



ILLINOIS VALLEY SOIL & Water Conservation District is having a new northern boundary marker built near the top of Hay's Hill on Redwood Hwy. The marker is being constructed by a landscape and design class from Illinois Valley High School. An official unveiling is scheduled for Monday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. It is hoped that a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, among other agencies, will be present. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')



Some 'fuelish' suggestions can save gas

By MARK SALEM
Poor fuel economy can put a costly damper on any trip in the family vehicle. But there are a few simple actions people can take to enhance fuel economy no matter what type of vehicle they drive, which means that they'll buy less fuel and have more money to spend on other items.

Let's go through a few ideas proven to improve your fuel economy.

*Get the junk out of the trunk. I own an auto-repair facility, and you'd be amazed at the amount of stuff I find in trunks of cars these days. I've seen junk in the trunk of cars equivalent to a full-size man.

Why haul the dead weight? Remove unnecessary items from the trunk of your vehicle. Get that bag of old newspapers to the recycling bin.

Your vehicle will require less energy to move without the dead weight.

So ask yourself if you really need to be transporting around that card table, set of golf clubs or storage container, and unload any unnecessary items from your trunk.

*Keep air in your tires. Remember what it was like riding your bike as a child with half-flat tires? It was hard to get the bike moving.

Once you inflated the tires, your bike was like a new sports car; it went faster with far less effort. Your car

feels the same pain when the tires are at, say, 28 psi instead of the recommended 35 psi.

(Just to be clear: Not every tire should be inflated to 35 psi. Look for the recommended psi rating on a label on your driver's door or in the glove box.)

*Use the right motor oil for your vehicle. I can't overstate the importance of using good motor oil. To illustrate what I mean, try a little exercise. Take your hands and place them together with palms touching. Then rub the palms against each other quickly. Feel that warmth generated by friction?

That's exactly what is happening inside your engine. If you rubbed your hands together like that for an hour, you'd probably do some damage to your hands (which means you can stop rubbing your palms together now). And you'd also have to work much harder to rub your hands together.

Now you know why motor oil is so important to the efficient performance of your engine.

If you put motor oil between those two sliding surfaces, a lot of that friction goes away, and the engine doesn't have to work as hard. As a result, your engine is more fuel efficient.

But not every motor oil is created equal. Some last longer than others. While certain motor oils may lose

their effectiveness after a few thousand miles, others are designed to last for a very long time.

*Keep your vehicle clean. Believe it or not, that layer of dirt on your exterior creates drag that, over long distances, hurts your miles-per-gallon count. Keeping your vehicle washed and waxed will improve your vehicle's aerodynamics, improving your fuel economy. And you'll feel good about driving around in a clean vehicle.

*Consider the best option for ventilation. Conventional wisdom says that cars are always more fuel-efficient when the air conditioner is off. On long trips or highway driving, however, using the air conditioner is actually more fuel-efficient than rolling down the windows.

When driving fast, open windows create a drag that forces the engine to work harder to maintain speed. If you're driving on short trips or in city traffic, roll down the windows and enjoy the breeze, but on the highway, turn on the air.

For more information about car care, visit www.mobiloil.com.

(Mark Salem hosts a car-care show on KTAR 620 AM in Phoenix, Ariz. He is an ASE Certified Master Technician and the owner of Salem Boys Auto. (NAPSA)

Illinois River of that exact amount, Polk said.

Mayor Tony Paulson said those concerns were unwarranted.

"If the river dries up tomorrow due to an act of God, we'll be in trouble," Paulson said, adding that otherwise, the city will be fine.

A second reading of the annexation ordinances is scheduled for the council's Monday night, June 11 meeting that will begin at 7 p.m. in city hall.

Council OKs annexations

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Sommer objected to the annexation, claiming that the city didn't notify the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) about the proposed change. Sommer also wrote that the city does not have an adequate water supply to support any annexations.

Rural Cave Junction resident Sally Palmer asked how much land the annexations would add to the city, which now encompasses 1 square

mile. Polk said that with the annexed properties, there would be 1.5 square miles within city limits.

Palmer echoed Sommer's comments regarding the city's water capacity.

"I'm very concerned about the amount of water we have," Palmer said.

Polk responded that the city's water plant is designed for a population of 3,500 to 5,000, and can process two million gallons per day. The city has water rights to the

McBee horse-racing chief

Josephine County Fairgrounds Manager Jackie McBee has been named director of horse racing at Grants Pass Downs.

McBee replaces Al Westhoff, who had been director of racing since 1990. Westhoff is currently the Yamhill County Fairgrounds manager.

McBee has worked at Josephine County Fairgrounds since 1984. She was the office manager from 1988 until September 2005, when

she was appointed fairgrounds manager.

"We are looking forward to the 2007 season and are thankful for the support that we have received from the Oregon Racing Commission, Oregon's Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association and Oregon Quarterhorse Association," she said.

The 2007 race meet at Grants Pass Downs will begin Saturday, June 16. The nine-day meet will conclude Sunday, July 8.



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Experience Your Inner Peace .. !
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A Real Charmer!
Pull onto your circle drive to your cottage-style home. 2 bed., 1 bath; 1,052 sq.ft. on 2.38 acres. This charmer offers kitchen pantry, additional sink next to stove with large hammered copper hood. Dining room has built-in curio cabinet. Guest quarters of 512 sq.ft. with attached garage & shop. \$3,000 carpet advance.



3825 Dick George
2 bed., 2 bath,
1440sq.ft., 5.5 acres
with shop. \$185,000



285 Stillwater
3 bed., 2 bath, 1188
sq.ft., 5 acres with
garden cold frame.
\$254,900

