

Here, There & Everywhere

POSITION PROFIT - “Identifying Your Skills,” a free Job Council employment search workshop, will be given in Cave Junction Thursday, Sept. 15. It’s part of a series at Illinois Valley Family Resource Center on E. River Street, in cooperation with I.V. Family Coalition. Workshops run Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The next two workshops will be Sept. 29, “Preparing a Resume,” and on Oct. 13, “Interview Techniques & The Five Essential Ingredients to a Successful Interview.” There is no child-care, and limited workshop seating. To sign up, phone 592-6139; or 476-1877, Ext. 305.

LANDMARK EVENT - A unique auction, believed to be the first of its type in this area, will involve the sale of 50 building lots at Hanby Vista Estates on Hanby Lane off N. Old Stage Road Saturday, Sept. 17. The auctioneer, beginning at 10:30 a.m., will be Jim Frick, broker for Century 21 Harris & Taylor. The parcels, said Frick, have “excellent views, city services and close proximity to shopping and a new medical center.” Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

“STAND DOWN!” - In military jargon, “Stand Down!” is an order to take a break and recuperate. A Southern Oregon Stand Down for homeless and disadvantaged veterans will be held Friday through Sunday, Sept. 16-18 at the V.A. So. Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinic (formerly known as the White City Domiciliary) near Medford. Free services will include V.A. benefits counseling, health screening, housing and employment information, legal services, and substance abuse counseling. Also available free: clothing, showers and haircuts. For transportation phone (800) 809-8725, Ext. 3619.

POSTIVE FOR KIDS - “Campaign 4 Kids” is the title of a fund-raising drive sponsored by Boys & Girls Clubs of Rogue Valley. More than 325 youth are members at the Illinois Valley site, directed by Scott Thornhill. The campaign aim is to help the club “subsidize the costs to provide recreation, education, health and life skills, music, arts, sports and leadership skills” to community youth. The club strives to ensure that youth “have a safe and positive place to go after school and during summers.” Donations can be sent to the club’s main office at 203 S.E. Ninth St., Grants Pass OR 97526.

NOTEPAD - A new contraction has arrived in the English language, courtesy of Natalie Kaplan, granddaughter of Cave Junction residents Bob & Jan Rodriguez. Thanks to Natalie, 3, of Carlsbad, Calif., we now have “amn’t,” for “am not” ... **Gary Luerding**, of O’Brien, wrote an original short story that has been published in the newly released book, “Chicken Soup For the Military Wife’s Soul” ... **Making wine** will be covered in evening classes in Central Point Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 4 and 6. The deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 26 by phoning 776-7371. The fee class is sponsored by Oregon State University Extension ... **Automatic sprinklers** and the details thereof will be covered during an OSU Extension class in Grants Pass Thursday, Sept. 29. Phone 476-6613 to sign up ... **Wearing the shoes** of a mayor is the topic of a poster and essay contest for seventh- and 10th-grade students. It’s co-sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities. For contest rules use orcities.org ... **A fiesta** at Selma Community Center will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in honor of Mexico’s independence day ... **Humorous headlines:** *Newspaper to recieve seven awards. *Here’s how to lick your dog’s sores. *Plot to kill officer had vicious side. *Infertility unlikely to be passed on. *Low wages said key to poverty.

LAST WORDS - Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon, and left one unexpended effort that might have saved the world. (Jane Addams)

Letters to the Editor

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posed logging every week. Those who come into our neighborhood might notice our yard signs encouraging people to check our website at www.stopbaldlick.com.

Since its inception, the group has learned that the Bald Lick project is contiguous with another BLM commercial logging project, Deadman’s Palm. We are still evaluating this project, but have reason to believe that it is similar in nature to Bald Lick, and we will likely choose to oppose it in a similar way.

As one of LANN’s members was quoted in the Aug. 9 Medford “Mail Tribune” about our recent Bald Lick at the BLM office, “We are not opposed to logging. We just want it to be in the right place in the right way.”

For that to happen we have repeatedly suggested

during the last three years that BLM seriously consider alternatives put forward by the community. A number of us have asked for a full Environmental Impact Statement on this project and its predecessor to no avail. We have asked on numerous occasions for a resolution process to proceed in a manner that can avoid litigation. BLM is so far unwilling.

The character of our communities and the nearby wildland will be degraded for the next 100 years by these commercial logging operations. So we join LANN in strenuously opposing the Bald Lick logging project and support legal efforts to halt its implementation as now proposed.

(Editor’s Note: The letter also indicated signatures representing 138 other individuals and organizations).

The environment is everything that isn’t me.

- Albert Einstein -

Firefighters saved structures, autos in Selma blaze

Although seven homes were lost to the recent 1,548-acre Deer Creek Conflagration, firefighters saved 21 homes and 33 outbuildings.

So noted Chief Harry Rich of Illinois Valley Fire District during a board of directors meeting at administrative headquarters Thursday night, Sept. 8.

