

# Arts & Entertainment

## Digital TVs bring solid waste crisis

The switch to digital-only broadcasting will arrive in February 2009, and solid waste specialists at the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are urging Oregonians to either hold on to or properly recycle their old television sets to reduce the amount of electronics waste going into the state's waste stream.

"Many people may be thinking about discarding their TVs because of the switch when they really don't have to," said Kathy Kiwala, who manages DEQ's Electronics (E-Waste) Recycling Program. "Keeping your existing TV is the best option, environmentally and financially."

The federal government is requiring all U.S. television stations to switch from analog to digital-only broadcasting by Feb. 17, 2009. The switch will free airwaves for public safety communications and wireless services, and provide better picture quality and sound, she said.

Many people may be under the mistaken impression that they need to get a new television with the switch, Kiwala said. "In fact, you do not need to purchase a new TV to receive programming after the switch. You may, however, need to take some simple steps to ensure continued service," she said.

"What you need to do," she continued, "depends on the source of your programming (free broadcasting, cable or satellite service) and the type of TV you have (analog or digital)."

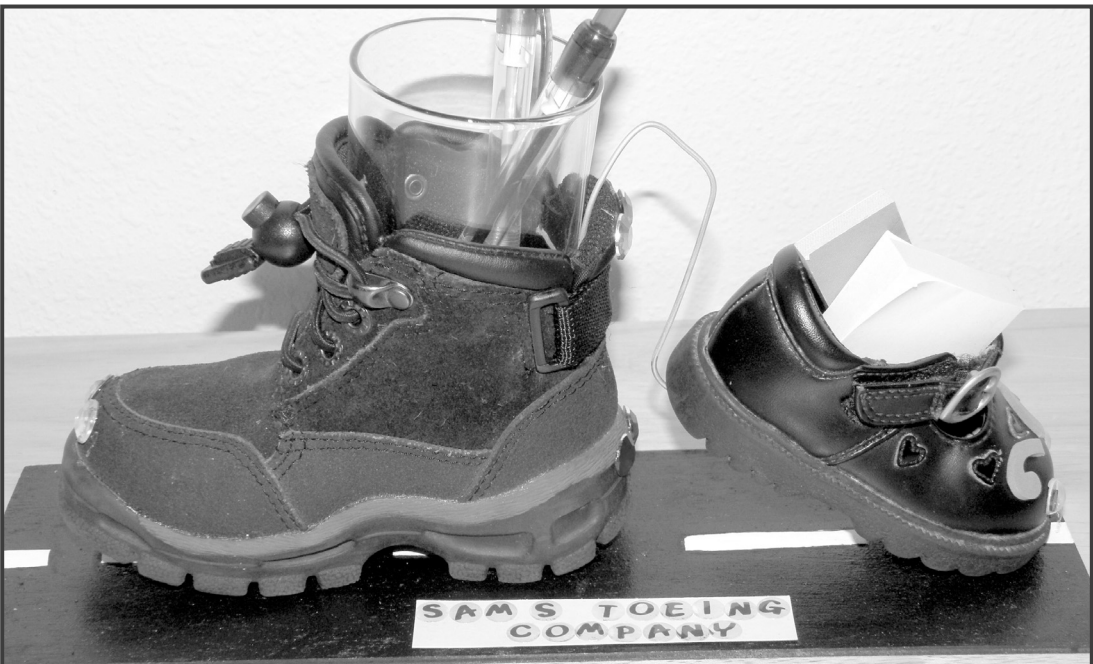
A simple one-time purchase of a converter box (for analog TVs using an antenna) or a cable or satellite subscription (for analog or digital TVs) will allow reception of digital broadcasting with existing TVs.

Persons who choose to purchase a new digital TV and have an existing TV in working condition have several options:

Keep the old TV as a second TV for games, videos or DVDs; give the old TV to a friend or donate it to a second-hand store.

"If your old TV is no longer working," Kiwala said, "bring it to a recycler. TVs and other consumer electronics contain materials that can be reclaimed and used again. They also contain toxic components, which a responsible recycler can safely dispose of."

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'Walk a Mile in My Shoe' entry titled *Sam's Toeing Company*, by Sam Drake. (Photo provided)

## 'Walk a Mile' entry widely traveled

By JUDY HOYLE

If there had been an award for the greatest distance traveled, "Sam's Toeing Company" would have won hands down in the Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) annual silent auction of decorated shoes.

The event benefits Second Friday Art Walk.

Designed and created by Sam Drake of San Diego, "Sam's Toeing Co." -- a clever play-on-words entry, got its origin last year when Sam, 11, came to Cave Junction with his mother and older brother to visit family friends.

During the visit, they attended the Wild Blackberry Festival. Sam and his brother, Jerry, were quite taken by the "Walk A Mile in My Shoe" auction entries. Jerry had the winning bid on a shoe for his girlfriend back home.

Sam revisited the display of shoes several times during Blackberry Festival, then announced to his family that he would make one for this year.

Many 11-year-olds might quickly forget such a goal, but Sam kept thinking of ideas and discussing them with his family during the

course of the year. Six months ago, he selected his title and started planning the design. Some two months ago, Sam got his mother to take him to a large number of resale stores, looking for just the right shoes for his creation. He then assembled his entry and shipped it to Cave Junction.

IRVAC board members appreciate Sam Drake and all those who decorated and bid on shoes this year. For photos of other shoes, Second Friday Art Walk and Learning Through Art activities, visit [www.irvac.com](http://www.irvac.com).

