



CHANGES CONTINUE in the city of Cave Junction. They include a new bridge (right) over George Creek at the intersection of Hwy. 199 and Laurel Road, as well as widening the highway. Manor Community Development Inc., of California, is working on a four-unit 'job creation' complex with 6,500 square feet of space in four buildings. The Cottage Business Park (above) is located east of Hwy. 199 at Hanby Lane and Cottage Park Drive. (Photos by Illinois Valley News)



Greens influence in schools deplored

Conservative author at forum cites aims of radical environmentalists

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Radical environmentalists are using America's public education system to advance their agenda, author Holly Swanson told a crowd in a packed Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass Friday, June 22.

The lecture was part of a forum hosted by News-WithViews.com.

Swanson, who wrote the book, *Set Up & Sold Out: Find Out What Green Really Means*, began her remarks by explaining what she called the hidden motives of the environmental movement.

"The goal is still world communism," Swanson said.

Emotions, particularly fear, are being used and manipulated to slant the debate on issues such as global warming, Swanson said. Schoolchildren are unwillingly exposed to the environmental agenda through programs such as "education for sustainability."

"It affects our future. It affects our kids," according to Swanson.

She said that the regimes of Vladimir Lenin and Adolph Hitler deliberately indoctrinated children to build support for their ideologies and policies. Similar tactics are being

used today by environmentalists, she said.

"We cannot allow the Greens to highjack public education in this country," Swanson said.

She cited the "Green goals" --

*Redistribution of wealth.

*Abolition of private property.

*Diminishing the value of individual success.

*Forcing a 75 percent reduction in consumption.

Those goals are being achieved through the creation of "historic dishonor" for America's existing culture, Swanson said, with the hope of creating a "global ethic" that transcends all other beliefs and values.

"This is the single most important issue of our time," Swanson said.

Oregon in particular is being used as a breeding ground for environmental ideology, she said. According to Swanson, a group headed by Anthony Cortese, a leading advocate of Education for Sustainability, is headquartered in Portland. It is spreading its influence, she said, with students at Reed College in Portland, Lane Community College in Springfield, Portland Community College, the University of Oregon at Eugene,

and Willamette University in Salem.

Swanson estimated that more than 92,000 Oregon students may have already been subjected to sustainability curriculum.

"There is a supreme violation of the public trust going on here," she said.

Swanson discussed plans to replace the U.S. Constitution with the Earth Charter, a document co-authored by former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"That's what brings this home as a constitutional issue," Swanson said.

The Earth Charter is intended to guide the conduct of businesses, governments and individuals, Swanson said, and as such, it "has no business being in our schools."

She added, "This curriculum is politically motivated. This is what these kids are being pressured to adopt."

During a question-and-answer session, Swanson reiterated that "the goal of communism is control." She suggested that parents become more aware of what their children are learning in school.

"We have to be politically active at every level," Swanson said. "We need to unleash parent power."

Missing man presumed drowned

A Grants Pass transient identified as Craig A. McCoogan, 41, is missing and presumed drowned in Rogue River, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

Rescue personnel responded Friday afternoon,

June 22 to a call for help just below Chinook Park, not far from the All Sports Park.

McCoogan, it is said, swam across the river, and was under the influence of alcohol. A search also was conducted the next day, but the man was not located.

Don't be burned by hot weather driving

With summer's arrival, can overheated cars be far behind?

"Hot weather brings unique challenges," cautioned Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance, a national car insurer. "It can present dangerous conditions for vehicles and occupants."

Each summer more than 7 million cars breakdown on the road, but he suggested that most breakdowns could easily be avoided.

Before heading out be sure you check the basics including: oil, transmission fluid, windshield washer, battery level and strength, tire pressure (including the spare), cooling system, belts and hoses, and a well-equipped emergency kit and tool box.

"Drivers need to stay cool as well," noted Palermo. "Our national driving habits surveys have shown that 75 percent of drivers are fearful of encountering road rage, and 37 percent said they had experienced it in the previous six months."

Do not escalate aggression on the road by responding to it. Take along moist towelettes and water to refresh yourself, and stop to stretch and relax.

*When driving in hot weather it is particularly important to keep an eye on the lights and gauges. If your temperature gauge moves up, turn off your air conditioner and turn on the heater to its highest and hottest setting. It will be uncomfortable, but it will draw some heat from the engine.

*If you are stopped in traffic put the car in "park" and lightly step on the gas to help circulate coolant.

*If the temperature light goes on or if the gauge enters the red zone, immediately pull off the road to a safe spot, well away from traffic. Do not drive any farther -- not even to the next exit. Driving with an overheated engine can cause serious engine damage.

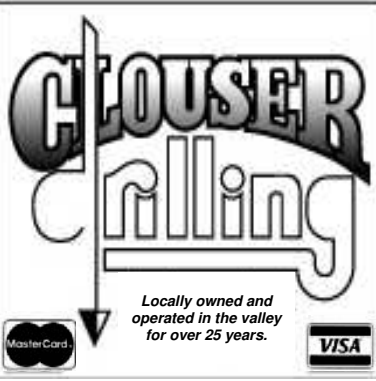
*Do not attempt to remove the radiator cap. The hot pressurized coolant will spray out with great force. Do not pour water over the radiator or engine, since a dramatic change in tempera-

ture could cause damage. After the engine cools, add a 50-50 mix of coolant and water to the reservoir to bring it to its proper level.

*Even when not stranded due to a breakdown, summer heat can pose dangers. Never leave a child or pet in a parked car.

*Bring a cell phone for emergency calls, but do not use it while driving.

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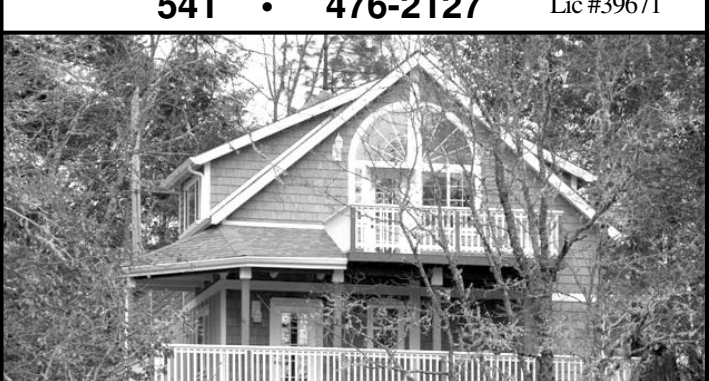
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East Holland Loop (Sucker Creek Bridge) off Caves Hwy. in rural Cave Junction is closed to traffic until Dec. 15 due to construction.

Carter & Company Inc., of Salem, has the contract for a new bridge and roadway. There is a posted detour route for traffic.

Church News

St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

For Sunday, July 1, the reading will be from Luke 9:51-62. This passage has been interpreted to mean that it is easy to proclaim our zeal for the Lord and to feel that we are faithful in his cause, when we actually are seeking our own goals, and possibly causing harm to others instead of good.

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