

## Campus Achievers

### Celilo Nordal

Celilo Nordal, a junior, has been named among Illinois Valley High School Principal's Students of the Month for September 2009.

Nordal is the son of Dr. Jim & Ginger Nordal, of Cave Junction. He is a member of Mathletes, IVHS Band, and the soccer and track teams. A Boy Scout, he is a senior patrol leader, and has earned the rank of First Class. Nordal is a National Honor Society Scholar.

He has earned four varsity letters in sports, and has received the Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete Award.

After graduation Nordal plans to attend college working toward a doctorate in law/medicine.

### Ben Kendall

Senior student Ben Kendall has been named Kerby Belt Masonic Lodge 18 AM&AF Student of the Month for October 2009.

Kendall is the son of David & Susan Kendall, of Cave Junction. Currently the ASB president, he served as ASB Student Body president his junior year and held the offices of Sophomore Class treasurer and Junior Class treasurer.

Kendall is a member of National Honor Society, International Club, Mathletes, Fishwatch, and the soccer, football, basketball and baseball teams.

Kendall previously has received Principal's Student of the Month and Skyline Conference Honorable Mention honors in soccer and baseball.

After graduation he plans to attend the University of Oregon at Eugene with a possible transfer to Oregon State University at Corvallis seeking a degree in sport-and-exercise science.

### Heidi Unger

Heidi Unger is Kerby Belt Masonic Lodge 18 AM&AF Student of the month for November 2009.

Unger, a senior, is the daughter of John & Colleen Unger, of Cave Junction. She is the Senior Class ASB business manager. She has held the offices of Junior Class president and Sophomore

Class representative.

Unger is a charter member of Illinois Valley Interact, and serves as president. She also is a member of STAND, Cougar Pals, SMILE, ASPIRE, Mathletes, Drama Club, and the volleyball, track and cross country teams. She received the Best Attitude Award in volleyball in 2007, Most Inspirational in track in 2009, and the Cougar Pride Award.

She has volunteered for Relay for Life, Gear Up mentoring and has served as Bible Club leader.

Unger plans to attend Portland Bible College in the fall to earn her bachelor's degree in theology. This will prepare her for a life as a pastor and later a medical missionary. She says that this is not a typical profession for women, but it is what she feels called to do.

### Jon Anderson

Jon Anderson, a senior, is among those named as IVHS Principal's Students of the Month for September 2009.

Anderson is the son of Michael & Amy Anderson, of Selma. He is a member of the wrestling, football and baseball teams. He has earned three varsity letters.

After graduation next year, Anderson plans to attend a college and wrestle for that institution.

### Megan Householder

Sophomore student Megan Householder is among those named as IVHS Principal's Student of the Month for September 2009.

Householder is the daughter of Glenn & Stephanie Householder, of Selma. She is currently the Sophomore Class vice president. She is a member of the basketball and track teams. Last year she received the Summa Cum Laude Award for having a 4.0 GPA.

Householder plans to attend college at the University of Tennessee. She would like to become a nurse, and then continue her education to become a physician.

### Wylie Ahl

Senior Wylie Ahl has been chosen as Kerby Belt Masonic Lodge 18 AM&AF Student of the Month for September 2009.

Ahl is the daughter of Hans-peter & Caitlin Ahl, of Cave Junction. She is currently the editor-in-chief of the Illinois Valley High School newspaper. She is a member of Brain Bowl, Academic Challenge, IVHS Orchestra, National Honor Society and Mathletes.

She competed in the Academic Masters event in social studies last year, placing third.

She plans to attend the City University of New York, majoring in history and English to obtain a master's degree in education to become a high school history teacher.

### Kayla Young

Kayla Young, an Illinois Valley High School freshman, is among September Principal's Students of the Month.

Young is the daughter of Ray & Laura Young, Cave Junction. She studies dance in Grants Pass one day a week and is part of the yoga class at IVHS. She received the Band Student of the Year Award last year.

Young plans to attend a college after graduation in 2013. She is considering becoming a fitness trainer.

# Can counties compel coordination?

By **SCOTT JORGENSEN**  
IVN Staff Writer

Local governing bodies have the ability to compel federal agencies to coordinate with them, according to Ashland resident Katherine Lehman, president of the People for the USA Grange.

The coordination issue was the main theme on Friday, Oct. 2, when Lehman addressed a group of miners during their monthly meeting in Pottsville, near Merlin. Lehman said that because federal environmental policies have the potential to adversely affect local economies, language in those laws calls for such coordination.

Agencies are required to inform local governments of their plans before acting on them, Lehman said. However, she added that local governments must insist on asserting their authority in the coordinating process.

Once that authority is asserted, the agencies must make their plans consistent with local policy, she said.

The process is set up to

enable communication between governing bodies at different levels, Lehman said, without the involvement of outside advocacy groups.

Some entities have passed resolutions calling for such coordination, but failed to follow up, she said.

Harold Haugen, a former longtime Josephine County commissioner, said that such calls for coordination have been made in the past, and mostly dealt with policies surrounding the decommissioning of area roads.

"We felt it was a step towards moving federal forest lands to the roadless category so they could then be turned into wilderness," he said.

When he was on the board of county commissioners, Haugen said that body submitted letters to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and U.S. Dept. of the Interior indicating a desire to be involved in the policy planning process.

"We advised them we did not support the road closures and wanted to be a party to those," Haugen said.

He said that the commissioners' main concern was that the roads not be taken off the map after decommissioning.

"Once they're taken off the map, it's pretty much a done deal that they will never be open again," he said.

Despite the commissioners' initial push for involvement, Haugen said that there was little follow-through.

