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“Most small airports usually have a 3,000 foot runway, but the IV Airport’s runway is 5,000 feet,” Gettle said. “Many people don’t realize how important this airport is. You can land a jet here. And if there are natural disasters like earthquakes, this airport would become critical. The Red Cross could operate here. Even now, this airport serves a crucial role, like during the Happy Camp fire.”

After building a hanger at the IV Airport in 2003, business came readily to the Gettles. Their customers come from Grants Pass and Medford and even California and Nevada.

“Bill’s craftsmanship is second to none,” Emonds said. “He never rushes, never cuts a corner. When he tells you if an airplane is safe or not, you’d better listen. And Lou is right there, making it all flow.”

“There’s a right way and a wrong way,” Gettle said. “And I am not going to wake up in the middle of the night and wonder about some-

thing.”

“My wife supports the whole operation. We work together all day,” Gettle said. “Louise also earned her pilot’s license and understands the mechanical work. She’s my step-and-fetch-it-gal and she handles the administrative aspects of our business.”

When not working, the pair often fly off, having adventures that many in their seventies wouldn’t dare to try. They’ve even flown across the nation a few times in their single-engine Cessna.

“Sometimes at airports people comment that we have an awful lot of brass,” joked Gettle, who noted that it runs in the family. Gettle’s son, Justin, became a Marine Corp pilot and even flew the presidential helicopter Marine One.

The Gettles certainly helped Emonds achieve his goals. He now specializes in training people for their sport-pilot certificates and

turned his hilltop home into an aviation-themed lodge that houses flight students or anyone who enjoys that atmosphere. It costs about \$6,000 to go through the program.

“Wolf is an outstanding flight instructor and he’s flying one of the safest aircrafts ever built,” Gettle said.

“People come here with the idea that they are learning how to fly, and they do, but what I’m really out to teach is how to live with passion,” Emonds said. “Life’s short. So many people grind and grind away at life, in jobs they don’t like. We refuse to sign up for that program. People often come up with long lists of reasons why they don’t live their dreams, but what Bill and Lou and I know is when you work hard and chase after your goals, you’ll find support along the way. People will want to help you.”

Emonds notes how the sign outside the Gettles’ hanger reads: “The Flying Machine Aircraft Repairs & Restorations.”

“But what you find inside that hangar is a lesson of how to live, work, love and be,” he said. “The Flying Machine and Bill and Lou are magical. This is where humans are restored, dreams are built and sometimes airplanes are repaired.”



Bill and Louise Gettle, with “Delta Victor” the single-engine Ercoupe they restored for Wolf Emonds’s flight school business, “Captain Drake’s Family Aerial Adventures”.

Legal ... Continued from A-1

On the defendant’s side of the aisle, Susan Hayes sat with Carla A. Scott, the attorney representing the State of Oregon. Hayes was the only person to use a Citizens’ Request to ask the city for a temporary, one-year business license to open a medical marijuana dispensary.

Currently, the only dispensary in the city is owned by Cheryl Keil and Tony Smith. PAPA’s (Providing All Patients Access) is located in Western Plaza. Because Cave Junction didn’t adopt a moratorium on dispensaries before a state mandated May 1, 2014 deadline, Keil and Smith contend their business is legal.

During arguments on September 30, Kirchoff stated that the new laws allowing medical marijuana dispensaries (HB 3460 and SB 1531) preempt the authority of local governments by restricting the manner and extent to which they may regulate or ban medical marijuana.

Kirchoff said the issue boils down to two questions. The first, whether the city’s powers to write ordinances about “medical marijuana dispensaries are limited to the time, place and manner in which the business can operate, or can the city limit or prohibit dispensaries with a permanent ban?”

Kirchoff’s second question

was whether “the state dispensary law authorizes production, transport and sale of federally banned substances.” Marijuana is a Controlled Substances Act Schedule 1 drug, as dangerous as heroin and LSD according to federal law.

On behalf of the state, Scott responded that according to Oregon Health Authority Administrative Rules, SB 1531 doesn’t permit a permanent ban and it expressly says local government can regulate the time, place and manner in which the business can operate.

In answering the question, “Does preventing cities from enacting a permanent ban stand as an obstacle to the federal enforcement of the CSA?,” she pointed out that the federal government can enforce the law at any time. She also stated that the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act immunized dispensary owners and employees from civil penalties and jail time.

Judge Wolke also heard arguments offered by O’Day and Bovett. After hearing arguments from the four attorneys for over an hour, Judge Wolke thanked all the attorneys and pointed out that since time is not an issue, that it would be a few weeks before he would render his decision.

Commissioners declare GMO awareness month

On September 17, 2014, GMO Free Josephine County accepted a Proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners declaring “the Month of October 2014 as GMO Awareness Month in Josephine County.”

Josephine County is among the very first counties in the US to receive such a proclamation.

