



**OUTSTANDING AT EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY** -- October Students of the Month have been honored at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction. They are chosen primarily on attendance and citizenship, with academic achievement having some bearing. (Rear, from left) Malachi Shepersky, Rachel Mason, Seth Williams, Lander Nordal, Tyler Bethke, Montee Gallegos, and Principal Nancy Brown. (Center, from left) Candice Saari, Jaycee Fredrickson, T.J. Buckmaster, Camron Atteberry, and Isaac Stephens. (Front, from left) Heather Bemis, Christopher Vineyard, Freddie Layman, Trajan Mortan, and Dallas Rogers. Ariana Stradler was absent. Also, Kayla Young was absent for the September of the Month photo. ('Illinois Valley News' photo)

## Truckers, four-wheelers provided traction device driving tips to avoid accidents during wintertime

Oregon's weather can change quickly and without warning.

As winter weather has hit early, the Oregon State Police kicked off stepped-up enforcement efforts with a special emphasis on enforcing motor carrier chain law requirements in mountain passes.

Every winter, there is an increase in the number of motor vehicle crashes in highway mountain passes on interstate and state highways that have significant effect on them.

In many cases these crashes are associated with excessive speed and traveling without required chain equipment.

Earlier this month, OSP conducted a one-day enforcement effort on selected

Truck Safety Corridor locations and selected mountain passes around the state. Siskiyou Summit on Interstate 5 was included.

OSP chain enforcement efforts received a boost this year with a \$38,678 grant from ODOT's Transportation Safety Division to provide 630 hours of overtime enforcement in 12 selected mountain passes.

The goal of this project is to emphasize to drivers the importance of being prepared for the coming driving challenges by having the appropriate chain equipment when driving in those areas where they would be required," said OSP.

A similar special enforcement effort last year during a two-day period found that approximately 20 percent of the more than 150 commercial trucks stopped were in violation.

Other mountain passes identified for increased enforcement during the winter season include: I-5, Sexton Mountain (between Roseburg and Grants Pass); Hwy. 140, Doak Mountain and Seldom Hill (near Lake of the Woods).

Commercial motor ve-

hicles stopped will be inspected for compliance with Oregon law requiring the carrying of a sufficient number of chains needed for chaining up during conditions when they would be required.

Information regarding Oregon's chain-up laws may be found at [tripcheck.com](http://tripcheck.com) in the "Winter Travel Info" link.

OSP and ODOT suggest the following tips on chaining up and driving with chains:

- \*Check your vehicle operator's manual for the right type and size of chains to use.
- \*Ensure that chains are the proper size, and don't deflate tires to install chains.
- \*Practice installing your chains before you leave home, not on the side of the road when you need them.
- \*Don't wait until you lose control before chaining up your vehicle.
- \*After you have installed your chains, drive for a short distance and the stop in a safe place to retighten chains.
- \*Pull over and stop immediately if any part of a chain fails or loosens.

- \*Don't drive faster than 30 mph when using chains. Speed up and slow down slowly. Avoid spinning or locking your wheels.
- \*Remember: you can slide even with chains, so drive carefully and slowly.

In Oregon, phone 511 for road conditions or (800) 977-ODOT (6368). Outside Oregon, use (503) 588-2941. Reports are available 24 hours a day.

## Holiday food safety noted

The holiday season is a great time to renew your acquaintance with good and safe food handling techniques, according to the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA).

During the holiday season many turkeys, hams and specialty foods are cooked in large portions. It is necessary, said ODA, to ensure that good food-handling practices are occurring during this time, as they affect larger numbers of people than usual.

Cooks need to be aware of cross-contamination and the importance of sanitation when preparing a large meal. Washing hands and utensils is a simple practice that can prevent a potentially serious problem, said ODA.

Food should not be kept out more than a total of four hours. The danger zone is 40 to 140 degrees F.



### Stag Day

Saturday, Dec. 10 at  
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2027 Deer Creek Rd.

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## Man jailed for sex on Greyhound

A 23-year old Washington state man was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 15 near Medford after Oregon State Police investigated a sexual abuse allegation involving a 15-year old girl on a Greyhound bus.

Arturo Hernandez-Luis was interviewed at length, and taken into custody on two counts of third-degree sex abuse and lodged in the Jackson County Jail.

Troopers were dispatched to a northbound Greyhound bus stopped on Interstate 5 near milepost 32. They contacted the bus driver and the suspect outside the bus. The driver told troopers that the man had assaulted a 15-year-old female while they were passengers on the bus.

The victim, suspect and witnesses were taken to the Central Point OSP office for interviews.

The victim had contacted the bus driver while they were northbound on I-5 and informed him of the allegation.

The driver called 911, stopped the bus and ordered the suspect off the bus until law enforcement arrived. The bus had more than 50 passengers aboard, according to OSP.

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## Southern Oregon Sanitation

We will be running our regular routes on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.



The Kerby Transfer Station and the main office in Grants Pass will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

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