

I.V. Volunteer
& Staff
Firefighters
to the Rescue

Monday, Aug. 30
*3:10 p.m., district-wide medical standby for American Medical Response.
*4:04 p.m., smoke investigation, 100 block S. Junction Avenue.
*4:20 p.m., smoke investigation, 102 S. Redwood Hwy.
*9:49 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 32400 block Redwood Hwy.
*10:16 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy. milepost 39.

Tuesday, Aug. 31
*8:12 a.m., medical aid, 900 block Westside Road.
*2:19 p.m., district-wide medical standby.
*2:19 p.m., medical aid, 19000 block Caves Hwy.
*8:52 p.m., ADT fire alarm, 200 block Schumacher Street.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
*10:52 a.m., MVA, Finch Road/Redwood Hwy.
*2:26 p.m., brush fire, 23700 block Redwood Hwy.

Thursday, Sept. 2
*7:53 a.m., smoke investigation, 23700 block Redwood Hwy.
*7:24 p.m., medical aid, 300 block Waldamar Road.

Friday, Sept. 3
*4:25 p.m., public aid, Rockydale Road.
*11:14 p.m., smoke investigation, 300 block Caves Hwy.

Saturday, Sept. 4
*1:54 a.m., medical aid, Holland Loop/Caves Hwy.

*6:25 a.m., medical aid, 27500 block Redwood Hwy.
*10:46 a.m., medical aid, 10300 block Takilma Road.

*3:11 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy./Airport Drive.
*7:46 p.m., medical aid, 500 block Schumacher Street.

*8:32 p.m., MVA, 100 block Hogue Drive.

Sunday, Sept. 5
*4:43 a.m., medical aid, 200 block Ollis Road.
*2:14 p.m., medical aid, 19000 block Caves Hwy.

*2:55 p.m., MVA, 36500 block Redwood Hwy.
*5:49 p.m., medical aid, 37300 block Redwood Hwy.
*6:27 p.m., medical aid, 37300 block Redwood Hwy.



DEER CREEK CRASH - Two vehicles were involved in a reported non-injury collision on Wednesday, Aug. 25 on Deer Creek Road in Selma about 6/10 mile from Hwy. 199. (Photo by Dale and Elaine Sandberg/I.V. Fire District photographers)

Kerby wildfire destroys a home, but firefighters hold it to about 25 acres

By SHANE WELSH
Staff Writer

Driven by wind and fueled by dry brush, a wildfire in Kerby caused a blizzard of ash and wiped out a residence, some outbuildings and 25 acres of vegetation in a flash Wednesday, Sept. 1.

It was the third fire of significance in Illinois Valley during the past four weeks. There was a 210-acre wildfire in Cave Junction on Aug. 4; and a fatal structure fire in Takilma on Aug. 28.

In the most recent blaze, Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) firefighters responded to a reported brush fire at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Upon arrival, crews were met by a wall of flames, spreading rapidly across a field of dry grass near Kerbyville Farm on the west side of Hwy. 199, roughly halfway between Sixth Street and Kerby Mainline Road.

Kerby resident Lois Mathews, lost the trailer she was living in at 196 S.W. Sixth St. Everything she owned was lost, except the shirt on her back. Fortunately, she received immediate help from American Red Cross and support from her family.

Bob Short, of Cave Junction, loaned Mathews a 5th-wheel trailer to use until she can obtain more permanent living accommodations. Short even took the time to help dig out a new hole for her well with his backhoe.

One resident who lives in the burn area, and wished to remain anonymous,

said that two boys went door-to-door apologizing for starting the fire.

Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) is investigating the cause of the fire.

Upon assessment when arriving Wednesday, because of the high danger, IVFD called for mutual aid by Rural/Metro Fire Dept. from the Grants Pass area, Rogue River Rural Fire Dept., ODF, Grayback Forestry, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and Applegate Fire District. There was even a unit on standby from Jackson County.

Some residents, including one with a bulldozer, rushed to the scene to assist their neighbors.

IVFD Chief Harry Rich, incident commander, said, "For the first 45 minutes of the fire, we had no communication (with other agencies). There was a repeater station on Eight Dollar Mountain that went down, (disrupting communications).

"We made a call to Siskiyou Communications in Grants Pass, who rapidly fixed it within one hour; it takes nearly that long just to reach the repeater.

"Thanks to our outstanding Unified Command, we were able to contain this fire," said Rich.

Although communication was a slight hindrance, firefighters worked with lightning precision to douse flames before they destroyed surrounding homes.

Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far.

- Thomas Jefferson -

Woman hiker dead in fall

A hiking accident claimed the life of a Medford woman on the Rogue River Trail near Grave Creek Saturday, Sept. 4, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

According to investigators, Cheryl Patricia O'Reilly, 55, died as the result of a fall.

O'Reilly and companions were hiking to Rainey Falls, when O'Reilly, who walks with a cane, turned back when the trail became steep and narrow. Witnesses said she tripped on some rocks, tumbled over the edge of the trail and down a steep cliff, coming to rest on rocks about 100 feet below.

O'Reilly was pronounced dead at the scene upon arrival of emergency personnel, said JCSO. Due to darkness, O'Reilly's body was recovered the next morning. Search-and-Rescue teams remained on scene throughout the night.

Personnel from American Medical Response, Josephine County Search and Rescue, patrol unit and sheriff's marine deputies responded to the scene.

Want to handle \$\$ better?

Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying your own home?

A new easy-to-understand package from the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) will help people take charge of their finances and meet goals. Get started with "There's a Lot to Learn About Money" from the Federal Reserve System.

Use "Credit Matters" from American Express and FCIC to learn more about qualifying for a credit card and establishing a good credit history. This

helpful guide gives important features to be aware of when choosing a credit card, such as the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), any grace period, and annual and transaction fees.

An important aspect of managing money is avoiding becoming a victim of identity theft. "ID Theft: What's It All About?" from the Federal Trade Commission provides facts on how identity theft occurs, how to tell if you have become a victim, and what to do if your identity has been stolen.

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POSITIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Support law enforcement with the highest level of training and resources possible to protect us and our property, and develop conditions to keep the deputies we train.

Develop a county-wide plan for future growth with innovative ideas to meet the demands of an increasing population and to maintain our quality of life.

Facilitate and promote the growth and expansion of our local businesses by tapping into resources available to us at all levels. Encourage new job creation in information and technology businesses and tourism.

Offer incentives to reward county employees for documented cost savings. Provide realistic county employee compensation and benefit packages, and adopt newer, cost saving benefit plans such as Medical Savings Accounts.

PROVEN LEADERSHIP

Oregon Legislator, 2001-02 - Chair, Judiciary Sub-Committee on Civil Law.
Named Outstanding Freshman Legislator, 2001, Oregon Rural Health Assn.
Josephine County Planning Commission, Chair, 1997.
American Leadership Forum of Oregon, member, 2003-04.
President's Advisory Committee member, Southern Oregon University, 2003-04.
Serves on local non-profit boards as a member and officer.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

9 years - property management, land use and rural development.
6 years - contract negotiation and management.
9 years - conducting quasi-judicial hearings throughout the western United States.
10 years - financial analysis for housing, agriculture and commercial loans.
1999 - Member, Josephine County Budget Committee.

"My vision of the future is not limited by what others think is impossible."
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POSITION 3

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