



FORESTRY ACTION ACTION - Ten Forestry Action Committee (FAC) volunteers pulled weeds at Laurel Cemetery earlier this month; including (from left) Vanessa Evans and Sabrina Wilson. FAC volunteers also have removed brush and weeds from the city of Cave Junction reservoir, 'Forks' State Park, I.V. Visitor Center, I.V. High School, Holland Store, and other areas. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

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Oregon State Police troopers, along with many other law enforcement officers across the country, participated in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) during the July 4th holiday period.

This year, the CARE holiday period ran from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 2 to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 5.

During the period, OSP used federal grants to increase patrol coverage with an emphasis on targeting impaired drivers,

speeding violations, safety belt violations and aggressive drivers. Supervisory personnel also were used to increase coverage.

OSP investigated five of the 10 fatal crashes statewide that claimed 12 lives. Last year, five fatal crashes resulted in nine deaths. Deaths due to driver impairment are still pending toxicology examination and reports.

OSP troopers arrested 110 suspected intoxicated drivers during this period, eight more than last year's 4th of July holiday period.

Troopers cited 1,648 motorists for speeding, an increase of 551 from the holiday period in 2003. Troopers stopped more than 200 motorists for safety belt violations and investigated 289 crashes as compared to 129 crashes last year during the same holiday period.

"Factors including speed, alcohol and driver inattentiveness contributed to the tragic loss of life on Oregon highways during the July 4th holiday," said Patrol Services Division Capt. Dan Durbin.

State officer, dog honored by K-9 unit

Oregon State Police Detective Dave Beck has received a prestigious award from the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association.

The association represents K-9 teams from California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Hawaii and all of Western Canada. Only one exceptional drug detection K-9 team is chosen to receive this award each year.

The "President's

Award" was presented Beck as a result of "the extraordinary skills he and his K-9 partner have exhibited." Beck was recognized for both his current partner, "Beeper," and for his first K-9 co-worker, "Cazzie" (deceased).

Beck's success in drug and asset recovery "is unsurpassed." He and his partners have seized:

- *55.8 pounds of methamphetamine.
- *193.9 pounds of co-

caine.

*372.2 pounds of marijuana.

*16 ounces of heroin.

*And, responsible for \$2,307,500 in currency recovery.

Further, the seizures "are even more impressive when taking into account that Beck and his partner are only able to work drug detection 10 percent of their time, due to personnel shortages," according to the association.

USFS unveils additional Biscuit sales

Salvage timber from the 2002 Biscuit Fire has been designated for cutting in the following proposed timber sale areas on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest:

*Horse Fire Salvage - Gold Beach Ranger District, 125 acres at approximately 2,088 million board feet (mbf).

*Steed Fire Salvage - Gold Beach district, 391 acres at approximately 6,538 mbf.

*Chetco Fire Salvage - Chetco Ranger District, 21 acres at around 289 mbf.

*Hobson Fire Salvage - Galice Ranger District, 546 acres at approximately 7,319 mbf.

*Lazy Fire salvage - Galice district, 487 acres at approximately 5,581 mbf.

It was anticipated that sales would be formally advertised on Wednesday, July 21 and auctioned on Friday, July 30. Advance notice is being given to

give interested parties time to examine the sale areas prior to auction.

Preliminary sale information and maps of the sale areas may be obtained from the Gold Beach district (Horse, Steed and Chetco) or the Galice or Illinois Valley districts (Hobson and Lazy).

Final minimum stumpage rates, bidding provisions, and other sale conditions will be announced at the formal advertisement.

TC Computers substantiates billing

By SHANE WELSH
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"It's our responsibility to make sure you don't have a virus on your computer?"

"Show me that in the contract," posed Taz Allen, co-owner of TC Computers in Cave Junction before Illinois Valley Fire District board members during its meeting Thursday night, July 15 in Cave Junction City Hall.

Allen and his wife, Monique, attended the meeting to explain a three-year service agreement that ended in January and was contracted several years ago with the district.

During a board meeting in June, Chief Harry Rich refuted the contract before district directors, and asked that they discontinue further service.

At the time, Rich noted that he has more than 16 years experience working on computers. He added that when he began employment with the district, he found problems with the computers from TC Computers.

The chief, who was out-of-town and could not attend last week's meeting, said during the June meeting that he determined three computers were in need of power supply fans; two systems needed CPU fans and were full of dirt; and that no virus protection was installed on any systems, including the server.

Rich said he felt that continuing service should be canceled and that a TC invoice listing services not be paid by the district.

Because a representative from TC wasn't present during the June meeting to explain the service agreement, the board agreed to hold over decision until its next meeting to obtain a recommendation from legal counsel and allow response from a TC representative.

According to Allen's wife, they were never contacted by the district about the meeting or formally invited.

Allen reiterated the district's service agreement before the board, stating that the responsibility of TC Computers was "to perform biweekly system checks and routine maintenance on systems and software as needed."

"You got a service contract, not a maintenance agreement," he said. "We provided a service. We would like to get paid for it," he said.

He said that his company could fulfill its contract simply by phoning and asking if any machines needed service.

During last month's meeting, Rich referred to two service bills documented by TC Computers in February and April, 2001. He felt that there was no indication that they had been back to the main station since those dates. Allen said that there were no invoices in their system

for April.

After further discussion, Joel Downing, board president, argued with Allen, stating that the district had called TC Computers requesting that virus software be installed on district computers.

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"You never called me," Allen said. He told the board that it wasn't the responsibility of TC Computers to install free virus software on district computers. He said that they had installed service packs on machines and eliminated viruses on several occasions.

Allen's wife added, "We were asked to put free virus software on the computers, which is illegal...that is why we didn't put virus software on any of the machines."

Allen explained to the board the difference between a maintenance agreement and a service contract, later stating, "We are not your software provider."

"We are not your maintenance people for making sure you have virus protection. We're not the people you call when you want spyware off your machine."

"Over the last 2 1/2 years, up until the point

when Jeff (Gavlik) took office (as interim chief), we have taken care of all that stuff just because we didn't have a problem with it," he said.

Additionally, Allen was upset with an article in the Wednesday, June 16 issue of "Illinois Valley News," which quoted statements by Rich during the June board meeting. Allen said he wants a letter of apology.

"I am not the type of person to shirk my responsibilities," he said. "I take great diligence and care in what I do."

"There isn't another computer technician this side of the state that has the qualifications I have," Allen said vehemently.

"Nowhere in the service contract does it state that I'm going to come down here and work on your machines and dust them out like a good little boy," Allen said. "I'm not going to do that. I'm a computer technician, not a cleaner," he said.

Rich was unavailable to respond to statements made by Allen because he was out of town until Monday on personal business.

The board decided to hold a special session at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21 at the Holland Loop Fire Station.

The meeting is planned to allow Rich and TC Computers to openly discuss the problems and invoices and consider whether or not to pay the bill.

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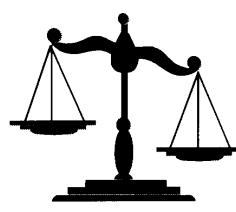
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ODOT closing K Falls location

Effective Sept. 1, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) will close its trucking registration office located at the Klamath Falls Port of Entry on the northbound side of Hwy. 97.

This will be the third truck registration office to close at a port of entry. The other two were at Cascade and Woodburn.

"We carefully analyzed the registration workload," said Ed Scrivner, manager of Field Motor Carrier Services for ODOT's Motor Carrier Transportation Division. "There is not enough local walk-in business to keep the staff busy."