

Heater listed likely cause of trailer fire

An oil-filled space heater is listed as the apparent cause of a structure fire in Cave Junction that caused an estimated \$45,000 damage, said Chief Harry Rich, of Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD).

IVFD firefighters responded to a 12:17 p.m. alarm for a single-wide mobile home at 143 Caves Ave., behind Select Market, on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

"It was an unintentional fire," said Rich, "probably caused by a free-standing heater that was left on."

The tenant was Sam Taylor, and the owner is Marjorie Culbertson.

Rich said that the structure is fully insured. He estimated damage at \$35,000 for the structure, and \$10,000 for contents.

I.V.'s liquor ...

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\$289 million. OLCC derived revenue of \$299.34 million including license fees, fines, beer and wine taxes, and other income.

After operating and agency expenses, OLCC distributed \$62.9 million or 56 percent to the state general fund.

And \$22.45 million went to cities; \$15.7 million to the city revenue-sharing account; \$11.2 million to counties; \$6.72 million to the Oregon Dept. of Human Services for mental health alcohol and drug programs; and \$206,245 to the Oregon Wine Board.

Wonder about state insect? Swallowtail!

In 1979 the Oregon Legislature designated the Oregon Swallowtail ("Papilio oregonius") as the state's official insect.

A true native of the Northwest, the insect is at home in the lower sagebrush canyons of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

Known as a strikingly beautiful butterfly, predominantly yellow, it is a wary, strong flier not easily captured.



PICKUP VS. BUILDING - Illinois Valley Fire District Chief Harry Rich came upon a traffic accident Saturday, Feb. 12 at approximately 4:45 p.m. and requested assistance. Reported hurt, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office, with lacerations and possibly other injuries was I.V. resident Leslie E. Coyne, 62, who is believed to have moved here recently from California. His vehicle went off Hwy. 199 near Pinewood Way and struck one of the buildings that is part of the Tender Treasures complex. Rich said that Coyne was ejected through the right window of his pickup and was on the ground when he arrived. Coyne was listed in good condition early this week at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass, where he was taken by American Medical Response. I.V. firefighters and JoCo deputies assisted at the scene.

BLM seeks comments on monument

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"The public now has the opportunity," said BLM," to protest the proposed land-use planning decisions contained in the proposed plan/FEIS. The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2, state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected may protest the proposed land-use planning decision(s)."

Protests must be filed within 30 days of the date EPA publishes its Notice of Availability of the FEIS in the 'Federal Register'. Written protests must be submitted to:

Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Concurrent with the

protest period for the proposed plan/FEIS is a 30-day public comment period. Comments may be addressed to Richard J. Dreihobl, Monument Manager, 3040 Biddle Road,



Medford, OR 97504, or emailed to kathy_minor@or.blm.gov. In order to be considered, comments must be postmarked by March 14.

"The proposed Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is part of BLM's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), created in June 2000 to bring into the single system some of the most remarkable

landscapes found on public lands in the West," according to the agency.

In total, the bureau manages more than 800 units in its NLCS, including national conservation areas, national monuments, wild and scenic rivers, national scenic and historical trails, and wilderness and wilderness study areas.

CSNM was established by presidential proclamation on June 9, 2000. The proposed monument, which encompasses 52,940 acres in Southwestern Oregon, is the nation's first monument designated in recognition of an area's biological diversity, said BLM.

"The monument's remarkable ecology is a product of its location at the crossroads of two different mountain ranges -- the Cascades and the Siskiyou -- as well as its proximity to the Great Basin," said BLM.

Clear Creek Practice honored for clean energy

Clear Creek Family Practice in Selma recently earned recognition for meeting the Northwest Clean Energy Challenge by supporting renewable power.

Earlier this month, Dr. Kathy Mechling enrolled her medical office in Pacific Power's Blue Sky Habitat Program, and is now purchasing 100 percent of Clear

Creek's electricity from the newly developed renewable resources -- a blend of wind, biomass and solar power -- generated in the Northwest.

"By enrolling in Blue Sky, Clear Creek Family Practice joined a growing list of Josephine County businesses and residents that are making a choice for clean electricity," said Renewable Northwest Project (RNP), a Portland-based nonprofit organization.

RNP said it that works to raise awareness about clean electricity, and advocates for renewable energy development in the region.

In Illinois Valley, more than 125 households and businesses currently purchase electricity from renewable resources through Pacific Power's Blue Sky energy options.

"The Northwest Clean Energy Challenge is a recognition program for businesses and organizations to earn public acknowledgments by filling a significant portion of their electricity needs with renewable power," said RNP.

Clear Creek Family Practice and the Cave Junction-based Siskiyou Regional Education Project "have met this challenge," administered by RNP.

Both are now also recognized by Pacific Power as "Luminary" business partners, and are receiving additional recognition through the utility.

"Buying renewable power helps direct our region away from relying on conventional power by investing in new, clean energy technologies," said RNP.

Fruit tree pruning Saturday

"Fruit Tree Pruning" is the title of a class that will be taught by Terry Helfrich on Saturday, Feb. 19 in Central Point.

Jackson County Master Gardener Association is the sponsor. The class will be

held at the Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road, 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be a \$5 admission fee at the door.

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