

ODOT open house happening tomorrow

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This summer, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) is planning several projects with the hopes of improving safety for traffic and pedestrians passing through downtown Cave Junction.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, ODOT will host an "open house" for the public at CJ City Hall, 222 W. Lister St., to find out more about planned roadway construction on Hwy. 199 scheduled to start as early as June 6.

An ODOT news release says the two major projects involve a midwalk crosswalk between Lister and Watkins in CJ and installation of a new traffic signal at River Street, the latter including construction of left turn lanes and a median.

The roadway modification, which has been called a "road diet" by ODOT employees, condenses the current four-lane roadway from River Street to W. Palmer into a single lane of traffic each

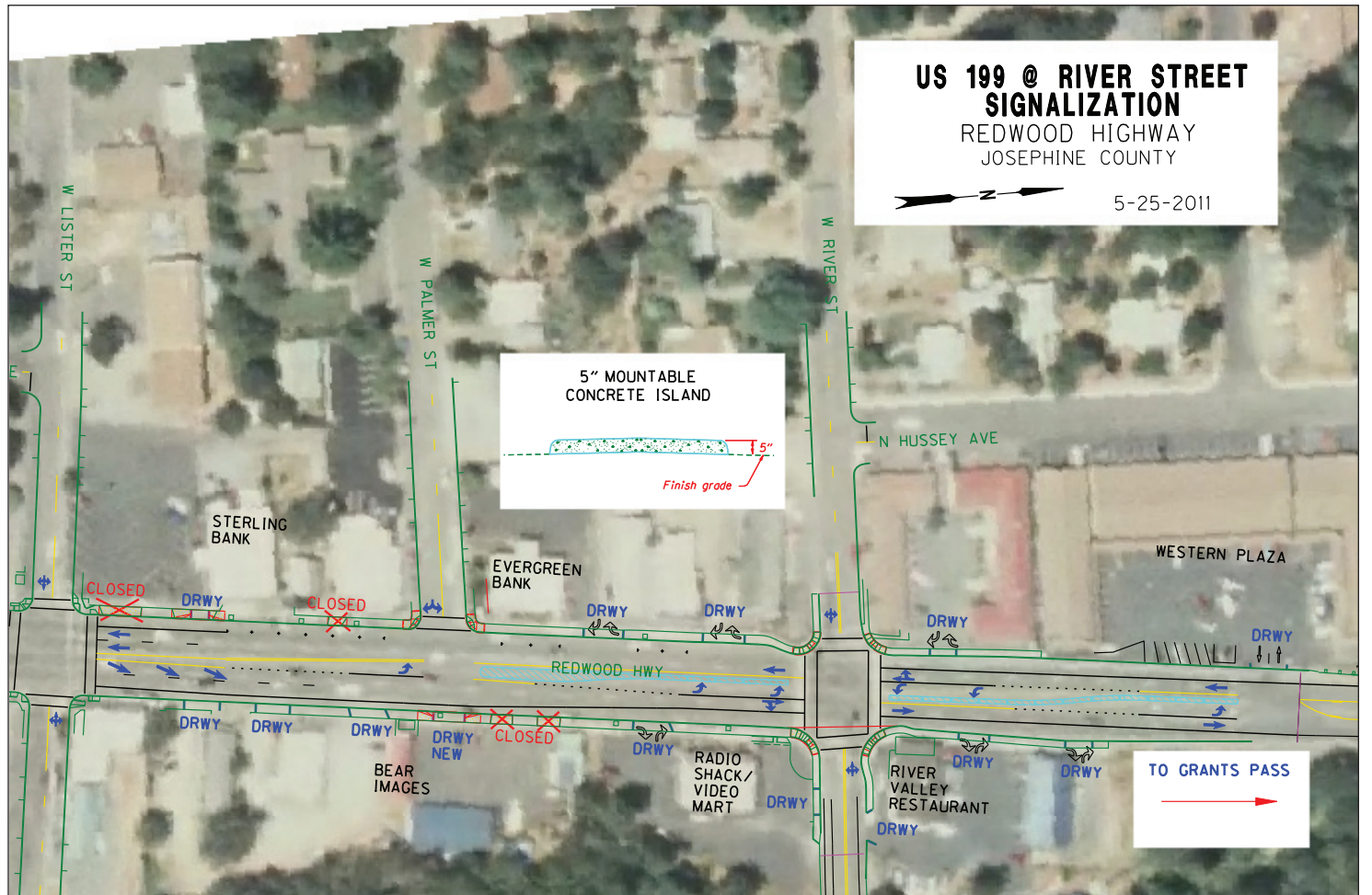
way, but with left turn lanes installed.

"Typically when a signal goes in, [ODOT] improvements go with it to allow for safer left turn movement," said project information officer Gary Leaming. "If you put in a regular signal the standard calls for improvements to that."

Leaming said the roadway changes were intended to greatly improve safety where many people have complained about high speeds on Hwy. 199 through Cave Junction.

Residents who are interested or concerned about the projects and want to learn more can attend the open house and ask questions of various ODOT employees.

"If the City [of CJ] wants to propose something else, we'll listen," Leaming said. "We don't have anything else on the horizon for next year. [These] improvements are what we have on the books. We're not coming back next year and doing [the roadway changes] on the whole town."



This photo overlay was sent to the Illinois Valley News by ODOT May 25. ODOT claimed this was the only improvement planned.

