



PLENTY O' PUMPKINS - Halloween will fall on Monday, Oct. 31 and Illinois Valley has its share of gourds ready for becoming jack-o'-lanterns. A pumpkin bounty is enjoyed by Natalie Kaplan, 3, and her sister, Ella, 5 months, who are grandchildren of Cave Junction residents Bob and Jan Rodriguez. In Illinois Val-

ley, pumpkins are available at stores including Shop Smart Food Warehouse, and locations including Kerbyville Farm. The latter also has available its 'terrifying corn stalk maze' open for those who dare. And remember, daylight saving time will end Sunday, Oct. 30. (Photo by Vicki Kaplan)



THE COUGAR SOCCER team beat Rogue River 5-2 Saturday, Oct. 15 in a groundbreaking game marking the first time an Illinois Valley futbol squad has played under the lights and on the school football field. The victory puts I.V. at 3-6 and keep alive its chances for reaching the Skyline Conference play-offs. Jessea Mucha and Andres Mendoza scored in the first half; then Mendoza kicked in three goals in the second half to seal the victory. Assisting were Mucha, Max Hoffman, and J.D. Neal. Prior to the game, coach Gary Enoch stressed the



importance of winning to stay in the playoffs. (Photos by 'Illinois Valley News')

BLM sets aggressive burning program

To reduce the potential for large wildfires and restore fire adapted ecosystems, the Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will continue an aggressive fuels reduction program this fall and winter. The Medford District said that it has been working to reduce fire hazard on public land since 1996. This past year, more than 25,000 acres of public lands were treated on Medford District BLM lands (27 percent of the total BLM Oregon/Washington state accomplishment). "Reducing fuels and restoring forest health is a high-priority program for BLM," said Tim Reuwsaat, Medford District manager. "We are committed," he said, "to protecting lives, property and resources and restoring natural resources. It is essential that we proactively manage our forests now to reduce the potential for large uncontrolled wildfires in the future." In total, more than 11,000 acres may be burned this fall and winter on public lands across the Medford District. Much of the burning will occur on lands identified as high-priority wildland ur-

ban interface. Wildland urban interface refers to public or private lands which are intermingled with forests and grasslands and are at risk to wildland fires. Almost, 1,000 acres are planned for underburning this fall. Underburning involves burning brush and ground fuels while protecting the trees overhead. Hand pile burning is planned for approximately 10,000 acres starting in late fall and lasting into early winter. Prescribed burning is planned for the following locations: Applegate Valley: Underburning is planned for one 500-acre area within

the old Squire's Peak Fire boundary as part of a maintenance treatment. Two small research burns (1 acre each) are planned this fall near Hukil Hollow and China Gulch. The purpose of the research is to determine the effects of various mechanical and burn treatments on soils and vegetation. Winter hand pile burning on approximately 2,200 acres is planned in the Applegate Valley, mainly in the Jack-sonville and Buncom areas. Howard Prairie: A single 90-acre under-

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Flu season approaches; inoculations suggested

Oregon's first culture-confirmed influenza case of the season has been reported by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory, officials in the Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS) said last week. The case of influenza A occurred in an Oregon woman who acquired it while visiting in California, said Dr. Susan Allan, public health director in DHS. Allan said that influenza is occurring in scattered parts of the country outside Oregon, but that no significant outbreaks have been reported so far. "This is a timely reminder to start making plans for getting a flu vaccination," Allan said. "Although this person became infected while traveling out-of-state, it's a definite sign that flu season is on its way." Oregon expects to have adequate supplies of flu vaccine this year, although much of the supply is expected in late October and though November, Allan said. Because health officials weren't sure when all vaccine would arrive due to anticipated shipping delays, in early September DHS announced priority guidelines for who should receive early vaccination. Through Oct. 23, only people in the following high-priority groups are eligible to receive a flu shot: *Children ages 6 to 23 months. *Adults 65 and older. *Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. *Anyone 2 to 64 with

underlying medical conditions. *Pregnant women. *Health-care personnel in direct patient care. *Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children younger than 6 months. Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV), the nasal spray marketed as FluMistTM, is an excellent alternative for healthy people between 5 and 49, most health care workers and those who have contacts with infants, Allan said. LAIV is only licensed for administration to these age groups. Starting Monday, Oct. 24, flu shots will be opened up to people of all ages, according to Allan. "At that time, I strongly encourage anyone who wants to avoid becoming sick with influenza or avoid spreading it to friends and family to seek vaccination," she said. Allan said if supplies are delayed or reduced further, health officials will inform providers and the public so that those at risk of complications can be given priority for vaccination. Influenza symptoms typically include abrupt onset of high fever, headache, sore throat, cough, and muscle aches. Other respiratory infections that can be confused with influenza are usually milder and are more likely to start with a sore throat, sneezing, runny nose and slight fever. Persons seeking a vaccination should check with their health-care provider, county health office or the flu hotline: (800) 978-3040.



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