"Unfortunately, even though we sent the letter, we didn't get any response from the agencies. They just sort of blew us off," Haugen said. "I'm assuming there were probably some legal ramifications if we wanted to pursue it, but we never did pursue it."

The reluctance to push the issue further was due largely to a lack of political will to do so, Haugen said.

"A lot of that had to do with how much money we had as a county and how many resources we wanted to spend in that particular arena," he said.

Current Commissioner Dwight Ellis said that he has been examining the county's

rights regarding coordination with federal agencies.

Ellis said that his understanding is that if an agency decides to designate a wilderness area or close a road, the county has to have a say in the matter. Such a policy could possibly be useful to the county, he added.

"We can't go back and change the Northwest Forest Plan or anything like that. That's already water under the bridge," Ellis said. "But we can be at the table in the future if these things come down the pike."

As an example, Ellis stated that the directors for the Association of O&C Counties has suggested the use of land swaps to offset the loss of county revenue from the designation of wilderness areas or similar policies.

Through the coordination process, Ellis said, that body could bring such an idea before the agencies involved and have it be considered.

"Issues like that, I think it would be very good for," he said, adding that the coordination process is "something I think Josephine County needs to check out."

## ODF: 2009 fire season officially over

Fire season ended on Wednesday, Oct. 14, on land protected by the Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) Southwest Oregon District. The season began June 19 and lasted 117 days.

The largest fire of the season was the 633-acre Deer Ridge Fire that broke out east of Medford on Sept. 21. Medford Unit crews responded to 120 fires that burned over a total of 1,073 acres. Grants Pass Unit firefighters took action on 116 fires that burned 123 acres.

The largest fire in the Grants Pass Unit was the 48-acre Lone Mountain Road Fire, which occurred Aug. 24 near O'Brien.

ODF's S.W. Oregon District protects 1.8 million acres of state, private, county, city and Bureau of Land Management land in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The fire danger level will be "low" (green), and all fire restrictions will be removed.

Woody debris pile and barrel burning now is allowed on ODF-protected land. However, open burning is regulated for air quality in all of Jackson County, and in the Rogue Basin Open Burn Control Area in Josephine County. Before starting a burn in Josephine County, phone 476-WOOD

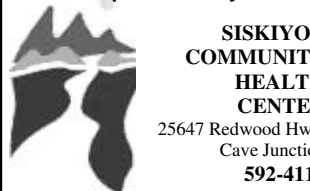
Some cities do not allow open burning, and many rural fire protection districts require a burning permit. Phone the appropriate structural fire service provider before burning. Information about fire season restrictions is available at [www.swofire.oregon.gov](http://www.swofire.oregon.gov) and from the ODF Medford Unit at 664-3328, and the Grants Pass Unit at 474-3152.



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#### FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Nacho supreme, corn dog, spicy chicken burger, cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden or Mandarin chicken salad

#### MONDAY, OCT. 26

Beef soft tacos, chicken strips, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, vegetarian or sausage pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden or Mandarin chicken salad

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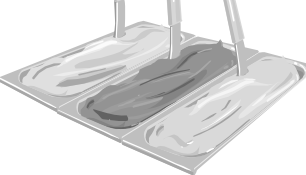
Chicken fajitas, BBQ chicken sandwich, chicken burger, cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese or Hawaiian pizza; Italian or turkey & cheese sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto or garden salad

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

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### Individual Investing in Separate Account Managers

Many people across the nation are starting to utilize a form of investing that has been around for quite a while but recently has become more widely available. Separate accounts allow you to tap the expertise of an experienced money management firm while still investing in a portfolio that is tailored to your unique needs.

At one time, separately managed accounts were available only to very wealthy investors – generally those with \$5 million or more to invest. Because of advances in technology and account administration, many firms have been able to make separately managed accounts cost effective for more investors.

In a separately managed account, you have all of the benefits that mutual funds offer – professional management, diversification and liquidity - but unlike a mutual fund, a separate account does not pool your money with other investors' money. You own all the securities the management team selects for the account. This individual ownership affords you flexibility, control and tax benefits that mutual funds and other pooled investment accounts cannot match. Reporting is different because managers disclose each holding and all transactions separately, rather than as an integrated portfolio.

In appearance, separate accounts look like just a collection of individual stocks. Their unique structure makes for several important differences when compared with other pooled funds. Separately managed accounts offer investors unique benefits.

For taxes, these accounts' benefits are really two-fold. First, you start with a clean tax slate upon the account's inception. Unlike a mutual fund, new investors are not saddled with the unrealized capital gains from previous investments. Also, you will have more control over taxable events. A mutual fund may make a taxable distribution at any time, but a separate-account manager will take a client's needs into consideration. Some managers may also help develop an individualized tax strategy.

The second benefit of a separate account is that you are the only shareholder in the account. In a mutual fund, the actions of other shareholders may adversely affect your interests – for example, when a fund manager must sell a holding early in order to meet redemptions. In a separate account, the manager is not forced to balance your interests against those of other shareholders. This is particularly suitable for those who need more control over the timing of taxable events. Because each holding is listed separately, clients can see the value of each individual security and know exactly what trades are being made.

For investors who already hold securities with a low cost basis as part of their portfolio, they can incorporate these securities into a new allocation. Separately managed accounts allow the manager to again take into consideration the client's needs. They can utilize existing holdings, as well as exclude what the client may be against investing in, such as tobacco stocks.

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- Do you have high balances in your personal and retirement accounts, such as IRAs?
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- Would being able to take advantage of separate accounts' customization and flexibility help you better manage your tax situation?

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Consult an investment professional to determine if a separately managed account is right for you. After an evaluation of your needs and current financial situation, your investment professional can help you determine if this investment works for you.

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