Using information compiled by Oregon Dept. of Forestry, the chief reported that 17 outbuildings were lost, plus 17 smaller vehicles and three RVs. But 20 vehicles and five RVs were saved, he said.

During the major wildfire, Rich said that he didn’t get home for six days. He referred to eating “powdered eggs,” but declined to comment further.

The fire broke out Aug. 25, and was corralled more than a week later. At one point, approximately 2,000 wildland firefighters were using Lake Selmac as a fire

camp, as Gov. Kulongoski invoked the Oregon Conflagration Act, bringing statewide resources.

Rich said that at IVFD’s Station 2/Selma, which eventually became the staging area, he received a call from the governor asking what resources were needed.

The chief advised him of the needs, and Kulongoski assured him that everything possible would be done. “He was extremely concerned about our situation,” said Rich.

He noted that tremendous support began arriving only 10 hours after the initial call that resources in Josephine and Jackson counties were at their limits.

Rich added that Firefighter Sandy Humphres served as IVFD’s public information officer and that she did “a super job.”

Humphres said that Wal*Mart in Grants Pass deserves thanks. Store per-

sonnel, upon hearing about the fire, began providing numerous cases of bottled water and large amounts of food including sandwiches and salads.

“They couldn’t do enough for us,” she said.

Rich commented that areas of Illinois Valley -- including Selma -- contain heavy fuel loads, which can contribute to the spread of

wildfire. He said that residents must continue to plant green belts around their homes and ensure that they have fire-safe zones around their structures.

Using a power-point presentation, he showed how such techniques helped save many structures.

Information about such zones is available by phoning IVFD at 592-2225.

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- Fiorello LaGuardia -

I.V. Firefighters to the Rescue

Sunday, Aug. 28

*2:14 a.m., brush fire, 100 block S. Hussey Avenue.

*1:01 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 300 block S. Redwood Hwy.

*8:47 p.m., assist the public, 16000 block Redwood Hwy.

Monday, Aug. 29

*11:51 a.m., large vehicle fire, 900 block Kerby Mainline.

*1:07 p.m., assist the public, Ivy Drive.

*1:35 p.m., medical assist (M.A.), all with American Medical Response (AMR), 30000 block Redwood Hwy.

*4:45 p.m., M.A., Lake Selmac (fire camp).

*4:47 p.m., M.A., 100 block Smith Sawyer Road.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

*12:42 a.m., powerline problem, 1000 block Hayes Cut-Off.

*7:44 a.m., assist the public, 300 block W. Stevenson Street.

*4:55 p.m., powerline problem, 4000 block Holland Loop.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

*12:46 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy. in O’Brien.

*2:36 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy./Caves Hwy.

*3:14 p.m., M.A., 3000 block Rockydale Road.

*4:05 p.m., M.A., 200 block Ollis Road.

*8:16 p.m., M.A., 400 block W. River Street.

Thursday, Sept. 1

*7:14 a.m., M.A., 37000 block Redwood Hwy.

*7:33 a.m., districtwide medical standby (DiMS) for AMR.

*3:26 p.m., M.A., 5000 block Westside Road.

*3:55 p.m., M.A., 26000 block Redwood Hwy.

*3:57 p.m., DiMS.

*9:31 p.m., M.A., 28000 block Redwood Hwy.

*9:49 p.m., DiMS,

Friday, Sept. 2

*5:35 a.m., M.A., 100 block Smith Sawyer Road.

*10:56 a.m., natural gas leak, 200 block Warren Road.

*12:47 p.m., assist the public, Ivy Drive.

*1:49 p.m., M.A., 1000 block Lakeshore Drive.

*2:06 p.m., M.A., 200 block Dogwood Lane.

Saturday, Sept. 3

*2:08 p.m., M.A., Jubilee Park.

*2:11 p.m., DiMS.

Sunday, Sept. 4

*8:04 a.m., assist the public, 16000 block Redwood Hwy.

*1:47 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy./Kerby.

*10:27 p.m., brush fire, 200 block Draper Valley Road.

Monday, Sept. 5

*3:54 a.m., assist the public, 16000 block Redwood Hwy.

*11:13 a.m., outdoor smoke investigation, Deer

Creek Road/Crooks Creek.

*11:53 a.m., M.A., 100 block S. Redwood Hwy.

*12:28 p.m., assist the public, 200 block Ollis Road.

*4:04 p.m., brush fire, 500 block Martin Road.

*5:52 p.m., M.A., 18000 block Redwood Hwy.

*6:01 p.m., M.A., 2000 block Rockydale Road.

*6:02 p.m., DiMS.

*7:04 p.m., M.A., 300 block S. Kerby Avenue.

*7:08 p.m., DiMS.

*7:48 p.m., suspicious incident, Rockydale Road/Pinecone Drive.

*7:51 p.m., brush fire, 1000 block Thompson Creek.

*11:12 p.m., assist the public, Grayback Campground.

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