

‘Connections’ program to aid teens in loss June 23 at Lovejoy Hospice

On Thursday, June 23 Lovejoy Hospice will present a special storytelling performance by Impact Theatre to introduce “Connections,” a new Lovejoy program for teen-agers who have experienced loss.

The actors, who have themselves experienced major losses, will share related stories, experiences and skits from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Afterward, utilizing insight and humor, they will engage the audience in exercises and discussion to explore the nature of life, loss, and grief. There will also be a review of other bereavement activities that Lovejoy Hospice offers teen-agers and their families.

The program will be held in the Lovejoy Hospice conference room at 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass. Refreshments will be served. Phone 474-1193 to make a reservation to attend.

The “Connections” program is supported by the Gordon Elwood Foundation, The Juan Young Trust, The Autzen Foundation, The PG&E Foundation, the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian

Foundation, PacifiCorp Foundation for Learning, Grants Pass Rotary, Prudential Financial Corporations, and Wal*Mart, Grants Pass.

The program is designed for adolescents and their families in Josephine County and parts of Douglas and Jackson counties. It seeks to reduce emotional and behavioral upheavals associated with unresolved grief during teen-age years, and to assist families in supporting their adolescents’ grief process.

Lovejoy Hospice said that it has been offering group counseling for children of all ages and their parents or primary caregivers in the program called “Good Grief!!” The curriculum and support are now available without charge twice a year for 10 weeks.

“We invite teens who have experienced loss, or those who know teens who have experienced loss, to join us,” said Trish Haas, Lovejoy Hospice bereavement coordinator.

“Come prepared to laugh, possibly shed a tear or two, and discover the comfort that can arise when, with others, we face the

losses that affect our lives,” she said.

“And, for me, it has continued to bring closure to a loss I had three years ago,” said Perry Hall, counselor at North Middle School. “The performances were enlightening, well-put and well-structured. The community-at-large, as many as possible, need to see these actors and actresses,” he said.

Lovejoy Hospice programs provide holistic end-of-life care for patients and their families in Josephine County, and parts of Jackson and Douglas counties. Lovejoy Hospice makes available professional staff 24-hours-a-day to help maintain dignity and personal choices while relieving physical and emotional pain.

Lovejoy also offers support services to families as they care for loved ones, bereavement services, and community education programs for health-care professionals and the public.

Lovejoy is a 24-year-old, community-based and not-for-profit organization. For more information about the “Connections” program use 474-1193, (888) 758-8569, lovejoyhospice.org.

Rogue Community College, ESAM aim for aiding Oregon National Guardsmen

A warm welcome home to Oregon National Guard members, by offering them a scholarship, is planned by The RCC Foundation and a Grants Pass electronics company.

The RCC Board of Education also has approved a tuition waiver for Oregon National Guard members who complete their enlistments.

Through the generosity of ESAM Inc., which has committed \$10,000 during the next two years, the RCC Foundation will begin awarding the ESAM Inc./RCC Foundation Oregon National Guard scholarship to Guardsmen and women enrolling at Rogue.

“On behalf of our employees, we are honored to help these potential recipients further their educational opportunities as partial payment and in recognition for their service to our country,” said Dave Matheny, ESAM vice president of sales and marketing.

“ESAM has been in town over 30 years, and we are happy to help the college and the people of Josephine and

Jackson counties with this type of scholarship,” Matheny added. “We encourage other businesses to do the same.”

While the state provides tuition reimbursement to Guard members, the reimbursement does not cover fees, books, supplies and materials, or other associated costs, according to Tom Bradbeer, RCC Foundation co-executive director. And tuition reimbursement can be delayed for several months after the beginning of a college term.

“The scholarship award would complement the state reimbursement rather than supplant it,” Bradbeer said. Recipients must live in the RCC District and be returning from an active overseas tour of duty or related support position within the last two years.

First-term recipients will be awarded \$750 when they take 12 or more credits, or \$500 when they enroll for 6 to 11 credits. Subsequent awards would be in the range of \$500 per term (\$300 for six to 11 credits), depending on the

availability of funds and the number of eligible recipients.

The local National Guard recruiter has reported that approximately 500 members of the Guard from the five southwestern Oregon counties have been deployed during the last two years. Twenty members from the Merlin battalion currently are deployed in the Middle East, and another five are scheduled to be deployed soon.

“We estimate awarding as much \$5,000 per year,” Bradbeer said, “and we expect that usage will increase over the next six to 12 months as members of the Oregon National Guard complete their tours of duty.”