## Rider Roche wins her trail trials class

A trail trials competition hosted by Grants Pass-based Southern Oregon Horse Activities (SOHA) was held recently at Lake Selmac.

The Senior Class, covering riders ages 18 to 49, was won by Danita Roche, of Cave Junction. She was riding her Foundation Quarter Horse mare, *Little Girl*. Danita and *Little Girl* scored 92 points out of 100.

A trail trial is a fun, social trail-riding event during which riders are asked to negotiate their equine on a trail through safe and natural obstacles designated by numbers. Riders are judged on



Danita Roche with *Little Girl* (Photo provided)

how they and their mounts maneuver in meeting each obstacle. The main criteria are safety and common sense.

Trail trials help riders gain knowledge of the responsibilities of a rider and

the responsibilities of educating horses. Such events teach about hazards to look for on the trail for horse and rider, and how to negotiate them. It also teaches riders how to be prepared for a trail ride, items to carry, and how to recognize warning signs of their horse's condition.

All equines are eligible for participation -- whether horse, mule, pony or zebra. And all ages of participants are eligible.

A portion of the entry fees pays for prizes. SOHA also donates a portion of the entry fees to an equine rescue fund.

## High school graduation more difficult

Oregon's State Board of Education voted unanimously this year to change high school graduation requirements.

Beginning with this fall's freshmen, students will have to work a little harder on math, reading and writing, as well as essential skills and a method of proving they have mastered them.

"Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) and its members applaud the State

Board of Education's moves to strengthen standards by increasing rigor," said Executive Director Kevin McCann of the outcome of the three-year diploma remodeling process.

Five task forces studied and made recommendations on implementation issues, essential skills, standards and assessment, proficiency-credit operations, and cost of implementation to districts.

An important part of the plan is the flexibility students will have in demonstrating mastery of essential skills. Students will be allowed to do so in one of several ways:

\*Completing a work sample or other student project that will be scored locally.

\*Passing state reading, writing and math tests.

\*Passing a standardized test yet to be determined.

"It's wise of the board to recognize and respond to the need for alternative methods of assessing achievement," said David Williams, OSBA liaison to the Oregon Dept. of Education.

The new graduation requirements and phase-in timeline have been available for some time. Starting with the class of 2010, students must have 24 credits to graduate, up from 22. The plan will be fully phased in by 2012, when graduating seniors will need 24 credits from specified academic areas, have opportunities to demonstrate "Essential Skills" in reading, writing, math and speaking and complete personalized learning activities.

The state board voted to continue "personalized learning requirements," which it adopted in 2007, for students.

## SSI extended to aid refugees

Sens. Gordon H. Smith (R-Ore.) and Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) were successful in passing recent legislation to allow for an additional two years of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits eligibility for refugees and other humanitarian immigrants.

The legislation was approved in the Senate by unanimous consent.

"We cannot turn our back on the most vulnerable political (asylum seekers) or refugees who are seeking safety in this great country of ours," said Smith. "Many of

these individuals are elderly, and fled persecution or torture in their home countries.

"They include Jews fleeing religious persecution in the former Soviet Union, Iraqi Kurds who fled the Saddam Hussein regime, Cubans, and Hmong people from the highlands of Laos who served on the side of the U.S. military during the Vietnam War.

"They are elderly and unable to work, and have become reliant on their SSI benefits as their primary source of income," according to Smith.



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**Wednesday, Aug. 20**  
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Thursday, Aug. 21**  
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Friday, Aug. 22**  
- Dale Hopper, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store  
- B'wishes, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter  
- DJ "Dance Night", 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
- Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien  
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Sunday, Aug. 24**  
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Monday, Aug. 25**  
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Tuesday, Aug. 26**  
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge



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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Sheep's cry

4 Certified Public Accountant (abbr.)

7 Wolfraime

10 School residence

11 Own (Scott.)

12 Trolley

14 Poop (2 words)

16 7th incarnation of Vishnu

17 Limited (abbr.)

18 Agave fiber

20 Television channel

21 Pointed (pref.)

22 You (Ger.)

24 Elastic

28 One of the Beatles

31 Indian carpet

32 Bronze (Lat.)

34 River into the Yellow Sea

35 Dismay

37 Birthstone

39 Killer of Abel

41 Amer. Medical Assn. (abbr.)

42 Miles per hour (abbr.)

44 Last Imam

46 Barely get by

49 Oz books author

51 White wine

53 Hillside shelter

54 Military assistant

55 Knotted fibers

56 Rom. bronze

57 Bird's display area

58 Shak. contraction

**DOWN**

1 Disputable

2 Jack-in-the-pulpit

3 Danish county

4 Pause in poetry

5 Ancient Britain

6 Tarsus

7 Center (abbr.)

8 Mite

9 Young sheep

10 Double (abbr.)

13 But (Sp.)

15 Gaming cubes

19 Europe (abbr.)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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MAR REH TITAN

ARUM LER NEMA

TEKEL LEA ACE

TIFFIN

BALATA STRATA

AAA CGI RIVAL

ARN HOC USURA

LED ITA MESNE

21 Cordage fiber

23 Eyelashes

24 Eth. title

25 Exclamation

26 Booklet

27 Affirmative

29 General Accounting Office (abbr.)

30 Out (Scott.)

33 Elder (2 words)

36 Klipping hero

38 Exude

40 Skull bone

42 Master of Business Administration (abbr.)

43 Para-aminobenzoic acid

45 Geological vein angle

46 Winged god

47 Unite

48 Conger

50 Badly (pref.)

52 Alfonso's queen

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