

Illegal burn citations

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special deputies. Pope’s contention was that the wording means that all fire-fighters can issue citations.

He was advised by IVFD legal counsel Ken Jones, of Eugene, that such a situation is highly unlikely. He explained that even if someone other than one of the special deputies were designated, one of the three would have to sign the citation.

Also in relation to the ordinance, Bill Wagner urged the board to table its consideration until a letter could be written to the state seeking funds to enforce inspections. He said he feels that state-mandated codes for such enforcement should be paid for by the state.

Jones advised him that if the ordinance were delayed, it could prevent citi-

zens from having burn piles. He told the directors that the decision is entirely up to them because the issue of enforcement is not an obligation, and that if there is insufficient funding for inspections, they do not have to be conducted.

Director Joel Downing noted that most often, inspections occur when there is an emergency response for a noxious or out-of-control burn. There is no added cost, he noted, because firefighters are already on scene.

In another matter, Mike Barty, a former IVFD chief, asked that the most current resume information about Rich be provided. He had been given the chief’s packet, but it apparently did not include data about his work prior to IVFD.

Rich assured Barty that he would provide the data.



CHELSEA CAVIN

Chelsea Cavin honored by Belt Lodge as top student

Chelsea Cavin, a senior at Illinois Valley High School, is January Student of the Month chosen by Kerby Belt Lodge AF&AM.

She is the daughter of John Cavin and Erica Lundberg. She has maintained a 3.4 grade-point average.

Cavin has held the offices of freshman class treasurer and senior class vice president. She is a member of Passages, Cougar Pals, American Red Cross, Day of Respect, Student Government, Youth Group and played volleyball her freshman year. She attended Girls State in summer 2005.

Cavin has received the Outstanding Attendance and Student of the Month awards.

After graduation, she will attend either the University of Oregon or Lane Community College, both in Eugene. She hopes to major in forensic pathology with a minor in photography.

Fire seat vacancy deadline set

Those wanting to fill a vacant seat on the Illinois Valley Fire District Board of Directors have until Tuesday, Jan. 31 to file.

The board wants some-

one to fill the expired term of Don Haviland, who resigned last year because of health reasons.

For filing information phone 592-2225.

County strike solved with a new contract

A strike of slightly less than four days by some Josephine County employees ended Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12, when a tentative agreement was reached.

Approximately 200 members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees struck Monday, Jan. 9. Some 350 of the county’s 650 full- and part-time employees belong to that union.

The dispute was mostly about benefits. The county was offering a 1.2 percent pay rise, but requiring that workers accept fewer vacation and sick days. The county also wanted to eliminate county contributions to a deferred compensation program.

Details of the apparent contract agreement reached will not be released until sometime this week after the pact is signed. It is to be in effect through June 30, 2007.

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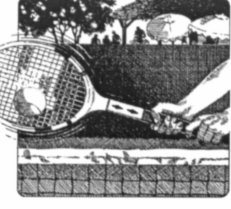


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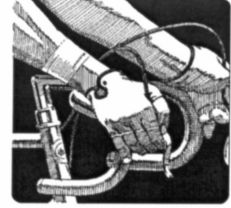
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OSP nabs 8.5 pounds of crystal meth, \$12k cash

Three men were taken into custody early Saturday morning, Jan. 14 near Medford following a traffic stop that led to the discovery of approximately 8.5 pounds of crystal methamphetamine and nearly \$12,000 cash.

Oregon State Police drug enforcement detectives estimated the drug seizure value between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

OSP said that at approximately 3:30 a.m., Troopers Stephanie Bigman and Greg Costanzo, with Sgt. Mark Byrd, were involved in a traffic stop of a 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe with Washington license plates on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 18 for a traffic violation.

During the stop, troopers received consent to search

the sport utility vehicle.

During the search, “Cookie,” a drug detection canine, “alerted on the vehicle.”

Closer inspection, said OSP, led to the discovery of approximately 8.5 pounds of crystal methamphetamine concealed inside the vehicle.

The vehicle’s three occupants, believed to be from Washington state, were taken into custody and are identified as:

The driver, Bertoldo Orta-Garcia, 27; and passengers Jose Lopez Vasquez, 45; and Feliz Pacheco, 25. They were lodged in Jackson County Jail on charges of manufacturing, distribution, and possession of a controlled substance.

OSP is continuing the investigation.

Park service seeks guides for tours at Oregon Caves

Applications to serve as a guide at Oregon Caves National Monument are available through the National Park Service at jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/qhwebfedib.exe.

Persons can apply from Jan. 18 to 25 for jobs that will run from March 13 to Sept. 6; from March 5 to 11 for jobs that will run from May 21 to Nov. 18; and from March 19 to 26 for positions that will run from June 4 to Nov. 27.

No mailed applications will be accepted.

Typical assignments as a cave guide include working in a cave with a constant temperature of 42 degrees F, and stooping and bending during tours.

Successful candidates will give up to four cave tours daily with an accumulated walking distance of 2 miles and climbing a total elevation gain of 1,000 feet each working day.

Other assignments can include conducting Nature walks, leading history tours of Oregon Caves Lodge and working with school groups.

Guides wear park service uniforms, and must properly represent the agency.

Guides will work eight hours a day five days a week with two days off. There could be overtime.

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