

'Forks' gets pavilion using 'the valley way'

In what has become more and more "the valley way," a pavilion was erected in Illinois River "Forks" State Park on Saturday, Sept. 25.

"The valley way" represents getting a job accomplished to benefit the community through use of volunteer labor and expertise, along with grants and donations.

It's becoming widespread, and is indicative of the valley's grass-roots "can-do" attitude.

Such is the case with the \$24,000 pavilion kit assembled on Saturday by a hearty band of volunteers. They spent several hours on the job.

"The pavilion is part of the park master plan," said coordinator Kenny Houck, former chairman of I.V. Community Response Team (IVCRT), who still is a member of the board.

He noted that Oregon State Parks funding dried up a couple of years ago. But, he added that in a "fall-back effort," IVCRT went for a grant, and with volunteer help from individuals and organizations, the pavilion is a reality.

The brown metal structure with a green roof is a 36-foot-diameter octagon, 15 feet tall at the center. Its concrete footings

are 4 1/2 feet square and 2 1/2 feet deep, with more than a yard of concrete in each footing.

The pavilion is designed for many uses. State parks hopes to be able to add electricity next year, and there is a plan by volunteers to come up with another \$5,000 to add a concrete floor by spring.

Overall, without the floor, the project is valued at approximately \$28,000.

Houck said that I.V. Building Supply obtained the kit and stored it. "It's like putting together an Erector set," said Houck. The kit is from Classic Recreation Systems in Dewey, Ariz.

As an example of how valley organizations work together, the lunch for workers Saturday was obtained through the efforts of Otter Creek Transportation, which also delivered the food.

In addition, said Houck, recognition should go to the following:

Meidinger Concrete, IVCRT, Oregon State Parks, and the various volunteers including an anonymous general contractor and an electrician.

"This pavilion," he said, "is another terrific example of good partnership benefiting the valley."

Wiseman Gallery shows Perry

"Split Screen," a collection of paintings by artist Vicky Perry, will be displayed through Oct. 30 at the Rogue Community College Wiseman Gallery.

Work by local artist Anita Stafford will also be exhibited up to Oct. 15 in the gallery's annex area.

The RCC Wiseman Gallery is on the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy., west of Grants Pass on Hwy. 199.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

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New deadlines set for unclaimed property filing

Business owners, office managers and accountants: Is your organization or client preparing to file an unclaimed property report to the state and planning to make the accompanying payment in October?

The Dept. of State Lands (DSL) said that reports of unclaimed property and accompanying payment must be sent between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1.

Pamela Klecker, DSL reports coordinator, said, "We will not assess penalties or interest for anyone voluntarily reporting for the first time. And we have many tools available to help people file reports."

State law requires businesses or organizations to search for the owner of unclaimed property worth more than \$100, according to Klecker.

The 2003 Legislature shortened the length of time that holders must retain some types of unclaimed property.

Effective January 2004, the action shortened the holding period for property being held in a fiduciary capacity and

IRAs from five to two years; and property from a business dissolution from two years to one year.

Those reporting property affected by the new dormancy periods need to begin to do so under the new requirements, according to Klecker.

Once money or property is reported to the state as unclaimed, DSL makes an effort to locate the missing owners and reunite them with their lost assets.

With a few exceptions, there is no cost to the owner. If the agency can't find the owner, unclaimed proceeds are held in the Common School Fund (CSF) for claim by the owner or heir forever.

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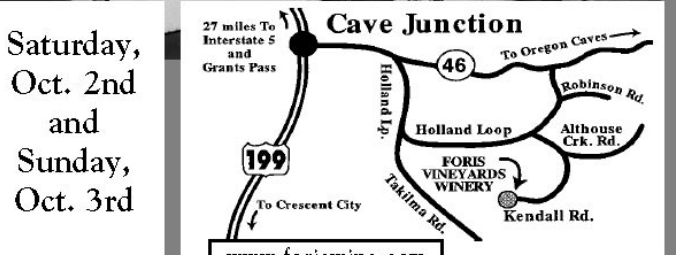
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