

Fire Log

- Tuesday, Dec. 14**
 *11:49 a.m., hazardous material incident, 900 block Kerby Mainline.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15**
 *8:15 a.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 17800 block Redwood Hwy.
 *8:19 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
 *11:19 a.m., medical assist, 1300 block Caves Hwy.
 *11:24 a.m., districtwide medical standby.
- Thursday, Dec. 16**
 *3:45 a.m., public assist, 600 block S. Junction Avenue.
 *7:56 a.m., medical assist, 1500 block Lone Mt. Road.
 *8:01 a.m., districtwide medical standby.
 *8:31 a.m., medical assist, Logan Cut.
 *8:31 a.m., districtwide medical standby.
- Friday, Dec. 17**
 *9:26 a.m., medical assist, 500 block E. River Street.
 *10:22 a.m., medical assist, Fernwood Drive.
 *12:36 p.m., smoke check, 3600 block Rockydale Road.
 *3:31 p.m., medical assist, 200 block W. River Street.
 *3:33 p.m., districtwide medical standby.
 *8:21 p.m., medical assist, Redwood Hwy. milepost 29.
- Saturday, Dec. 18**
 *8:49 p.m., motor vehicle accident, Redwood Hwy. milepost 32.
- Sunday, Dec. 19**
 *8:16 a.m., electrical fire, 5600 block Takilma Road.
 *9:35 a.m., medical assist, 500 block Schumacher Street.



COUGAR WINNING WAYS - Illinois Valley boys varsity basketball team speared the South Umpqua Lancers 51-43 in a nonleague game Tuesday, Dec. 14 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym. I.V. was led by Kalen Snook's 15 points and Jessea Mucha's 11. The Cougars took a 13-7 lead after the first quarter and never looked back. Against Del Norte in Crescent City Thursday, Dec. 16, I.V. lost 43-23. In a game Saturday, Dec. 18, the Cougars, who were 2-7 lost to Oakland 73-46 in Oakland. The Illinois Valley girls took the consolation prize in a tournament in Etna Calif. with a 35-33 victory vs. Del Norte. The win came with one second remaining, as Emily Dudley sank two free throws. I.V. (9-2) was led by Serena Barry with 12 points and seven rebounds. (Photos by Dale Sandberg)



Tycer West approved despite protests

Despite protests, Josephine County Commissioners Jim Riddle and Harold Haugen have for the second time voted approval for the proposed 42.6-acre Tycer West Subdivision in the 3600 block of Caves Hwy. Commissioner Jim Brock was absent from the public hearing held in Grants Pass on Wednesday, Dec. 15; and which lasted slightly more than an hour. Tycer West, planned by LBI Enterprises, of Grants Pass, is to consist of eight lots ranging from 5 to 5 1/2 acres each. The year-ago decision was appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) by Steve Doob, Al Devine, Paul Simon and "Sally" Palmer. Subsequently, the project was returned by LUBA to the county to clear up two errors. They involved conservation of natural resources on resource lands, and a subdivision review item dealing with the existing land-use pattern and related compatibility.

During last week's hearing, the protestors were not allowed to address resources or how to protect them, but were allowed to talk about the second area. The development is a permitted use of the land, zoned serpentine; and that seemed to be a major basis for granting approval. A paper prepared by Ted Gerber, of Illinois Valley's Foris Vineyards, regarding natural resources, was not allowed into testimony. Gerber's paper notes that the project soil is perfect for raising grapes as it has a gentle, south-facing slope not prone to frost. It further notes that after the first two years, once the roots took hold, a vineyard would not need much water. Simon testified that under the county comprehensive plan, the "best use" should be addressed for the property. It's his belief that additional housing is not in the "best use" category for that particular land.

Also protesting the development was Merlin resident Holger Sommer. He noted that during the past four years, six lots have been added within a half-mile radius of the property. This represents, he indicated, over-development for the area. He showed a graph noting that at that rate, the commission ruling will put urbanization 30 years ahead of the curve. Project protesters also noted that water runoff since Tycer Junction was built has caused problems, and that they fear an escalation of the problem with Tycer West. Simon said that the appellants likely will pursue another appeal with LUBA. They will have 21 days after findings are released. Simon said he was told that the findings would be made by late last week, but had not received them as of Sunday, Dec. 19.

Lumber use near record

More lumber will be used during 2004 than any time in history because of strong housing markets and an improving economy. That's the word from Portland-based Western Wood Products Association (WWPA).

