

Here, There & Everywhere

TOGETHER AT LAST - American Medical Response and Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) invite everyone to an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating their new partnership at the new IVFD Station 1 at 681 Caves Hwy. Saturday, Aug. 6 beginning at 11 a.m. AMR will share quarters in the new station.

JOB COUNCIL COUNSEL - The Job Council will conduct a series of free job search workshops at the Illinois Valley Family Resource Center, in cooperation with the I.V. Family Coalition. Child-care will not be available. All workshops will run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Topics and dates: "The Rapidly Changing Workplace," on Thursday, Aug. 18. Information will be provided on "how some of our long-practiced approaches to getting and keeping a job are actually sabotaging us due to the many dramatic changes that have occurred." Also, Sept. 1, "The Hidden Labor Market, Applications & Cover Letters." Watch this column for further details.

INDIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Nearly 100 years ago in N.E. India, the Hmar, a fierce tribe of headhunters, were transformed by the word of God into Christian missionaries. The India Children's Choir is comprised of the direct descendants of the former headhunters. The group, sponsored by Bibles For the World, will present a free community concert at Takilma Bible Church Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. Choir members range in age from 9 to 12. The church is at 10343 Takilma Road.

COOL IN POOL - With summer half over, the Cave Junction Swimming Pool still is going strong, said manager Cynthia Hobbins. Reduced rate "end-of-the-season" passes are available.

A free public swim, sponsored by Siskiyou Community Health Center, will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. as part of the celebration for groundbreaking Aug. 11 at the new clinic site.

A new session of lessons will begin Tuesday, Aug. 9 for beginning and intermediate swimmers.

Dan and Sue Fiske of Crossroads Animal Hospital are sponsoring a reduced-price evening swim Tuesday, Aug. 16. And The Shining Stars will present a free public swim Saturday, Aug. 20. Watch the "Noose" for details. Phone 592-3990 for more information.

CHAMBER GOLF - Lunch, 18-hole greens fees, refreshments, plus prizes will be parts of the third annual Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 27. The four-person scramble includes lunch by Taylor's Sausage Country Store, and beverages by Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. Team signups are being accepted, as well as hole sponsors. Information and registration forms are available from chamber office manager Dulcie Moore in the I.V. Visitor Center (592-3326), or from tourney chairman Vicki Gill at SOFCU (592-3191).

FOOD & FRIENDS - Regular and substitute drivers are needed to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens, said Food & Friends. Training and mileage reimbursement are provided. Phone 955-8839 for more information. Additionally, F&F accepts donations of fresh garden produce for senior citizens. Extra produce can be left at 317 N.W. "B" St. in Grants Pass Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m.

NOTEPAD - Kerby Union High School Alumni Association will conduct an annual potluck meeting Saturday, Aug. 6 at noon at KUHS Park in front of the RCC Belt Bldg. ... **An all-congregations** gathering will be held Sunday, Aug. 7 at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Road. The special speaker will be TBC Pastor Dan Robinson ... **Siskiyou Community Health Center** will hold groundbreaking for its new clinic Thursday, Aug. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hwy. 199 between Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. and Laurel Pines (Illinois Valley) Golf Course. A community celebration with a barbecue and music will run from noon to 2 p.m. at the golf course ... **Food & Friends** will have a booth at the Grants Pass "Daily Courier" parking lot sale Saturday, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each \$10 purchase will make the buyer eligible for a gift basket drawing ... **"Good Grief"** is a series of grief support classes for children and families who have experienced the death of someone important to them. The next series of eight classes at Lovejoy Hospice will begin Sept. 20. Phone 474-1193 for required preregistration ... **Five valley** residents seeking compensation under Measure 37 are on the agenda for the JoCo Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday, Aug. 3 in Grass Pants ... **Goofy laws continue:** *It is illegal in Kentucky to carry ice cream in your back pocket. *Also in Kentucky, you must take a bath at least once a year. It's the law. *In Massachusetts you cannot legally use tomatoes in clam chowder. *When two trains meet in Texas at a crossing, "neither shall proceed until the other has gone." *In Chaseville, N.Y., you are not to "drive a goat past a church in a ridiculous fashion."

