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CERT coordinator Sue Williams stated, "Volunteers will learn skills to help their own family and neighbors survive emergencies, as well as assist IVFD with ongoing needed support functions including traffic control, neighborhood evacuations, damage assessment, basic first aid and search and rescue."

Williams said, "CERT is an integral part of the Illinois Valley emergency response to community wide emergencies and disasters. Under the umbrella of the IV Fire District, this group of volunteers train to help their families, neighborhoods and communities prepare for disasters, such as wild fires, flooding, earthquakes."

Training involves three full days of classroom work plus structured field exercises where volunteers learn to work as a team. Exercises include, but are not limited to, learning how to extract a victim from a debris pile, how to use a fire extinguisher on a burn pile, basic search and rescue techniques, medical triage in a multiple casualty disaster, and radio communication. This CERT training is designed to relieve the first responders from basic tasks during an emergency so that they can concentrate on their more important duties.

Williams said, "Some of this training was on display during the Krauss Lane Fire where CERT volunteers assisted with traffic control, staffed a public information booth at Shop Smart, and worked with the Red Cross in setting up their shelter

for those evacuating their homes. Both the Rockydale and West Side Road fires saw CERT volunteers involved. Additionally, this group has been involved in neighborhood door-to-door efforts to distribute information on how to prepare for an emergency, the preparation of a "go bag" in the likelihood of an emergency evacuation, and educating residents on the new automatic alert system. Becoming part of CERT is not only educational but fun!"

Currently, our valley has 15,000 residents, but less than 2 dozen active CERT volunteers.

Christine Perala Gardiner said, "This training gave me a wonderful introduction to the emergency planning work being done at local, county, state and federal levels. IVFD is very proactive in this area, leading the way for Josephine County with the primary CERT program."

"I think it's very important for all able citizens to take this training. When a regional catastrophic event occurs, more folks will wish they had this information. The training is funded by FEMA, but the federal system is dependent on community members to carry out any plans for assistance. I now understand that, in a major event, this valley will be thrown back on our local reserves for everything."

Gardiner concluded by saying, "There are several categories of major risk facing our community every day. I hope we'll teach these ideas to all kids in school, because they too need to know how to respond when an emergency occurs."

Siskiyou Field Institute's free spring programs

The violence and beauty of Pacific Northwest geology, the role of science in society, and guidebook author William Sullivan's bucket list of Oregon coastal hikes will highlight Siskiyou Field Institute's Friday Free Learning series this spring. "Beauty from the Beasts: Plate Tectonics in the Pacific Northwest" is scheduled for Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. William Sullivan's coastal hikes program is slated for Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m. "In Science We Trust?" an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project, takes place Friday, May 13. All programs are at Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI), 1241 Illinois River Road, in Selma.

The Pacific Northwest's relatively young and turbulent geology occasionally reminds us of our vulnerability when earthquakes rumble and volcanoes erupt.

We may not always be aware of the connection between the earth's molten core, its imminent explosions and the mountains, lakes and rocky shorelines we enjoy on vacation. Retired OSU geology professor Robert Lillie will present "Beauty from the Beasts: Plate Tectonics in the Pacific Northwest" on April 15. He speaks from experience as both geologist and National Park interpretive ranger in highlighting how plate tectonics, the sliding of subductions under the edge of the Pacific Northwest coast, and subsequent natural disasters, have wrought spectacular scenery in the landscapes that surround us.

Oregon guidebook author and novelist William Sullivan will lead a hike focusing on the natural history of Babyfoot Lake on Saturday, May 7, followed by a public program. In "New Hikes on the Oregon Coast," he will highlight hikes from the recently updated

100 Hikes in Coastal Oregon.

National Science Foundation polls tell us that Americans have more faith in scientists and medical experts than in any other group except the military. Misunderstandings and mistrust seems to dominate the relationship between citizens and science, however, especially on topics like climate change. Science communicator Gail Wells will lead an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project on "In Science We Trust?: The Role of Science in a Democracy," on May 13 at SFI. Questions like "Why is our relationship with science so complicated?" "Why do we mistrust a field for which we profess respect?" and "Can citizens unite and use science to make better decisions?"

Details on these and other SFI Free Learning programs can be found at www.thesfi.org.

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Another service is the computer lab where enrolled students can improve their typing speed or work on college assignments. Last year RCC replaced all 10 computers in the computer lab.

RCC KBB manager Gray Conway said, "Although we do not train people in basic computer skills, at times, students have enrolled to upgrade their typing or 10 key skills to prepare for a job they're applying for. Students with low college placement scores are able to get help in the areas that need improvement. Afternoons and Fridays a group of RCC students come and use our computer lab for studying."

In addition, an active 2-way video is available. Each term for past several years a class is offered at the KBB in

Early Childhood Development using this system.

Conway is also a registered test proctor. "A student can take an exam in Kerby and not have to drive to Grants Pass for, say, a Real Estate test. SOU students are also allowed to take their tests here, saving them time and money," she said.

"We operate on a fee basis. For a flat fee of \$66 our program can help students be prepared for college level classes, as opposed to the cost of one class at \$400 or more, she said. "Through the financial aid TRIO-Educational Opportunities Center, I can help people find the resources they need."

The continuing need for repairs to the KBB is clear. For example, the roof is leaking in the oldest part of the structure.

Houck said, "This is a community center building that has been added onto many times and the original parts are quite old. They had to replace the septic system last spring and develop a new drain field to comply with new setback for our neighbor's wells."

AIRPORT...

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Lease rates are established by Commissioners Order 2007-058 which has set them at \$0.13/square foot for exclusive-use land leases. If a building is to be put up, then the lease rate for the footprint of the building is set at \$0.383/sq. ft. for a private hangar, or \$0.042/sq. ft. for a commercial hangar.

The FAA-approved I.V. Airport Master Plan includes Noise Contours which indicate where airport noise is

most noticeable. Sound levels are not to exceed 85dBA at any time on or near the airport.

Fuel-spill mitigation procedures and spill-containment means are required in any lease with the county. Without a lease, the county has no means to enforce such measures.

Aviation businesses operating at the airport are required to have an FAA-approved operational safety plan for all flight operations.

All exhaust and noise emissions of airport businesses must be within legal limits of the Environmental Protection

Agency, the FAA and all other regulating agencies.

The county carries liability insurance issued by City-County Insurance Company (CCI), and the airports' department pays an additional rider for coverage of all activities at both county airports. CCI's agreement states that it will represent the county's interests in any lawsuit stemming from the county's operation of its two airports.

The IVAAB generally meets the last Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Smokejumper Museum. For further information visit the county website.

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Student Name: _____

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