it with our help and volun-

teer help."

Moore has been involved with Little League for the past four years. He started as a coach before he became president.

"My dad's always said if you see something you want to change, then get involved and be part of the

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, July 7

Afternoon winds
High--85, Low--51.



Thursday, July 8

Partly sunny
High--88, Low--53.



Friday, July 9

Sunny, partly cloudy
High--90, Low--56.



Saturday, July 10

Sunny
High--90, Low--56.



Sunday, July 11

Mostly sunny
High--89, Low--49.



Monday, July 12

Partial sunshine
High--86, Low--47.



Tuesday, July 13

Partly sunny
High--84, Low--44.



BOOGIE, WOOGIE - This couple was among many who danced at the IVHS/KUHS Reunion '50s Bash. More photos, pages 4 and 5. (Photo by Dale Sandberg)



'HEAVENLY MUSIC' CONCERT - 'Common Ground' played Gospel music on Thursday, July 1 in Jubilee Park, and balloons with uplifting words were given away. 'Valley Country Band' will play cowboy music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 8 as the next performance in the Illinois Valley Chamber Concerts in the Park series.