

College Night

“It’s never too late for college,” is the unofficial theme for College Night in Oregon, slated for Thursday, November 14 at I.V. High School. Registration will take place from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Although the free event is geared toward high school students, anyone interested in going to college, or learning how to find financing for higher education is encouraged to attend. Presentations will address college admission, financial aid and scholarships.

Attendees will have a

chance to win a \$500 scholarship, which can be used at the college of the winner’s choice. In addition to IVHS, Rogue Community College will host the event concurrently at all 3 RCC campus locations: Grants Pass, Medford and White City. The presentations are not specifically about RCC and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded at each location.

Sign language can be provided with advance request by calling 541-245-7747. For further information, visit www.collegenights.org.

Biochar ... Continued from A-1

Project managers will lead the three-day learning session to experiment with different techniques for burning that will attempt to minimize smoke emissions and maximize the conversion of biomass to charcoal for ecological benefit.

Land managers, biochar gardeners, ecologists, forestry contractors and firefighters will be interested in this project. Participants should come ready to do physical labor to help construct hand piles, ignite and burn piles, and help with fire safety.

Applicants are expected to register for every day they wish to attend. Registration is free, but workshop participants are asked to donate \$10-20 each day for breakfast and other expenses upon arriving at the site. Participants will be given a detailed map with directions once registration is received at the following: <http://biocharburnschool.eventbrite.com/>. Participants are expected to bring their own lunch and snacks, work gloves and hand tools.

Work will begin each day at 8 a.m. with a classroom session to review background material on the techniques and to discuss the previous day’s results. Field work will start by 10 am and go until 4 p.m. each day. All burn piles will be quenched with water from a portable tank when finished.

Participants can also help with documentation of the project through photos, video and data collection. The labor required to build various types of piles, the time required to complete the burns and the volume of biochar produced will all be recorded.

The Enchanted Forest hosts several youth camps each year and has group meeting facilities. The oak savannah restoration site is fairly level and accessible by road. Breakfast will be provided at the morning classroom sessions and hot beverages will be available at the work site. Dry camping sites for RVs and campers are available for those coming from out of town.

It’s anticipated the weather may be rainy, but with three days set aside for the camp, organizers hope there will be enough opportunity to do the work needed to demonstrate several burn pile techniques.

The Table Rock Foundation, Wilson Biochar Associates and Lomakatsi Restoration Project are co-sponsors of the workshop.

Dutch Bros. Coffee President and Co-Founder Travis Boersma will be the featured boss on CBS’s hit series “Undercover Boss.

Travis, normally laid-back and in board shorts, goes undercover as preppy nerd Sam Marshall from Texas.

As part of his undercover mission, Travis works with a plantation worker on a farm in El Salvador, a bean roaster at headquarters in Grants Pass, Ore., and a manager and a barista from locations disclosed on Friday’s episode.

“Seeing how hard these employees work and all that they’ve overcome, I’ve incorporated more gratitude in my mission statement for life,” said Travis. “I’m thankful to have so many great people as part of my team that I value so much.”

UNDERCOVER BOSS, in its fifth season, is a two-time Emmy Award-winning reality series that follows high-level corporate executives as they slip anonymously into the rank-and-file of their own companies. Each week, a different executive will leave the comfort of their corner office for an undercover mission to examine the inner workings of their corporation

Dutch Bros. Coffee is the country’s largest privately held, drive-thru coffee company, with over 200 locations and over 2,000 employees in seven states. The company is headquartered in Grants Pass, Ore., where it was founded twenty-one years ago by Dane and Travis Boersma, third-generation dairy farmers of Dutch descent.

Travis continues to lead the company after his brother Dane passed away in 2009, and the business still thrives on its family-centered values.

With a mission of, “Making a Difference, One Cup at a Time,” Dutch Bros. donates over \$1 million annually to non-profit organizations and local causes selected by local owner-operators.



(Courtesy photo for The Illinois Valley News)

Travis Boersma (left) along with his alter ego “Sam Marshall” in a before and after photo taken to show the transformation for the show.

Solid Waste ... Continued from A-1

Opponents threw a lot of resources at the effort to promote the view that the county’s current solid waste ordinance is sufficient and that the new ordinances were too intrusive and would violate property rights.

“There was no responsibility to truth in this campaign,” said O’Brien resident Jeremy Mitchell. “It’s always the same people who oppose anything the county tries to do and they used peoples’ fears to whip up another anti-government frenzy. Once again, the voters cut their noses off to spite their faces.”

County Commissioner Cherryl Walker stressed that any authority granted by the ordinances would not have waived obvious requirements to follow laws that protect peoples’ rights.

“They took bits and pieces of these ordinances out of context and applied them to inappropriate situations,” Walker said. “People were misled and the list of untruths was long. For example, there was no provision in these ordinances to search peoples’ homes without a warrant.

Eighth-graders taking a civics class learn that this is constitutionally prohibited.”

Opponents’ claim that citizens would pay fines before they went before hearing officers was off the mark as well. What the ordinance spelled out is that if someone requested a trial with a judge, then they’d need to post a bond amount equal to the fine amount, however, that bond could be waived by the judge or a hearing officer.

