

Death care fee, issues meet topic

A free Lovejoy Hospice program, “Taking Control of Death Care Costs and Issues,” will be presented Monday, Nov. 14.

The presentation will be facilitated by Beverly Brooks, pre-arrangement adviser at Hillcrest Memorial Park; and Lyn Stanger, funeral service practitioner at Hull and Hull Funeral Directors.

The special two-hour program will be held at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. St. from 11 a.m. to 1 pm.

Each participant will receive a free packet of information including how to pre-arrange for funerals and final disposition, Guests are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Beverages and a dessert will be provided.

Phone 474-1193 or (888) 758-8569 to register and for further information.

The presentation will be designed as a lively round-table discussion following a short video presentation. A panel will be available to answer specific questions from the audience.

The presentation will be particularly helpful to family members, religious leaders, social workers and caregivers, said Lovejoy. A goal of the program is to help prevent the stress and sometimes crisis which may occur at the time of death.

“For everyone, the questions about death care and the costs are difficult, and this program is designed to help,” said Stanger. “One way to make these decisions less stressful is to plan and use resources in our community to pre-arrange those services you most desire.”

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Raffenburg, “doing the same work. Nothing changed on July 1 because budget year ’05-’06 was meant to be a year of transition.

“It was intended to be ‘revenue neutral’ for employees, meaning no further benefit cuts and no salary cuts or raises.

“The reorganization was meant to be a consolidation, not an expansion of county government. Once the transition was complete, by June 30, 2006, and if there were then really new responsibilities for these positions, changes in compensation could have occurred, after identifying other positions that had reductions in responsibilities.”

He disagrees that there is more responsibility, noting that the county had 14 department heads before reorganization, and that now there are 12.

In a final comment, Raffenburg said, “Other management pay raise requests have already started coming in. These raises may be just the beginning.”

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IVCDO, chamber ...

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May. The deadline for replies from board members regarding the draft was Monday, Oct. 31, and Ackerman said that the only response had come from the chamber of commerce. He was going to telephone other center directors Monday to see if they had comments on the draft MOU.

Other center partners listed by Ackerman, besides the park service, IVCDO and chamber, are the city of Cave Junction, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

Ackerman said that the center board wants to have a final MOU agreement by Jan. 1. That would provide adequate lead-time for IVCDO to assume operational authority for the visitor center.

It plans to have the site open every day except major holidays. Currently the facility is closed Sundays and Mondays.

One concern expressed by the chamber in a letter to Ackerman from President Terri Smith concerns the planned sale of various items.

Smith wrote, “The chamber feels that opening the visitor center as a retail store goes against the original MOU and the purpose of the center. It would then be in direct competition with other retail outlets in Cave Junction, most of which are chamber members. Items for sale should include merchandise from local chamber members.”

A response from Bob Schumacher, IVCDO executive director, disputes that contention.

“There are at most 10 of the 100 members that would be considered retail outlets other than restaurants,” he wrote. “They consist,” he added, “of three supermarkets, two artists, a gas station, a pharmacy, a building supply center, a hardware store and an outdoor power equipment dealer.

“I don’t believe that selling the type of merchandise that is sold at the Chateau (at the Caves) would be in direct competition with any of these businesses.

“IVCDO strives to promote local businesses including those represented in the chamber. IVCDO has patronized 33 of the current 100 chamber members.

“In our efforts with the Chateau,” Schumacher continued, “we hire and source product locally whenever

Amy’s Kitchen seeking permit

A permit application from Amy’s Kitchen Inc. requesting a Dept. of the Army permit for fill work in water in Jackson County is under review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project is in White City west and south of Antelope Road and east of Whetstone Creek.

The proposed action would discharge approximately 6,800 cubic yards of

possible. To this end we annually contribute \$250,000 in payroll and another \$100,000 in sales of locally produced food, supplies and gift items to Illinois Valley.”

He noted that, as he said during the chamber’s October board meeting, “Our purpose is to increase the hours of operation of the visitor center and contribute to its maintenance with the goal of increasing tourism and tourism dollars.

“This is not possible with current federal funding, and is likely to decrease as this funding is reduced in the near future. “Therefore,” said Schmacher, “another source of revenue must be found. We offer a solution to this problem.”

He further noted that the chamber and IVCDO need to continue to work together, as they share a common goal of establishing sustainable economic development in the community. Tourism, he said, is a major factor in this development.

