

Arts & Entertainment

Autumn auspicious for planting new trees

Because spring is a time for new growth, most people think of planting trees then, but the fall months of October and November have distinct advantages.

Fall planting follows the heat of summer and precedes the cold winter months. Trees and shrubs use this to good advantage. Their roots can grow any time the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher. The soil may be less damp than in the spring. And, you may have more time to get the job done in the fall.

Tree selection: right tree, right place -- What criteria do

you have in mind while selecting your tree? If you want to plant a tree to provide a visual screen in your yard and you have plenty of room, a conifer will do a better job than a deciduous tree, which loses its leaves in the winter.

If providing fall color is your goal, then trees like maples, scarlet oak, sweetgum, or for smaller spaces, dogwood or vine maple, may be on your list to consider.

Also, when deciding which kind of tree to plant, make sure you know how big it will get, and have a good idea of how it will fit into the surrounding landscape in the long term. Realize that the tree will need care and maintenance particularly during the first three years after planting, and anticipate how best to prevent lawn mowers, weed whackers, vandals, children, and car doors from damaging the young tree.

Know the light requirements the tree will need, and the site's solar orientation.

Once you've decided which kind of tree to buy, look for container-grown, or "balled-and-burlapped" trees. The latter is simply nursery lingo for trees taken out of the ground with a ball of soil around the roots, and then wrapped in burlap for support.

Tree planting tips: Dig the hole at least 2 feet wider than the size of the root system or root ball. A large hole will allow better root growth and is especially important in compacted soils.

When planting a new tree, handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. Once in the hole, it is important to remove the wire basket (if there is one), and the burlap and ties. You may need to rock the tree gently to do this.

Then, make sure the roots are covered with soil, taking care not to plant your tree too deeply. Instead, set it slightly above the level of the surrounding soil to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.

While mulch is recommended, don't overdo it; adding a depth of 4 to 6 inches of mulch around the base of the tree is adequate. With mulch,

it's best to first remove the grass in a circular area from around the base of the tree, and then distribute a "doughnut" of mulch over that area. Spread the mulch 1 to 2 feet out from the trunk, and leave a 3- to 4-inch ring around the base mulch-free. Mulch helps prevent soil temperature and moisture fluctuations during summer months, softens rain penetration during the winter, and helps discourage weeds.

Also, there is no need to fertilize your tree after planting. Research has shown that most trees do not need fertilization until they have been in the ground at least one or two years and, if grown in a yard with a lawn, may never need fertilization at all.

What are some benefits of planting trees, and creating a healthy "urban forest canopy"?

For starters, trees are a vital component of a healthy community because they provide clean air, clean water, and psychological well being. Tree-filled neighborhoods have lower levels of domestic violence and are safer and more sociable.

Trees also reduce energy costs and raise property values. Studies show trees have a positive economic effect on the community.

Hike offered to view fish spawning on Illinois

Siskiyou Project ecologist Rich Nawa on Sunday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 7 will lead a free hike to view spawning salmon on Illinois River.

Nawa will explain the Chinook salmon life cycle and their habitat needs. Hikers may see as many as 50 salmon spawning or leaping at waterfalls.

The hike will begin with a 1-mile walk on flat ground to see migrating salmon along Illinois River at Forks State Park at 1 p.m. At approximately 2:30 p.m., the group will carpool to Little Falls on Illinois River near Kerby, to hike approximately a half-mile to see leaping salmon.

The trail to Little Falls can be muddy and is rocky near the falls.

For more information, phone Siskiyou Project at 476-6648.



Participants in the Health & Cooking Class offered by the Cave Junction Seventh-Day Adventist Church gathered for a potluck meal, inspirational talk and graduation on Monday

night, Oct. 26. The class continues on Mondays with Walk for Life at 5:30 p.m. and vegan food served at 6 p.m. Phone 597-4289 for more information. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *IVN*)

SORED! gets economic development grant

A \$70,189 grant to Medford-based Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SORED!) to implement a comprehensive economic development planning program was announced by the U.S. Commerce Dept.'s Economic Development Administration (EDA).

