

What it’s really all about



(Photo by Tim O’Sullivan, for the *Illinois Valley News*)

Local children placed flags on nearly 20,000 graves at the Eagle Point National Cemetery Friday, May 25 in preparation for Memorial Day.

Being prepared isn’t just for Boy Scouts anymore

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is teaching classes in Cave Junction!

Their motto: “Prepare, Train, Respond...We are Neighbors helping Neighbors.” The classes will be at Fire Station 1 at 681 Caves Highway and will cover all the basics of emergency response training.

The classes begin June 1 and 2, continue June 8 and 9, and finish June 15 and 16. The Friday classes are 6 p.m.- 9 p.m., while Saturday classes are 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

According to CERT trainer Jean Ann Miles, the classes are free of charge but all sessions must be attended to pass; the only thing required is your time

and dedication.

At the CERT classes you will learn to prepare yourself and your community for disasters such as terrorism or evacuations and also for simpler things like knowing what emergency items to keep in your car during winter and summer.

Also, useful skills including fire safety and first aid will be taught – for example, how to use a fire extinguisher and splinting an arm or leg. If you attend these classes you will be prepared and have a solid plan for any emergency.

“Everyone 16 and up is encouraged to attend these fun and informative classes,” said Miles. “It is also suggested that you bring a buddy which will make your time spent more enjoyable, while also helping them become prepared to help their families and

communities.”

These classes are restricted to 25 people, so make sure to swing by the Fire Station (open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.), fill out an application, and join the class. There is a test at the end of the classes to show how much you have learned, but it is an open book test and no one has ever failed.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the fire station at 541-592-2225 or visit ivfire.com, or you can call Jean Ann Miles at 541-415-6129.

CERT is not only here in Oregon but is a nationwide volunteer operation. To learn more about their many programs you can visit www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team to see the positive impact occurring nationwide.

Native veterans host Powwow for all veterans

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Mark June 2 and 3 on your calendar for this year’s Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow. Make that PowWOW! This is an event you won’t want to miss. While the powwow is dedicated to all veterans and active duty military service persons, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

What is a powwow? According to Ricky Martin, one of this year’s organizers: Historically, a powwow was a time when chiefs/tribe leaders met to discuss tribal concerns, to make plans and/or to deal with land use issues.

Today they are often a gathering of tribes and communities to express themselves through prayers, music, dance and art. The Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow is all that and more. It’s an opportunity to offer a welcome home experience to all veterans and to introduce them to an audience there to recognize their service.

While the powwow is an annual event, the Veterans Native American Program at the Veterans Affairs (VA) is a year-round service available to all veterans. Here’s some information courtesy of Martin:

“The Veterans American Indian and Alaskan Native Program (AIAN) has a dedicated area and yurt programs include sweat lodges, talking circles, good medicine, prayer circles, history discussions, education in cultural languages, songs and instruments (flute/drum), clothing and tool-making and art.”

The powwow is not only a celebration, but a way for the public to learn about the program.

The main events at this year’s powwow are the Gourd Dancing, held 10:30 a.m. both days, and the Grand Entry held at 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. The event will be held on the baseball field at the VA. Absolutely no drugs, alcohol or weapons allowed.

While admission to the powwow is free, it costs around \$8,000 to put on. This money is raised by the 14-member group of event coordinator volunteers. If you’d like to donate toward next year’s powwow, check out their Go Fund Me at: <https://www.gofundme.com/rogue-valley-veterans-powwow>.

Oregon recreational pot growers scale back to match demand

BEND, Ore. (AP) — State regulators say Oregon produced enough recreational cannabis last year to supply every adult resident with more than 5 ounces (140 grams) of legal marijuana.

The Bend Bulletin reports there were more than 1 million pounds (453,592 kilograms) in the state’s supply chain.

Data provided by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission says only 108,330 pounds (45,359 kilograms) of usable recreational marijuana were sold last year at the retail level, leaving 891,670

pounds (404,455) in the pipeline to be stored for later sales or used in the manufacture of concentrates and edibles.

With more cannabis being grown than consumed, growers have dropped wholesale prices and some are scaling back production or getting out of the market.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will evaluate the supply and demand from July 2017 to June 2018 in a report for state lawmakers.

Information from: The Bulletin, <http://www.bendbulletin.com>



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Members of the American Legion Glenn Morrison Post #70 at City Hall Monday, May 28.

Bigfoot has been sighted in Cave Junction, find out where on A-3