

Fire calls

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must pass a first aid and CPR course during their Fire Academy training,” said Feldhaus. “After that,” he said, “those who wish can take a first responder class, which provides training above and beyond first aid so that they can take vital signs and perform some interventions to aid patients.

“And some of our fire-fighters have become basic EMTs through a program at Rogue Community College.” He said that more often than not, IVFD pays for the training because of the benefit to the community it serves.

Feldhaus noted that two IVFD firefighters -- staff Deputy Chief & training Officer Jeff Gavlik and Volunteer Firefighter Millie Stepp -- have gone even further and become Intermediate EMTs for advanced life support. This includes certain injections and placement of intravenous lines.

Volunteer Firefighter Steve Zabriski, a paramedic who works for AMR, is the new emergency medical services (EMS) coordinator for IVFD, said Feldhaus. He takes the post previously held by Dr. Cathy Mechling, also a volunteer firefighter.

Feldhaus said that she was and continues to be “a great asset” for the district.

IVFD is keeping a close eye on housing developments in the city of Cave Junction, he said, because with more people moving in, there could be a need for more personnel and equipment.

“And,” he said, “at what point do we need a 24-hour fire station?” Currently, none of the stations are staffed; firefighters respond to the sites and drive equipment from there.

IVFD has 28 active volunteer firefighters, plus 13 volunteers in support functions, such as those who can drive equipment, but not fight fires. Others direct traffic or perform other related work.

Besides Feldhaus and Gavlik, IVFD has four other staff personnel: Chief Harry Rich, Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer, administrative secretary Beth Beards, and mechanic Kenny Pangburn.

For information about the next Fire Academy, phone 592-2225.

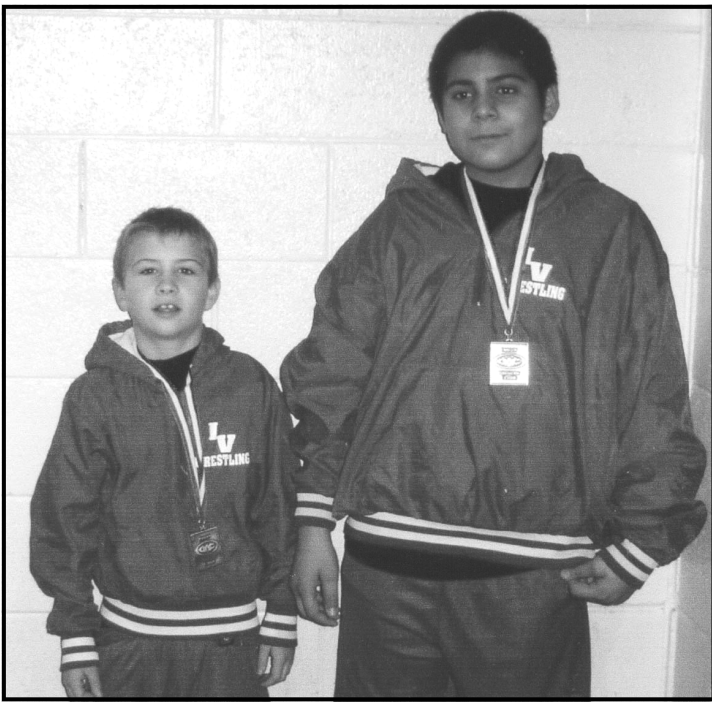
Wyden notes internet tax achievement

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) hailed final congressional approval of his Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act (S. 150), clearing the way to extend the ban he authored on multiple and discriminatory taxation on Internet access and online sales.

The agreement bans three types of taxes that “unfairly single out” the Internet, including taxes on Internet access, double taxation (for example, two or more states) of a product or service bought over the Internet.

Also involved are “discriminatory taxes that treat Internet purchases differently than other types of sales.”

The legislation was modified to grandfather in a Wisconsin tax for two years and a utility tax in Texas.



LOGAN MILLER and LANCE TAUSAGA

Youth matmen score well

Nine members of Illinois Valley Youth Wrestling attended the Oregon Classic, the second-largest wrestling tournament in the nation, on Jan. 8 in Redmond, Ore.

The Classic is recognized as one of the toughest because each wrestler must have qualified at one of the seven qualifying meets in Oregon or Washington.

Only the top two from each of the seven qualifiers are allowed to compete for top place.

I.V. Youth Wrestling's nine competitors at the Classic were faced some very tough competition.

I.V.'s Logan Miller wrestled five matches, winning first place, making him the champion in his 70-pound Bantam Class.

Lance Tausaga brought home third place in the 185-pound Schoolboy Division.

All I.V. wrestlers were recognized for “good jobs” and encouraged to “keep up the good work.”

Numerous raffle prizes available to assist Jo County residents with mental illnesses

A wide range of prizes is offered in a raffle to help those who suffer from mental illness, said Josephine County Human Services Dept.

Staff members will have raffle tickets available until Feb. 11.

“Many human services programs have been cut deeply this past couple of years,” said Shirley Koski, administrative assistant in the department.

“And many of our citizens with mental illness have lost their treatment services as a result -- all the more reason that mental health consumers have needed to turn to self-help methods to stay well.

“Fortunately,” said Koski, “a nonprofit, drop-in center, The Union, has become a place where those with mental illness work together to manage their illnesses and learn skills that help them have better lives and be better citizens.”

Raffle proceeds from

the donated gifts will go to help maintain The Union at 202 N.W. A St. in Grants Pass.

Among “package” prizes in the raffle:

*Illinois Valley weekend get-away: Out & About Tree House accommodations, and travel mugs and coffee for two.

*Home decorating: \$200 Gates Furniture certificate, \$25 Maytag certificate for laundry or dry cleaning, and \$50 Dutch

Boy paint and wallpaper certificate.

*\$100 gourmet food certificate from Harry & David.

*Ashland ski weekend: ski lift tickets and informal dinner for two.

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