The RCC board is offering Guard members who have ended their enlistment -- and are therefore ineligible for state or federal tuition reimbursement -- a one-time tuition waiver for up to six free credits.

The tuition waiver would be available for up to one year after a Guard member completes enlistment.

I.V. grad meets Korean challenge

By RICH LAMANCE
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South Korea - For the son of a Cave Junction couple, saber-rattling by North Korea has a much more ominous meaning than hearing a news report.

When most of us read or hear reports warning of short-range missile tests by North Korea, we shake our heads and wonder if the 55-

High School, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (ADA) at Suwon Air Base. He joined the Army in April 2004.

“A regular day at work consists of doing maintenance on the Patriot launching system, which is an air defense system,” he said. “We are also responsible for testing and reloading the system.”



U.S. ARMY PFC. JEFF BRADBURY

year stand-off between the democratic south and the communist north will ever be resolved.

But U.S. Army Pfc. Jeff A. Bradbury, 20, son of Paul and Patricia “Patty” Bradbury, is a Patriot missile launch specialist assigned to the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade -- a Patriot missile unit that deployed to South Korea last fall from Texas to provide air defense support for the Republic of Korea.

Bradbury, a 2004 graduate of Illinois Valley

Established in 1918 as a coast artillery defense unit for our nation’s capital, the 35th ADA Brigade today is headquarters for two Patriot battalions -- the 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA at Gwang ju Air Base, in the southern portion of the peninsula; and the 1st Battalion, 43rd ADA, based at Suwon Air base near the Korean capital of Seoul.

With most of the Patriot sites less than 100 miles from the DMZ that separates North and South Korea, Bradbury and his fellow

air defenders find that, even though they are the neighborhood newcomers, their mission is one of the most important.

“My mission,” said Bradbury, “is to defend the skies and ground of South Korea for as long as possible.”

For many, the sights, sounds and aromas of this Asian country produce a form of culture shock. For others,

there’s a sense of adventure, and a chance for once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

“Life in Korea is difficult for me,” said Bradbury. “I can hardly wait to get back to my wonderful country, the good old USA.”

For Bradbury and those with him, life in Korea is a bittersweet existence.

For amid an exotic and unique cultural experience, the soldiers stationed here are always reminded that a potential enemy awaits only a few miles away.

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Name of	Actual Data	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
Fund Law Enforcement Fund	Last Year 2003-2004	This Year 2004-2005	Next Year 2005-2006
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	88102	89031	93800
3. Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	10000	19200	10000
6. Total Contingencies		519	200
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	17702	0	0
9. Total Requirements	115804	108750	104000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	115804	108750	104000

Name of	Actual Data	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
Fund Water/Sewer Expansion Fund	Last Year 2003-2004	This Year 2004-2005	Next Year 2005-2006
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	7276	42594	58270
3. Total Capital Outlay	0	170376	233080
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	0	0	0
6. Total Contingencies		0	0
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	192790	0	0
9. Total Requirements	200066	212970	291350
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	200066	212970	291350

Name of	Actual Data	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
Fund Street Improvement Fund	Last Year 2003-2004	This Year 2004-2005	Next Year 2005-2006
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	0	0	0
3. Total Capital Outlay	0	93134	73338
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	0	0	0
6. Total Contingencies		0	0
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	57134	0	0
9. Total Requirements	57134	93134	73338
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	57134	93134	73338

Name of	Actual Data	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
Fund Guarantee Bond Fund	Last Year 2003-2004	This Year 2004-2005	Next Year 2005-2006
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	0	103897	113897
3. Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	0	0	0
6. Total Contingencies		0	0
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	93897	0	0
9. Total Requirements	93897	103897	113897
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	93897	103897	113897

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Handicapped Accessibility Fund			
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	0	7000	0
3. Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	0	0	5885
6. Total Contingencies		0	0
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	7000	0	0
9. Total Requirements	7000	7000	5885
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	7000	7000	5885

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 2003-2004	Adopted Budget This Year 2004-2005	Approved Budget Next Year 2005-2006
Building Maintenance Fund			
1. Total Personal Services	0	0	0
2. Total Materials and Services	0	0	0
3. Total Capital Outlay	3000	5000	5000
4. Total Debt Service	0	0	0
5. Total Transfers	0	0	0
6. Total Contingencies		0	0
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	4000	0	0
9. Total Requirements	7000	5000	5000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	7000	5000	5000