



Old 97 was damaged and needs repair. (Photos by Michelle Binker/IVN')



Lions lament wreck of 'Old Engine 97'

A freak accident has resulted in the wreck of "Old Engine 97," part of the community service provided by Illinois Valley Lions Club.

The engine, originally built by the late Leon Morton, a dedicated I.V. Lions Club member, was on its way with its three cars to Pottsville for the annual Fathers Day celebration on Friday, June 15. A strap broke, and the locomotive fell from its trailer onto Redwood Hwy.

A rebuilding project is

being undertaken by Dave Korrell. Although not a club member, he said that he has maintained the loco for several years.

"I want to make it better than before without losing Leon's work," he said.

"And," said Korrell, "the trailer needs reworking too so that such an accident doesn't occur again."

He noted that Bi-Rite Auto Parts in Cave Junction has for years donated 90 percent of the parts for the en-

gine. Now, besides various parts, there's a need for about an 18 hp engine for the engine. The rest of the train is OK, said Korrell.

He plans to use his Website so that the community can follow progress on repairs, and discover how they can help: siskiyouforest.com/trainwreck.

I.V. provide free rides on the train at various community functions, including the annual Labor Day Festival.

Safe Kids urges summer precautions

Oregon ranks in the bottom third of states in keeping youngsters safe from summer-related injuries such as drowning, falls, motor vehicle passenger accidents and bicycle and pedestrian injuries.

That's according to an inaugural report released by Safe Kids USA.

Oregon was 35th in rankings based on each state's accidental injury death rates between May and the end of August, and how much the rates increased or decreased during the past five years. For the complete Safe Kids Summer Safety Ranking Report, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, visit www.safekids.org.

"Clearly, we have work to do," said Dr. Mel Kohn, state epidemiologist. "The value of this report is not so much the comparison among states, but the attention it brings to the fact that summer is a deadly season for children."

The top five causes of accidental injury and deaths among children up to age 14:

- *Drowning deaths (79 percent increase in summer months).
- *Motor vehicle passenger deaths (21 percent rise during the summer).
- *Fall-related deaths (33 percent increase in summer months).
- *Bicycle deaths (81 percent hike in summer months).
- *Pedestrian deaths (79 percent increase during summer).

Health officials focus on drowning as the leading summer safety issue and ask that

people add the words "cold shock" to their vocabularies.

"People are not aware of just how cold Oregon's waters are, even when the outside temperatures are very warm," Kohn said. "Too many drowning deaths occur when overheated individuals jump into extremely cold waters. Their bodies cannot take the shock, and eventually hyperthermia occurs."

Kohn said that another water safety issue is that people don't think Oregon has an issue with kids and backyard swimming pools.

"Nearly a third of all summer child drowning fatalities are in pools," he said. "We need to do a better job of creating barriers to pools and of absolutely actively watching kids in and around water."

Additionally, Kohn emphasized the need for all adults to know how to rescue a swimmer in trouble.

"Too often, people will leap into the water to attempt

a rescue and end up losing their own life," he said. "Better by far to carry a rope and throw it into the water and pull the swimmer to safety."

Safe Kids recommends three steps to reducing summertime injuries:

*Actively supervise children in and around water, especially while vacationing, and encourage lifejacket use when swimming and rafting in rivers and lakes.

*Educate adults and children about the right precautions to take, such as proper installation of a car booster seat and the correct fit of a bike helmet.

*Enforce existing child safety laws, such as four-sided fencing for pools and locked covers for spas and hot tubs.

"Oregon has taken some solid steps, but challenges remain," Kohn said. "For instance, only 54 percent of children who should be wearing bike helmets do so."



(Rear from left) Meghan Householder, Emily Brick and Miranda Stiles; (front from left) Ayla Marsden and Kiana Stiles. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

Poster winners honored by IVSWCD

For its poster contest with the theme, "The Illinois Valley: A Collection of Natural Beauty, I.V. Soil & Water Conservation District (IVSWCD) received 22 poster entries and nine coloring sheets.

Entries came from five schools in Illinois Valley plus two home-schooled children. The youngest entrants were from kindergarten (two entries) and the oldest was a junior at I.V. High School.

There were five judges; two from the district staff (Kevin O'Brien and Teri Town); two from the district board (Janet Walker and Clayton Fincher) and one from the public. It was difficult to choose the winners because they were all so good, judges said.

The winners:

*Kindergarten through fifth-grade --

First place, \$25 (plus the honor of her work being the cover of IVSWCD's Annual Plan, and an invitation to the IVSWCD annual meeting, which includes dinner for her and a guest), Ayla Marsden, 8, a second-grader at Evergreen Elementary.

Second place, \$10, Kiana Stiles, 8, a third-grade home-schooled student.

Third place, \$5, Emily Brick, 9, a fourth-grader at Evergreen Elementary.

*Six to 12-year-olds --

First place, \$50, (plus an invitation to the IVSWCD annual meeting, which includes dinner for her and a guest), Miranda Stiles, 12, a sixth-grade home-schooled student.

Second place, \$25, Meiliang Pan, 17, a junior at IVHS.

*Third place, \$10, Meghan Householder, 13, a seventh-grader at Lorna Byrne Middle School.

The district also pre-

sented a special award for Madrone Adventist Elementary School, "which had a remarkable 50 percent participation level."

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