



ILLINOIS VALLEY BASKETBALL Holiday Tournament was held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym: girls 1st-place team, Illinois Valley; boys 1st-place team, Cascade Christian High School. Girls All-Stars:1st, Illinois Valley, Shannon Looock, and Most Valuable Player, Sheena Cole; 2nd, Ashland High School, Natalie DeCarlo and Monica Palmesino; 3rd, Cascade Christian, Alyssa Tetrus; 4th, Brookings Harbor, Andrea Medina. Boys All-Stars, 1st, Cascade Christian, Daniel Shipley and Jeremy Cheyney, and Most Valuable Player, Andrew Shipley; 2nd, Illinois Valley, Austin Hocker; 3rd, Brookings Harbor, Jason Bay; 4th, Ashland High, Ethan Moskowitz. (Photos by Dale Sandberg for IVN)



Got rads?

Oregon’s effort to protect communities from a radiation incident is featured in a new national report as an example of how states are using federal preparedness dollars to strengthen their defenses against public health threats.

The report describes an Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS) project that is distributing radiation monitoring equipment throughout the state, said Terry Lindsey, radiation protection manager in the DHS Public Health Division.

“Rural areas will be better protected and better able to respond to a radiation incident,” said Lindsey. “We want to make sure that every Oregonian is protected, no matter where they live.”

The DHS Public Health Division used U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security funds to purchase 60 radiation monitoring kits. The kits are being given to hospitals and some health clinics throughout Oregon, with rural areas getting first priority for delivery.

The kits contain instruments that enable medical personnel to screen radiation-contaminated patients as they come into emergency rooms to prevent contamination of medical personnel and the hospital.

“As kits are delivered, DHS trains medical staff on how to handle patients with radioactive contamination in a safe and protective manner,” said Lindsey.

DHS also is arranging for radiological equipment to be loaned to up to four universities, which will help ensure that radiological expertise exists outside of Portland.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for November were honored at Lorna Byrne Middle School. (Rear, from left) eighth-graders Aleesia Hennings and Nicholas Dowd, and sixth-grader Catherine Vawter; (front) seventh-graders Angelina Heath and Tyler Robbins. Sixth-grader Mathew Brock was absent. The students were recognized for outstanding performance in many areas. (Photo by ‘Illinois Valley News’)

Remote monitoring of elderly examined

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland has received a federal grant to continue studying whether continuous monitoring of elders’ in-home activities can pick up mental and physical changes that may signal declining health.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health awarded a five-year, \$7 million Bioengineering Research Partnership (BRP) grant to OHSU’s Oregon Center for Aging and Technology (ORCATECH). Formed in 2004, ORCATECH studies and develops “enabling technologies”

to discretely assess elders for memory changes that may impair their ability to live independently.

Changes in physical activity have been shown to precede changes in memory.

BRPs are multidisciplinary research teams that

bring together bioengineering experts with basic and clinical investigators to study and develop methods for preventing, detecting, diagnosing and treating diseases, as well as better understanding health and behavior, according to NIH.

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