

In face of obstacles, fairgrounds board seeks solar panel project

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As a member of the Josephine County Fairgrounds Board of Directors, Rick Wilson has spent the past couple of years trying to figure out how to make that operation more self-sufficient.

In 2008, Wilson and his fellow board members decided to examine the possibility of installing solar panels on one of the buildings at the fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

He said that the biggest benefit of installing the panels would be the cost savings for the fairgrounds utility bills.

"Basically, we're using way more power than we'd ever be able to generate," Wilson said. "But this is

something that can help us control the costs."

On a long-term basis, he said, the panels could save the fairgrounds around \$181,000.

Josephine County Commissioner Dave Toler, who serves as liaison to the fairgrounds, said that the site was analyzed to determine the feasibility of the solar project. The Flower Bldg. was selected as the most viable location, Wilson said.

Total costs for the project would be around \$150,000, he said, but could be lowered through various grants and other programs.

"With all the different credits and incentives, we were going to be about \$60,000 short," Wilson said.

"The county wasn't going to spend \$60,000, and the economy is such that the chances of raising \$60,000 are pretty minimal. So we had to backburner it until finding out where the extra money would come from."

He learned about the Blue Sky grant program offered through Pacific Power, and said that would enable the fairgrounds to bridge the prohibitive financial gap.

But just as the plan was starting to come together, another set of problems emerged.

Some of the money to offset the project costs would have come through the state's Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program. But unan-

icipated cost overruns and resulting bad publicity prompted legislators to enact new restrictions.

Wilson briefed his fellow board members on the situation during their Wednesday, July 14 meeting at the fairgrounds. He said that the county's legal counsel office might have to become involved to sort out other issues.

They include bidding requirements and questions of actual ownership of the facilities, he said.

"In the end, it is a county facility and the county owns it," he said. "But we have to be careful about how we set up that process, because if we're doing it through a county project, we have (the

Davis-Bacon labor law) to deal with."

If that becomes the case, Wilson said, the project would entail requests for proposals, competing bids and other new legal requirements.

Also, once the panels are installed, they must remain on the building for at least 20 years, he said. Removal prior to that would result in some of the grant funds having to be paid back, he added.

During the fair board's July 14 meeting, Fairgrounds Manager Jackie McBee was directed to write a letter to the commissioners soliciting their support for the solar project.

Toler said that he is committed to ensuring the self-sufficiency of the fairgrounds operations. For the past few months, he said, he and many county officials have been preoccupied with implement-

ing an Employer Relations Board ruling against the county for its 2006 decision to privatize mental health services.

That decision led to a lawsuit by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union, and the county recently reached a settlement with that group to resolve those issues.

The fairgrounds could end up retaining its insurance coverage through the county, Toler said, but could be much more autonomous than now.

"I will be really looking at seeing if we can allow them to become a nonprofit operation over there and not really part of the county anymore," Toler said. "I will look into that potential, if that's something they would like. I want to see if we can at least consider it."

FBI: Be aware of 'scareware' computer scam

We've all seen them — pop-up messages telling you that your computer is infected with a virus.

To get rid of it, all you need do is order the antivirus software being advertised.

Before you click, though, know this: few Internet security companies use ads to tell you about a virus on your computer. Most of these pop-ups are scams, and it's one of the fastest-growing types of Internet fraud today.

These scams have a name. They're called "scareware" because they try to frighten you into purchasing fake antivirus software with a seemingly genuine security warning. But if you do try to buy this program, it will either do nothing, or it could compromise your computer by installing malicious software onto your system. And in some instances, you don't even have to click on the pop-up box: The software downloads automatically.

Cyber criminals often use notorious botnets — networks of compromised computers under their control

— to push out their software. They'll also masquerade as legitimate Internet security companies and buy ads on other Websites — called "malvertising." But when consumers click on the ads to purchase the products, they are redirected to Websites controlled by the bad guys.

Many of these criminals operate outside the United States, making investigations difficult and complex for the FBI and its partners.

Added the FBI, "But we've had successes — just this past May, for example, three people were charged in Illinois in connection with a scheme that caused Internet users in more than 60 countries, including the United States, to buy more than \$100 million worth of bogus scareware software.

"Two of the defendants, including an American, are accused of running an overseas company that claimed to sell antivirus and computer performance/repair software over the Internet. A third man operated the company's Cincinnati call center, which was responsible for technical and

billing support to its customers (but in reality deflected complaints from consumers who realized the software didn't work)."

According to the indictment, proceeds from the sales of the software (which was typically purchased by credit card) were deposited into bank accounts controlled by the defendants and others throughout the world and then quickly transferred to accounts in Europe.

