



Savor the Valley benefit for SCHC planned June 24

Bridgeview Vineyards and Winery will host Savor the Valley, a benefit celebration and auction for Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) on June 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. at 4210 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction.

Guests will taste wine from area vineyards including Bridgeview Vineyards, Bear Creek Vineyards, Foris Vineyards and Deer Creek Vineyards & Winery.

Local restaurants and caterers will provide fine cuisine for guests to sample. Participating will be Carlos Restaurante, Kate Dwyer, McGrews, Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Stevereno's Family Restaurant, Taylor's Sausage Inc., The Lodge at

Riverside Catering, and Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

Two popular local bands, "Deja Blues" and "Jefferson," will perform.

Tickets are available at SCHC medical and dental clinics; US Bank, Grants Pass Downtown Branch; Home Valley Bank, Cave Junction Branch; and Bridgeview Vineyards; or savorthevalley.com.

All proceeds from the event will support the capital campaign for the new medical clinic that SCHC is building in Cave Junction.

Silent and open auctions will be held throughout the evening, with Jim Frick, of Century 21 Harris & Taylor, serving as auctioneer. Art

work from local artisans, river excursions, jewelry, and vacation trips are among items that have been donated for the auction.

A 2007 Rose Bowl Game and Parade Ticket Package for four is one of the premier auction items.

Event sponsors are Bridgeview Vineyards and Winery, Fire Mountain Gems, US Bank, Sterling Development and Investment LLC, and Shop Smart Food Warehouse.

SCHC broke ground for its new 10,000-square-foot medical clinic, located at 25647 Redwood Hwy, on Aug. 11, 2005. It's anticipated that the clinic is will open in fall 2006. The new building will replace the

clinic's current facility and will allow SCHC to expand services and add family medicine providers to meet the needs of the growing Illinois Valley community.

Three Rivers Hospital will operate laboratory and X-ray facilities in the building, which will serve all Illinois Valley residents.

SCHC, through its Choose to Care Capital Campaign, is conducting a community fund-raising campaign, which has so far netted donations of nearly \$1.9 million from the community and private foundations toward the \$3.25 million goal. Ninety percent of SCHC's staff and board of directors have donated money for the new clinic.

dent and CEO.

"However, as the leading provider of health-care services in the region, we have a responsibility to promote and support healthy living," he said.

In the absence of a statewide ban on tobacco use at hospitals, Asante voluntarily joins a handful of other health-care providers in Oregon that have made the commitment to go tobacco-free for health of their employees and patients.

Primary election results

Brian Anderson and Gil Gilbertson will duel in the Nov. 7 primary election for Josephine County sheriff, while Dave Daniel and Dave Toler will have a showdown for Position 1 on the county board of commissioners.

That's according to final, unofficial results from the county clerk's office. The turnout for the vote-by-mail general election was 45 percent, it reported.

Daniel, of Wilderville, is currently county sheriff, and garnered 5,849 votes. Toler, an Illinois Valley resident and a member of the Three Rivers School District board, captured 5,504 votes.

Anderson, current county undersheriff, would have been swept into office without needing the general election if he had received more than a 50 percent majority. He received 10,351 votes representing 49.17 percent of voters.

His closest opponent, Gilbertson, got 5,999 votes for 28.50 percent. Gilbertson's background encompasses municipal and military law enforcement experience.

Others who were in the race for sheriff --

*Selma resident Donald L. Fasching: 2,594.

*William Spike Kelly, a county jail deputy: 2,026.

For commissioner --
*Selma resident James Rafferty: 3,964.

*Incumbent Jim Riddle: 3,591.

*Paul Walter, of Merlin: 1,949.

*I.V. resident Craig "Festus" Heiller: 515.

For the Second Congressional District seat, four-term incumbent Greg Walden, a Republican, will face Democrat Carol Voisin, of Ashland.

For governor, incumbent Democrat Ted Kulon-goski will be against Ron Saxton. Republican Jason Atkinson, currently Oregon District 2 senator, is out of the running for governor, although he received strong support from S.W. Oregon.

Other statewide results:
*Incumbent Peter DeFazio in the Congressional 4th District will face Republican Jim Feldkamp.

*For Oregon House District 3, Republican Ron Maurer will square off vs. Howard Owens. Both were unopposed in seeking the seat being vacated by two-term veteran Gordon Anderson.

*Susan Castillo, superintendent of Oregon schools, easily won a second term against paltry opposition.

Hearing pending on JoCo \$\$

An approved Josephine County budget of \$103.4 million will be considered for adoption by the board of county commissioners.

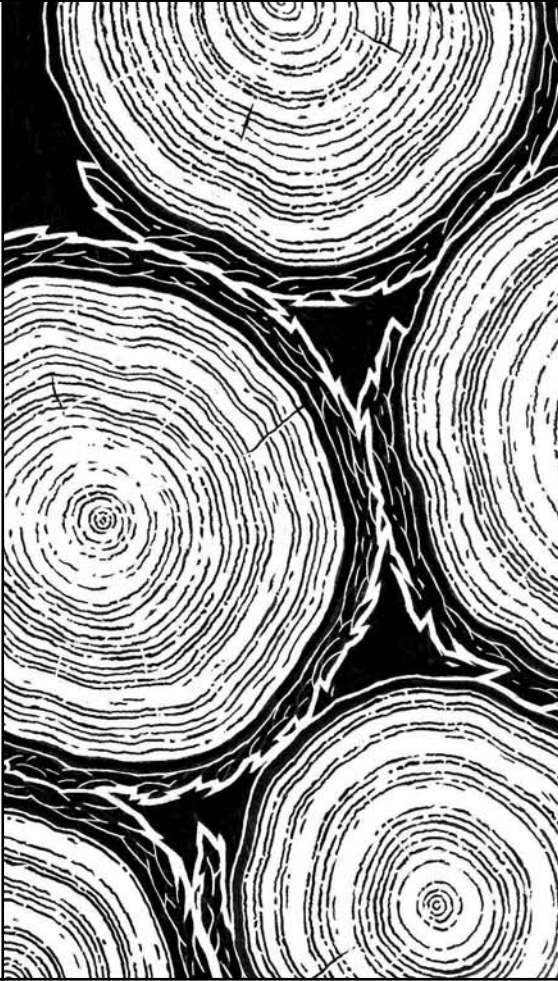
The Budget Committee met Thursday, May 18 in Grants Pass and forwarded the budget. County commissioners sit on the committee.

A public hearing will precede consideration of adopting the figures, mostly comprised of state and federal "pass-through" money for various in-county programs.

A date for the public hearing was not immediately available.

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