While demand will fall back moderately during 2005, it still will be a solid year for lumber, according to a WWPA forecast. The trade association estimates that lumber demand this year will increase 4.8 percent to 59.7 billion board feet (bbf). That would shatter the previous record of 57 bbf set during 2003. It would be the sixth time during the past eight years that lumber demand has set a new record. Said WWPA: "The red-hot home construction market has fueled (Continued on page 8)

LBMS lists honor roll

"Vikings take pride and it shows!" highlights the first quarter Lorna Byrne Middle School Honor Roll. Students must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, based on performance in all classes. **4.0 and Higher**
 *Sixth-grade: Ryan Andrews, Burt Barker, Jeremiah Berger, James Buck, Gregory Crombie-Fujita, Jordan Crouse, Nicholas Dowd, Music Glenn, Aleesia Hennings, Alexander Hess, Roger Hulst, Kayla Johnson, Marissa Litak, Audrey Mechling, Desiree Miatke, Forrest Oxley, Rhiannon Quall, Margaret Ruiz, Sabrina Swartz, Geneva Vasquez, Ashely Webb.

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Crossword puzzle provided by Oregon Caves Chevron

One of the last old fashioned service stations left
Highways 199 & 46 Cave Junction
Jeff Stiles, Dealer
592-3080

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County jobs good overall

Although employment trends for most of Josephine County's industries were generally positive during 2004, the jobless rate rose to 7.5 percent during November, said Oregon Employment Dept. (OED). November employment for the county was 30,159 vs. 30,160 during October, when the jobless rate was 7.3 percent. The November 2003 unemployment rate also was 7.5 percent when 29,317 persons were employed. The largest decline last month was in the leisure and hospitality category with employment falling by 140. Overall last month, added OED, the county's total payroll employment fell by 260 jobs with slight reductions in a broad array of industries. "During the past year," said OED, "payroll employment has risen by almost 600 jobs, or a growth rate of 2.5 percent. "Construction employment last month fell by 40; manufacturing employment dropped by 20 after posting steady gains during much of 2004. Retail trade gained 20 jobs during November. "During 2004, county areas adding jobs were construction (+140), manufacturing (+250), wholesale trade (+70), retail trade (+60); plus financial activities, professional and business service, health care and social assistance, and local government, which each added 30." Jackson County's jobless rate last month was 5.8 percent vs. 5.6 the month before. The Oregon seasonally adjusted rate for November was 7.1 percent.

Merry Christmas
wishing you and yours a joyful holiday season, and peace and happiness in the new year.

Georgette Brown, County Clerk

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| ACROSS | 38 Blew one's own horn | 67 Method: abbr. | 32 Item fit for a queen |
| 1 Mark on the skin | 40 Truth: Chin. | DOWN | King of the Hill |
| 5 Decelerator | 41 Yen | 1 Train stops: abbr. | 33 Pig's feature |
| 10 Chicago | 43 Piece of chicken | 2 Drink | 35 Italian numeral |
| 14 Bear | 44 Country | 3 Preposition | 36 Law: abbr. |
| 15 Takes a bus | 45 Night noise | 4 Wrote back | 38 Universal staple |
| 16 Shape | 46 Symbol of victory | 5 Picking solution | 39 Whiz's fore-runner |
| 17 Leaning | 47 Small weight | 6 Piece of jewelry | 42 European nation |
| 18 Tiny diagram | 48 Slackened | 7 Commercial | 44 Political divisions |
| 19 1st-century emperor | 50 Supportive of | 8 Word with zoo or bee | 46 Pertaining to spring |
| 20 Young plant | 51 Burn slowly, without a flame | 9 Organic compound | 47 Business orgs. |
| 22 Peon | 54 Ulcerates the eye | 10 Approval | 49 Net |
| 24 Ending for graph or social | 58 O'Hara home | 11 Part of the eye | 50 Foul-smelling |
| 25 Opposite of verbose | 59 Two cents' worth | 12 Nag's home | 51 Pierce |
| 26 Quenches | 61 Copy: abbr. | 13 Opening | 52 Virile |
| 29 Jungle gym piece | 62 M*A*S*H star | 21 Common contraction | 53 Algerian seaport |
| 30 Units of speed | 63 One of The Judds | 23 Quiered | 54 Become enraged |
| 34 Oaf | 64 Lazarus, for one | 27 Strange | 55 Award |
| 35 Not backwards | 65 Curve | 28 Portion of the body | 56 Borders |
| 36 Hang on to | 66 Assisted, cockney-style | 29 Wraparound accessory | 57 Nurse's ASAP |
| 37 Lung contents | | 31 Cowboy movie | 60 PTA member |

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Friday - Saturday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
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2	Movie: **1/2 Dennis the Menace Strikes Again (1998) Don Rickles.	Movie: **1/2 Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982, Comedy) Sean Penn, Phoebe Cates.	Movie: **1/2 The Out-of-Towners (Comedy) Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn.	Movie: **1/2 Beverly Hills Ninja (1997) An ungraciously martial artist follows a courtesan's trail.	Movie: **1/2 Saving Silverman (2001) Two buddies conspire to prevent another friend's marriage. PG.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me (1999, Comedy) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.	Movie: **1/2 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (2002) Mike Myers, Heather Graham.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 23
 *Winter break
FRIDAY, DEC. 24
 *Winter break
MONDAY, DEC. 27
 *Winter break
TUESDAY, DEC. 28
 *Winter break
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
 *Winter break