Other concerns expressed by the chamber have not yet been addressed. They are comprised of the following:

“The chamber feels that by moving it to the back office it would lose visibility,” wrote Smith. “Our purpose,” she said, “is primarily to promote tourism. Locating the chamber to the back office would make it next to impossible to meet and greet tourists traveling through.

“The large room adjacent to the main visitor center would be an ideal location for a sales counter and cash register to be used by IVCDO personnel to conduct their retail business. The IVCDO agency staff could then be located to the back office, which would provide them more privacy.”

The chamber board also takes issue regarding its possibly being charged rent, with IVCDO taking over payment of the electric bill.

The chamber partnership agreement has always been to pay the power bill charges for the visitor center, Smith wrote.

“To remove us from this responsibility and then charge rent would mean taking away the partnership agreement and reducing the chamber to a renter’s status,” said Smith. “This could lead to eviction in the future.

“The chamber disagrees with this arrangement,” Smith concluded.

fill, affecting approximately 1.37 acres of drainages and wetlands including some 0.03 acres of wetlands.

The construction would include an organic food processing plant, warehouses, offices and distribution center. Comments must be received by Saturday, Nov. 5.

A copy of the public notice may be found at nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/docs/notices/200500594.pdf.



THOSE ARE SOME BIG LEAVES! - Selma resident David D. Myers found some huge broad-leaf maple foliage, said to have come from what he called a “thick bush,” 6-foot tall and with a trunk diameter of 3/4-inch. The leaves, brought to the ‘News’ office, measured 19 inches in width. Myers is wondering whether anyone else in the valley has leaves of similar size. (Photo by ‘Illinois Valley News’).

After hurricanes, used car buyers need to fear more than flooded carburetors

More than half a million cars may have been ruined by flooding from hurricanes “Katrina” and “Rita” along the Gulf Coast, according to estimates by the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Hurricane “Wilma” may add to those numbers.

That may be thousands of miles away, but even Oregonians in the market for a used car need to beware, warns Oregon DMV.

“Moving totaled cars from state to state and concealing their histories is a national problem, even without hurricanes,” said Chris Ratliff, manager of DMV’s Business Regulation Unit.

“Unscrupulous individuals,” he said, “may try to prey on consumers looking for a bargain. Any time a deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is. That’s particularly true of cars.”

The number of vehicles damaged by the recent hurricanes is so large that the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has created a database of vehicles affected by “Katrina” and “Rita.” NICB is allowing the public to check vehicle identification numbers at nicb.org.

Consumers often wonder why a little water is such a big problem for vehicles. But submersion in water causes severe damage, particularly when water enters the passenger compartment:

*Water and electronics don’t mix. Modern vehicles are full of electronics, controlling the engine, transmission, emission control devices, dash board, warning lights, external lights and entertainment systems.

These chips may be located inside the dash or even under the seats. Failure of a single chip could result in severe damage to the engine, for example.

*No more new-car

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odor. Cleaning carpets and seats may improve the appearance of a flooded car’s interior, but mold and residues may remain.

*Salt is corrosive to metal. The breach of Lake Ponchartrain sent saltwater into New Orleans after “Katrina.” The effects of salt corrosion may take time to show up as failures in electronic systems and engine components.

There is no guaranteed way to avoid buying a damaged car, yet Oregonians shopping for a used car during the next several months can reduce their risks by taking a few precautions:

*Inspect the vehicle. Look for signs of water, mud, corrosion or residue in spots including carpet, upholstery, the glove box, inside the dash if that’s easy to examine, and inside tail light fixtures.

*Hire a professional mechanic to inspect a vehicle before purchase.

*Ask for VIN and check it at nicb.org or against online services such as Carfax or Experian. Or ask your auto insurance agent to check a VIN.

*Ask the seller to show you the title and check for title brands such as “salvage” or “flooded.”

*Shop for a used vehicle among licensed auto dealers, who are eager to avoid damaged cars as consumers are. Oregonians can find out whether a dealer is licensed by visiting the Business section of OregonDMV.com.

Car buyers who later discover that the seller did not disclose information about the condition of a vehicle, such as flood damage, may find it difficult to get their money refunded. They may need to hire a lawyer. Consumers also may download a fraud report form at the Oregon Dept. of Justice at doj.state.or.us or oregon.gov/DOJ.

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