"EDA is pleased to partner with SOREDI to improve the regional economic climate," said Sandra R. Walters, EDA chief financial officer/chief administrative officer.

"This EDA grant will implement an economic development planning program that will work to boost business development and job growth in the region," she said.

EDA is an agency within the U.S. Commerce Dept. and supports the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Its mission is

to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and preparing U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Additional information on how EDA programs are helping distressed communities create a positive and sustainable economic future can be accessed at <http://www.eda.gov>.

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**HALLOWEEN
DANCE PARTY**

Band: **B'WISHES**

Saturday, October 31
Doors open: 8 p.m.
Music: 9 p.m.
Sliding scale: \$8-\$15

Dome School Benefit

Takilma Community Building
9367 Takilma Rd., Cave Junction

No alcohol on premises
Information: 592-3911

Hold on, man. We don't go anywhere with "scary," "spooky," "haunted," or "forbidden" in the title.
~ From Scooby-Doo ~

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 30
- Tim Mitchell, solo acoustic favorites, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Illinois Valley High School varsity football vs. Henley, 7 p.m. at IVHS field
- Halloween Jam featuring original music by Two Foot Daddy, Ross Welcome and Sam Kurz, Jen Ambrose, plus more!, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien

Saturday, Oct. 31
- Halloween Hoedown featuring the District 5 Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grange Community Center, Hwy. 101 & Zimmerman Lane, in Harbor. Music, singing & dancing brought to you by Chetco Grange #765.

PHONE 541-592-2341 TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR. ONLY \$5 PER ITEM.

IVHS Activities Calendar
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Cave Junction

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Grants Pass

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THURSDAY, OCT. 29
* After Hours - 21st Century: homework help, archery, poetry writing, mountain biking, College prep / ASPIRE @ 3:30 p.m.
* Coffee House Concert by IVHS music dept. @ 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30
* Football vs. Henley JV @ 4 p.m.
Varsity @ 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31
* Soccer vs. Henley Varsity boys @ 10 a.m.
* Soccer at Henley Varsity girls @ 10 a.m.
* Cross Country CoEd Team Skyline conference championships at Bear Creek Park @ TBA
* Homecoming Dance

MONDAY, NOV. 2
* After Hours - 21st Century: homework help, sign language, orchestra, cooking @ 3:30 p.m.
basketball open gym @ 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3
* After Hours - 21st Century: homework help, martial arts / tai yuan tao, mountain biking, brain bowl @ 3:30 p.m.
yoga @ 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4
* After Hours - 21st Century: homework help, scrapbooking, orchestra, salsa dancing, IVHS annual, SMILE / science & math club @ 3:30 p.m.
basketball open gym @ 6 p.m.

(All 21st Century events are free, open to students, homeschoolers, staff and parents/guardians of students at any I.V. school.)

Crossword Puzzle courtesy of

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- Concrete
- Remodel
- New Construction

ACROSS
1. Agile
4. Mammal of Central America
9. Beer
11. Alpine lift
12. Pale colours
14. Barren
15. Wind into coils or loops
16. Box with a lid
17. Nonflammable inert gas
19. Expanse
21. Boredom
22. The outer part of a wheel
23. Habitation of wild animals
24. Purse
27. Namely
29. Pleasing to the ear
31. Wading bird
34. A restaurant or cafe
36. Regenerate
37. Precious
38. Enthusiastic approval
39. Encode
41. Lumbus
42. The day before
43. Posture at prayer

DOWN
1. Maple syrup comes from this
2. Home is one
3. Consequence
5. Freshwater carnivorous mammal
6. Chagrin
7. Salt used especially in baking powder
8. Irritate or vex
10. Deceive
13. Attempted
14. Shuffle
17. Lift
18. Outlook
20. Fully
25. Type of tree
26. Arise (2 wds)
28. Used as an opaque gem
30. Leash
32. Contradict
33. Devoid of intelligence
35. Pass a rope through
38. Large northern deer
40. Carmine

Sudoku Puzzle courtesy of

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How to Play Sudoku
1. Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
2. Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
3. The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

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