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Hare guessed many of those applying also ran during the November 2010 elections. He said it was possible, though also speculation, that some applying now could re-apply in 2012, when Cassanelli's spot will be on the ballot.

There has been discussion on what happens if the two are unable to agree on a candidate. According to Josephine County charter, Hare and Cassanelli will have 30 days from the time Ellis leaves to appoint a replacement.

If they do not reach a quorum, the charter reportedly calls for a short-term board

of other elected officials consisting of the sheriff, district attorney, treasurer and others, to decide the appointment instead.

"It's going to be an interesting process," Hare said. "There are a lot of situations where Sandi and I do agree, and a few occasions where we don't. It's likely we'll agree on five or so we can narrow down to. It comes down to the nitty-gritty of taking that one person who's going to fill that year and two months."

"In my opinion, it should be somebody [who] doesn't have an agenda," she said.

"It should be a person with common sense and a fabulous work ethic. [Because of] lack of funding the workload has decreased somewhat. But it's a lot of reading, a lot of work."

Cassanelli said one person who gave money during her campaign said they asked her to do one thing: only make a decision on something when she had fully read the material.

"I made a commitment... I don't think it's fair to rule on something you haven't read," Cassanelli said. "The work ethic and integrity far outweighs experience."

Cougars, Vikings rock Boatnik

At the annual Boatnik Memorial Day celebration in Grants Pass, the Illinois Valley High School and Lorna Byrne Middle School bands both marched in the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28.

But this year, the Cougar band earned second place in the High School Band division, holding their own behind perennial first-place contenders from Grants Pass High School.

The Lorna Byrne Middle School band, led by director Brice Cloyd, also marched in their own separate unit this year.

In years past, McKee said the middle school and high school bands marched together as one group. This time, both bands were large enough to march separately among other Southern Oregon school bands.

"The competition isn't too fierce but it's always nice to get second," said IVHS band director Sean McKee. "This is the first time we're marched without the middle school band attached to us. It's nice that the program has grown big enough that we can do independent things."



(Photo by Stacy Byrne, Illinois Valley News)

IVHS Marching Band during the Boatnik Parade Saturday May 28.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Buck Harms Band

Friday, June 3rd

5:30pm at Taylor's Country Store

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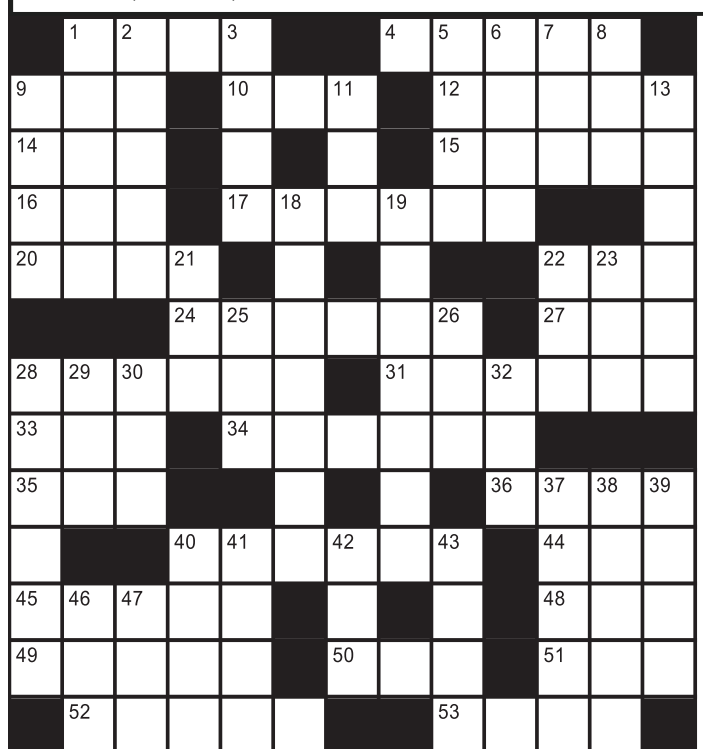
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 9. Slightly insane
 10. Burned residue
 12. An award for winning
 14. Wrath
 15. Solely
 16. Transgress
 17. Bemoan
 20. Listen
 22. Health club
 24. Xmas songs
 27. Case for containing a set of articles
 28. A collection of star systems
 31. Applied typically to wounds
 33. Tell an untruth
 34. Pass by
 35. The creation of beautiful or significant things
 36. Informational TV program
 40. Cabinet
 44. Cooking vessel
 45. Scotch manufacturer
 48. Baseball stat
 49. Abate
 50. Deoxyribonucleic acid
 51. Mistake
 52. Refrigerant
 53. Blushful
- Down**
1. Any habitation at a high altitude
 2. Doglike mammal of Africa
 3. Sailing vessel with two masts
 5. Country on the southern and eastern coasts of the Arabian Peninsula
 6. Dissolve ice
 7. Japanese capital
 8. Bronze
 9. Pisces
 11. That male
 13. Official emissary
 18. Glassy thermoplastic
 19. Overshadow
 21. Manufacturer of TV's etc.
 22. Used for gliding over snow
 23. Pointed metal fastener
 25. Terminate
 26. Distress signal
 28. Secreters
 29. Ventilate
 30. Allow
 32. Habitation of wild animals
 37. Fencing swords
 38. Concern
 39. A celestial body of hot gases
 40. Body of water
 41. Chocolate cookie
 42. Child
 43. Below
 46. Imp
 47. Armed conflict

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