



NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION in Cave Junction continues at a steady pace. Approximately 300 homes are planned, under construction or recently completed within the city limits. The new residences include some gated communities. Besides new homes, a new medical clinic is under

construction by Siskiyou Community Medical Center. Three Rivers Community Hospital is to be a partner in the clinic. There also are plans to expand Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course and add homes and businesses. (Photos by 'Illinois Valley News')

Oregonians said opening wallets for charitable aid

Charitable giving in Oregon steadily increased during the past decade and topped \$1 billion for the first time in 2003, the most recent year tax data is available, according to a new report by the Giving in Oregon Council.

The council is a committee of The Oregon Community Foundation, and this is its 10th anniversary report.

Giving increased every year during the decade with the one exception of the recession in 2001-2002, when giving declined by 2.2 percent.

Key findings in the report:

*Oregon's nonprofit organizations reported a significant 16.7 percent increase in giving in 2003.

*Total donations received by Oregon's nonprofit organizations increased more than 50 percent during the 1997 to 2003 period.

*Compared to other states, Oregon ranks 15th nationally in giving as measured by the percentage of income donated for charitable causes. Oregonians give on average 2.45 percent of their personal income, while the national average is 2.32 percent.

*Oregon reported 9,880 operating nonprofit organizations in 2003, up from 7,944 in 1997. The number of nonprofit organizations has increased at an average rate of 322 per year during the past seven years.

The Giving in Oregon Report tracks donations to nonprofit organizations registered with the State Attorney General's Office. It also analyzes federal tax return data showing the number of charitable donations claimed as deductions by Oregon taxpayers.

"We are impressed how strongly giving is increasing in Oregon," said Greg Chaillé, president of The Oregon Community Foundation. "Giving in Oregon is growing faster than the national average, despite our weakened economy."

"This says: 'We care about our communities'," Chaillé said.

Education organizations, and primarily higher education, received the lion's share of Oregonian's donations during 2003 at more than \$333 million. This was followed by human services (\$104 million), the arts (\$94 million), and environmental groups (\$78 million) as the top four categories of giving.

New to this year's report is an "early filer" section reporting on tax returns

for 2004. This data shows giving increased by about 6 percent from 2003 into 2004.

The report concludes that philanthropy has become a vital resource for sustaining Oregon's quality of life. Total revenues to Oregon's nonprofit organizations (donations plus fee and earned income) now top \$10 billion. This compares to the state general fund budget of \$5.3 billion per year.

"Name the issue, and you can bet Oregonians are turning to nonprofit organizations to help address it," Chaillé said. "And nonprofits cannot exist without charitable giving. It is vital to our future, and Oregonians are doing a good job," Chaillé said.



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Josephine County Report



What is Josephine County Community Justice?

Article By Marie Hill

Josephine County Community Justice is a multiple pronged public safety agency focusing on three major service areas:

- Adult Parole and Probation
- Juvenile Justice
- Commission for Children and Families

In many counties these services are separated into individual departments. The Board of Commissioners consolidated Jo Co programs under one umbrella to increase efficiencies and reduce costs.

Adult Parole and Probation is responsible for the supervision of adult offenders who are on probation, parole or post-prison supervision. Parole and probation officers are housed in the office at 237 SE "J" street, and the work crew, home detention and counseling staff are housed at 305 NW "D" street.

The County currently supervises 1063 criminal offenders, 891 of who have been convicted of a felony. The goals are to insure that offenders comply with conditions set out by the court or parole board, to insure public safety and to enhance offenders' motivation to change their thinking and behavior so they successfully move out of the criminal justice system.

Juvenile Justice consists of court services to Family Court, juvenile probation and diversion programs, mediation services, Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Juvenile Shelter Detention program. The Juvenile Division is located at 301 NW "F" street and currently supervises 259 youth who have either been adjudicated by the courts, are participating on a diversion program or are in the intake process. All youth referred to the department receive some level of service depending upon risk and need.

The Juvenile Shelter Detention facility is located immediately behind the Juvenile Justice building and has a capacity for 30 youth who are either housed in detention for delinquency behavior, or housed in shelter as a result of dependency.



Volunteer Day Reception

April 28, 2006

Thank you!

On Friday, April 28th the Board of Commissioner's office hosted a reception for the many wonderful volunteers who help Josephine County in their day to day operations.

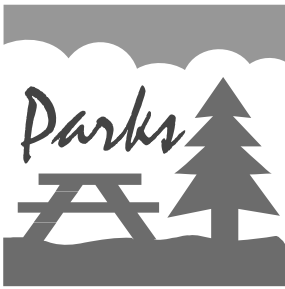
Many County departments count on volunteers as an integral part of their work force. Their worth in dollars is priceless. Among the volunteers recognized this year was Margarite Hawthorne. Ms. Hawthorne has a 26-year history with Community Justice as a volunteer. Kelly Wessels (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) honored her with a special Presidential Award signed by President Bush. At 98, Ms. Hawthorne has finally decided to retire!

Josephine County Commissioners would like to convey a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals who share countless hours of their time and devotion helping citizens of Josephine County. ■



Commissioner Dwight F. Ellis
Presented Evelyn Beltz with an
appreciation gift.

The Commission for Children and Families system was established through State Legislation and charged with the responsibility of supporting local efforts aimed at health, safety and well being of children birth to eighteen years of age. The Josephine County Commission Advisory Board is appointed by the Board of Commissioners to plan, advocate, and educate the community to act on behalf of children and families. This department also manages state and federal Grant funds that come to the County through the State Commission, promote the 40 developmental Assets Initiative, and provide support to the Substance Abuse Community Action Team Coalition. ■



Upcoming Events



June 10th

Fishing Derby at Lake Selmac sponsored by Middle Rogue Steelheaders. A free fishing day for everybody in the community. Middle Rogue Steelheaders will be there to help kids with tackle, provide fishing poles and teach them how to fish.

June 19-25

Iron Horse Bike Rally/Rodeo at Lake Selmac

June 23-25

Jefferson State Street Rods at Indian Mary Park

July 14-16

Hawg Wild Rodeo at Wolf Creek Park

Rogue Valley Flyers at Lake Selmac

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- Alec Bourne -**

**The roots of education
are bitter, but the fruit
is sweet.**

- Aristotle -