LAST WORDS - I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use. (Galileo)

Mileage 'Road User' Fee plan under study by ODOT

Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) in July provided legislators its latest report on the Mileage Fee or Road User Fee concept.

ODOT's Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding, where the project is housed, completed the report as required by the 2001 Legislature in Oregon House Bill 3946. The full report is available at oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OIPP/rufft.shtml.

"Any program to replace the current gas tax is at least 10 years away," said James Whitty, manager of the Office of Innovative Projects and Alternative Funding. "We have a long

lead time, and we are taking advantage of this time by investigating ways to do things differently -- because we know we have to do something."

Since the last report, in March 2003, the project has passed several important milestones, as required by the project's Road User Fee Task Force, including:

- *Developing technology that counts miles traveled in Oregon without invading privacy. The counting system developed by the Oregon State University College of Engineering for the Road User Fee Pilot Project is not capable of real-time tracking of travel. Also,

no historical travel information is stored or transmitted (see Chapter 3).

- *Ensuring accountability and system reliability by developing a cautious, 20-year phase-in process.

- *Establishing low-cost strategies for any proposed implementation (no vehicles would be retrofitted with the technology -- It will eventually come with all new cars).

- *Creating a program that is affordable and techni-

cally practical. ODOT's researchers at OSU publicly demonstrated on May 14 the feasibility of the mileage fee technology for data collection and transmission and fee collections (Chapter 4).

- *Ensuring project would put minimal burden on the private sector.

The report, in Chapter 2, details the reasons Oregon's gas tax is failing to achieve its original purpose

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Fire precautions ...

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form is prohibited.

- *Power saws may not be operated between 1 and 8 p.m., except at loading sites.

- *Cable yarding may not take place between 1 and 8 p.m.

- *Blasting is disallowed between 1 and 8 p.m.

- *Welding or cutting of metal may not take place between 1 and 8 p.m.

Public fire restrictions:

- *Use of motorized vehicles, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited except on improved roads.

- *Chain-saw use is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Chain-saw use is permitted at all other hours if the following fire-fighting equipment is present with each operating saw: One ax, one shovel, and one operational 8-ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the use

of each saw.

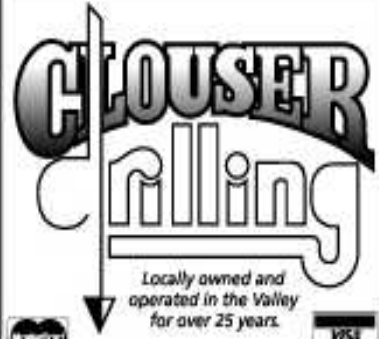
- *Mowing of dry grass with power-driven equipment is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., except for commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- *Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads.

- *Open fires to burn debris are prohibited; burn barrels are also disallowed. Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed only in designated campgrounds.

- *Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is permitted at all other hours, if conducted in a cleared area and if a water supply is present.

For more information about fire season regulations, or to view a map of areas affected by these regulations, contact ODF's unit at 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass; phone 474-3152.



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Thanks to everyone who came to the sale last week.



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The New Face of Josephine County Government

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OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
Board of Commissioners
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICE
Finance
Purchasing
Liaison to: Elected Offices
HUMAN RESOURCES
Risk Management

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

COMMUNITY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

ADULT SERVICES DIVISION
JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Title II & III
Economic Development
Mailroom
Wildfire Plan
Airports

LIBRARY DIVISION

INFORMATION/ TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

GIS
Communications

PROPERTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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PROPERTY DIVISION

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Join Us At The Fair!

August 16-20, 2005
Josephine County will be hosting 3 booths at this year's fair. They will feature animal adoptions, fire integration and a children's coloring contest. Be sure to check them out!



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Commissioner Jim Raffenburg delivers a thank you speech to volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

Also in the picture: Dwight F. Ellis, Vice Chair of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners and Marty Sether, KAJO radio.

Photo Provided by Sue Johnson.

Bake Sale

Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nifty Gifty Store across from Shop Smart on Watkins