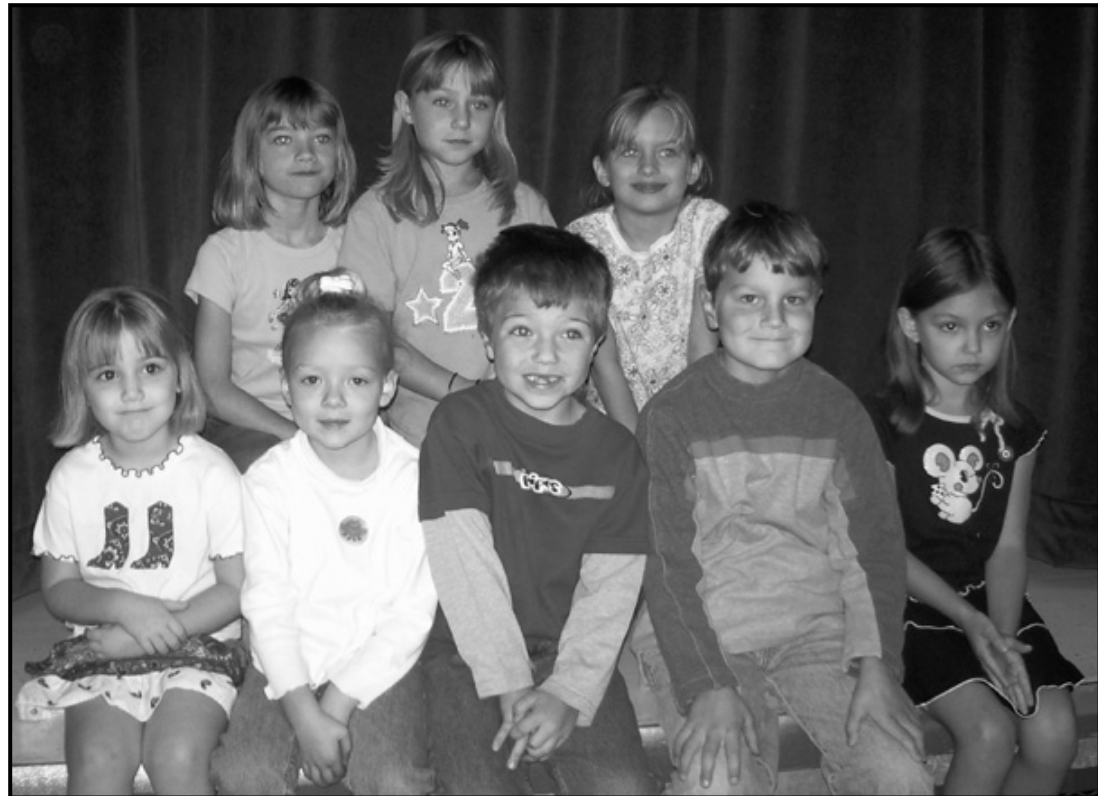




Evergreen Students of the Month with new auditorium stage curtain

There's a new stage curtain at Evergreen Elementary School thanks to several years of candy sales by fifth-grade students. The project to replace the old curtain was begun by Linda Woolfolk, a fifth-grade teacher who retired in 2003. The new drapery made a good backdrop for Evergreen's September Students of the Month. (Top photo, front from left) kindergarteners Savannah Atkins and Calila Cromwell, and first-graders Matthew Kendall, Ivan Thomas and Jadyn Sheets, and (rear from left) Alia Parker, Holly Renckens and Avery Neville. (Bottom photo, front from left) third-graders Logan Miller, Erika Anderson and Aldon Moore, and fourth-grader Keyanna Augustadt, and (rear from left) fourth-graders Carina Cromwell and Kylee Dice, and fifth-graders Bruce Arnett and Katy Jaynes. (Not shown) fifth-grader Kayla Young. The students were selected based on citizenship, attendance and meeting classroom goals. (Photos by 'Illinois Valley News')



Janet Bell appointed to lead county's Commission for Children and Families

Appointment of Janet Bell to the directorship position of Commission for Children and Families is announced by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners.

Bell will fill the position vacated by Sara McDonald in June.

The Commission for Children and Families manages and plans for the use of state dollars for Infant and Toddler Care, Youth Investment, Family Preservation and other state directed strategies.

The commission also plans and works with the local commission and other community partners in planning and addressing community needs as they relate

to children and families.

The commission recently was awarded continuation of Drug Free Communities funding through the federal Dept. of Justice.

Bell has been working with the commission in the position of department specialist since 1998. She has an associate of arts degree from Rogue Community College, and has extensive training regarding commission issues.

Bell has vast knowledge and experience regarding CCF funding, program contracts, data collection and state requirements, said county Commissioner Dwight Ellis.

"The citizens of Josephine County are extremely

fortunate that Janet Bell has accepted the director position," he said. "She is the natural and unanimous choice of the board of commissioners, having served seven outstanding years as office manager, including four months as interim director.

"More importantly, Janet's heart is clearly into helping our own local children and families and we can now rest assured the commission is in good hands," he said.

Under the county's reorganization, the commission is under the umbrella of the Community Justice Dept.

The commission phone number is 474-5234.

Land-use review set by county

Amendments to the Josephine County comprehensive plan and land-use regulations will be considered by county commissioners Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The public meeting, during which public comment will be received, will be held in Anne Basker Auditorium adjacent to the county courthouse in Grants Pass beginning at 9 a.m.

These amendments will implement changes in the county's rules for mineral and aggregate mining, development setbacks from rivers and streams and the development of new dwellings within areas of critical deer habitat, said Michael Snider, county planning department director.

The proposed legislative actions are to:

*Amend the county's comprehensive plan, Goals and Policies, at Goal 7 - Preserve Valuable Limited Resources, Unique Natural Areas and Historic Features.

Also, amend Goal 10 - Depict a Land Use Pattern to Guide Future Uses, to Implement the Desires of the County and to Meet the Requirements of the State of Oregon (these amendments revise the description for the Mineral and Aggregate Resource Zone and add a new description for the limited Development Zone).

*Amend the county Rural Land Development Code at Article 11.030 - Definitions; Article 66.1 - Mineral & Aggregate Resource Zone; Article 42.030- Initiation of Site Plan Review; Article 69.2- Deer Overlay; Article 72-Height, Setbacks & Accessory Structures; and Article 91-Development Standards for Mineral & Aggregate Operations.

All the foregoing amendments, said Snider, are included in the county's periodic review agreement with the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for updating its land-use program. These matters were covered in a prior decision by the county that has been remanded by DLCD to the county for further action.

The proposed amendments can be downloaded at: co.josephine.or.us (select in this order: "Departments," "Planning," "Aggregate, Riparian & Wildlife Amendments").

For inquiries or comments, visit the planning office at 510 N.W. Fourth St., Grants Pass; phone 474-5421; or use planning@co.josephine.or.us.

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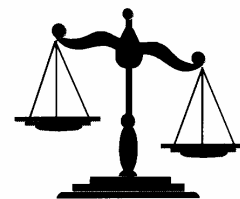


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