

Here, There & Everywhere

TREE PLANTING - Forestry Action Committee will hold its annual tree planting day Saturday, Feb. 26. Burned portions of Illinois River "Forks" State Park will be replanted. Meet at the U.S. Forest Service lower compound at 9 a.m.

LABOR DAY 'ON' - Despite rumors to the contrary, Illinois Valley Lions Club will again present its annual Labor Day Festival & Parade this year. Plans are well under way, and the Harley Davidson that will be raffled is displayed at Taylor's Country Store.

GRAD STAND - Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. is set for the next meeting of the I.V. High School 2005 Grad Night Party Committee in the IVHS cafetorium. Committee members will discuss the fund-raising dinner at Taylor's Country Store planned for Tuesday, March 8. For more information phone Mary Paul at 592-2116.

FUNGUS AMONGUS - A "Mycorestation Workshop" with Joe Cerecedes will be held Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frog Farm, 9044 Takilma Road. A donation will be requested. Participants should dress warmly, as there will be an outdoor hands-on portion. A wide range of mushroom topics will be covered. For more info phone Deb Lukas: 592-3386.

I.V. EXTREME - Cross Quest Expeditions will host I.V. Extreme on June 11, based at Jubilee Park. There will be skating, BMX and paintball competition (the latter on private property), in conjunction with many valley churches. Races will include Wilderness Adventure Challenge, mountain biking, challenge running, team relays, and individual triathlon. There also will be live music, carnival games "and sharing the eternal hope in Jesus Christ as Savior."

DELBERT'S MISHAP - Longtime Illinois Valley resident Delbert Kauffman, of Kauffman Wood Products, is OK, but embarrassed, after his van collided with four other vehicles Tuesday, Feb. 15 on Upper River Road in rural Grants Pass. Kauffman, 70, who does not drink alcoholic beverages, told sheriff's deputies that he possibly blacked out. Two drivers and one passenger among the other vehicles suffered minor injuries. And Kauffman was cited by Oregon State Police on a charge of failure to maintain lane.

NOTEPAD - A Fiddler Mt./Babyfoot Lake benefit "to raise money for protection" of the area noted will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at Takilma Community Bldg. There will be a "gourmet" dinner at 6 p.m., followed with live music by "Darryl Cherney and the Chernobles" at 8 p.m. For more information phone Lane Cosner at 592-3510 ... **"Spoon River Anthology"** will be performed by Rogue Community College students in Grants Pass on Friday, March 11 through Monday, March 14 ... **Less than 200** students in Three Rivers School District were kept from attending classes Wednesday, Feb. 16 because records show they're lacking required inoculations. The district has approximately 5,800 students ... **T-shirt:** Good Morning is an oxymoron ... **Another T:** If you're happy and you know it, Go Away! ... **Last T:** Things to do today: Get up, Survive, Go back to bed.

LAST WORDS X 2 - Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance. (Unknown)
A closed mouth gathers no foot. (Anonymous)

Letters to the Editor

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inaugural speech, etc).

*Corporate power protected (limitations on lawsuits; fed inquiry limited).

*Labor power suppressed (Wal-Mart recently stated it would close a superstore rather than deal with unionized employees).

*Disdain for intellectuals and the arts ("Dixie Chicks" hatred, covering nude statues, and intolerance for letters like this; so much for freedom and liberty).

*Obsession with crime and punishment (incarceration rates have skyrocketed during the past decade with the popular pri-

vation of building and operating prisons with forced inmate, cheap labor contracts).

*Rampant cronyism and corruption (Halliburton is a prime example).

*Fraudulent elections.

Do any of our fellow sheeple feel a cause for concern? Manufacturing consent for invading Iran and Syria is being worked on, but with the Afghan and Iraq wars not going as well as planned (any exit plan?), we will likely be looking at a draft this year, and what better way to get sheeple behind that than another terrorist attack.

IVFD to the Rescue

Monday, Feb. 14
*10:39 a.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 28500 block Redwood Hwy.
*10:40 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*2:05 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
*12:31 a.m., medical assist, 1000 block N. Old Stage Road.
*12:10 p.m., fire alarm, Evergreen Elementary School.
*7:28 p.m., medical assist, Manzanita Lane.
*7:28 p.m., districtwide

medical standby for AMR.
Thursday, Feb. 17
*9:06 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*11:18 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*5:03 p.m., open burn, Caves Hwy./Smith Sawyer Road.
*10:21 p.m., medical assist, 500 block S. Caves Hwy.
*10:22 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Friday, Feb. 18
*9:09 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*9:36 a.m., medical assist, 28100 block Redwood Hwy.

Fire district hires new counsel

By **CHRISTINA HILL**
Correspondent

New legal counsel for Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) was approved 4-0 during a board of directors meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 17 at administrative headquarters.

Based on a recommendation by Chief Harry Rich, directors ended the relationship with Medford attorney Martial Henault in December. The chief has indicated that the district needs someone who deals specifically with fire districts.

Subsequently, Rich invited Ken Jones, of Ken Jones & Associates, to present his firm's qualifications.

"We're a nine-lawyer firm out of Eugene, and we represent nearly 100 districts from around the state," said Jones.

"The chief will let me know what kind of review he wants done on your current policy, and then I'll review it and make sure there aren't any holes in the policy that aren't clear," said Jones.

"We want to protect you with preventative law," he said.

"You pay a buck up front so you don't have to pay 10 on the back end," he said. "As we see a law change we'll let you know about it ahead of time."

After hearing Jones, Director Joel Downing, "As we are without counsel right now, I motion to have Ken Jones & Associates represent us."

The motion was seconded and approved. Director Don Haviland was absent again due to illness.

In Service

Albert T. McLellan
Under the Delayed Entry Program, Albert T. McLellan has joined the U.S. Army.

McLellan, a 2003 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, is the son of Ardis McLellan, of Cave Junction.

McLellan has reported to Fort Knox, Ky. His active duty will begin Feb. 24.

Under delayed entry, young men and women can delay entering active duty for up to one year. Various benefits also are attached, including receiving as much as \$50,000 toward a college education, said the Army.

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Title II resource project funds available

The public can submit applications for Title II natural resource projects designed to benefit Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest lands and the "rural economics" of Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Klamath and Del Norte and Siskiyou counties.

Electronic applications must be received by April 1.

All potential applicants or groups are encourage to attend a free orientation workshop Thursday, Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Grants Pass at Anne Basker Auditorium, next to the county courthouse.

Participants are encourage to come prepared by filling out their applications in advance or by coming prepared to fill out their applications at the workshop. Resource Advisory Committee Act (RAC) funds are made possible through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, also known as the "Payments to Counties" program.

Applicants are encourage to coordinate and discuss their projects with the appropriate district ranger before submittal. Individuals, non-profit organizations, and local governments are all candidates to receive funding for Title II projects.

"Since 2001, these funds have significantly benefited the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest," said Scott Conroy, supervisor.

"We hope to continue to see natural resource projects that improve the forest such as fish habitat enhancement, road maintenance and enhancement, recreation site improvements, natural resource improvements and thinning projects," he said.

Project application forms are available online at fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/projects/advcommittee.shtml. Applicants are encourage to submit their forms electroni-

cally. E-mail Title II proposals to: Paul Galloway at pgalloway@fs.fed.us at 592-2912; or Maggie McHugh at mmchugh@fs.fed.us at (541) 247-3636.

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