



**THEY WEREN'T HALLOWEEN masks, but special safety gear for Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) staff and volunteers. The district is required each year to check the size and individual fit of SCBA masks and HEPA masks. The former are worn when entering smoke-filled buildings; the latter are to protect firefighters from airborne pathogens. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD Media Dept.)**



## DEQ's 17 penalties include state penitentiary

The Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced 17 penalties totaling \$103,491 during August.

To date during 2006, DEQ has issued 112 penalties totaling \$1,040,762. By the same time last year, DEQ had issued 94 penalties totaling \$761,965.

August's largest penalty, totaling \$37,180, went against Keno Park Trusts I

and II, the Nevada-based owners of the Sportsman's Paradise Mobile Home Park in the Klamath County community of Keno.

It is for discharging sewage onto the ground and violating an Oregon Environmental Quality Commission order by failing to submit a complete application for a Water Pollution Control Facilities permit to repair the sewage disposal

system at the site. Owners have appealed the penalty.

On Aug. 28, DEQ issued two separate penalties totaling \$18,881 to the Oregon State Penitentiary and Oregon Dept. of Corrections for various hazardous waste violations at the state prison complex in Salem.

The penalties stem from a detailed, several-day inspection DEQ conducted at the site during 2005.

## Grants aim to bolster agriculture

Oregon agricultural producers, educators and graduate students have been awarded seven grants totaling \$222,429 to help sustain agriculture, the environment and rural communities.

The grants are from the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (Western SARE). The USDA program helps farmers and ranchers maintain profits and quality of life while being environmentally responsible, said Western SARE. Grant recipients include:

\*William Jepsen of Heppner, who will use a \$6,950 Western SARE Farmer/Rancher grant to assess a method of weed control that sprays weed patches using a chlorophyll-sensing sprayer.

\*Gwendolyn Ellen, OSU biological control program coordinator in Corvallis, received a \$19,068 grant to test a method of harboring beetles and spiders that prey on crop-damaging insects.

\*Melissa Scherr, an OSU graduate student, received a \$9,531 Graduate Fellow grant to assess riparian management practices in the Pacific Northwest.

The 2006 grants bring the total Western SARE funding to 97 grants worth \$3.87 million since the program began in 1988.

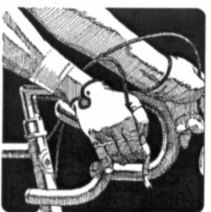
USDA recently announced that Western SARE will receive \$3.55 million in fund grants for the coming fiscal year. Applications are available on the Western SARE Website at <http://wsare.usu.edu> under "apply for a grant." For more information phone WesternSARE's host institution, Utah State University, at (435) 797-2257 or email [wsare@ext.usu.edu](mailto:wsare@ext.usu.edu).

Summaries of the 2006 and previous years grants can be found on the Website under "projects."



**PASTOR RORY SCOTT at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction has been serving on an interim basis for the past 'one year, seven months and seven days,' he said. He was honored by the congregation during a potluck gathering Saturday, Oct. 21, as he was returning to his home in Tigard. The assembly is anticipating the arrival of a replacement beginning Nov. 5. The farewell dinner was organized by Gayl Bohy. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')**

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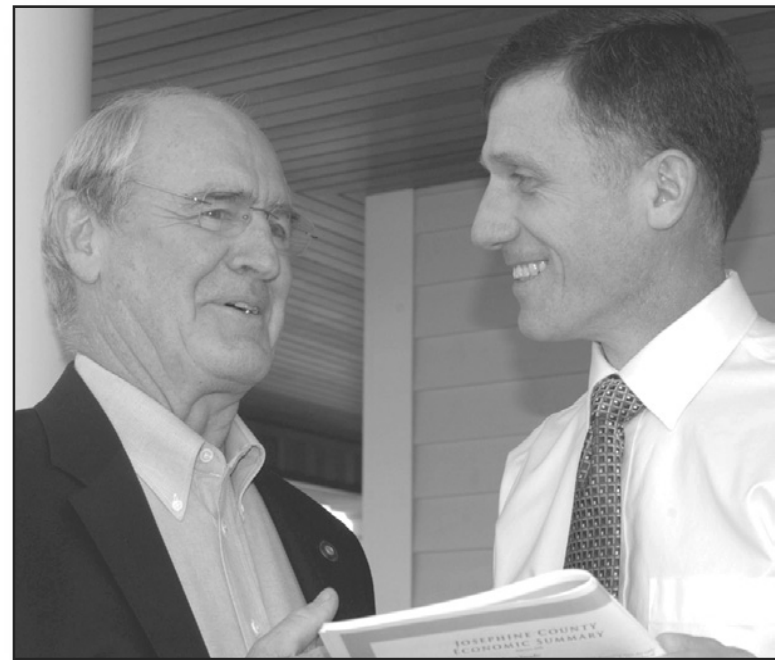
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**For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For Nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.**

**- Edwin Way Teale -**

## Let's All Stand Behind Ron He's Concerned for Health Care



Four years ago I made the decision to serve only two terms as your State Representative in Salem. I was hoping that just the right person, qualified to best represent Josephine County's core values, would come along.

I believe this quality leader is Ron Maurer. He and his wife Sheila own a small health care clinic together. He has many years experience in hospital administration in the armed services. Today Ron serves on the board of Three Rivers Community Hospital Foundation and is a fourth generation Oregonian.

Ron knows government is not the solution to a healthier Oregon, but should be an effective partner willing to look for new and creative ways to address our needs.

**Please join me in Voting for Ron Maurer as our next State Representative.**

Gordon Anderson  
-Retiring State Representative-District 3

# Ron MAURER

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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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