

What’s happening at the fair grounds?

April 5, 2014 Mud Racing at the Grandstands Infield – the track is ready – registration for drivers begins at 9 a.m. \$35 for truck and driver \$15 for additional pit passes– gates open for the spectators at 11 a.m. – Adult tickets \$6 and children over 6 years old \$4. Food, snacks and various vendors will be available under the stands. Information is on the Josephine County website under Fairgrounds. WE WILL RACE RAIN OR SHINE BUT THE WEATHER LOOKS PROMISING! Come have a fun day and SUPPORT THE FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS

April 18 and 19 Garden and Artisan Show from Noon to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday – Veggie starts, bedding flowers, plants, trees, Yard décor, Crafts, commercial and food vendors – Raffle for prizes. Booth spaces are still available, contact the office 541-476-3215. This is a Fairgrounds fund-raising event so come join the Fun and SUPPORT THE FAIRGROUNDS.

April 19th McCaslin’s Rough Stock Rodeo at 7:30 in the Evening – Tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door \$10 for Seniors and Military. Six years and under are free For more information call 541-944-7408 or 541-944-0473

May 4, 2014 – Cinco De Mayo Celebration – Fairgrounds Fundraiser and Auction. Casa Amiga will be serving up \$6 Burritos – Cascade Metal and Southern Oregon Sanitation are teaming up to have a metal collection area from April 30 to May 3 with the funds going to the fairgrounds – Beginning April 15th, bring your spring cleaning items you would like to donate to the Spring Cleaning Auction for the benefit of the Fairgrounds. A-1 Auctions (Lance Nickerson) will be supporting the Fairgrounds by auctioning all the donated items to the public at Noon on May 4.

Saturday June 7, Our First Saturday of the month Community Market place begins at 9 a.m. This is the Farmers, Artisans and Community Marketplace- Spaces are available inside for \$35 for the day and outside \$25 for the day. Reserve your space early for the entire 5 months of “First Saturday Sales” and receive a discount on the pricing. You can bring your yard sale items or your commercial sales items for these events. Contact the office for more information 541-476-3215

We have a lot going on so come join the fun and show your community support for the fairgrounds.

Kairos seeks foster parents

Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center, or SOASTC, changed its name last year to “Kairos,” the Greek term meaning “a moment when change is possible.”

“The name change acknowledges the organization’s recent growth. New developments include offering various programs in other counties and moving the main office to Grants Pass,” said Bob Lieberman, executive director. The change also reflects the focus of its mission, which is to create an environment conducive to that change.

Part of the Kairos program is to place children and adolescents, ages 4 through 18 into foster homes in Josephine and Jackson counties. Either one or two parent households are sought to provide a safe and caring home for these children who have had significant challenges in their lives.

Following application, the prospective foster parents’ records are checked and additional screening takes place. Those selected are required to take training, after which, graduates are accepted into the program. Foster parents receive extensive 24/7 on-call support, 2 days respite each month, daily check-ins for further support and a monthly reimbursement of \$1,800; which is more than traditional foster care.

“We’re looking for couples whose kids have grown and are gone, or even those who have never had kids; households without other children,” Lieberman states. “We then place one or sometimes two children per home.”

“We highly value all the people who have been foster parents over the years.” Li-

eberman emphasizes. “We have had outstanding foster care homes in the Illinois Valley in the past, and we’re actively looking for more homes to provide this haven and help impart important life skills for these kids.”

The children are Wards of the Court, part of the child welfare system; and there’s a reason they have been taken from their homes.

“Foster care provides opportunity for healing, much more than in an institutional setting,” Lieberman explains. “We try to integrate the biological family into the program as well. These people are not happy with their circumstances and they wish it was different. We work to correct problems so these families can be reunited. We allow the parents back into their children’s lives if it’s reasonable and feasible.”

“The intervention involves collaboration with the whole team,” Lieberman continues. “The agency does its best to delink the families from the past and go on with their lives renewed and restored. I consider it God’s calling to do this kind of work. It takes special people to become foster parents. When it goes well, which is most of the time, it has a lifelong impact for these children.”

Other Kairos programs include “New Beginnings Psychiatric Residential Treatment” for youth ages 11 to 17 and “School Community Team Advocacy and Mentoring” for K-12 students in both Three Rivers and Rogue River School Districts.

For further information on the foster care program, contact coordinator Tammy Potts at (541) 474-5579 or visit www.kairosnw.org.

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