



Emergency personnel responded to a fatal crash at Lake Selmac. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/Illinois Valley Fire District Media Dept.)

Quad rider dead in head-on crash at lake

A Central Point man died Tuesday evening, June 20 after crashing the all-terrain vehicle he was riding into a tree at Lake Selmac.

Deceased is George Russell Reaves, 50, who was operating his ATV off-trail in a wooded area. Reaves

apparently lost control of his quad and struck a tree head-on, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

He was dead at the scene, reported the sheriff's office.

It was noted by JCSO that Reaves was not wearing

a helmet and sustained blunt force trauma to his head.

No indication that alcohol played a part in the accident was reported by JCSO.

Besides JCSO, emergency personnel were from I.V. Fire District and American Medical Response.

County jobless rate drops to 5.8% in May

Josephine County's total payroll employment rose by 330 in May.

The largest increases were in leisure and hospitality, and construction, said Oregon Dept. of Employment (OED). The unemployment rate declined slightly, going from 6.4 percent in April to 5.8 percent in May.

May's unemployment rate was the lowest of any month since May 1990, when the rate was 5.7 percent. Since May 2005, the county gained 1,010 payroll jobs, for a growth rate of 3.9 percent, said OED.

It added, "Construction employment continues a robust pace. During May, the county added 60 construc-

tion jobs, bringing the over-the-year gain to 200.

"Residential construction has maintained its strength, based on permit data published by the Census Bureau. These data show 244 residential unit permits issued year-to-date through April 2006, equaling the number posted through that time in 2005 in Josephine County.

"Manufacturing employment slipped by 40 jobs, the first decline since January. Despite the slight reduction in May, employment in manufacturing rose by 170 during the past 12 months."

Retail trade posted a 40-job gain in May, leaving the over-the-year increase at

120. Food and beverage stores accounted for two-thirds of the new jobs in retail since May 2005. Leisure and hospitality accounted for most of May's job gains, adding 210 jobs.

During the past year, job growth has been widespread across most Josephine County industries, said OED.

Notables not mentioned earlier include wholesale trade (+140), transportation, warehousing and utilities (+100), health care and social assistance (+100), and leisure and hospitality (+110). Declines were noted in a few industry sectors including state government (-60), and other services (-20).

Selma Community Market dedicates solar project showing powerful future

By ROGER BRANDT
For IVN

"I am proud of what you accomplished here," said Josephine County Commissioner Jim Raffenburg before cutting a ribbon to officially open the Selma Community Market during a ceremony Saturday afternoon, June 24.

Approximately 80 people attended the various activities during the afternoon program on the site of the former Selma Elementary School on Hwy. 199.

The Selma Community Market is recognized as a community accomplishment as more than 160 volunteers worked to help build the structure during the two years it was under construction. Materials were donated by local residents or purchased with grant money including a \$10,000 Economic Development Grant from the county board of commissioners.



JoCo Commissioner Jim Raffenburg cut a ribbon at the Selma Center solar project as Marci Sowa looks on. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg)

Peter West of the Energy Trust spoke to the group about the rising cost of oil. He noted that vegetables purchased in grocery stores typically travel an average of 1,500 miles, a distance that represents considerable fuel consumption. Locally grown produce does not need to be transported as far and reduces the demand

to generate power for the nonprofit Selma Center. Surplus power from these panels will be diverted into the grid where it can be purchased by residents through Pacific Power's Blue Sky Program.

The solar panels were installed by Bob Maynard, a resident of Selma and the owner of Energy Outfitters.

Marci Sowa, a key person in the success of this project, said that the next project will be construction of an information kiosk to provide educational information about the solar panels and the grass-roots effort to build the Selma Community Market.

She noted that Selma is the gateway to the Wild and Scenic Illinois River corridor. She expressed interest in using the kiosk to promote county tourism.

Residents who would like to sell produce or crafts at the Selma Market can contact the Selma Center at 415-1000.

for fuel, he said.

Steve Stock, of Selma, commented that when he was volunteering to help build the structure, he never thought he was going to be contributing to nationwide energy conservation.

The Energy Trust provided a grant to install solar panels on the market's roof

Lovejoy offers advance directive info session

A free program on the Oregon Advance Directive Law will be given Tuesday, July 18 by Lovejoy Hospice in its conference room at 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Program facilitators will be Nancy Livingood, who holds a master's degree in social work, and other

Lovejoy social workers.

The program will describe the benefits and procedures for the Oregon Advance Directive Law and the steps to understanding and filling out the form.

An advanced directive is one way a person in Oregon can let family members, physicians, and hospital

staff know what methods of treatment to follow either in an emergency or at the end of life.

Having an advanced directive can save stress and confusion for patients, loved ones and care-givers, said Lovejoy.

Phone 474-1193 to register or for more information.



IVHS Alumni and Friends

An association of IVHS & KUHS alumni & their friends
P.O. Box 2086, Cave Junction OR 97523

invites you to join our
Reunion Weekend '06 Celebration

Friday, June 30

Annual meeting of the membership of IVHS Alumni & Friends
4 p.m. - Jubilee Park Pavilion

'Prowlers' vs. 'Growlers'

Softball game
5:30 p.m. - Jubilee Park
Info: Jay Miller 597-2325

Saturday, July 1

19th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

8 a.m. - \$50
I.V. Golf Course

Invite your golfing buddies, friends, relations

Info: Bob Hurt 592-3940
Golf course 592-3151



Saturday, July 1

FunDRun

9 a.m., I.V.H.S. Track, \$8
Info:
Ron ('76) & Julie ('80) Jenson Pope
541-679-1009
RonPope13@aol.com

Tour Kerbyville Museum

2 p.m., \$2
Special price for Alumni

Dance

8 p.m. to Midnight \$5 cover
Junction Inn Timber Room
Dance! Wiggle? Visit!
George, aka Music Menagerie, will play requests. That's George Michels ('75), our DJ. He'll entertain with favorite rhythms and tunes from "back when," whenever that was.

Sunday, July 2

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

Jubilee Park Pavilion
8 a.m. to Noon
including Mikey's World Famous
Not-to-be-missed Biskits-n-Gravy
\$4⁵⁰ (children \$3⁵⁰)
suggested donation
provided by
Cave Junction Cares
10% of the proceeds go to our scholarship fund

Silent Auction

begins at 9 a.m. and continues 'til Noonish
Info: LaVina Freitas Fonseca ('55)
592-2757, ronyvina@frontiernet.net

Meet our scholarship recipients

Pavilion will be open 'til 3 p.m. for those interested in staying to visit.



COUNTRY STORE

202 S. Redwood Hwy.
592-5358

KUHS Reunion Breakfast Sunday, July 2, 8:30 a.m.

Anyone who ever attended KUHS is invited to join our table(s) at Reunion Weekend Breakfast in Jubilee Park.
All KUHSers are urged to attend!