Besides the consumers victimized by the scam, a number of legitimate companies tricked into selling ad space on their Websites for the bogus software were allegedly defrauded of some \$85,000 in unpaid fees.

Don't let it happen to you, warned the FBI. Here are a few words of advice on scareware. How to spot a scareware scam:

*Does the pop-up use "nonclickable" icons? To build authenticity into their software, scareware will show a list of reputable icons — like those of software companies or security publications. However, the user

can't click through to the sites to see the actual reviews or recommendations.

*Is the pop-up ad hard to close? Scareware pop-ups employ aggressive techniques and will not close easily after clicking the "close" or "X" button.

*Have you heard of the software before? Cyber criminals use easy-to-remember names like Virus Shield, Antivirus, or VirusRemover.

How to Spot a Potential Scareware Infection:

*Windows Update fails to run.

*Other legitimate security applications won't update.

*Certain Websites, especially Internet security sites, won't load.

How to protect yourself from scareware: Make sure your computer is fully protected by legitimate, up-to-date antivirus software.

If you think you've been victimized by scareware: File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center: <http://www.ic3.gov/complaint/default.aspx>

More chest compressions key to effective CPR

The chance that a person in cardiac arrest will survive increases when rescuers performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) spend more time giving chest compressions, according to a multicenter study reported in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

"Chest compressions move blood with oxygen to the heart and the brain to save the brain and prepare the heart to start up its own rhythm when a shock is delivered with a defibrillator," said Dr. Jim Christenson, clinical professor of emergency medicine at the University of British Columbia.

"We found that even short pauses in chest compressions were quite detrimental," he said.

The proportion of time during CPR that rescuers spend giving chest compressions during each minute of CPR, called the chest compression fraction (CCF), is extremely variable.

Prior to 2005, interrup-

tions to chest compressions resulted in less than 50 percent of total CPR time being spent on chest compressions. However, the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care emphasized the importance of minimizing interruptions in chest compressions.

This resulted in some emergency medical services (EMS) agencies achieving a CCF between 60 percent and 85 percent, Christenson said.

Researchers analyzed data from 78 EMS agencies in seven locations that were part of the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC). It's a group of 11 regional clinical centers in Canada and the United States that study promising out-of-hospital therapies for cardiac arrest and traumatic injury.

In 506 cases analyzed, researchers found that a return to spontaneous circulation was achieved 58 percent of the time when the CCF was 0 percent to 20 percent,

and up to 79 percent when the CCF was 81 to 100 percent.

Return of spontaneous circulation means that the heart begins pumping blood effectively on its own.

Survival to hospital discharge occurred in 12 percent of patients when CCF was 0 percent to 20 percent. It increased to nearly 29 percent when CCF was 61 to 81 percent, but dropped slightly to 25 percent when CCF was 81 to 100 percent CCF.

Researchers said that the slight drop in survival in the group with the highest CCF

rate was likely due to the small sample size of the study and wide confidence limits. They acknowledge the possibility of a plateau effect when CCF is above 80 percent.

More study is needed to identify the ideal CCF or to show when compressions are the most important, such as immediately before or after delivery of a shock, Christenson said.

For bystanders, the results emphasize the life-saving potential of learning CPR and delivering chest compressions.

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- Tues. & Wed. ~ Aug. 17 & 18 ~ Volunteer Training
- Tues. Aug. 24 ~ "Conversations With" ~ Not A Caregiver Yet, But See It Coming? 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Places of Worship

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(541) 592-3923

"We celebrate God's Presence in our lives!"
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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Prayer/Praise 7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Lee Larson
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
(541) 592-3330

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
(541) 597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: (541) 592-3896
Email: cbcca@cavenet.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone (541) 592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
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ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
Holy Days TBA
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: (541) 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
(541) 592-4716 or 218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
102 S. Redwood Hwy., CJ
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Women's Bible Study
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.
www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org
Phone: (541) 592-6149

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
(541) 592-6160

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
(541) 592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

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209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.
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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Mary made the right choice, notes Luke 10. Mary and her sister, Martha, hosted a visit from Jesus Christ.

Mary decided to spend time with the guest, listen to his teaching, and leave the fixing of lunch to others. That choice upset Martha very much. Yet Mary was complimented by Jesus for what she decided, since spending time with God always has merit.

In this 21st century we cannot sit at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching. But we can read and study the Scriptures. Unhurried moments of meditation with Bible passages seem to always bring blessing to the reader; just as a similar action did for Mary the listener.

Calendar: Thursday, 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Singers rehearse; Sunday, 9:15 a.m. all-comers Sunday School followed by worship and Communion.