

Four Russian medical personnel visiting S.W. Oregon to view U.S. health care

Four Russian leaders in the Open World Program are examining health-care provision in Josephine and Jackson counties.

They arrived Saturday, Oct. 6, and will leave Sunday the 14th. The Grants Pass Sister City Committee is hosting the delegation for Open World.

Kitty Waud, a Cave Junction resident, is the cur-

rent president of Grants Pass Sister City Committee and co-chairman of the visit.

She and her husband, Herb, also are serving as a host family for Tatyana Tsareva, the nurse in the delegation. Kitty Waud works for Three Rivers Home Healthcare Services. During 2004, she was a member of the Heart-to-Heart Medical Delegation to

Rubtsovsk.

Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress, Open World enables emerging political and civic leaders from participating countries to work with their U.S. counterparts. This allows them to experience U.S.-style Democracy and free enterprise at the local level. The Open World

Leadership Center has awarded a grant to Sister Cities International to administer this and similar exchanges during 2007.

In Cave Junction, on Friday the 12th, the delegation will visit Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance staff, and staff at Siskiyou Community Health Center.

The visitors are to have lunch at Taylor's Country Store, and tour Oregon Caves National Monument. Additionally, their visit to Bridgeview Vineyards Winery will include dinner.

In Grants Pass and the surrounding area, delegates will examine hospitals, home health-care programs, private physician offices, cancer treatment programs, the public health department, and nursing education programs. They will discuss issues relating to the delivery of services for patients with their peers in Southwestern Oregon.

The visiting delegates were selected from different governmental units concerned with health care in Rubtsovsk:

Irina Abramova, 44, is deputy head of the Rubtsovsk City Medical Administration; Vadim Mirko, 40, is a surgeon-oncologist at the Rubtsovsk Oncology Dispensary, a state institution; Tamara Sakhabutdinova, 42, leads the Information Bibliographic Dept. of the City Library Information System; Tatyana Tsareva, 44, is the head nurse at City Hospital #3. She also serves as the Rubtsovsk chief of the state Professional Association of Russian Nurses.

Yelizaveta Pyanzina, 25, an Open World facilitator from Petrozavodsk, Russia, is accompanying the Rubtsovsk delegates. She helps them with language

and cultural matters.

In Grants Pass, the delegation is scheduled to visit Three Rivers Community Hospital, the Josephine County Health Dept., Three Rivers Home Healthcare Services, Rogue Community College Nursing Program, and the Grants Pass Clinic.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the delegation will be in Medford and Ashland, visiting Rogue Valley Medical Center, and the Southern Oregon University Nursing Program.

The U.S. Congress established Open World in 1999 to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and Russia.



A single-vehicle rollover next to Ray's Food Place in Selma was reported at 8:26 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. No injuries were reported, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office. The driver was identified as Mason G. Madden, 19. Indications were that the driver was 'doing donuts.' (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, I.V. Fire District Media Dept.)

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Tuesday, Sept. 25

*On Pinecone Drive a citizen complained of a transient camp on property near Illinois River.

*Strange phone calls about disciplining children were received repeatedly at a valley church.

*A red Ford Festiva was reported stolen from a Pinewood Way resident.

*The boyfriend of a McMullen Creek Road resident threw a pocketknife at her, she said at 6:45 p.m. The blade, it was stated, stuck into her chest approximately an inch. The thrower ran and could not be located.

*A tall, intoxicated man was said to be digging through trash at Holiday Motel at 7:44 p.m.

*Pulled over in Kerby at 10 p.m., Kenneth L. Vaughn, 58, was cited on charges of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUI) and failure to provide a breath test. Two firearms were taken from his vehicle for safekeeping.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

*An apparently abandoned pickup truck parked

on N. Junction Avenue was determined to belong to a nearby resident.

*Ronald Reed Vetkos, 39, of Kerby, was lodged in Josephine County Jail on charges of fourth-degree domestic assault and interfering with a 911 call.

*Although he said he'd been assaulted, a man on Norman Road was thought instead to have wrecked a car on Illinois River Road, injuring himself. He was taken to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

*A Kerby resident reported that her identity had been used to obtain telephone service in California.

*The suspect in a stabbing incident the night before was seen on Lakeshore Drive with a fishing pole and a bag of clothing. It was thought that he would hide in bushes.

*On Terrace Heights Drive a woman said that her neighbor was harassing her by taking photos of her house and screaming. The neighbor was warned about trespassing.

Thursday, Sept. 27

*Warned for speeding and violating curfew, Derek J. Gregg, 17, was cited on a charge of prohibited lighting (blue lights on the front of the vehicle). Gregg was contacted on Redwood Hwy at Laurel Road at 12:30 a.m.

*Michael Ray Spliethof, 45, was lodged in county jail on a charge of probation violation (felon in possession of a weapon) and cited on a charge of driving with a suspended license (DWS).

*Theft from a private vehicle parked in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. of \$1,500 cash, including some rare currency, was reported.

*Telephonic harassment by an irate family member was complained about by a Caves Avenue resident.

*A caller reported that two refrigerators were dumped into Deer Creek by men driving a dark-colored pickup truck towing a small trailer. The vehicle's license plate information was provided.

Friday, Sept. 28

*Gunshots were re-

ported in the 9000 block of Takilma Road at 12:45 p.m.

*A woman against whom he has a restraining order was harassing him on Redwood Hwy., following his vehicle and braking in front of him to block his way, a man said.

*A 16-year-old boy was reported intoxicated at a function at Illinois Valley High School. He was turned over to his father.

*A hostile camper who made others feel "unsafe" was reported near the green bridge out Eight Dollar Mt. Road. All were warned to stay away from one another.

*Calling back after an aborted 911 call at 11 p.m., a dispatcher discovered that there had been an attempted theft at Cave Junction Texaco, but that all items had been recovered and no further contact was needed.

Saturday, Sept. 29

*Two ATV riders near Bolan Lake were warned for unsafe operation because of carrying a loaded rifle.

*Apolonio Cruz Hernandez, 31; and Jose Solis Hernandez, 35, were lodged in Josephine County Jail on immigration holds. A charge of filing a false application for a hunting license was referred to the D.A.

*Kristopher Everett Kelly, 27, was cited on a charge of DWS and warned for speeding on Rockydale Road at 8:44 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30

*Norman Road residents were advised to follow eviction procedures against people who were no longer welcome to stay with them.

*Two men were trespassed from Shop Smart Food Warehouse after one was verbally abusive to employees and attempted to steal a container of beer.

*A 58-year-old woman driver was warned for failure to maintain a lane on Laurel Road at 11 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 1

*A maroon Chevy pickup truck was reported stolen from a Dogwood Lane residence overnight.

*In the 500 block of Holland Loop a residence was reported ransacked overnight.

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