The proclamation highlights the ongoing education and awareness programs of the GMO Free organization. This particular proclamation aligns with an ongoing effort spearheaded by the USDA-sanctioned Non GMO Project, which promotes the month of October on its website as Non-GMO Month throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The observance was started in 2010 by The Non GMO Project as an effort to increase public awareness and discussion about the presence of GMOs in our food supply. That group also created the Non-GMO Project Verified program and Seal of Approval that allows consumers in North America to have access to clearly-labeled non-GMO food and products on grocery shelves. Many of the products currently available in Josephine County grocery and specialty stores bear this seal.

“GMO awareness is critically

important because the citizens of Josephine County have a right to know what is in our food,” said Karen Daggett Austin, a founding member of GMO Free Josephine County, who offered a statement of acceptance on behalf of the organization. “We are proud that Josephine County is yet again a nationwide leader in taking a stand to protect our local health, economy and food security ... Consumers, parents, farmers, retailers, healthcare professionals, and children are all exposed to the long-reaching physical, environmental, and economic effects of genetically engineered food.”

GMO Free Josephine County will offer educational activities throughout October, including speaking events and film screenings co-sponsored by Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families. In addition, local food establishments participating in The Food Integrity Project, a program of GMO Free Josephine County, will offer GMO-free menu items to help raise awareness among patrons.

On October 17, 7 p.m. at RCC Rogue Auditorium there is a free film screening, “Fed Up” featuring Katie Couric.

Upending the conventional wisdom of why we get sick, gain weight

and how to lose it, “Fed Up” unearths a dirty secret of the American food industry—far more of us get sick from what we eat than anyone has previously realized. Filmmaker Stephanie Soechtig and TV journalist Katie Couric lead us through this potent exposé that uncovers why—despite media attention, the public’s fascination with appearance and government policies—generations of American children will now live shorter lives than their parents did.

Through riveting interviews and sharp examination of data, Couric reveals a 30-year campaign by the food industry, aided by the U.S. government, to mislead and confuse the American public, resulting in one of the largest health epidemics in history.

On October 18, 6:30 p.m. at Coates Hall (Rm. 7) at RCC (Grants Pass campus) “GMO: The Science of GMOs” will be presented. This presentation will feature Raymond Seidler, PhD, retired microbiologist and team leader for the Environmental Protection Agency’s biosafety program, discussing the science of GMOs.

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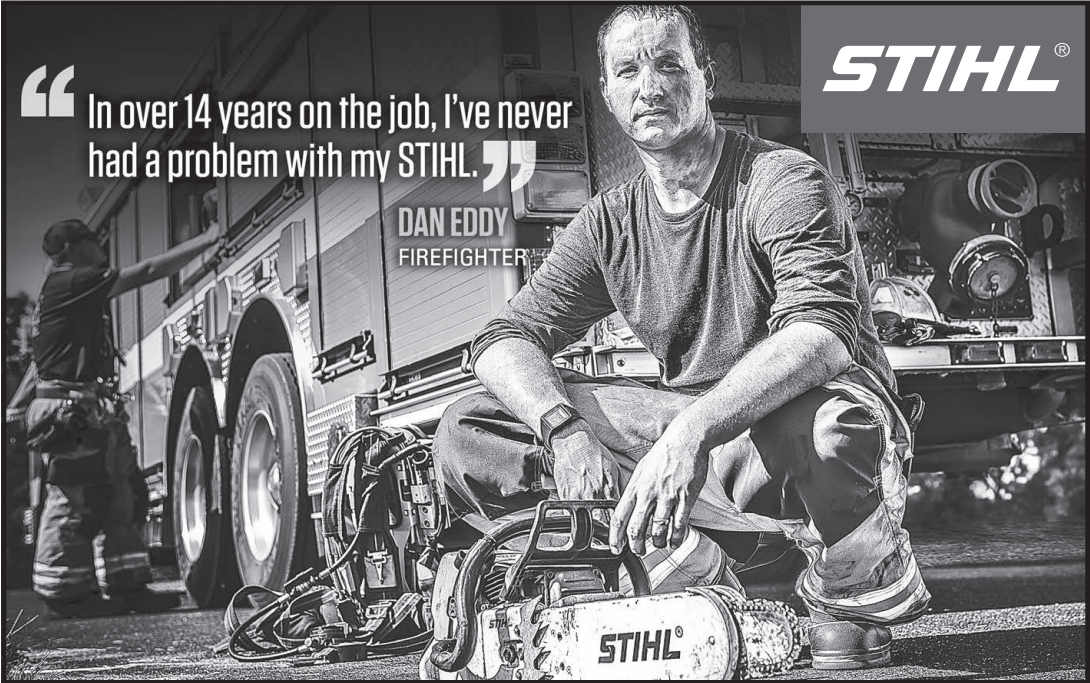
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