Walker also said opponents’ claims that violators could end up paying fines at twice the value of their property was another gross mis-characterization of actual ordinance language and refers to a part of the ordinance that is already state law and was not a new provision added by the county.

“This provision only applied to those profiting from the harm they were causing,” Walker said, “like if a business was dumping toxics into a creek.”

“The bottom line is that under the current ordinance, enforcement officers cannot write citations, so the only other

option is to take people to court, at the taxpayer’s expense,” Walker said. “The new ordinances would have required violators to pay the costs, like in most places.”

The regular contingent of vocal detractors of county government who were behind the referendum showed up at the next commissioners’ meeting after the vote and some threatened to initiate recall efforts to oust commissioners’ Walker and Keith Heck, who both supported the ordinances, claiming they’re “out of touch” with constituents. Commissioner Simon Hare had been a strong proponent of the ordinances, but switched sides when referendum efforts got organized.

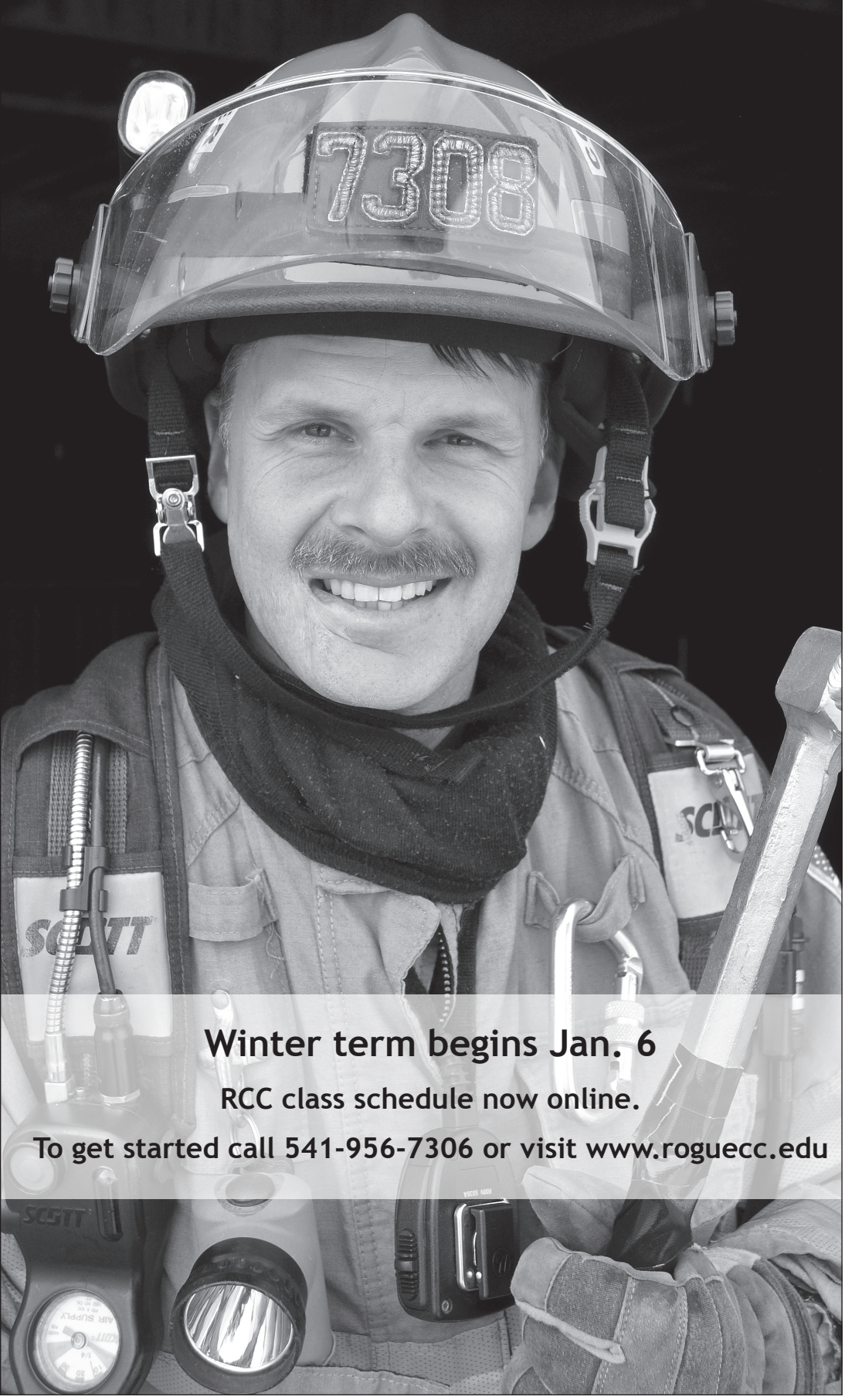
Walker said she backed the ordinances because they would have reduced government costs and added that people should be able to discuss their differences without anybody making threats.

“The election’s over, they didn’t pass, so we move on,” Walker said.



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